

Resolution GA14-6g

Proposed Resolution to be adopted at the 14th General Assembly of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)

30th November 2017

TITLE: OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF IGC ENDORSED INDONESIAN RSPO GROWER MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES WITHIN ALL RSPO FORUMS, AS FORMALLY REPRESENTING THE INDONESIAN GROWERS CAUCUS (IGC)

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Background:

The Indonesian RSPO Grower Members' representation in RSPO was previously under GAPKI's RSPO membership. Following GAPKI's withdrawal from the RSPO, the Indonesian Grower Members proactively organised themselves under the platform of Indonesian Grower Caucus (IGC).

This caucus *albeit* a non-legal entity has served as a platform for the Indonesian RSPO Grower Members to elect their representatives and to engage in and discuss RSPO matters.

The IGC has served as the platform for Indonesian Grower Member Representatives in the BoG, WG, TF and other RSPO forums to cascade information and deliberate on matters arising from their respective representation within those forums to the other Indonesian Grower RSPO Members.

The IGC is also the platform by which the Indonesian RSPO Grower Members engage with the RSPO on matters that affect the Constituency.

The IGC has held consultations with RILO, RSPO Advisor and member companies since May 2017 on how to make IGC more effective. The consultation process has culminated in election of Coordinators to administrate IGC so that the Indonesian RSPO Grower Members can be more cohesive.

Problem Statement:

In essence and in effect, the IGC represents the Indonesian Growers Constituent. However, the IGC is a non-legal entity and hence is not eligible for RSPO membership.

As a result representation in the various RSPO forums was by individual Indonesian Grower Member Companies, and was not consider to have official standing as representing the views of the Indonesian Growers Constituency.

In the IGC meeting of 27 September 2017 held in Jakarta, the Indonesian RSPO Grower Members have proposed to table a resolution at the 14 General Assembly to request the RSPO Board of

Governors (BoG) and the RSPO Secretariat to officially recognise the Indonesian Grower Member representatives in the BoG and RSPO Working Groups, Task Force and other RSPO forums, where the members are endorsed by the IGC, to be representing the Indonesian Growers Caucus (IGC) even though their presence in these forums is based on individual company membership.

Potential Benefits:

Formal recognition of group representation of Indonesian Grower Members will encourage better and more effective engagement of Indonesian Grower Members. Communication between the RSPO and Indonesian Grower Members will be streamlined and enhanced.

IGC can provide RSPO with list of IGC endorsed representatives for the various RSPO fora, providing clarity about Indonesian Grower Member engagement whether as private company or representing the interests of all Indonesian growers.

Potential Risk:

Indonesian Grower Members not endorsed by IGC claim endorsement when speaking in RSPO fora (see third benefit point to counter this risk above)

THIS RESOLUTION PROPOSES:

That the Board of Governors and the RSPO Secretariat officially recognise IGC-endorsed Indonesian RSPO Grower Members in the BoG and all other RSPO forums as representatives of the Indonesian Growers Caucus (IGC).

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