

## Resolution GA15-6g

Proposed Resolution to be adopted at the 15th General Assembly of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)

15<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Title:** ADOPTION OF THE PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL 2018

**Submitted By:** The Board of Governors of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (Currently represented by: Unilever, Malaysian Palm Oil Association, Golden Agri-Resources Ltd. \*, FELDA, AAK AB, Wilmar International Limited, Mondelez International, Inc., Retailers' Palm Oil Group \*\*, Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A., The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Both ENDS, Oxfam, World Resource Institute, WWF International)

*\* Represents the Indonesian Growers Caucus*

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### **Background & Process:**

In line with the RSPO Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Standard Setting and the ISEAL Code of Good Practices for Standard Setting, the second set of Principles & Criteria, Indicators and Guidance (P&C 2013), in application since May 2013, have been reviewed and revised in 2017/2018.

Based on the RSPO SOP & ISEAL requirements, Terms of Reference (ToR) were developed for the review process, establishing a multi-stakeholder Steering Group (SG) to provide oversight to a multi-stakeholder P&C Review Taskforce (TF) established to lead this process.

The TF met on six occasions, with several work streams working in between the physical meetings as well and it operated by consensus. It was composed of nine grower representatives (three each from Indonesia, Malaysia and Rest of the World), three smallholder representatives, six members from supply chain companies and banks/investors, three social NGO and three environmental NGOs.

Going beyond ISEAL requirements, two rounds of public consultation lasting 60 days each were organised, during which comments were collected in online surveys in 7 languages. Further, a total of 17 physical consultations were organized globally. These comments were analysed, considered and discussed by the TF and led to further revisions and improvements of the draft standard.

### **The RSPO P&C (2018):**

The objectives as laid out in the ToR were met, notably by:

- improving the relevance and effectiveness by addressing concerns raised in current debates and further strengthening of the standard (e.g. NDPE requirements: no deforestation, no planting on peat and no exploitation);
- restructuring of the P&Cs based on the RSPO Theory of Change (ToC);
- streamlining of language and ensuring clear distinction in both the normative and informative parts of the standard;
- including a reporting requirement for a set of specific metrics to support growers and RSPO in demonstrating impact;
- taking into consideration concerns regarding certification of independent smallholders, a separate independent smallholder standard is currently being developed.

**THIS RESOLUTION PROPOSES:**

- 1) That RSPO members adopt the RSPO P&C 2018.**
- 2) To request members to whom the P&C apply to work towards implementation and certification against these revised P&C.**
- 3) To request members to whom the P&C do not directly apply to participate in the process of developing and implementing 'shared responsibility' elements.**
- 4) To request members to whom the P&C do not directly apply to actively promote sustainable palm oil and give support to those members engaged in implementing these revised P&C.**

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