

## Resolution GA21-2c

Proposed Resolution to be adopted at the 21st General Assembly of the  
Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)

13 November 2024

**TITLE:** RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RSPO STATUTES AND THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS TO INCLUDE JURISDICTIONAL MEMBER AS A NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

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### Background

The RSPO started working on the Jurisdictional Approach (JA) since 2016, with pilots in the State of Sabah, Malaysia; the District of Seruyan, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia; and Ecuador. This approach aims to scale RSPO's impact by applying its standards at a jurisdictional level through established Jurisdictional Entities (JEs).

At the 20th General Assembly (GA20) for RSPO Members, a resolution titled "Creating an RSPO Membership Category to Further the Development of RSPO Jurisdictional Approach for Certification" was tabled and adopted. The resolution proposes the revision of the RSPO Statutes and Code of Conduct for Members (CoC) to reflect the introduction of a new RSPO membership category for Jurisdictional Entities.

Amendments were made to the RSPO Statutes, in line with the resolution's directives. The revised Articles include:

- Article 4: Membership
- Article 5: RSPO Membership Fee
- Article 6: Admission of RSPO Members
- Article 7: Rights of RSPO Members
- Article 13: Working Groups

It is important to note that the RSPO CoC remains fully applicable to the Jurisdictional Members, and no amendments are necessary. Compliance with the CoC will also extend to Jurisdictional Members.

### Proposed Resolution

**This resolution proposes that the RSPO Statutes be amended to include the new Jurisdictional Members category.**

The revised articles are described below (changes are marked in bold italic):

### RSPO Statutes

#### 4. Memberships

(a) RSPO shall be composed of the following category of members:-

(iv) ***Jurisdictional members are entities governed by a multi-stakeholder supervisory board, performing administrative and executive services facilitating compliance of organisations that have either direct involvement, or have activities around, the palm oil supply chain, with RSPO standards ("Jurisdictional Members");***

(v) ***Honorary memberships*** which may be awarded by the Board of Governors to an individual who has been recognised, to the Board of Governors sole and absolute satisfaction, of their exemplary and longstanding contributions to the RSPO (***"Honorary Members"***). Honorary Members do not have voting rights including at the RSPO General Assembly and they are allowed to publicly state they are Honorary Members of RSPO. This membership is non-transferable.

The Ordinary Members, Affiliate Members, Supply Chain Associates and ***Jurisdictional Members*** are collectively referred to as "RSPO Members". For ***the*** avoidance of doubt, subject to Article 4 (a) (v), Honorary Members do form part of RSPO's membership but will, for the purposes of this Statutes, be addressed and referred to specifically, where necessary.

(c) Ordinary Members, Affiliate Members and ***Jurisdictional Members*** shall be bound by the Code of Conduct.

#### 5. RSPO Membership Fee

(c) The Membership Fee Structure is as follows:

<b>Membership Category</b>	<b>Membership Sector</b>	<b>Annual Membership Fee (Euro)</b>
Ordinary	Oil Palm Growers	
	1) Oil Palm Growers – Malaysia	2000
	2) Oil Palm Growers – Indonesia	2000
	3) Oil Palm Growers – Rest of the World	2000
	4) Oil Palm Growers – Smallholder Group Manager	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● &gt;1999 hectare</li> <li>● 1000 – 1999 hectare</li> <li>● &lt;1,000 hectares</li> </ul>	2000 1000 250
	5) Oil Palm Growers – Small Grower (less than 500 hectares)	500
Ordinary	Palm Oil Processors and/or Traders	2000
Ordinary	Consumer Goods Manufacturers	2000
Ordinary	Retailers	2000
Ordinary	Banks and Investors	2000
Ordinary	Environmental/Nature Conservation Organisations (Non-Governmental Organisations)	2000
Ordinary	Social/Development Organisations (Non-Governmental Organisations)	2000
Affiliate	Affiliate	250
Supply Chain Associates	Supply Chain Associates	100
<b><i>Jurisdictional Member</i></b>	<b><i>Jurisdictional Member</i></b>	<b><i>No Membership Fee.</i></b>
Honorary Member	Honorary Member	No Membership Fee for life.

6. **Admission of RSPO Members**

- (e) The interested party that is applying to become Ordinary Members must specify and qualify for one of the following category, sectors and sub-sectors;

<b>Membership Category</b>	<b>Membership Sector</b>
Ordinary	Oil Palm Growers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Oil Palm Growers – Malaysia</li> <li>2) Oil Palm Growers – Indonesia</li> <li>3) Oil Palm Growers – Rest of the World</li> <li>4) Oil Palm Growers – Smallholder Group Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt;1999 hectare</li> <li>• 1000 – 1999 hectare</li> <li>• &lt;1,000 hectares</li> </ul> </li> <li>5) Oil Palm Growers – Small Grower (less than 500 hectares)</li> </ol>
Ordinary	Palm Oil Processors and/or Traders
Ordinary	Consumer Goods Manufacturers
Ordinary	Retailers
Ordinary	Banks and Investors
Ordinary	Environmental/Nature Conservation Organisations (Non-Governmental Organisations)
Ordinary	Social/Development Organisations (Non-Governmental Organisations)
Affiliate	Affiliate
Supply Chain Associates	Supply Chain Associates
<b><i>Jurisdictional Member</i></b>	<b><i>Jurisdictional Member</i></b>
Honorary Member	Honorary Member

## 7. Rights of RSPO Members

### **(d) Jurisdictional Members**

- (i) Jurisdictional Members can attend and participate in any of the meetings of the General Assembly and thematic Working Groups but do not have voting rights.**
- (i) Jurisdictional Members are allowed to publicly state they are Jurisdictional Members of RSPO.**
- (ii) Jurisdictional Members may have limited access to RSPO information as determined by the Board of Governors.**

### **(e) Honorary Members**

13. **Working Groups**

- (b) The composition of the Working Groups is formed by the Ordinary Members, Affiliate Members **and Jurisdictional Members** and possibly other stakeholders to focus on specific tasks. Members may participate in different Working Groups at the same time or may not participate in any Working Group.

**Proposed Working Group in overseeing the Resolution**

The RSPO Secretariat and the RSPO Board of Governors will oversee the successful amendment of the RSPO Statutes and inclusion of Jurisdictional members in the Code of Conduct document.

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