

## **RESOLUTION 6I**

Proposed Resolution to be adopted  
At the 8<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the  
Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)  
8 March 2012

**TITLE:**  
**CREATION OF NEW CATEGORY OF ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP FOR  
'TRANSNATIONAL COMPANIES AND ORGANISATIONS'**

**SUBMITTED BY:**  
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*Acknowledging* that in November 2010, at the 7th General Assembly of the RSPO, a resolution proposed by the Malaysian Palm Oil Association (MPOA) and the Indonesian Palm Oil Association (GAPKI) was adopted as follows: "It is now resolved that a working group be established to review the existing structure of the RSPO EB to reflect a better balance between the various stakeholders taking into consideration the involvement of expertise from the growers to be considered as an alternate member in the economics, environmental and social interest".

*Further acknowledging* that the 7<sup>th</sup> General Assembly was briefed that the mentioned working group was the EB of the RSPO.

*Arising* from its deliberations the signatories now proposes that:

***The 8<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the RSPO, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2012 resolves:***

**To create a new category for Transnational Companies and Organisations to become Ordinary Members of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil; and which provides for one (1) representative seat with a nominated Alternate from this new category on the Executive Board of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil.**

*The new details of eligibility for the new category and its benefits to RSPO are described:*

### **The Transnational Corporation or Organisation (TNCO) Category**

1. Any company or organization whose business involves palm oil (PO) and owns or controls production, service or operational facilities in more than one country through direct foreign investment may qualify for the Transnational Corporation category. Specifically, a qualifying company or organization would:
  - a. directly control or significantly influence more that one part of the current PO industry value chain; and

- b. are doing so, or be able to do so, in at least 3 geographical regions of the world (effectively defined as 3 continents).
2. The eligibility of applicants to the TNC category is at the discretion of the EB and qualification criteria may be reviewed on a case-to-case basis at EB discretion for, say, companies with stated plans for expansion or growth.
3. If eligible, existing Ordinary Members can choose to transfer their membership to this new category; and eligible potential new Ordinary Members can apply directly for it.

**Benefits to the RSPO**

4. The creation of the TNC category will allow RSPO to project itself as an institution promoting an integrated, global industry with integrated, global companies.
5. To effectively represent members in the TNC category, the RSPO must always take the global view and RSPO policy as reflected by this category should not be influenced any national or domestic issues in any country where RSPO members operate.
6. Reciprocally, RSPO may become a platform for mutual engagement of TNCs with other stakeholders based on best-practice from any part of the RSPO universe.
7. The TNC category allows RSPO to become aligned in both aspiration and reality to the business models of its global members who do not define themselves exclusively by any of the existing membership categories.

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