



Resolution on climate change

CDI-IDC manifests its deep concern about the slow progress in the governmental policies of many countries, both signatories and non-signatories of the Paris Agreement, to reduce the consequences of climate change. Climate change is affecting all the regions of the world. The polar ice caps are melting, resulting in a rising sea-levels. The greenhouse effect is causing a rise in temperatures, resulting in an increased frequency of catastrophic meteorological phenomena such as hurricanes, torrential rains, intense snowfalls, droughts, and so on.

We are fully aware that we have only one planet to live on, with finite resources that need to be used in a responsible and sustainable manner in order to guarantee the survival of future generations. We are conscious of the fact that climate change is already leading to serious increases in poverty-levels, forced migrations and conflicts over water resources, with the weakest and poorest as primary victims.

We believe it is both necessary and urgent to invest in the development and activation of sustainable and renewable energy sources, which have a maximum energy efficiency, such as wind, solar and hydro-energy. We are conscious of the fact that, from the point of view of financial institutions, this type of investment may not be attractive in the short- and middle-term but we also note that, in the long term, such investments have proven to be a great source of wealth. We therefore support the speeding up of the energy union to achieve energy solutions producing a minimal emission of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases. Likewise, we are in favour of industrial policies that couple economic competitiveness with increased research and development toward alternative, clean and durable energy sources as a viable replacement for today's fossil fuels.

We are in favour of a transportation system that is sustainable, efficient in terms of fuel consumption, environmentally friendly – especially in cities – and fuelled by energy plants which derive electricity from natural sources, especially solar.

We support a bio-economy, in which all materials used in production are recycled when possible, in a closed-loop economy which plans, without exception, the life-cycle of a product, from production, to use and reuse, but always careful to preserve industrial competitiveness, which is a great challenge for policymakers today.

We support sustainable agriculture which remains competitive but ensures an adequate food supply for the citizens, without the use of substances that are harmful for well-being and health.

We commit our member parties to introduce in their political programs, agendas and activities policies reflecting these priorities with the object of playing a leading role in Agenda 2030 in Paris.

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