



Standing Committee II -
Sustainable Development,
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THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN PRESERVING BIODIVERSITY

*Amendments to the revised draft resolution submitted within the statutory
deadline by the delegation of Venezuela*

PREAMBLE

Paragraph 2

Delete the paragraph.

Paragraph 8

Delete the paragraph.

Paragraph 9

Amend to read as follows:

(9) *Also noting* that the greatest threats to biodiversity resulting from human activity are habitat loss **and deterioration**, climate change, alien invasive species, over-exploitation and pollution,

Paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

(13) *Recalling* that **biodiversity conservation must go beyond** in situ conservation efforts ~~in protected areas as they are, by in~~ themselves, insufficient,

Paragraph 17

Amend to read as follows:

(17) *Reaffirming* that the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources is one of the central objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, ~~and noting to that end the decision of the Seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to engage in negotiations to establish an international regime on access to genetic resources and the sharing of benefits,~~

Paragraph 18

Delete the paragraph.

Paragraph 19

Delete the paragraph.

OPERATIVE PART

Operative paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Urges* governments to address the mechanisms of biodiversity loss, inter alia by examining and coordinating methods to reduce **habitat loss and deterioration, monitor and eliminate exotic** invasive species and by addressing climate change by fully and effectively implementing **the Convention on Biological Diversity**, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change **and other international agreements**;

Operative paragraph 6

Delete the paragraph.

Operative paragraph 7

Delete the paragraph.

Operative paragraph 8

Amend the last bullet point to read as follows:

(...)

- Incorporating the objectives of biodiversity conservation in sectors such as agriculture, forest management, water management ~~and~~ transportation, **trade and planning and development activities**;

Operative paragraph 9

Delete the paragraph.

Operative paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:

10. *Also encourages* governments to carry out cooperation in biodiversity conservation, and *invites* **multilateral organisations** ~~developed countries~~ to take concrete action in helping developing countries in this regard, through **financial assistance**, technology transfer and capacity-building;

Operative paragraph 14

Amend to read as follows:

14. *Also calls* on governments to develop and coordinate efforts to reduce significantly the loss of biodiversity in ocean areas and **territorial inland** ~~inland~~ waters where no single nation has clear jurisdiction;

Operative paragraph 15

Amend the first bullet point to read as follows:

- Assessing the economic benefits associated with the sound management of ecosystems, so as to incorporate the economic, **ecological** and social value of goods and services provided by biodiversity in decisions involving public finance, policy, planning, and natural resource management;
- (...)

New paragraph 15bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 15 to read as follows:

- 15bis. Foster joint projects among the various environment agreements in order to ensure efficient use of existing human and financial resources.**