

Resolution on the entry into effect of the pact of the 2015 Paris Summit on climate change (DECISION 1/CP-21)

At various occasions, the CDI-IDC has expressed its active interest in its ceaseless and topmost preoccupation: to protect and preserve the environment through the agreements reached by the 2015 Paris summit on climate change (UN DECISION 1/CP-21). Hence, the CDI-IDC:

- Congratulates the 197 nations and international organizations that signed the Paris summit pact on climate change, especially the 125 countries that have already ratified the treaty, allowing its entry into effect this past 4 November 2016; Hails this international and almost universal commitment to improve the observance of previous conventions, with the objective of bolstering the world-wide response to the threat of climate change, in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty, in accordance with the stipulations in article 2 of this pact;
- Considers that it is necessary to hold the increase in the global temperature well under 2°C above pre-industrial levels and to carry out further efforts to limit this temperature increase to 1.5°C;
- Considers efforts to enhance the world's capacity to adapt to, and promote resilience against, adverse effects of climate change, as well as to promote economic development with lower emissions of greenhouse gases in such a way as not to put into jeopardy food production;
- Calls to increase financial efforts, according to the capacity of every nation, to prevent an environmental catastrophe;
- Calls to reflect these in fairness and the principle of shared but differentiated financial responsibilities, in the light of different national circumstances and capacities;
- Considers that the plans presented already by 189 signatories to the Paris agreement are nevertheless absolutely insufficient to comply with the pact; the reduction of emissions foreseen by these plans is currently insufficient to achieve the objective of holding the increase in the global temperature to 2 degrees by the end of the century;
- Recommends that, to solve this problem, it is absolutely necessary to take the next step and to set an agenda by 2018 to take further measures towards an even higher reduction of greenhouse gases, to the extent where specialized agencies can determine the sufficiency of these new measures;
- Expresses its deep concern over the increase of those who may qualify as "climate refugees", victims of displacements produced by the toxic cloud, who already represent a population higher than that of Europe.