

OUTCOME RESOLUTION
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We, the participants of the 8th Nevsky International Ecological Congress
Environmental Education – A Clean Country,

recognizing the global nature of environmental problems and the need for a broader participation of all world states to address them,

welcome the adoption of the fundamental document of the UN Sustainable Development Goals aimed at reducing man-made impact on the environment, preserving biodiversity, ensuring rational production and consumption, and elimination of all forms of inequality.

We highly appreciate the work of the Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States aimed at the harmonization of environmental legislation in various states, convergence of their environmental policies and addressing of cross-border challenges in the CIS space; note the significance of the events held in the framework of the Year of Ecology and the Year of Protected Natural Conservation Areas of Russia, as well as the efforts of the subjects of the Russian Federation to reduce negative impact on nature.

We note the importance of the Russian-French Parliamentary Seminar *The role of parliaments and expert community in developing solutions to address problem of climate change. Current objectives of the implementation of the Paris Agreement* hosted in the Federation Council in April 2017 in the framework of the preparation for the Nevsky Congress.

With a view of improving environmental legislation, developing a “green economy” through introduction of the best available technologies, enhance the culture of production and consumption, encouraging environmentally responsible behavior, preserving public health and promoting healthy lifestyles, we consider as viable:

for ensuring accelerated development of protected natural conservation areas as an efficient tool for preserving and development of biodiversity:

- to expand and strengthen international cooperation in this area;
- to facilitate the development of national and cross-border protected natural conservation areas and ensuring compliance with their special protection regime;

- to develop ecological tourism, environmental training and education.

in the field of environmental training and education:

- to introduce the principles of environmental ethics in the system of education and upbringing;
- to include measures on developing the system of environmental education and building the culture of population culture in intergovernmental and internal public trust policies;
- to provide comprehensive support to children and youth ecological movements and develop ecological tourism among schools and tourists, promote creation of international environmental schools and conduct environmental lessons and olympiads;
- to introduce national systems of multilevel and continuous environmental education;
- to stimulate environmental advertising, promotional video clips and dedicated publications promoting the attitude of care towards nature.

for ensuring a favorable environmental situation and preserving people's health:

- to develop and promptly amend national strategies for sustainable development, taking into account the need to ensure attitude of care towards nature;
- to further improve sanitary legislation and its alignment with international laws and standards;
- to develop and establish hygienic standards for pollutants and their mixtures in the atmosphere, and methods for monitoring and evaluating their impact on human health;
- to develop a system of environmental and socio-hygienic monitoring at potentially hazardous sites, in inhabited localities and areas of ecological disasters;
- to develop a regulatory framework that provides compensation for environmental damage to public health, including with a view to strengthen responsibility for violations of environmental legislation and sanitary and epidemiological requirements;
- to develop a regulatory legal framework in the field of environmental insurance;
- to ensure free access of people to reliable information on environmental status and on the assessment of health risks;

- to modernize technological systems that protect the population and the environment from possible negative effects of radioactive substances;
- to improve the procedure for targeted medical and prevention measures and rehabilitation of the population in the areas affected by industrial enterprises;
- to develop action plans in the field of developing bio-economics in the framework of CIS trust policies and public national programs.

In the field of improvement of the comprehensive waste treatment system:

- to develop a regulatory framework in the field of waste treatment taking into account norms of international law;
- to create favorable conditions for attracting investments in the waste recycling industry, stimulate the use of the best available technologies in this area;
- for those states that have ratified the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, to facilitate the development of a methodological framework for environmental risk assessment at solid waste production and consumption landfills, as well as in adjacent areas and at hazardous waste disposal sites;
- to improve the system of collection and use of recovered raw materials;
- to pay special attention to clean-up of environmental damage associated with economic activity in the Arctic region, as well as to the projects of clean-up of the accumulated environmental damage;
- to organize permanent monitoring of the implementation of the principles of extended environmental liability of manufacturers.

In the field of providing solutions to the problem of climate change and implementation of the Paris Agreement:

- to achieve reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through the introduction of new technologies; implementation of measures aimed at increasing energy efficiency and development of renewable energy sources; stimulation of innovations in the field of housing construction, transport and agriculture;
- to enhance the attention to the problems of climate change and man-made input in global warming in the process of developing and implementation of new policies of environmental training and education.

In the field of introduction of the best available technologies:

- to develop a system of technological regulation on the basis of best available technologies;

- to stimulate the dissemination of information on the best available technologies and on the positive experience of their implementation and use;
- to continue the participation in international legislation alignment programs on the basis of the principles of the best available technologies;
- to adopt legal acts that stimulate modernization of existing and creation of new industries on the basis of the best available technologies;
- to conduct explanatory work in order to popularize and explain the advantages of using the best available technologies.

We, the participants of the 8th Nevsky International Ecological Congress, call on politicians, representatives of science, businesses, civil society and journalists to actively promote the spread of environmental knowledge and standards of conduct and the implementation of this Outcome Resolution and the recommendations of the roundtables held within the program of the Congress.