

## **Resolution GA13-6c**

Proposed Resolution to be adopted at the 13th General Assembly of the  
Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)

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**TITLE:** RESOLUTION TO ADOPT "NO CHANGE OF KEY DOCUMENTS FOR FIXED PERIOD OF TIME"

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### **Background:**

RSPO Principles and Criteria (P&C) represent the standard that defines the sustainable palm oil for palm oil mill and its supply bases. In accordance with the ISEAL best practices, it is completely reviewed and revised every five year for continued relevance and effectiveness in meeting its stated objectives. Subsequently, the generic standard P&C is interpreted by each country into a National Interpretation (NI). The RSPO P&C 2013 is scheduled to be reviewed again and any revisions will be submitted for ratification by the General Assembly of RSPO by November 2018.

Under the current P&C, changes to the standard can be made prior to the review in 2018 through a recommendation made by the appointed RSPO Working Group or Taskforce and approved by the General Assembly of the RSPO. However, frequent changes of the standard may cause inconsistency, resulting in a lower level of conformity.

Additionally, changes in the key documents adopted by the General Assembly (GA), Board of Governors (BoG), Secretariat or the Standing Committees can cause volatility in the guiding rules. This creates an added strain and a potential bias against certain categories of RSPO members that are bound by the obligations specified within. Fidelity of these key documents for a fixed period of time would provide Oil Palm Growers and Certification Bodies with a more stable, predictable and reliable environment, which would result in a better overall adherence. This excludes policies and procedures necessary for the management of RSPO's activities.

### **THIS RESOLUTION PROPOSES:**

**In order to provide reconciliation and to ensure a stable environment for all members in the period after revision of the standards, any changes to RSPO P&C prior to its prescribed revision period shall be restricted. Additionally, there shall be no changes to key documents, i.e., NPP and FPIC adopted by the General Assembly (GA), Board of Governors (BoG), Secretariat or the Standing Committees, that would introduce new requirements on the palm oil growers members during the period of the first two years after the endorsement of the revised RSPO P&C.**

**The only documents exempted from this rule shall be the National Interpretation (NI) and the Local Indicators (LI) which would allow members to use this period to adapt the P&C to the laws valid at the different countries.**

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