Resolution 6b

Proposed Resolution to be adopted at the 12th General Assembly of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)

19th of November 2015

TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RSPO STATUTES REFLECTING CHANGE OF TERM FROM SECRETARY GENERAL TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Submitted By: The Board of Governors of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil
(Currently represented by: Unilever, Malaysian Palm Oil Association, PT. Agro Indomas *, WWF, Agropalma, Felda Global Ventures, Mondelez International, AAK, Marks and Spencer, Retailers’ Palm Oil Group **, IOI Loders Croklaan, Rabobank, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Oxfam Novib, Both Ends, Conservation International)

* Represents the Indonesian Growers Caucus
** Aldi South Group, Asda, Boots UK, Coop (Switzerland), Coles, Delhaize Group, Federation of Migros Co-operatives, Kingfisher, Royal Ahold, Sainsbury’s, Tesco, The Body Shop International, The Co-operative Food (UK) and Waitrose

The Board of Governors is committed to move more executive functions to the RSPO Secretariat. This has been happening in a gradual manner over the last years.

One of the more overt public signals of this shift, is the renaming of the RSPO “Executive Board” to the RSPO “Board of Governors”. This change was endorsed by the membership at the RSPO 10th General Assembly in 2013. It sent a clear signal to all stakeholders, the intentions of the board.

As an extension of this theme, the RSPO Board of Governors proposes in this resolution:

To replace the existing title of “Secretary General”, within the meaning and purports set out in the existing RSPO Statutes, with the term "Chief Executive Officer" and that all references to “Secretary General” within the existing RSPO Statues shall be amended to “Chief Executive Officer”.

Reference:
1 The existing RSPO statutes can be downloaded for review at http://www.rspo.org/resources/key-documents/membership