



## "Statement of Co-Presidents and Secretary General of ENCORE – in the framework of Climate Change Conference COP16 Cancun, Mexico 2010"

### The co-presidents of the ENCORE network highlight the key role of regions in climate protection, to face the effects of climate change

**Committing themselves to working together**, contributing regional experiences and focusing on the role of regions in climate change mitigation and adaptation policies, as well as transmitting a clear message on public commitment in the fight against climate change to civil society.

**Being aware** that the need to reduce the threat of global warming and to face the effects of climate change are two big challenges in which regions have a key role in implementing climate protection measures.

Therefore, we declare:

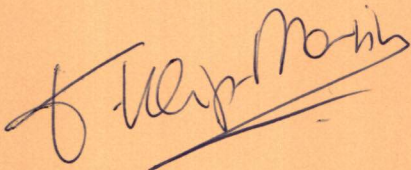
- that climate change **is the most serious environmental problem** of our time and, as IPCC stresses, the environmental phenomenon that most urgent action requires, and that, given the international dimension of climate change, a worldwide response is needed.
- that **the United Nations approach** to achieve an extensive management of worldwide climate protection, as well as the efforts channelled into reaching a binding international agreement aimed at keeping global warming below 2°C are supported.
- that the efforts of the European Union to achieve the targets of the Europe 2020 strategy, aimed at reducing by 20% the emissions of greenhouse gases, reaching 20% of renewable energy in total energy consumption and reducing by 20% the energy consumption by 2020 are supported. At the longer term we will seek to encourage the EU to move to a 30% emission reduction target given the inevitability of the low carbon economy. A low carbon Europe is feasible, affordable and fundamental to EU leadership on climate change.
- that **regions need to act together** in the fight against climate change and its already unavoidable consequences for the population, maintaining their acting and cooperation capacity despite the great diversity of climate change impacts at regional level.
- that it is necessary that **the European regions belonging to ENCORE** can and should work with their citizens in a proactive way, providing information and committing companies to technological transfers, necessary to reach a creative, knowledge-based economy that facilitates the structural changes needed to increase competitiveness and achieve a low carbon economic development by 2050.

**In the framework of COP16, we as ENCORE co-presidents commit ourselves** to continue progressing towards the achievement of the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy, as well as to transmit clear messages to civil society, raising citizens' awareness about commitment to emissions reduction and the fight against climate change.

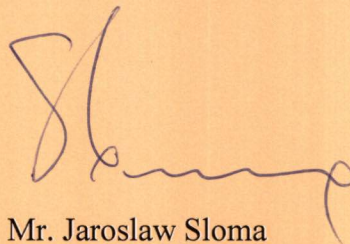
**We will continue participating** in the existing international forums and debates about biological diversity (CBD), the fight against climate change (UNFCCC) and desertification (UNCCD), strengthening cooperation between regions in the fight against global warming and the adaptation to climate change.

**Finally, we defend the role of** sub-national governments, sharing their lessons learned and good practices in the field of tackling climate change, as part of the global process of planning and execution of decisions related to mitigation and adaptation, taking into account climate variability and present and future climate change.

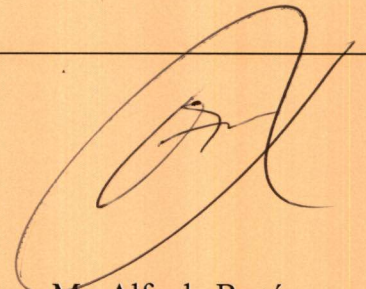
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