



## ICA General Assembly, Seoul (Korea) Resolutions Adopted 17 October 2001

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### The Rio Co-operative Declaration

*Submitted by the ICA Board*

The ICA General Assembly,

AWARE of the support mobilised by ICA members for the Rio Co-operative Declaration of December 2000 which underlines the commitment of co-operatives to contribute to creating a more just, transparent and democratic society in which peace, social justice and respect for the environment reign,

REAFFIRMS ICA's commitment to rally the support of millions of members of co-operatives in the quest for peace, solidarity, equity, justice, equality, environmental protection and sustainable development.

AGREES that the Declaration be formally transmitted to the United Nations to convey to the world community the commitment of the co-operative movement to contribute to a more equitable social, political and economic world order, inspired by the co-operative principles and values.

### THE RIO DECLARATION

The International Co-operative Alliance, meeting at RIOCOOP 2000, (3-7 December 2000), under the banner of 'Co-operative identity for the new millennium', noted

Whilst being aware of:

- The situation in which millions of human beings live who are afflicted by poverty, by a lack of employment, lack of adequate housing and by inadequate social welfare systems due to the concentration of wealth, and social exclusion;
- The growing violence due to arms transfers that worsens social conditions as stressed by the International Code of Conduct, initiated by the Commission of Nobel Peace Laureates.
- The serious degradation of the environment that limits the possibility of life for the present generation and for those not yet born, and that threatens the planet that is our only home; and
- The absence of solidarity that characterises this era with the proliferation of anti-social attitudes and conduct with impunity, and that generates public and private corruption, actors which pose an imminent danger to democratic society.

Declared:

1. Its willingness and capacity to contribute for a more just, transparent and democratic society as testified by the daily activities carried out by co-operatives all over the world;
2. Its interest in exhorting governments, political parties, organisations of civil society, and all people who love peace to join forces to fight for the reduction of weapons and the elimination of violence, and to struggle for social justice. We reaffirm at the same time, our disposition as

- a world organisation to work to generate more employment and decent shelter and to reduce social exclusion;
3. Its willingness to build a society in harmony with nature;
  4. Its desire that the co-operative organisation shall continue to contribute to a more equitable social, political and economic world order, inspired by the co-operative principles and values, thereby giving effective support to democratic society; and that,
  5. The International Co-operative Alliance assumes the commitment to rally the support of millions of members of co-operatives in the quest for peace, solidarity, equity, justice, equality, environmental protection and sustainable development.