



## ICA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Geneva, Switzerland

### The Co-operative Agenda on Climate Change Resolution adopted unanimously on 20 November 2009

#### The ICA at its General Assembly in Geneva on 20 November 2009,

**RECALLING** that the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) represents 1 billion co-operators throughout the world active in many important sectors of the world's economy, including agriculture, food production and fisheries, energy, communications, banking and insurance, housing, health and welfare provision and in the distribution of goods and services as consumer co-operatives,

**REMINING** that the ICA is the largest membership-based non-governmental organisation recognised by the United Nations,

**NOTING** that the ICA is well qualified to understand the complex issues involved in the climate threat that the world faces, from the many perspectives of the countries and sectors of the economy of its membership,

**EMPHASISING** that the unique set of co-operative values, especially those of equity and social responsibility, incite co-operative action on Climate Change,

**ISSUES** the urgent call below to the United Nations and to the governments of all countries participating in the Conference of Parties (COP) 15 Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, in December 2009 to secure a fair, ambitious and binding agreement at the global climate negotiations by:

- Recognising that global warming exceeding 2 C above pre-industrial levels that is currently predicted for later this century would create seriously adverse consequences for many peoples and countries;
- Committing to peak global greenhouse gas emissions by no later than 2020 (preferably earlier) and to reduce them by at least 50% relative to 1990 levels by 2050;
- For developed countries, recognising their historical contribution to global warming, and committing to emissions reductions of at least 80% relative to 1990, by 2050, with challenging intermediate targets to be set;
- For developing countries, committing by Copenhagen to significant gains in energy efficiency, reductions in carbon intensity, and cuts in non-CO2 greenhouse gas emissions over the next 2 decades, to support sustainable development and to lead to a substantial reduction in business-as-usual emissions;
- Recognising that the impacts of changes in climate are mainly due to past emissions by developed countries, and that unless the burden of poverty in developing nations is alleviated by significant financial support for mitigation, adaptation and the reduction of deforestation, the ability of developing countries to pursue sustainable development is likely to diminish, to the economic and environmental detriment of all,

**CALLS** on ICA members to take this message to their governments for action.

