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FORMAL RESOLUTION FOR THE ST PETERSBURG 7th ICON-LA CONFERENCE

- In recognition of the groundswell of support for a new holistic and integrated way of talking about landscape that helps make it more tangible and resilient in the face of development pressures, in order to meet major global challenges created by industrialization, demographic shifts, climate change, deforestation, the depletion of natural resources and a host of issues relating to the quality of life and other aspects of land use development;
- Responding to an urgent need to provide strategic leadership at a local, regional, national, and international level;
- Expanding traditional legislative concerns with landscapes that survive modern development to help inform more sustainable, cultural, social and economic futures;
- And understanding the landscape not only as a physical entity but also a way of life – the landscape as identity.

Taking into account the:

- UNESCO IPOGEA Florence Declaration on Landscape adopted in 21 September 2012;
- Support from the ICOMOS Advisory Committee, Beijing, October 2013;
- Support from GIAHS in Rome, 2013;
- Endorsed by Shanghai Declaration of IFLA APR, 23 October 2012, and the IFLA Tamaki Makarau Declaration, 12 April 2013;



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- Reflected in the Hangzhou Agenda, Placing Culture at the Heart of Sustainable Development Policies adopted in Hangzhou, People's Republic of China, on 17 May 2013;
- And keen interest expressed at Conference of United Nations to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in April 2013, from CBD, UN Habitat and other UN Agencies including ICCROM, IUCN;
- And regional initiatives such as the Declaration of the Latin American Landscape Initiative LALI signed and ratified in the SAP IFLA AMERICAS conference held in Medellin, Colombia on October 2012, and the European Landscape Convention signed by 37 countries;
- And in anticipation of the protocols required to meet the Aichi targets and the need to prepare Post-2015 Policy;

We ask this conference to formally support the idea of a Global Landscape Initiative aimed to promote in all regions of the world appropriate landscape safeguarding legislation and regulations, to strengthen international collaboration, exchanges and capacity building efforts, and to promote the adoption of an international landscape convention. This new normative tool should be aimed at focusing public policies on the relationship between people and their landscape, at bringing together art and science, nature and culture, heritage and development in order to protect and improve the sustainability and value of the everyday landscape across the world.

Adopted in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, on 7 June 2013



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