Resolution on Carbon Sink Inventories

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) has supported the concept on maximum flexibility for greenhouse gas mitigation strategies under any international agreement, and

WHEREAS, The Kyoto Protocol and the Buenos Aires Action Plan provide for the potential inclusion of activities related to Land Use and Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) in participating country carbon budgets, and

WHEREAS, The sequestration of greenhouse gases through LULUCF can provide direct and low-cost mitigation options with considerable environmental and economic benefits including the potential for carbon credits, and

WHEREAS, It would be beneficial to inventory the LULUCF potential of each State in order to more efficiently evaluate the economic impact of potential greenhouse gas mitigation strategy development; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its 1999 Summer Meeting in San Francisco, California, urges its member States to fully and comprehensively inventory all carbon sources and carbon sinks associated with Land Use and Land Use Change and Forestry.

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