

***Resolution on Matters Related to Land Use Change and Forestry and Clean
Development Mechanism Activities***

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) has supported the concept of maximum flexibility for greenhouse gases under any international agreement; *and*

WHEREAS, The Kyoto Protocol and the Buenos Aires Action Plan contain flexibility mechanisms; *and*

WHEREAS, Two of the mechanisms, Land Use Change and Forestry (LUCF) and the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), are the focus of near term negotiations which will serve to further define aspects of these activities; *and*

WHEREAS, The sequestration of greenhouse gases through LUCF and CDM activities can provide direct and low cost mitigation options with considerable environmental and economic benefits; *and*

WHEREAS, It is in the best economic interest of the States represented by the NARUC membership that these mechanisms have the most expansive definitions and the broadest interpretation possible consistent with the need for verifiability and with the finds of the forthcoming International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on LUCF; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened at its 1999 Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., urges the parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at the second workshop on LUCF to include additional activities, including verifiable agricultural and forest activities, in Article 3.4 of the Kyoto Protocol; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of NARUC, urges the parties at the upcoming Bonn negotiations to provide for a CDM which is broadly applicable, cost effective, transparent and simple to implement.

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Resources and the Environment
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