

#### Annex IV

### DECLARATION OF THE GLOBAL LEGISLATORS ORGANIZATION FOR A BALANCED ENVIRONMENT (GLOBE)

The Global Legislators Organization for a Balanced Environment (GLOBE) was founded in 1989 to enhance international cooperation between parliamentarians on global environmental issues. GLOBE has over 800 members, in more than 100 countries, including all of the G8 countries. We have joined our colleagues in Montreal to discuss the implementation of the Global Programme of Action and role of legislators in its mandates.

WE, the Global Legislators Organization for a Balanced Environment (GLOBE), express our deep concern with the degradation of the marine environment, particularly from land-based activities and declare support for our Governments to take the lead on implementing the Global Programme of Action,

WE are concerned that the social, environmental and economic costs to society are escalating as a result of disproportionately low levels of action to mitigate the harmful effects of land-based activities on coastal and marine environments,

WE emphasize the need for cooperative partnerships with international financial institutions, international organizations, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and other major stakeholders who have a pivotal role to play in the implementation of the Global Programme of Action.

WE declare our firm commitment to actively and cooperatively improve coastal and ocean governance through a local, national, regional and international approach.

WE will seek to ensure the availability of the resources necessary for the development, coordination and implementation of Global Programme of Action mechanisms within our nations by making better use of domestic and international resources.

WE welcome the efforts of the UNEP Global Programme of Action Coordination Office's effort and declare our continued support of the Memorandum of Understanding that was reaffirmed between GLOBE and UNEP in November 2000.

WE call upon the Governing Council of UNEP, concerned Governments and relevant regional and other governing bodies to endorse the Global Programme of Action Coordination Office work plan and provide the necessary resources to implement it.

WE urge our Governments to commit to the full implementation of the Global Programme of Action by mainstreaming the aims, objectives and guidance of the Global Programme of Action into new or existing activities, programmes, strategies, or plans and including the integration of watershed and coastal as well as marine ecosystem management at the local, national, regional and global levels.

In conclusion, GLOBE members will seek to continue to support efforts to strengthen municipal wastewater legislation, address land-use planning legislation to prevent the destruction of coastal habitats and to work with our partners in exploring additional domestic and international finance mechanisms to protect marine and coastal environments.

GLOBE members will do what they can to support participant Governments in these efforts as peace, development and environmental protection are interdependent and indivisible.