



## **Global Greens Declaration Next Steps for the Global Greens 4 May 2008, Sao Paulo, Brazil**

The Global Greens Congress, meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil 1-4 May 2008, hereby

1. Determines that it is not sustainable for the Global Green movement to continue to function into the future on extremely limited resources and that we cannot continue to rely solely on a small number of dedicated volunteers.
2. Concludes therefore that we need to establish on a practical level those objectives which we now wish to pursue collectively, the resources necessary to carry those out and the means of providing those resources.
3. Agrees on a plan to establish a Secretariat in Australia, or elsewhere if so determined by the Global Green Co-ordination (GGC). The GGC is tasked to produce a Work Plan for this Secretariat including
  - Its proposed objectives, justification and functions, drawing on proposals and suggestions already put forward in texts submitted to this Congress and its workshops. Such functions shall include and build on the existing responsibilities for
    - a) scheduling and organising further Global Greens Conferences
    - b) the Greens' common presence at global events
    - c) agreed statements on matters of global urgency
    - d) internal, inter-federation communications
    - e) the Global Greens website
    - f) co-operation with the Global Greens Network
    - g) close liaison with the Global Young Greens
  - The staffing and other resources necessary to carry these out.
  - Good governance and oversight mechanisms for the Secretariat, including evaluation of its work.
  - A proposed budget for the Secretariat according to those functions.
  - Funding options, including, but not limited to, a one percent voluntary levy for elected Greens.
  - Any other related matters.

and to report back to the constituent Global Greens federations by 1 October 2008.

By 31 March 2009 at the latest, and after such inter-federation consultations as may be necessary, the Work Plan shall be approved by the four federations through their representatives in the GGC.

The Work Plan shall also review the structure, working practices, accountability, election procedures and terms of office for the GGC, and the role of Congress.

4. At the end of this approval process, the GGC membership shall be renewed in accordance with the rules of each of the federations.
5. Any funds remaining after this Congress shall be allocated to help finance this interim work. Any further funds or facilities necessary during this critical period shall be sourced from within the green movement and the GGC may co-opt people with such expertise as is needed.
6. Congress agrees that in order to highlight our global identity and to provide a simple, visible and tangible outcome of our meeting here in Sao Paulo, we will seek to pool all our future carbon offset payments into an identifiable project clearly associated with the Global Green movement and invite all Greens to participate. The mechanisms for this scheme shall be drafted and circulated by the GGC without delay.

