

## **XIIIth ELDR Congress, Shannon, 7-8 June 1990**

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The XIIIth Congress of ELDR, meeting in Shannon, 7-8 June 1990

- convinced that the recent Bergen meeting of environmental Ministers demonstrated quite clearly that action must be taken immediately at international level to combat the already serious threat that global warming poses both the environment and our own wellbeing;

- further convinced that this action needs no further scientific evidence for its justification;

- believing that it would be more efficient in economic terms to use scarce scientific resources to solve these problems than to seek absolute certainty of their existence;

- concerned by the reluctance some governments still show to recognise the problem and the degree of their own responsibility;

- welcoming the Commission's intention to set a firm target for the reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 50% by the year 2010;

- believing this proposal should be firmly put to the November World Climate Conference;

urges the LDR Group:

- to campaign for the imposition of a European Community tax on the use of non-renewable and/or polluting energy; this tax should:

- be based on the output of pollutants;
- encourage better management and conservation of energy resources, including improved public transport;
- contribute to fund research and pilot projects on energy conservation and renewable energy sources, eg winds, tides, solar and biomass;
- be used to help developing countries and East and Central European countries adopt prudent and efficient energy policies;
- not add to the overall tax burden but replace other taxes;

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instructs the Federation's Executive committee to draw up a General European Programme for the Environment to be presented to the next Congress;

instructs its President to send this resolution to the Presidents of the European Parliament, the Council of Ministers and the Commission of the European Community.

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