



## **SOY MORATORIUM RENEWAL WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY WITH NEW CHALLENGES**

The Soy Moratorium renewal was announced today at an international conference and lunch with the press, and with the presence of the Minister of the Environment – Carlos Minc, representatives of companies, business entities and civil society organizations, coordinated by Carlo Lovatelli – President of ABIOVE and Paulo Adario – Greenpeace’s Amazon Campaign Director (see the attached press release from the Soy Workgroup). A new Term of Commitment was signed which will be in force until July 23, 2010.

### **Priorities in the Soy Moratorium Renewal**

Four priority actions were elected by the Soy Workgroup (GTS) – review the monitoring methodology, Ecologic-Economic Zoning (ZEE) of the Amazon Biome, financial compensation for avoiding deforestation and stimulus to property registration and legislation compliance.

#### **1 – Review the Monitoring Methodology**

Aims at expanding and improving the sampling of deforested areas with less than 100 ha, maintaining the simplicity and functionality of the current monitoring system. It will count with academic support to prepare the sample and establish partnerships with INPE and/or RapidEye to pre-select the polygons that demand local verification.

#### **2 – Encourage the Govern to expand the implementation of soil use policies – ZEE.**

The Soy Workgroup will encourage more agility of the involved parties in approving and implementing the Economic-Ecologic Zoning in the states that have not made this important tool available yet.

**3 - Propose and support the creation of financial compensation for avoiding deforestation**

GTS will attempt to expose the Soy Moratorium case at the Convention on Climatic Changes in Copenhagen, and in other forums with the purpose of obtaining resources do remunerate producers that preserve forests.

#### **4 – Stimulate properties registration and compliance to Brazilian legislation**

Campaigns will be promoted to make producers more aware, meetings will be held with environmental licensing bodies, and systems of stimulus will be created for producers to comply with the legislation and at the same time adopt the best practices through voluntary and remunerated verification.



### **ABIOVE and ANEC propose a new verification system**

In order to add value and recognize the effort of rural producers that are complying with the Moratorium and with the legislation, and are applying the best practices, ABIOVE submitted to the GTS a proposal to create in a partnership with the NGOs participating in the Moratorium a voluntary and remunerated system of verification for rural properties, to be audited by companies and national and international entities.

Taking advantage of the verification works that are already executed in the Moratorium and in the agreement to eradicate degrading labor conditions, and using as reference the Brazilian environmental and social legislations, system of metrics to monitor the improvements and other systems, a system will be build appropriate to the reality of Brazilian producers, and according to what world consumers expect.

It proposes the following general principles for the new verification: compliance with the legislation, social responsibility, environmental sustainability and best agricultural practices.

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