

# Term of Commitment – Soy Moratorium

Considering that the Soy Moratorium seeks to reconcile environmental conservation with economic development through the responsible use of Brazil's natural resources;

Recognizing that this initiative for a constructive dialogue has had positive results, as can be seen by the public recognition that, with the Moratorium, soy is no longer an important factor in deforestation of the Amazon Biome and the development of a governance process;

In view of this, the parties signing this Term of Commitment have come to the following understanding:

## Article 1

ABIOVE – Associação Brasileira das Indústrias de Óleos Vegetais, ANEC – Associação Nacional dos Exportadores de Cereais and their respective members pledge to renew, until July 23, 2010, their commitment not to trade soy from areas within the Amazon Biome deforested after July 24, 2006, known as the Soy Moratorium.

The private sector will work with Brazilian government agencies, entities representing the rural producers and civil society to:

- a) Monitor the planting of soy crops in the Amazon Biome;
- b) Encourage soy producers to comply with the Brazilian Forest Code, and to register their properties and to obtain an environmental license;
- c) Collaborate with and encourage the Brazilian government to define, apply and comply with public policies (ZEE – Ecological-Economic Zoning) regarding land use in the region.

## Article 2

The Civil Society Organizations that participate in the Soy Moratorium's Work Group (the GTS) pledge to:

- a) Cooperate with the input of information and specialized technical assistance;
- b) Defend, internally and externally, the creation of remuneration mechanisms for environmental services and forest conservation.

### **Article 3**

The Ministry of the Environment (MMA) supports this initiative of the industry and civil society and pledges to:

- a) Promote and support the registration and environmental licensing of rural properties, together with the state environmental agencies, giving priority to the soy producing towns in the Amazon Biome;
- b) Promote and support the implementation of the Ecological-Economic Zoning (ZEE) in the Legal Amazon states, together with the state entities;
- c) Ensure the preparation of an Amazon Biome map on an adequate scale for monitoring the rural properties located in this region;
- d) Cooperate with other government agencies, defending in international forums the development of incentive programs for sustainable production, including remuneration for environmental services.

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