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## Resolution

This Symposium was arranged at the *International Day of Indigenous People* with the intention to highlight the importance of their culture and tradition as well as their role in wildlife conservation.

UNANIMOUSLY WELCOMES AND ENDORSES the *Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity*, developed under the Convention on Biodiversity and adopted by the Russian Federation, as tool to enhance sustainable hunting throughout Russia.

STRONGLY UNDERLINES the vital importance of sustainable hunting as traditional and socio-economic factor in rural economy throughout Russia. This is particularly evident in the Baikal Region with its abundance of wildlife and natural habitats.

NOTICES WITH CONCERN the decrease in certain game species populations due to unsustainable development and unsustainable industries.

RECOGNISES the important role hunting and fishing plays in the development of ecotourism in the Baikal region.

SUPPORTS the formation of a regional section of the “Exceptional Lakes in the World” Association, with Lake Baikal as unique and exceptional nucleus, in order to combine efforts of all stakeholders to safeguard lakes of indisputable national importance.

FURTHER SUPPORTS the idea to develop a concept for a “World Ecological Village” at Lake Baikal.

The CIC 2005 Baikal Symposium, therefore, identifies the following priorities for the sustainable development of the Baikal Region as baseline of a working programme of the Russian CIC Delegation and the *Russian Union of Hunters and Fishers*:

1. to address the Federal Russian Government with a view to:
  - finalise and implement a modern and efficient federal hunting law, which takes into account the special and unique character of the hunting sector compared to other industries and sectors like forestry, fisheries, veterinary control, specialities of each region, as well as the important role of true stakeholders, especially non-governmental hunting organisations,
  - clarify the legal status of hunting organisations and territories,
  - standardisation of quota setting and better control of quota usage and licenses;

2. to acknowledge the importance of scientific based analysis, monitoring of game species, populations and use practices as a prerequisite for all management schemes, where appropriate, in cooperation with local and indigenous communities;
3. to create programmes enabling the monitoring and compensation of damage to wildlife and habitats, which should be funded through revenues from licence fees and tourism, transportation of cargo and people as well as natural resource extractive industries, etc. causing this damage;
4. to develop, in accordance with the Russian *National Biodiversity Strategy* and the *Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines*, a national sustainable hunting strategy.
5. to develop programmes for education of wildlife managers and hunters including hunting tourists.
6. to include Russian wildlife management education institutions into CIC's *Wildlife Management Education* network (WME).
7. to create a regional professional union of all users of wildlife resources, including game biologists, hunters, professional wildlife managers and hunting associations.
8. to offer the Toff and Evenk indigenous communities an active collaboration with the framework of the CIC.
9. to offer the assistance and knowledge of the CIC's *Migratory Bird Commission* with its international network of scientists and collaborators within various UN organisations etc. to the Russian authorities and scientists with regard to the problem of Avian flu as well as methodologies to estimate waterbird harvest.
10. to request the government to improve methodologies, including financial support, for appropriate and balanced control of wolf populations.