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## **Soil is the Solution**

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Zero Waste International Alliance conference in Puerto Princesa, the Philippines has demanded that governments of the world recognise that the only way to solve the Climate Change problems caused by humanity is to recapture carbon in the soils of the earth.**

The International event held in association with Mother Earth Philippines, has endorsed a resolution for presentation at the Copenhagen Climate Change talks in support of the return of all organic waste to the soil as high quality compost.

“We need to engage people all around the world and allow them to play their part in the solution to this problem facing all of humanity,” said Mother Earth National Chair, Sonia Mendosa.

“Every one of us produces organic waste every day of our lives. If these products are collected from families as clean source-separated products, we can provide the basic inputs for sustainable agriculture for our grandchildren,” she added.

The conference was told that the Mother Earth Foundation had developed very advanced but very simple compost programs in many of the bangurays throughout the Philippines. The organisation had been highly successful in the range of recycling programs it had developed throughout the Philippines community.

“The focus of our group is on local people, we have learned at this conference that Zero Waste groups around the world have this same focus and this presents us with a wonderful opportunity.” said Ms Mendosa.

“We all recognise that the greed and over consumption of humanity has created this problem for our earth. This problem can only be solved through local communities working together.” she added

Ms Mendosa will be at the Copenhagen conference with a group of representatives from the Philippines and will be putting forward the resolution of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Zero Waste Conference that soil is the solution.

The final resolution reads:

- 1. In support of our children’s children, we recognise that this generation has the responsibility to repair the damage caused by the human induced aspects of global warming.**
- 2. The simplest, quickest and most cost-effective way to address global warming is to encourage every human being in the world to source separate the organic fraction from discard streams. To compost it and return it to agriculture thus capturing this carbon in the soils of the earth.**

3. **We call upon all governments to pledge their support for making every region of the world as independently sustainable as possible.**
4. **We further resolve that we encourage all citizens and grass roots organisations across the world to heed this message and do everything they can to persuade their governments to take this critical step.**
5. **In short, to save our species we need to save our soil – soil is the solution.**