

We, the Rest of the World Oil Palm Producer members of RSPO, recognize the difficult situation the RSPO is faced with, on the issue of the Green House Gas criteria development. We also understand that there is now a move to initiate a voluntary scheme to incorporate Green House Gas criteria for RSPO members.

However we do recognize that the Green House Gas issue is a topic of global priority that cannot be delayed indefinitely. Therefore, we the Rest of the World producer members would like to state the following:

1. As an immediate measure, we will not develop new plantings on peat lands. This is necessary to reflect the gravity of the situation.
2. We, as a block, want to be the first participants of the proposed Green House Gas voluntary scheme.

Further, we understand that there will now be another working group to develop criteria regarding Green House Gas emissions. We as the Rest of the World producer members, urge the RSPO to take every measure to ensure a successful outcome of this working group without further delay. A non result from this working group would not be welcomed.

On behalf of  
The Rest of the World producer members.