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Declaration of Alliance between Humans and Bamboo for Sustainable Development

Preamble:

Recognizing the intrinsic value of bamboo as a versatile and sustainable resource and acknowledging the need for a mutually beneficial alliance between humans and bamboo for respectful development, we, the undersigned, hereby declare our commitment to fostering a harmonious partnership that promotes ecological integrity, social equity, and economic prosperity.

Article 1: All human beings are entitled to the benefits of bamboo, a renewable and resilient resource that contributes to sustainable development, poverty alleviation, and environmental conservation.

Article 2: Bamboo, as a symbol of strength, flexibility, and adaptability, shall be respected and utilized responsibly by humans, ensuring its preservation for future generations.

Article 3: Every individual has the right to access education and information regarding the cultivation, utilization, and potential of bamboo for sustainable livelihoods and ecosystem restoration.

Article 4: The alliance between humans and bamboo shall prioritize the principles of equity, inclusivity, and cultural sensitivity, respecting the traditional knowledge and practices of bamboo-dependent communities worldwide.

Article 5: Sustainable development initiatives involving bamboo shall prioritize the well-being of local communities, ensuring their active participation, empowerment, and equitable benefit-sharing.

Article 6: Bamboo-based industries and enterprises shall adhere to ethical and environmentally sound practices, minimizing waste, pollution, and negative impacts on ecosystems and communities.

Article 7: Governments and international organizations shall promote policies and investments that support the sustainable management, conservation, and utilization of bamboo resources for economic development and environmental resilience.

Article 8: Research and innovation in bamboo science and technology shall be encouraged and supported, aiming to unlock the full potential of bamboo as a solution to global challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and poverty.

Article 9: The alliance between humans and bamboo shall transcend borders and ideologies, fostering collaboration, exchange of knowledge, and solidarity among nations and peoples for a more sustainable and resilient future.

Article 10: In pursuit of our shared vision for respectful development, we commit to upholding the principles and values outlined in this Declaration, ensuring that the alliance between humans and bamboo serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration for generations to come.

Adopted this day, 22 April 2024 in Nantou, Taiwan at the 12th World Bamboo Congress by the representatives of the World Bamboo Organization in recognition of our shared responsibility to safeguard the planet and promote the well-being of all its inhabitants.