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RESOLUTION Of IV INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

The IV International Environmental Uralsk Green Forum was held on 26th of October 2021 in Uralsk.

The Initiator of this Forum is Karachaganak Petroleum Operating B.V. (hereinafter KPO) and West Kazakhstan Oblast Akimat. The Forum is traditionally timed to coincide with celebration of the World Environment Day and its key agenda is to discuss the environmental current concerns through an open dialogue between business and the government. This forum is held annually and its key agenda is to discuss the environmental current concerns through an open dialogue between government, business and civil society.

The key objectives of the Forum were:

- Discussion of new principals of environmental legislation related to waste management;
- Exchange of experience and best practices in waste management, best available recycling technologies;
- Waste recycling enhancement and development of “green” business in the region;
- Raising public environmental awareness on waste reduction and segregation.

The forum was held in a hybrid format with less than 80 participants offline and more than 150 participants online, including representatives of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources, Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, representatives of companies-subsoil users, waste processing companies, Environmental Associations, experts and

specialists in waste management, regional educational organizations, republican and regional mass media;

The forum participants highlighted the effectiveness of the event and were guided by the documents:

- Kazakhstan Development Strategy -2050;
- Concept for the Transition of the Republic of Kazakhstan to a Green Economy;
- President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev's 2020 Message "Kazakhstan in the New Reality: Time for Action";
- President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev's 2021 message, 'People's unity and systemic reforms - a solid foundation for the country's prosperity';
- Kazakhstan's National Development Plan 2025
- Concept for the Development of Civil Society in the Republic of Kazakhstan until 2025;
- UN-Kazakhstan Framework for Cooperation for Sustainable Development 2021-2025;

expressed their commitment to the sustainable development of the West Kazakhstan region and came to the following agreement:

1. Jointly, in open communication, consolidate the expert community to formulate a Sustainable Development Strategy for WKO based on the international SDG methodology recommended by the UN, which will allow to form an image of the future WKO;
2. In shaping the Strategy, the expert community needs to:
 - 2.1. Take into account the environmental aspect - development of a waste management system of production and consumption, decarbonisation of the economy, conservation of biodiversity and efficient use of water resources, increase in forest plantations;
 - 2.2. Take into account the social aspect - development of self-fulfilment of citizens, formation of an inclusive society with equal opportunities, strengthening of gender policies;

- 2.3. Consider the economic aspect - developing a system to attract sustainable and green investments, strengthening the role of SMEs;
 - 2.4. Involve representatives of civil society, business, government, development institutions;
 - 2.5. Develop an inclusive electronic platform of the region development based on UN SDGs;
 - 2.6. Take ESG (Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance) criteria into account for monitoring development projects.
3. Recommend that the WKO Akimat be responsible for coordinating the development, approval and implementation of the Strategy.
 4. Hold annual reporting meetings on the implementation of the WKO Sustainable Development Strategy after its approval.

In addition, the forum participants suggested:

1. Organise a waste management Association the main goals and objectives of which will be:
 - Representation and protection of the interests of the members of the Association;
 - Cooperation on the development of the waste regulatory framework of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
 - Support for the waste recycling industry;
 - Implementation of a separate waste collection system;
 - Creation of an information platform for exchange of experience;
2. Contribute to the promotion of startups and projects in the field of the development of environmental culture and education

An electronic version of the resolution is available on the website www.ugf.kz