



IFLA EUROPE
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OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

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LANDSCAPE DEMOCRACY

Landscape Democracy is a form of planning and design in which all citizens are meant to participate equally, either directly or through elected representatives in the proposal, development and establishment of the rules by which their landscape and open spaces are shaped.

The undersigned, as representatives of the 34 National Associations of the European Region of the International Federation of Landscape Architects, having considered Landscape democracy at our general assembly in Oslo,

WE BELIEVE

landscape is integrative

It functions as a platform to get people together to consider the future of the places they want to live in

democracy is participative

It means involving people and including them as part of the decision making process

Understanding that landscape is a cultural construct, developed through an organic and cumulative process, forming part of a common heritage which is central to the development of life quality,

Conscious that Europe's citizens' present day situation is affected by climate change and globalization processes, which are contributing to social fragmentation, ecological imbalance and loss of cultural identity

Realizing there is an urgent need to shape our landscape for the benefit of all, preventing unsustainable exploitation, and forming a participative governance system, that will ensure appropriate responses to growing urbanisation, industrialisation and pollution.

WE URGE

the Council of Europe, the European Union and all IFLA Europe Member States to develop a holistic vision regarding cultural, social, political, environmental, and economic balance beyond political borders, while

Advocating cultural policies in order to enhance education, training and professional competences so as to raise awareness with regard to landscape heritage and perception,

Ensuring a democratic vision capable of reasserting collective interests, surpassing cultural differences, strengthening the links between people and their environment,

Establishing landscape policies and programs that will ensure plural and collective participation,

Developing landscapes with local communities so that environmental challenges are addressed, drawing from local conditions and technologies for energy efficient landscapes and ecological integrity,

Promoting financial tools and managerial systems that enable communities to protect and improve their landscapes,

Recognising that IFLA Europe has the professional expertise, creative approach and holistic vision essential for the delivery of resilient societal solutions.

Following other international and European texts on the matter such as:

- *The European Social Charter* (CoE, 1961)
- *The World Heritage Convention* (Paris, 1972), whose *Operative Guidelines* first expressed the notion of Cultural Landscapes
- *The Recommendation on participation by the people at large in cultural life and their contribution to it* (UNESCO, Nairobi, 1976), which enhances an ample vision of democratic participation
- *The Action Plan on Cultural Policies for Development* (UNESCO, Stockholm, 1998), which recognises the importance of civil society within a democratic framework
- *The European Landscape Convention* (CoE, Florence, 2000)

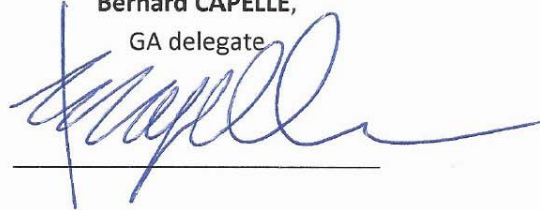
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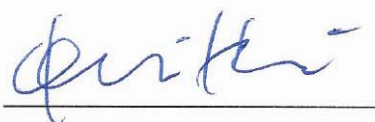
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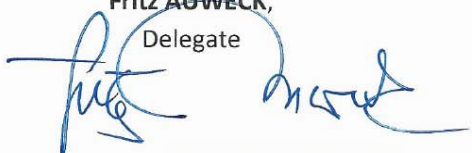
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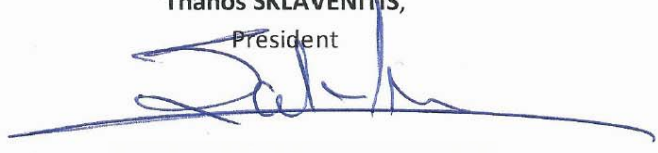
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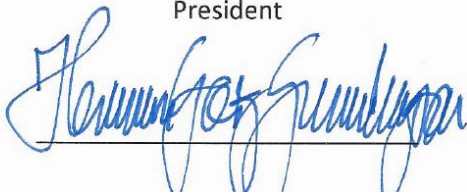
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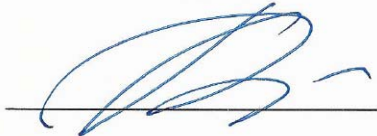
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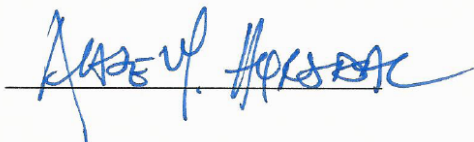
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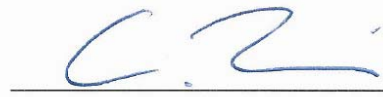
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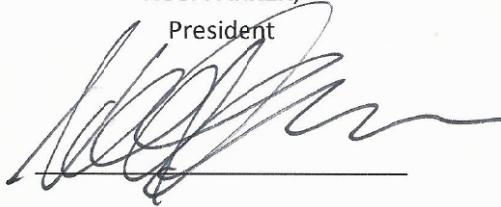
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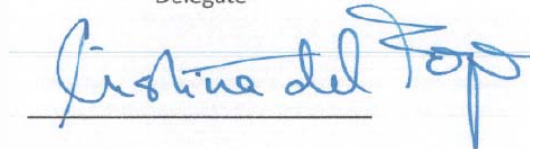
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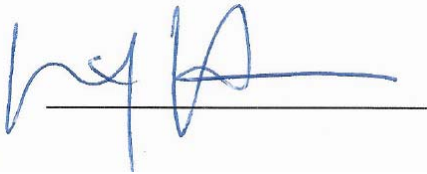
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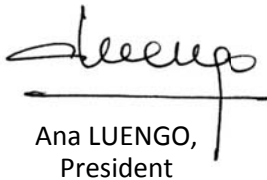
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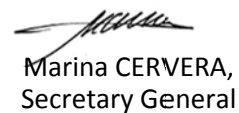
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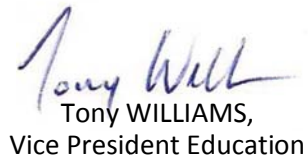
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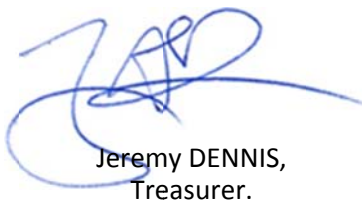
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