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## ê DECLARATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE BY THE FOUR MOTORS FOR EUROPE AT THE FICCI CONCLAVE HELD IN NEW DELHI ON 20 AND 21 FEBRUARY 2007

The members of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Climate Change (IPPC) met only a few weeks ago under the aegis of the UNO and alerted the international community to climate change and its planet-wide effects.

In their report the experts revealed that in the 21<sup>st</sup> century the planet will undergo global warming of between 1.8 and 4 Celsius degrees, that sea and ocean levels will rise by between 18 and 58 centimetres and that heat waves and droughts will increase.

In the same report the IPCC concludes with certainty that 90% of global warming is due to human activity, particularly to the emission of greenhouse gasses resulting from the use of fossil fuels.

The experts made their findings available to politicians, state officials, entrepreneurial sectors and society as a whole. We, the Four Motors for Europe, are some of the most industrialised areas in Europe and are aware of being identified as such. We are treating the experts' findings as urgent and will therefore make an uncompromised effort to resist climate change. Although the challenge is not easy it is too important for us to deny our joint responsibility.

It is for this reason that we, the political representatives of Baden-Württemberg, Catalonia, Lombardy and Rhône-Alpes who are meeting today in New Delhi together with representatives from Wales and Flanders at the conference organised by FICCI (Creating Markets for Sustainable Waste Management), reaffirm our support for the world battle against climate change and for finding solutions to help us adapt to the potential impact of such change.

We are doing just that here in India, one of the countries in the world with the greatest entrepreneurial ambition, and to whom we make available all our experience in sustainable development and new environmental technology. We, the Four Motors for Europe, recognise the importance of the battle against global warming as being one of the major challenges the human race will face throughout the present century.