

**Resolution adopted by the participants of the EU Presidency Conference on
“ESD towards responsible Global Citizenship”, Vienna, 13-15 March 2006**

We, the participants of the EU Presidency Conference on “ESD towards responsible Global Citizenship”,

Recognizing the importance of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development and its relevance to the current efforts in developing ESD within the EU and beyond,

Taking into account that all 25 EU Member States are also members of the UNECE and have adopted the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development in Vilnius, 18 March 2005,

Furthermore, taking into account that among the other 30 UNECE countries many are in the accession or pre-accession to the EU phase, or are covered by the EU New Neighbourhood Policy,

We strongly recommend that the EU:

1. takes concrete steps towards acceptance, support and facilitation of the implementation of ESD, as stated in the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development across the EU and its neighbourhood, with the involvement of all relevant sectors and stakeholders;
2. confirms this commitment through relevant statements by the EU Council and other relevant bodies;
3. supports the inclusion of a joint Ministerial Segment on ESD with the participation of both, Environment and Education Ministers, as an integral part of the sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” to be held in Belgrade, 10-12 October 2007.

We express our gratitude to the Austrian EU Presidency for organising this important event and request it to take the necessary steps for presentation and promotion of this resolution to the relevant bodies, as appropriate.