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Policy on biodiversity, forest and land use

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Statement

With biological diversity (biodiversity) we refer to the wide variety of living beings that inhabit our planet, including the different marine and terrestrial ecosystems, as well as the interactions between the species of these ecosystems. Biodiversity plays the most important role in the functioning and balance of the planet's ecosystems, especially in the water cycle and the regulation of the climate, avoiding pollution of the atmosphere and natural disasters.

According to the UN SDG-15, 31% of the surface of our planet is covered by forests and we depend on them to survive through the air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we eat, which is why the fighting against its degradation is essential. In addition, forests are home to great biological diversity. More than 80% of all terrestrial species of animals, plants and insects. Of the 8.300 known breeds of animals, 8% are extinct and 22% are in danger of extinction.

Therefore, this should form part of the basis for the formulation of strategies for adaptation to climate change and disaster risk reduction, since they can bring benefits that increase,

- The resilience of people to the effects of climate change.
- Recreation and mental well-being.
- Spiritual values, religious beliefs and traditions.

Ultimately, the objective in this case will be to sustainably manage forests, fight desertification, stop and reverse land degradation and stop the loss of biodiversity.

Principles of action

All our activities are carried out in locations that do not affect natural areas protected by their ecological and biological value. However, inevitably human presence changes the ecosystems of which it is a part only with its presence. Our products, activities and services are not related to or directly affect biodiversity. However, we are aware that we can make decisions that help prevent, conserve and support biodiversity in the locations where we operate. For this reason, GDA has established the following principles:

- ⇒ We support the protection and conservation of biodiversity as part of our commitment to sustainable development, integrating it as one more part of our corporate environmental management.
- ⇒ We evaluate any type of aspect that generates a negative impact on the ecosystems (flora, fauna,...) of the places where we are present, or we provide services, as one more part of the risks of the company and the business.
- ⇒ We collaborate with our clients that the development of products destined to the generation of clean energies, that are the most responsible with nature at the end of their life cycle.
- ⇒ We manage actions to minimize and recycle or reuse our waste.
- ⇒ We establish energy consumption targets in order to make it more efficient.
- ⇒ As far as possible, we consume raw materials, locally produced products in an optimized way and natural resources in a coherent and optimized way.




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Principles on forest conservation and land use

Millions of human beings, animals and plants around the world depend on our forests, since they constitute the main tool to face Climate Change and the protection of biodiversity and indigenous peoples. Without forests, living beings would not have clean air, drinking water or many of the foods that are needed to sustain life on the planet.

However, global warming is punishing our forests by rapidly increasing deforestation on the planet, which loses millions of hectares of forests every year, due to an economic model that is exhausting natural resources. The UN estimates that deforestation is currently causing almost 20% of total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, becoming one of the main causes of Climate Change, after the burning of fossil fuels. Deforestation is advancing steadily and is seriously endangering the wealth and health of terrestrial and marine ecosystems, which currently encompass about 75% of existing biodiversity.

Another cause of the loss of forest areas and the increase in deforestation is found in the exploitation of the land for intensive agricultural and livestock uses, which endanger biodiversity and the survival of indigenous communities.

All these causes favor deforestation and increase the possibility of suffering natural catastrophes related to Climate Change. For this reason, the WINDAR Group considers it extremely important to conserve and protect our forests, as an engine for sustainable development within the 2030 Agenda.

The WINDAR Group is committed to,

- ⇒ Support the fight against present and future deforestation of our forests, considering them fundamental elements and the lungs of the planet for the life of living beings.
- ⇒ Safeguard the wooded areas in each of the places where we carry out our operations, reinforcing the management of our centers over the natural resources that we use, such as water or energy.
- ⇒ Support the use of vegetable fuels as a source of renewable energy, in a more sustainable way, so that they reduce deforestation.
- ⇒ Promote the adoption of global measures to combat global warming and the reduction of CO2 emissions. In this sense, we consider forests as sinks for the absorption of CO2. We will support the maintenance of forests and their ecosystems in protected natural areas.
- ⇒ We will make our people aware of the preservation of our forests.

