

Council  
16<sup>th</sup> November 2009

**Imperial College Union**  
**STOP CLIMATE CHAOS COALITION**  
*Proposed by the Equal Opportunities Officer*  
*Seconded by the Environmental Society Committee*

## **Background**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2009, 50,000 people are expected to March in London as part of the biggest demonstration on Climate Change to date (see the-wave.org.uk for more details). This is in anticipation of the UN Summit on Climate Change in Copenhagen in December, which will be attended by representatives from 192 nations to discuss a replacement for the Kyoto Protocol which expires in 2012.

## **Imperial College Union notes**

1. In 2007 over 1300 students of the College signed a petition asking the Union to take action on sustainability and the environment,
2. As a result an Environmental Policy was passed by Imperial College Union Council in March 2007 which outlines our commitment to sustainability and the environment,
3. Imperial College London is at the forefront of research into sustainability and Climate Change, including the work of the Grantham Institute for Climate Change and the Energy Futures Lab,
4. A number of Imperial Academics contributed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change which states that the panel was more than 90% confident that observed increases in global average temperatures are due to anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions,

## **Imperial College Union believes**

5. That the science behind Climate Change is no longer disputed and we need to act now to avoid irreversible changes to the Earth's climate,

## **Imperial College Union resolves**

6. To support the aims of the Stop Climate Chaos Coalition by encouraging the members of the Union to join the March on the 5<sup>th</sup> December,
7. Endorse the actions of its members with the name of Imperial College Union,
8. To mandate the Union President (or their delegate) to ensure support for promoting this action is provided.