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## **Resolution: Circular Economy is the future**

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### **Noting that:**

- The EU, after the Paris-agreement, put forward a plan of action to change the use of resources from a linear to a circular economy
- The world struggle with an imminent climate crisis and an increasing number of countries struggle with unemployment
- Today's mentality of use-and-discard is not sustainable, and our resources are limited
- The use of plastics and other disposable materials that are not biodegradable is a danger to our nature
- Too much edible food is unnecessarily thrown away each day

### **Considering that:**

- Circular economy is based on repair, reuse, improvements and recycling, where the goal is the lowest possible loss of resources
- The change from a linear to a circular economy can be an important contribution for both unemployment and the climate
- We need more economic incentives to encourage increased recycling and better use of resources
- Circular economy will ensure sustainable economic growth and generate, by estimates, at least 450,000 new jobs in the EU alone
- We are already running out of several different metals and materials
- Even in a circular economy the use of disposable materials like plastic will be necessary, and so the plastic we do use has to be made of biological materials, so-called bioplastics.

### **IFLRY calls for:**

- An assessment of different economic incentives to increase recycling and resource utilization
- Countries to follow up on the EU's plan of action
- Greater international measures to reduce the disposal of edible food
- Countries to use more biological materials in plastic; bioplastics, to protect the nature from unnecessary damages