Resolution on the International Coral Reef Action Network (ICRAN)

This resolution was approved by the ICRI members at the ICRI General Meeting held in Monaco (12-15 January 2010)

Recognizing the significant contributions made by ICRAN to ICRI over the last decade;

Noting with concern that ICRAN must urgently transition to a sustainable model in order to continue to serve as an operational network;

Noting also that this transition provides a valuable opportunity to refresh and refocus the mandate and oversight of ICRAN as an operational network of ICRI;

The General Meeting of the International Coral Reef Initiative:

Reiterates its endorsement of ICRAN as an operational network of ICRI;

Establishes an ad hoc Committee, consisting of the current ICRI Secretariat and other interested members, supported by the ICRAN Coordinating Unit, to review the future of ICRAN;

Calls upon the ad hoc Committee to:

1. Prepare option papers on ICRAN including information on: a) the role and responsibilities of ICRAN as an operational network, b) appropriate governance and oversight, c) appropriate and sustainable funding model.
2. Make available option papers on the future role, oversight and funding opportunities of ICRAN for wider electronic discussion by the end of June 2010.
3. Submit final option(s) for consideration at the next ICRI General Meeting in Samoa.

Agrees that the ad hoc Committee serve as the interim ICRAN governing body, superseding the existing governance arrangements of ICRAN until further decision is taken by ICRI on the preferred longer term arrangement;

Notes with gratitude the significant contributions of the Board and Steering Committee members to the oversight, governance and success of ICRAN; and

Requests that the existing ICRAN Board be informed of this decision in writing by the current ICRI Secretariat.