



SUR Corporación de Estudios Sociales y Educación



Tercer Taller Internacional:

"Del reacondicionamiento al reciclaje de PC, una oportunidad para LAC"

ZURQUÍ AGREEMENT, SAN JOSÉ DE COSTA RICA

The participants to the **Third International Workshop: From PC Refurbishing to PC Recycling, An Opportunity for LAC**, held in San Jose, Costa Rica, on November 13-15, 2006, within the framework of SUR/IDRC's Applied Research on Computer Reconditioning and Recycling project, aware of:

- The need for creating proposals that articulate PC social refurbishing implementation logics with the needs for e-waste final treatment in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- The fact that the Extended Responsibility System promoted by industrialized countries warrants a deep analysis of the feasibility of its applicability in the region.
- Equipment donations for reuse being an integral part of the process, although the fact should be analyzed that beneficiaries are in no conditions to insure final disposal.
- The importance of designing a social business model for recycling in LAC that integrates the economic opportunities provided by e-waste treatment with sustainable development.
- The need for preventing any negative impact on the environment.

Consequently, we, the undersigned declared our commitment to:

- A partnership aimed at North-South exchanging capacities and knowledge related to e-waste management in an interdisciplinary way.
- Increase public awareness on the issue, from a social and environmental perspective.
- Promote the overall application of best practices throughout the process, from manufacturing to final disposal of equipment, offsetting regional inequalities and addressing peculiarities in each region.

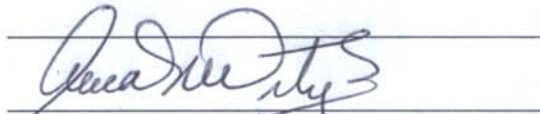
- Promote producer and vendor social responsibility, as well as the development of adequate policies and standards by Governments, along with citizens' responsible attitudes.
- Choose and favor solutions that promote a higher digital and social inclusion of less favored sectors and more vulnerable groups.
- Guaranty that public and private mechanisms and programs to be applied should be sustainable, evolutionary, and scalable.

Signed in Zurquí, San José de Costa Rica, on November 15th, 2006.

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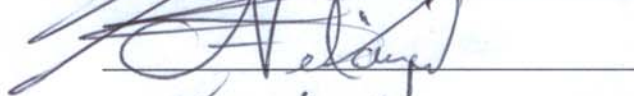
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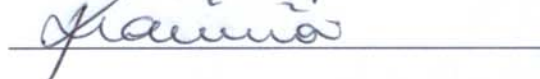
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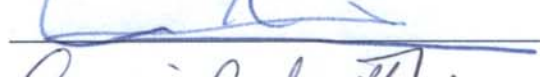
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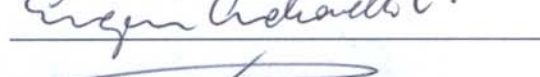
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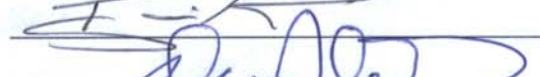
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