



**“LAS VEGAS DECLARATION” SIGNED BY PRESIDENTS OF INTERNATIONAL  
ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTES AT RECENT AIA CONVENTION**

*Declaration Calls for Responsible Resource Management and Reduction of Atmospheric Pollution*

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WASHINGTON, June 22, 2005—The American Institute of Architects (AIA) announces the signing of the Las Vegas Declaration by 16 of the world’s architectural institutions. The declaration, signed during The International Presidents’ Forum, a meeting held annually during the AIA National Convention, recognizes the great responsibility placed on the architecture profession to do all it can to influence a major reduction in the level of carbon emissions that result from the creation and life-cycle of the built environment.

Beginning in 2002 at the AIA National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina and each year since, approximately a dozen presidents of national, regional or international architects associations attend the International Presidents’ Forum. The Forum was created to allow an opportunity for informal, broad-reaching consultation and information sharing among the leaders of the international architecture community. This meeting allows not only the AIA President to spend time with visiting international leaders, but for the leaders to spend time together in a multi-lateral discussion.

It was clear that the presidents attending the Forum in Las Vegas shared many concerns, foremost among them a desire to promote sustainability and responsible stewardship of resources in the architecture and construction industries. They decided that it was important to use the opportunity offered by this gathering to speak with one voice to the global architecture community. George Ferguson, President of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), took the lead in drafting a statement that was agreed to by all the presidents.

The agreement in its entirety is included below along with the full names of the leaders who signed it.

**The Las Vegas Declaration**

We the undersigned, Presidents of our respective national architectural institutes, agree to give priority to the vital issue of climate change. We recognize the great responsibility that we have as a profession to do all we can to influence a major reduction in the level of carbon emissions from the built environment.

We commit ourselves to setting an example through the careful management of resources within our own organizations and encouraging our members and clients to do so in respect to their projects. We also agree to engage with our respective governments to help influence relevant legislation and fiscal measures to radically reduce the pollution of the earth’s atmosphere and the consequent threat to life and the natural environment.

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