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## **RESOLVE'S GAIL BINGHAM TO SPEAK AT 'GREEN WEEK' IN BRUSSELS**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 12, 2004) – Gail Bingham, president of RESOLVE, Inc., a not-for-profit public policy dispute resolution organization based in Washington, D.C., will be a featured speaker at an international conference on the environment to be held June 1-4 in Brussels.

Organized by the European Commission, Directorate General for the Environment, the objective of the fourth annual conference is to encourage people to "think aloud" about how citizens, businesses, policy makers, non-governmental organizations, authorities, teachers, scientists and young people can change their environmental behavior. Under the theme "Changing our behaviour: informed choices for a greener Europe," this year's conference includes sessions focusing on issues which are important for the further development of EU environmental policy.

Bingham will make a presentation on the experiences of a U.S. mediator during a portion of the conference entitled: "Escalate or Mediate," which will focus on environmental dialogue and mediation. She will also share her expertise during a panel discussion on "Stakeholder Dialogues and Mediation for Decision-Making," appearing with representatives from the European Commission, European Parliament, Procter & Gamble Belgium and the World Wildlife Fund.

The session aims to share experiences and lessons learned, strengths and weaknesses of stakeholder dialogues and mediation, the future potential and limits of the mediation and dialogue processes in Europe and how to best utilize these methods. The session moderator will be Hans-Peter Meister, CEO of IFOK, the Institute for Organizational Communication, an independent think-tank and consultancy based in Europe.

Under Bingham's leadership, RESOLVE has pioneered the use of mediation in public decision-making, and for the past 25 years, she has served as a mediator for a wide variety of federal, state, and local agencies and private parties on such diverse subjects as: children's health protection, drinking water regulations, wetlands, allocation of water rights, and public land management, among many other issues.

### **About RESOLVE, Inc.**

Founded in 1977, RESOLVE, Inc. is a national leader and innovator in building consensus successfully for public policy disputes. The non-profit organization has particular expertise handling cases involving complex scientific and technical information. Based in Washington, D.C., RESOLVE, Inc. has offices in Denver and Portland, Ore. For more information visit [www.resolv.org](http://www.resolv.org).