

Resolution No. 45: Relations with the International Committee for Bird Preservation.

The Assembly was informed of a letter from this Committee, proposing the text of an agreement to be concluded between the two organizations. The text had been examined by the Executive Board (Decision 116, 11th meeting, October 17th, 1950 and Proceedings of the 12th and 13th meetings, October 21st and 23rd, 1950) who considered that some modification was necessary. After Miss P. Barclay-Smith and Mr. B. Benzon said that they could not commit the Committee, the Assembly decided to submit to ICBP a revised agreement, the final terms of which would be approved by the Executive Board. This agreement would be based on the following draft:

« The International Union for the Protection of Nature shall co-operate with the International Committee for Bird Preservation in matters concerning bird preservation, and shall as far as possible call upon it for assistance in dealing with all matters in the field of international bird preservation in which it is widely recognized as the principal international agency.

» The Union shall, so far as is in its power to do so, procure financial assistance for the Committee to enable it to carry out its work for the preservation of birds.

» The Union invites the Committee to accept membership in the Union without payment of dues. »

Mr. P. G. Van Tienhoven, Honorary Member, was satisfied that the aforesaid text would reserve the Union's freedom to act in circumstances affecting nature generally, even though birds might be involved.