

Resolution No. 58: Motion put forward by the French Delegation. The following motion was adopted:

The General Assembly of the International Union for the Protection of Nature, being aware of the grave dangers which threaten, at the present time, the natural life and the very fertility of tropical Africa by the steady extension of industrial monoculture and by the constant multiplication of the causes of destruction and degradation, proposes that local committees, with the object of defending natural resources, be established in the principal areas in Africa, and expresses the hope that the competent authorities in these territories will give due consideration to the recommendations thus made to them and follow them in their decrees and their acts, and in drawing up international agreements on Nature Protection.

The adjective « tropical » was inserted in the above text in consequence of the remark made by Mr. P. Staner (Belgium) concerning this motion during the 4th meeting of the Assembly (October 18th, 1950). The importance of this remark was indicated in paragraph 4 of the proceedings of the fourth meeting.