

1. Proposed Biosphere Conference in 1968

Noting with satisfaction the proposal of UNESCO to convene in 1968 an intergovernmental world conference on the scientific basis for rational use and conservation of the resources of the biosphere and

recognizing that the ever increasing importance of the problems of conservation in most countries, and for the world as a whole, requires an intergovernmental approach in parallel with the work of IUCN and other interested scientific bodies, to achieve rapidly the common objectives

the **9th General Assembly of IUCN** meeting in Lucerne in June 1966

welcomes the timely initiative of UNESCO,

expresses willingness to cooperate fully in the preparation for the Conference and in the implementation of its results, with the hope that it will draw the attention of Governments and public opinion to the urgent need for a new and bold approach to the conservation of the biosphere, including multiple rational use of natural resources,

expresses the hope that the Conference will include safeguards against the total disappearance of certain species and habitats to the grave economic, scientific and cultural loss of mankind, and will thereby incorporate the parallel proposal previously made jointly by IUCN, ICBP, WWF and FPS which emphasized wildlife conservation and the problem of endangered animal and plant species.