

## **6. Ecological Principles for Economic Development**

Considering the many examples brought before the 12th Technical Meeting of IUCN of the damage caused by continuing failure to ensure full advanced study of foreseeable environmental impacts of new development projects involving disturbance to, or encroachment upon, natural environment, for example in several Arctic lands, in the Amazon and Mekong Basins, in southern British Columbia, and in the Montana/ Wyoming coalfields;

**The 11th General Assembly** of IUCN meeting at Banff, Canada, in September 1972:

Invites all sponsors of major development projects to ensure, and all governments concerned to require, that comprehensive and competent scientific and technical evaluation of relevant ecological factors normally be made publicly available as a prior condition before any such project be accepted and acted upon;

**And draws attention** to the usefulness for this purpose of the forthcoming publication by IUCN and the Conservation Foundation entitled *Ecological Principles for Economic Development*, which has special reference to the tropics.