

## **15. Protection of Wide-ranging Species**

**Recalling** Recommendation 32 of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (Stockholm, 1972) calling for enactment of international conventions and treaties to protect species inhabiting international waters or those that migrate from one country to another;

**Recalling also** that one of the statutory objectives of IUCN is the preparation of international conventions for the conservation of nature and that several recent initiatives have been taken by IUCN in this field;

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

**Strongly endorses** the recommendation of the Stockholm Conference and the action already initiated by the Executive Board of IUCN to prepare draft treaties to protect species inhabiting international waters and migratory species;

**And commends** the action already taken with the governments of Canada, Denmark, Norway, the USSR and the USA to conclude a draft Protocol on the Conservation of Polar Bears, which should lead eventually to a more comprehensive convention on this topic.

