

1. Charter for Nature

Realizing that the problems of conservation of nature and natural resources are of concern to all mankind;

Being aware that these problems must be dealt with in a holistic manner;

Realizing that in dealing with such problems special consideration must be given to the situation existing in each country concerned;

Recalling the proposal made by the President of the Republic of Zaire during the opening ceremony of this General Assembly of IUCN that a Charter for Nature be prepared which would set down the basic principles and concerns for the care of nature throughout the world, for which he offered the assistance and support of his Government

The 12th General Assembly of IUCN meeting in Kinshasa, Zaire, in September 1975:

Recommends to governments and international organizations that a Charter for Nature be drafted, with the least possible delay, through cooperation between the various international and national institutions concerned.