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NOTING that all but the Australian populations of sea turtles are on Appendix I of CITES;

NOTING FURTHER that sea turtles, if scientifically managed, are valuable, renewable resources which can provide continuing benefits to mankind, including high value protein;

The General Assembly of IUCN, at its 14th Session, Ashkhabad, USSR, 26 September -5 October 1978:

URGES the Government of the United States of Mexico

- (a) to identify and protect immediately the remaining sea turtle nesting beaches;
- (b) to prohibit immediately any commercial take, export, or sale of sea turtles, their eggs or products;
- (c) to ratify the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

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