

## **27. The Indian elephant (*Elephas maximus*) and its habitat**

*CONCERNED* at the continuing destruction of elephant habitat in India due to ever-increasing human pressure;

*AWARE* of the concentration and confinement of elephants in isolated pockets;

*RECOGNIZING* that the elephant's survival depends on conservation and management of the whole ecosystem;

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

**CALLS ON** the Government of India to include a country-wide programme for the conservation of the elephant and its ecosystem as an essential component of the country's next six-year plan.