

### **15/23. MICRONESIAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE**

RECOGNIZING that the environments of Belau (formerly known as Palau) and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) represent unique marine and island habitat;

CONVINCED that the future of the people of these new nation States depends upon the wise management of these resources; CONVINCED ALSO that this setting is ideal for the development of resource management regimes that are based upon the principles embodied in the World Conservation Strategy;

The General Assembly of IUCN, at its 15th Session in Christ-church, New Zealand, 11-23 October 1981:

ENDORSES the offering of assistance to these new States in:

- (a) developing national conservation strategies as part of comprehensive economic development plans that are now under preparation;
- (b) drafting and analyzing laws and regulations for consideration by the Micronesian Governments in establishing resource management institutions;
- (c) bringing international experts in resource management, environmental law, planning and education into contact with Micronesian officials to assist in assessing and resolving specific environmental problems as they arise;
- (d) assisting the Micronesian Governments in assessing and responding to environmentally sensitive activities by foreign corporations or governments; and
- (e) developing training programmes for indigenous people on conservation, resource management, environmental law and environmental education so as to lessen the degree of dependency by Micronesians on outside assistance; and

CALLS on the Government of the United States, as trustee of the UN Trust Territory of which these States are part, to support this programme both with funding and with the expertise of appropriate agencies.