

16/17. USE OF LANGUAGES

NOTING that there is some imbalance in IUCN's use of its two official languages;

NOTING ALSO the increasing participation of Spanish speaking people in the activities of IUCN;

CONVINCED of the importance of further developing IUCN's activities in Spanish speaking countries and aware that the work of the Union will be more effective in those countries if it is conducted in Spanish;

The General Assembly of IUCN, at its 16th Session in Madrid, Spain, 5-14 November 1984:

1. REQUESTS the Director General to take appropriate measures, including financial, to ensure adequate use of the two official languages;
2. RECOMMENDS that the Director General makes greater use of Spanish as a means of improving communication with IUCN's Spanish speaking members;
3. REQUESTS the Council to investigate all the implications of establishing Spanish and other languages as working or official languages of IUCN, and take the steps necessary for the 17th General Assembly to consider this matter under a special agenda item; and
4. CALLS on IUCN members to assist in the effective dissemination of IUCN publications and documents by translating them into languages other than those in which they were prepared, and to disseminate them as widely as possible.