

## **16/18. COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

RECOGNIZING the need for IUCN to take into account the activities of other organizations which are relevant to its objectives;

AWARE that IUCN should make proposals and develop policy alternatives as to possible IUCN positions on these activities drawing upon the input of all relevant IUCN components;

CONSCIOUS of the need to cooperate with, and contribute to, the work of other organizations to ensure that IUCN's policies are widely known and understood;

CONSCIOUS ALSO of the need to provide pathways for an IUCN input into the work of other international organizations whose activities have an impact on the environment or have consequences for the work of IUCN;

CONVINCED that fulfilment of these objectives will ensure:

- (a) a better division of labour in international conservation work, and therefore financial savings and greater effectiveness;
- (b) the avoidance of duplication of efforts and expenses, a more comprehensive coverage of subjects and the possibility of initiating joint projects;
- (c) an improved coordination of work and, as a result, a more rational implementation of the World Charter for Nature and the World Conservation Strategy;
- (d) an improved international visibility of IUCN as a scientific and technically-based conservation organization, and, as a result, better opportunities for IUCN to obtain financial assistance from outside sources to implement its programme;
- (e) a better use of the data available;

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

1. REAFFIRMS its belief that IUCN, which already enjoys consultative status within the United Nations system, should take increasingly into account the activities of other organizations where this would lead to more effective achievement of the objectives of IUCN;
2. URGES Council to:
  - (a) develop procedures to provide input into international activities in cooperation with relevant IUCN components;
  - (b) make provision in the budget of IUCN for implementing this resolution;
3. REQUESTS the Director General:
  - (a) to follow closely the activities of all international organizations concerned with the environment, particularly those within the UN system, and to that effect collect and analyse relevant documents, and bring them to the attention of the relevant components of IUCN;
  - (b) to arrange for the preparation of input (for example in the form of draft IUCN position documents, statements to governments and statements at meetings) by bringing together the views of the various components of IUCN;
  - (c) to arrange for careful briefing and debriefing of IUCN representatives at international meetings and to take such follow-up action as may be required;
  - (d) to proceed to establish appropriate working relations with the University for Peace in Costa Rica.