

16/21. EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

CONSCIOUS of the potential influence of the countries of the European Community (EC), especially when acting together, in realizing the objectives of the World Conservation Strategy (WCS), both within the region and more widely;

RECALLING the 1980 Declaration of the European Parliament in support of the World Conservation Strategy;
WELCOMING the Third Action Programme for the Environment of the EC which shows how environmental policies can be integrated with economic and social policies so as to give effect to the principles of the WCS;

AWARE of the importance of agriculture to the economic and social well-being of the European nations;
CONCERNED that the Common Agricultural Policy and the European Development Fund continue to be operated with insufficient attention to the principles of the WCS and the objectives of the Third Action Programme for the Environment;

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

1. RECOMMENDS that the EC:
 - (a) in the development of EC policies, ensure that the long-term impacts on the natural resource base and the life support systems of the world are understood and safeguarded;
 - (b) in their periodic reviews of agricultural and regional policies, ensure that adjustments are made to the directives and regulations, so as to encourage those forms of agriculture which enhance social and environmental benefits — thereby leading to truly integrated rural development — and discourage those which have a damaging effect on the environment;
 - (c) in making decisions on the operation of the European Development Fund (EDF) and European Investment Bank, ensure that development assistance is given only when projects have been shown to be acceptable in environmental terms;
 - (d) provide adequate finance for the Community regulation on Action by the Community on the Environment (ACE);
 - (e) adopt, at the earliest possible date, the directives on environmental impact assessment and atmospheric pollution;
2. FURTHER RECOMMENDS that the Member States of the European Community implement fully EC environmental policies at a national level and favour environmental considerations in so far as possible.

