

16/39. WORLD HERITAGE LISTING OF OUTSTANDING TROPICAL RAINFOREST IN QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

FULLY CONSCIOUS that it is an objective of IUCN to promote the expansion and protection of protected areas;

BEING AWARE that an indicative inventory of natural sites of World Heritage quality was published in *The World's Greatest Natural Areas*;

RECOGNIZING that the Wet Tropics Region of north Queensland is a tropical rainforest area which is included in *The World's Greatest Natural Areas* and that there are proposals to expand the national parks system in the Region;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that the rainforest of the Wet Tropics Region of north-east Queensland contains an outstanding concentration of endemic species and primitive flowering plants which are relics of ancient and unique flora and fauna;

SERIOUSLY CONCERNED about any threats to the rainforests which are highly fragile communities;

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

CALLS UPON the Federal Government of Australia and the Government of Queensland to take all steps available to them to protect the area, expand the parks and overcome current difficulties affecting agreement to nominate the area for inscription on the World Heritage List.