

## **16/40. WORLD CHARTER FOR NATURE**

RECALLING that the World Charter for Nature was adopted and solemnly proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 28 October 1982;

CONSIDERING that the World Charter for Nature is an important international undertaking that embodies the principles of the World Conservation Strategy;

NOTING that several States were either not represented when the Charter was adopted or were not at that time Members of the United Nations and have not yet indicated their position with regard to the Charter;

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

1. REQUESTS the President of IUCN to write to Heads of State or Government who have not yet indicated their support for the World Charter for Nature inviting them to acknowledge their support of the Charter to the Secretary General of the United Nations;
2. CALLS UPON all States to reflect the principles of the World Charter for Nature in their law and practice, as well as at the international level.