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RECALLING recommendations of the UN Conference on Human Environment (No. 35), the Second World Conference on National Parks (Nos. 16 and 18) and the 1982 World Congress on National Parks, Bali, Indonesia (No. 13);

RECOGNIZING that since 1976, *Parks* International Journal has provided a high quality and professionally produced means of international exchange of information on planning, management and operation of national parks and other categories of protected areas, thereby promoting protected area management as a profession;

ALSO RECOGNIZING that IUCN is the publisher of *Parks* International Journal;

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

1. EXPRESSES its gratitude for support of *Parks* by the U.S. National Park Service, Parks Canada, Unesco, UNEP, WWF, FAO, New Zealand and others, but notes with concern persistent difficulties which have resulted in suspension of the French and Spanish editions, and reduction of support from traditional sponsors;
2. REAFFIRMS the need for IUCN publication and sponsorship of *Parks* International Journal, in three languages, for park and protected area site managers worldwide; and
3. REQUESTS the Director General of IUCN specifically to:
 - (a) establish a functional *Parks* Editorial Advisory Committee and an honorary *Parks* Board of Directors;
 - (b) designate an individual or, as appropriate, a committee derived from the Board of Directors, to prepare within six months a suggested course of action for the Director General on alternative funding sources;
 - (c) reinstitute regular *Parks* editions in Spanish and French as soon as financially feasible;
 - (d) strive towards a goal of distribution of *Parks* to managers of every national park and protected area worldwide;
 - (e) institute a survey of *Parks* readership to identify current and potential future needs for articles;
 - (f) fully utilize all available IUCN mechanisms to assure a consistent flow of suitable articles for *Parks*; and
 - (g) establish a functional linkage between IUCN's senior publications officer and the revised Editorial Advisory Board.