

## **17.24 NEW BRAZILIAN CONSTITUTION**

AWARE that Brazil is in the process of drafting a new Constitution;

CONGRATULATING the National Constituent Assembly of Brazil, in its drafting process, for having created a Commission on Systematics with the mandate to draft a chapter on environment;

RECALLING that Brazil holds within its borders an enormous wealth of biological diversity and an enormous potential for socio-economic development based on natural resources;

The General Assembly of IUCN, at its 17th Session in San Jose, Costa Rica, 1-10 February 1988:

- 18 CONGRATULATES the National Constituent Assembly on the environmental considerations evolved from its Commission on Systematics.
- 19 URGES the National Constituent Assembly, in its drafting process, to take full account of environmental concerns and socio-economic values of natural resources and their conservation and utilization as a basis for Brazil's development.
- 20 ASKS the President of IUCN to bring this Resolution personally to the attention of the President of the National Constituent Assembly of Brazil for its consideration.