

## **17.26 REPORT OF THE WORLD COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

WELCOMING the Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development (WECD);

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Commission has broken new ground in building a world-wide consensus on the nature of sustainable development and the actions needed to achieve it;

RECOGNIZING that implementation of the Commission's recommendations would do much to achieve the objectives of the World Conservation Strategy;

COMMENDING ESPECIALLY the chapter in the Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development dealing with institutional and legal change;

WELCOMING ALSO the "Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond", adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in late 1987, and RECOGNIZING that implementation of its recommendations would also further the achievement of the aims of the World Conservation Strategy;

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

1. THANKS the World Commission on Environment and Development for its valuable work.
2. URGES governments, international bodies, nongovernmental organizations, and individuals to examine the Commission's Report, consider its recommendations, and join in efforts to solve the problems it identifies.
3. URGES the General Assembly of the United Nations to consider favourably the various recommendations for legal and institutional change, in particular:
  - a. The continuing development of international environmental law, which could contribute to the preparation of a Convention on Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development;
  - b. The maintenance of the present momentum with regard to conventions on climate change, hazardous chemicals and wastes, and on preserving biological diversity;
  - c. Utilization by governments of existing and emerging agreements and conventions for the peaceful settlement of environmental disputes.
4. REQUESTS the Director General of IUCN to take account of the Commission's recommendations in planning IUCN's future Programme.