## **17.1 PATRONS OF THE UNION**

WHEREAS Article IV para. 3 (iv) of the Statutes of IUCN provides that the General Assembly may elect such honorary officers of IUCN as it deems appropriate;

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

## **RESOLVES** that:

- a. The General Assembly and, in the intervals between General Assemblies, the Council, may by a two-thirds majority, elect as Patrons to serve until the next General Assembly, persons who have agreed so to serve and who occupy positions which are generally recognized as enabling them to make an outstanding contribution to advancing the mission of IUCN;
- b. Patrons may attend as special invitees the meetings of the General Assembly, the Council and the Commissions.