

17.2 RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE HOST COUNTRY

HONOURED by the presence at the Opening Ceremony of the General Assembly of His Excellency Oscar Arias Sanchez, President of the Republic of Costa Rica;

MOVED by the words of welcome and of hope of the President and by his vision of a country and a world where peace and conservation reinforce one another;

WELCOMING the adoption of new conservation measures by the Government of Costa Rica, such as the creation of a National Park in the Province of Guanacaste, to protect areas of dry tropical forest;

APPRECIATIVE of the outstanding site and facilities placed at the disposal of IUCN and the many participants;

VERY MUCH AWARE of the long efforts and work of the National Organizing Committee and the personal interest taken in the preparation of the General Assembly by the First Lady Margarita Penón de Arias and Dr Alvaro Umaña, Minister of Natural Resources, Energy and Mines;

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

1. EXPRESSES its deepest gratitude to President Arias, the First Lady and the Minister of Natural Resources, Energy and Mines for their personal commitment to the cause of conservation and the work of the Union.
2. RECORDS its great appreciation to the Government of Costa Rica for the support provided to the Union in organizing this General Assembly in one of the most biotically diverse regions of the world.
3. ELECTS His Excellency President Arias as a Patron of the Union.
4. EXPRESSES the hope that President Arias and other Heads of States and Governments who exercise their political influence in the service of conservation will continue to do so.