

17.10 SUPPORT FOR NETWORKS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGION

CONSIDERING that a Regional Network of Nongovernmental Environmental Organizations for the Sustainable Development of Central America (REDES) has been created;

CONSIDERING ALSO that a planning committee for the creation of a network of Latin American and Caribbean environmental organizations has been created by 40 organizations in 13 countries;

BEING AWARE that the success of the objectives of the World Conservation Strategy depends on the support of an organized public;

RECOGNIZING that the Latin American and Caribbean environmental organizations have demonstrated their capacity for the implementation of conservation programmes and the mobilization of public opinion;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the theme of the General Assembly and IUCN's Programme is to search for a "Shared Responsibility";

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

AGREES, within the resources available, to:

- a. Support the Regional Network of Nongovernmental Environmental Organizations for the Sustainable Development of Central America (REDES), created in Managua, Nicaragua, in May 1987, and urge it to promote sustainable development in the region;
- b. Support the creation of the Latin American and Caribbean network of environmental groups and urge the planning committee to hold, in 1988, a meeting of the organizations that should constitute this network;
- c. Dedicate time and personnel towards cooperation among these networks and other members of IUCN and other similar networks, to establish permanent communication, exchange scientific information, and gain citizen support in favour of actions that seek to implement conservation programmes of IUCN.

