

17.12 40th ANNIVERSARY OF IUCN

CONSIDERING the importance attached by the members of the Union to the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the creation of IUCN at Fontainebleau, France, in 1948;

RECALLING the central role played by the Swiss League for the Protection of Nature, together with a committee including representatives from a number of countries, in organizing the 1948 Fontainebleau Conference which was then convened by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) and the Government of France;

DESIRING to accord to the 40th Anniversary celebration, the distinction appropriate to recognize the outstanding work carried out within the framework of IUCN during the 40 years of its existence;

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

1. WELCOMES the decision to celebrate this anniversary by a ceremony in France, the country in which the Union was founded.
2. EXPRESSES to the Government of France, appreciation for its having agreed to chair the Committee for the official ceremony.
3. INVITES the Swiss League for the Protection of Nature and Unesco to participate in the preparations for the ceremony.
4. INVITES all members of the Union and all members of the French National Committee for IUCN to do their utmost to contribute to the success of the ceremony.