

## **18.10 European Cooperation for Sustainable Development**

WELCOMING the recent removal of barriers between western European countries and the countries of eastern and central Europe, including the USSR;

NOTING that serious environmental degradation is present in many parts of Europe and that regional cooperation is required for its restoration;

AWARE of new opportunities for a regional approach, to which IUCN is especially well-placed to contribute through its networks in western Europe and its effective East European Programme;

NOTING especially the need for the best available technology to be applied in industrial reconstruction in Europe and for pollution control policies to be guided by the precautionary principle;

NOTING the proposals for development of the Union's programme in central, eastern and western Europe in Annexes 13 and 14 to the General Assembly Paper GA/18/90/11; The General Assembly of IUCN—The World Conservation Union, at its 18th Session in Perth, Australia, 28 November-5 December 1990:

1. REQUESTS the Director General, within available resources, to:
  - a. strengthen the Union's network for cooperation throughout Europe;
  - b. establish effective and permanent links between IUCN members in the eastern and western regions of the continent;
  - c. carry out an effective programme of European activities as defined in the draft Triennial Programme and adjusted in the light of experience and the guidance of appropriate Commissions and Advisory Committees;
2. REQUESTS all IUCN members and multilateral organizations to facilitate the work of the Union in Europe, and in particular the implementation of the Triennial Programme