

## **18.5 Creation of a Voluntary Fund to Support the Governance of The World Conservation Union and its Activities in the Developing World**

RECALLING Resolution 18.1 on the Mission, Objectives and Approach of the World Conservation Union and Resolution 18.2 on its Governance, both of the present Session of the General Assembly;

REAFFIRMING that the strength of the Union depends on its effectiveness in harnessing the worldwide network constituted by its membership;

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION the generous support of certain IUCN members which has facilitated the participation of Regional Councillors from developing countries in the work of the Council and Bureau during the 1988-1990 triennium;

CONSCIOUS of the need to maintain this participation during the 1991-1993 triennium;

ALSO CONSCIOUS of the need to strengthen the Union's Regional and Country Offices in the developing countries, as an important means of supporting Regional Councillors and of increasing the involvement of members in the work of IUCN;

RECOGNIZING that while these activities should be supported by core funds it is impracticable to increase membership dues to the level necessary to meet the costs involved;

The General Assembly of IUCN—The World Conservation Union, at its 18th Session in Perth, Australia, 28 November-5 December 1990:

### 1. DECIDES:

- a. to authorize and request the Director General to create a Voluntary Fund with a target income of not less than US\$ 500,000 *per annum* to be known as the Worldwide Activities Fund of the World Conservation Union;
  - b. that this Fund may be used for the following purposes:
    - i. to support the travel and subsistence of Regional and Coopted Councillors, especially from developing countries, who would otherwise be unable to participate in meetings of the Council and Bureau;
    - ii. to support the convening of periodic meetings of Regional Advisory Boards, gathering the views of members especially in the developing world and ensuring that they are enabled to make an input to the central policies and programmes of the Union;
    - iii. to allow the convening of regional or national forums in the developing world at which priorities for IUCN's support to its members in those regions and countries are discussed and programme proposals formulated;
    - iv. to support costs above and beyond core costs incurred by Regional and Country Offices in establishing and servicing networks of IUCN members, associates and partners in the developing world;
  - c. That the Worldwide Activities Fund will be maintained as a separate designated fund within the Union, and accounted for separately in the reports furnished to the General Assembly by the Treasurer and Director General;
  - d. That any organization contributing to the Fund may have access to its accounts at any time;
2. FURTHER DECIDES to appeal to members of IUCN, aid agencies, foundations and other funding agencies to pledge contributions to the Worldwide Activities Fund for the 1991-1993 triennium.

