19.17 An IUCN Office for the Mediterranean

CONSIDERING the importance and specific nature of the Mediterranean area within the context of IUCN activities in Europe, as well as the need to integrate European action in the region as part of a coordinated approach to the Mediterranean Basin, an environmental and geographical unit linking three different continents;

The General Assembly of IUCN - The World Conservation Union, at its 19th Session in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 17-26 January 1994:

- 1. INVITES all European, African, and Asian IUCN members in the Mediterranean area to undertake coordinated regional and transnational activities that integrate all of the coastal countries;
- 2. URGES all Mediterranean governments and other organizations actively to support and participate in such coordination;
- 3. REQUESTS the Director General to take appropriate steps in order to establish an IUCN Regional Mediterranean Office, giving due consideration to the offers made by Spain and other countries to host such an office.