

19.72 Prohibition of Flights Over Certain World Heritage Sites in South America

AWARE that the Iguazu National Park and the Los Glaciares National Park in Argentina are World Natural Heritage Sites, and that together with the adjacent protected areas of the neighbouring countries, Brazil and Chile, form ecological entities of exceptional natural value, and should therefore have standards of management that guarantee their integrity and the conservation of their natural resources;

CONSCIOUS of the harmful effects of noise and environmental pollution generated by aircraft (helicopters, aerostats, gliders, small planes and others) in both protected areas which has caused the emigration of avifauna, altering and damaging the reproduction and evolution cycles at the expense of environmental dynamics;

CONSIDERING that the legal standards of minor importance currently in force are not implemented nor enforced by the agencies involved, which indicates the need to establish other standards of a higher level;

AWARE of the draft Resolution and Bill proposed by Argentine Senators Antonio Cafiero and Felipe Ludueña, which aim at avoiding disturbances in the World Natural Heritage Sites produced by aircraft, by extending protection to the other protected natural areas with regard to the minimum altitude of flight over such areas;

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

1. URGES the Argentine parliamentarians to support these projects;
2. CALLS UPON the governments of the neighbouring countries to adopt similar standards with the aim of coordinating the protection of the adjacent protected areas.