

## **19.89 Forest Conservation in Tasmania, Australia**

**NOTING** that the General Assembly, at its 18th Session adopted Recommendation 18.70 "Forest Conservation in Tasmania" by consensus;

**ALARMED** that many areas covered by that Recommendation are being destroyed by logging operations;

**CONCERNED** that a new woodchip mill is due to be constructed at Hampshire in Tasmania and that many of the temperate rainforest areas covered by Recommendation 18.70 will fall within the wood supply zone for this woodchip mill;

**ALARMED** that the Commonwealth Government of Australia has actively approved clearfelling logging operations within forest areas covered by Recommendation 18.70 contrary to the letter and spirit of that Recommendation;

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

**REAFFIRMS** its commitment to Recommendation 18.70 and **CALLS ON** the Tasmanian State Government and the Commonwealth Government of Australia:

- (a) not to allow the construction of a fourth woodchip mill in Tasmania;**
- (b) not to allow an increase in the export woodchip quota above 2889 million tonnes per annum;**
- (c) immediately to assess and nominate wilderness and forest areas covered by Recommendation 18.70 for inclusion on the World Heritage List where they meet the prevailing criteria;**
- (d) immediately to protect the forest and wilderness areas covered by Recommendation 18.70 by their inclusion in National Parks where they meet the prevailing criteria.**

*Note. This Recommendation was adopted by consensus. The delegation of the State member Australia indicated that had there been a vote, the delegation would have voted against. The delegations of the State members Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States, Zaire and Zimbabwe, and the delegation of the Department of Environment and Conservation, Papua New Guinea (a Government Agency member), indicated that had there been a vote, they would have abstained.*

