

19.93 Conservation in the Mont Blanc Region, France, Italy and Switzerland

RECOGNIZING the exceptional biological, landscape and cultural assets of the Mont Blanc region and the symbolic value of the highest summit in Western Europe;

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the joint initiative taken at the request of nature protection associations by the Swiss Confederation, the French Republic and the Italian Republic to conduct an experimental joint regional conservation strategy for the Mont Blanc region, the lessons from which could serve for other European massifs;

RECALLING the importance of securing the active involvement of the populations concerned and all relevant expertise;

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

1. REQUESTS the Director General, within available resources, to make the network of IUCN experts available to the French, Italian and Swiss Governments;
2. URGES the Governments and authorities concerned to defer any local development project capable of affecting the natural wealth of the Mont Blanc region until such time as it can form part of an overall conservation programme.

Note. This Recommendation was adopted by consensus. The delegation of the State member United States indicated that had there been a vote, the delegation would have abstained

