

19.94 Management of Freshwater Supply in Spain

RECALLING IUCN recommendations on the management, use and protection of ecosystems, including the human environment and specifically relating to the construction of dams and canals;

CONCERNED by the substantial number of large dams and thousands of kilometres of canals and pipelines included in documents that the Spanish Government is currently discussing, that are to govern the management of freshwater supply over the next twenty years (National Hydrological Project and hydrological basin projects);

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

URGES the Spanish Government to reject construction of hydraulic infrastructure that generates serious environmental impact, such being the case of the dams foreseen at Itoiz (Navarra), Genal (Malaga), Fuentegi-naldo (Salamanca), Matallana (Guadalajara) and Pozo de los Ramos (Guadalajara).

Note. This Recommendation was adopted by a show of hands after a number of delegations expressed concern about the lack of accompanying information. The delegation of the State members Canada and South Africa asked that it be recorded that they had voted against.