

## 19.19 Support for the Implementation of *Caring for the Earth* in the Meso-American Region

RECALLING that the central message of *Caring for the Earth—A Strategy for Sustainable Living* is that "humanity must live within the carrying capacity of the Earth", and that it urges the adoption of a new ethic for sustainable living, respecting the limits of nature;

AWARE that IUCN, UNEP and WWF have undertaken to assist in the implementation of this Strategy, to monitor and evaluate progress and to publish progress reports;

RECOGNIZING that in some countries there are acute problems of displacement of human groups, including ethnic groups, from their original settlements and that it is necessary to plan their resettlement, in accordance with the principles of *Caring for the Earth*;

AWARE that sustainable development seeks to respect the community of living beings, improve the quality of human life, conserve the diversity and vitality of the earth, and secure the rational use of biological resources;

CONSIDERING that the struggle against poverty is a priority within the process of sustainable development and that unless its structural causes are addressed, the conservation of natural and cultural resources will continue to be undermined by deterioration and destruction;

EMPHASIZING that this process must involve the State, private enterprises, non-governmental organizations and the population in general, through a strategy that contributes to the formulation and implementation of development projects in accordance with the principles of *Caring for the Earth*;

AWARE that, in accordance with Article XI of the IUCN Statutes, the Director General, with the agreement of the Council, can establish working relations with Governments and non-governmental organizations;

CONSIDERING that the Regional Office for Meso-America (ORMA) was created in order to coordinate field projects and solve environmental problems in the region, but has become an essential means whereby IUCN members can participate in the execution of the different programmes, plans, projects and conservation strategies;

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

REQUESTS the Director General of IUCN, within available resources:

- (a) to provide IUCN members in the Meso-American region with technical and scientific tools for applying the principles of *Caring for the Earth*, in

accordance with the special features of each country;

- (b) to seek the means to create a Meso-American fund to finance popularization, training and education and the participation of Latin American experts in the various activities which will contribute to the implementation of *Caring for the Earth*;
- (c) to support the development of such programmes by implementing activities of common interest directly with the NGO members of IUCN in the Meso-American region;
- (d) to contract agreements for the execution of projects directly with the members in the Meso-American region, in conformity with the thematic programmes on social aspects of conservation, bio diversity and protected areas, species conservation and sustainable use of wildlife, and the conservation of forests, wetlands and coastal marine resources.

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

