

19.43 Convention on Biological Diversity and Forests

NOTING that the Convention on Biological Diversity has recently come into force;

AWARE that the Convention recognizes the intrinsic value of biological diversity and the ecological, genetic, social, economic, scientific, educational, cultural, recreational and aesthetic values of biological diversity and its components;

NOTING further that a UNEP Working Panel on the Convention on Biological Diversity has recommended the need to investigate the possibility of a protocol to the Convention dealing with forest matters;

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

1. REQUESTS that the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law, within available resources, produce a discussion paper on the possible need for, and role of, a protocol under the Convention on Biological Diversity, which considers biological diversity aspects of forests;
2. URGES all States to consider this discussion paper once it has been produced.

Note. This Resolution was adopted by a show of hands, after various delegations had expressed differing opinions on whether a Forest Protocol should be prepared under the Convention on Biological Diversity, or whether a separate Forests Convention was needed, or whether no such agreement should be made at all.