

1.78 ASEAN Agreement

RECALLING with appreciation the signing of the ASEAN Agreement on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources by the Foreign Ministers of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand on 9 July 1985 in Kuala Lumpur;

RECOGNIZING that the provisions of the ASEAN Agreement are firmly founded on accepted norms of modern international environmental law and that the Agreement can be considered to be amongst the most progressive regional conservation treaties of our time;

COMMENDING the Governments of Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand for having expeditiously deposited their instruments of ratification;

The World Conservation Congress at its 1st Session in Montreal, Canada, 14–23 October 1996:

1. CALLS UPON the Governments of Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia and Singapore to ratify the Agreement as soon as possible and secure its well-deserved entry into force;
2. CALLS UPON the Governments that have ratified the Agreement to improve and enhance the implementation and enforcement of its provisions;
3. REQUESTS IUCN to facilitate, where possible, the process of preparing ratification and if necessary to assist in the implementation of the Agreement.

Note. This Recommendation was adopted by consensus. The delegations of the State members Australia and Germany indicated that they had not participated in discussion of the Recommendation nor would they have participated in any voting, in the case of Australia because they considered the subject a matter for the ASEAN countries. The delegation of the State member Norway indicated that had there been a vote the delegation would have abstained.