

## 1.1 Decision-Making by the World Conservation Congress

RECOGNIZING that the Statutes of IUCN require each session of the World Conservation Congress to consider and approve the Programme and financial plan for the period until the next ordinary session of the Congress;

AWARE that this draft Programme and financial plan must be prepared through a process of interaction with and consultation of the membership;

AWARE also that the World Conservation Congress is required to determine the mandates of the Commissions and that these too are the subject of consultation, especially with Commission members;

COMMENDING the consultative process used to prepare draft revised Statutes, Regulations and Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress as a precedent which should also guide the collaborative development of the Programme and Commission mandates;

NOTING that the Council has established a Programme Committee which could play a central part in overseeing the process of preparation of the Programme and Commission mandates;

RECOGNIZING the need to avoid duplication between the documents defining the Programme of the Union and the mandates of the Commissions and the separate Recommendations and Resolutions adopted by the Congress;

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

1. REQUESTS the Council and the Director General:
  - a) to strengthen the process of consultation with the membership on the draft Programme and financial plan so that they deal in a comprehensive, balanced and financially practical way with the priorities expressed by members;
  - b) to ensure that the draft mandates for the Commissions put forward for approval by the World Conservation Congress are also prepared in consultation with the membership and set out clearly and thoroughly the objectives, priorities, structure and organizations of each Commission;
  - c) to ensure that members have adequate opportunity to propose amendments to the draft regional and thematic programmes and to the mandates of the Commissions so that it ceases to be necessary for them to bring forward separate motions on these subjects to the Congress;
2. REQUESTS the Director General, as far as practicable, to estimate the costs of proposed amendments to the programmes of IUCN and of the Commissions, and to make this financial information available to the World Conservation Congress at the time when the amendments are considered.