

1.2 Use of the Official Languages of IUCN

NOTING the importance of motions submitted to the World Conservation Congress by IUCN members in defining IUCN policy;

REALIZING the need for equitable participation by IUCN members in the discussion of motions;

CONSIDERING that the official languages of IUCN are English, French and Spanish;

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

REQUESTS the Council to review IUCN's language policy for the next World Conservation Congress so that during discussions of motions and within available resources;

- a) the requirement to use the three official languages in discussions and documentation be upheld;
- b) simultaneous interpretation be provided for contact groups where essential so that the members can participate equitably