

## **1.6 Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of IUCN**

RECALLING that IUCN was founded at a meeting convened by the Government of France, UNESCO and the Swiss League for the Protection of Nature at Fontainebleau, France, in 1948;

AWARE that the European Committees and Councillors of IUCN, at their first meeting held in Paris on 9 and 10 May 1996, endorsed, by acclamation, the proposal of France to host a celebration of IUCN's 50th Anniversary in the northern autumn of 1998;

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

1. THANKS the Government of France and warmly accepts its proposal to organize, in collaboration with UNESCO, a major event to mark the 50th anniversary of IUCN;
  
2. NOTES that for this occasion, it is proposed to mount, in close cooperation with all the founder members of IUCN, a major international meeting that will help to make an assessment of 50 years of world conservation and draw conclusions for the coming decade, as part of IUCN's effort to elaborate its continuing and future role.