

## 1.11 Riyadh Conservation Forum

RECALLING Resolution 19.1 of the 19th Session of the IUCN General Assembly, on the Strategy of IUCN – The World Conservation Union;

NOTING with appreciation that this Resolution calls for the integration in the IUCN Programme of the work of the Commissions and Secretariat, and requires that the Director General and Secretariat prepare an Operational Plan ensuring that the Programme is balanced in its themes and geographical emphasis and is prepared and implemented in partnership with IUCN members;

WELCOMING the support given by this Resolution to Regional Fora of members to be held in each region, to involve members more closely in the preparation of the Programme of the Union, in networking and sharing experience, and in arranging for joint action and implementation of the Programme;

APPRECIATING the financial and logistical support from the Secretariat to the Riyadh Conservation Forum (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, October 1995) and noting that this Forum has been widely recognized as a model for meetings of members;

ENDORSING the document “Keeping the Momentum Going” formulated at the Forum:

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

REQUESTS the Director General to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable and within available resources:

- a) that all the recommendations and conclusions of the Riyadh Conservation Forum are integrated into the draft triennial Programme;
- b) the integration of the regional work of the Species Survival Commission, the World Commission on Protected Areas and the Commission on Ecosystem Management, and the management of these networks through regional steering committees or working groups, so as to pursue the priorities agreed by the Forum;
- c) that another Forum is convened in the region in the same format as the previous one within one year of the present World Conservation Congress and that consideration be given to inviting IUCN members with significant activities in the region.