

1.80 Relations with the United Nations System

RECOGNIZING that the United Nations and its specialized agencies and programmes are increasingly important to the Mission of IUCN;

NOTING that the Headquarters of IUCN in Gland is situated close to the Headquarters in Geneva of the United Nations, of many specialized agencies and of the World Trade Organization;

AWARE that IUCN has partnership agreements with UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank, and IUCN Regional Offices have begun to cooperate with these organizations;

RECOGNIZING the value of continued cooperation with UNESCO and in particular with the World Heritage Centre;

RECOGNIZING that the Secretariat of the UN Commission for Sustainable Development is located at the UN Headquarters in New York, where IUCN has been represented by members or part-time staff, and by the IUCN Office in Washington, DC, which has an important role to play in coordinating IUCN's representation at UN Headquarters;

EMPHASIZING that the effective implementation of IUCN's Mission requires closer work with the many organs of the UN, including its specialized agencies and programmes, and with other related international organizations;

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

REQUESTS the Council to undertake a comprehensive review of IUCN's relations with the United Nations, its specialized agencies and other international organizations, and to report to the next World Conservation Congress.