

1.111 Vote of Thanks to the Host Country

AWARE that the demanding objectives of a World Conservation Congress of IUCN can only be met when the Session takes place in a well-equipped and efficiently managed setting;

EMPHASIZING that a congenial and friendly atmosphere contributes immensely to success;

NOTING with appreciation that these conditions were met in full measure at the First World Conservation Congress held in Montreal;

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

1. WARMLY thanks the Government of Canada for so generously hosting the First World Conservation Congress;
2. EXPRESSES particular thanks to the Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, for honouring the Congress with his presence and welcome at the Opening Ceremony, and to the Honourable Sheila Copps, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Canadian Heritage, for her support and that of Parks Canada throughout the period of organization of the Congress, as well as during the Session itself;
3. CONVEYS its appreciation to the Province of Quebec and the City of Montreal for their gracious hospitality and warm welcome;
4. ACKNOWLEDGES with gratitude the dedicated support provided by the local conference organizers, the Montreal Palais des Congrès, the many local volunteer helpers, and all those others who gave generously of their time and knowledge.