

## **2.44 Strengthening IUCN's presence in Central Asia**

RECOGNIZING the uniqueness and high vulnerability of ecological systems of Central Asia, and, as a consequence, the presence of objective difficulties in achieving steady development in the region;

NOTING IUCN's determination to promote development of inter-sectoral approaches to problems of nature protection in Central Asia;

RECOGNIZING IUCN's efforts to develop a Component Programme for Central Asia;

WELCOMING the interest of IUCN's European Regional Component Programme, the Western/Central Asia and North Africa Regional Component Programme and the Asia Regional Component Programme to cooperate with IUCN members in Central Asian countries for the development of a Central Asian Regional Component Programme; and

NOTING progress in formulating a programme framework and subsequent implementation of priority activities, such as red listing of species, environmental law, and World Heritage protection;

The World Conservation Congress at its 2<sup>nd</sup> Session in Amman, Jordan, 4–11 October 2000:

1. REQUESTS the Director General to:
  - (a) promote further strengthening of IUCN's presence in the Central Asian States; and
  - (b) simplify coordination of IUCN's activities in the region;
2. CALLS on IUCN's Commissions to increase their activities in Central Asian States, and in particular to pay special attention to the transfer of experience and knowledge in the fields of environmental law, protected areas (including World Heritage protection), and education and communication in the region;
3. URGES IUCN's members to mobilize financial and other relevant resources to support various activities of Central Asian members.