

### **RES 3.040 Transboundary cooperation in mountain areas**

RECALLING Resolution 2.45 *Conservation of mountain ecosystems in Europe* adopted at the 2<sup>nd</sup> IUCN World Conservation Congress (Amman, 2000);

RECALLING Chapter 13 of *Agenda 21*;

NOTING the successful conclusion of the *International Year of Mountains* and its culminating event, the Global Mountain Summit held at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 29 October–1 November 2002;

WELCOMING the entry into force of the Alpine Convention and its eight Implementation Protocols;

FURTHER COMMENDING the signing of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (Carpathian Convention), at Kiev, Ukraine on 22 May 2003; and

WELCOMING the fact that IUCN has joined the International Partnership for Sustainable Development of Mountain Regions;

The World Conservation Congress at its 3<sup>rd</sup> Session in Bangkok, Thailand, 17–25 November 2004:

REQUESTS the IUCN Director General to:

- (a) transmit a note to Parties to the Alpine Convention congratulating them for initiating the implementation process of the Convention and its eight Protocols, commending them especially for the introduction of a compliance review mechanism of model character, as well as encouraging them to continue their work on concluding further Implementation Protocols;
- (b) apply for observer status with the Carpathian Convention and assist its Secretariat and Parties in the further development and successful implementation of this Framework Convention; and
- (c) in cooperation with the other components of IUCN, initiate a study identifying where the development of legal frameworks for transboundary cooperation on sustainable development in mountain areas would be a practicable and realistic option.

The Department of State, United States, provided the following statement for the record:

*State and agency members United States abstained during the vote on this motion.*