

### **RES 3.055 Indigenous peoples, protected areas and the CBD Programme of Work**

RECALLING previous IUCN Resolutions and Recommendations that note, recognize, promote and call for the appropriate implementation of conservation policies and practices that respect the human rights, roles, cultures and traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples in accordance with international agreements and their right to self-determination;

NOTING the international development community's commitments to the *Millennium Development Goals* and their inextricable link to conservation through the promotion of sustainable livelihoods, poverty reduction and a human rights-based approach to development;

RECALLING the outcomes of the Vth IUCN World Parks Congress – WPC (Durban, 2003), the *Durban Accord*, the *Durban Action Plan* and the *Message to the Convention on Biological Diversity*, all of which established a 'new paradigm' of protected areas according to which indigenous and local communities' rights are recognized, respected and upheld in the planning, establishment and management of protected areas; and

DRAWING ATTENTION TO Decision VII/28 of the 7<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties (COP7) to the Convention on Biological Diversity – CBD (Kuala Lumpur, 2004) which "Recalls the obligations of the Parties towards indigenous and local communities in accordance with article 8j and related provisions and notes that the establishment, management and monitoring of protected areas should take place with the full and effective participation, and the full respect for the rights of, indigenous and local communities consistent with national law and applicable international obligations";

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

1. CALLS UPON the IUCN Director General, Secretariat, World Commission on Protected Areas and members to:

(a) take urgent and substantive actions at international, national and local levels to promote the effective implementation of Output 5 of the *Durban Action Plan* and Workshop Recommendations V.13 *Cultural and Spiritual Values of Protected Areas*, V.24 *Indigenous Peoples and Protected Areas* and V.26 *Community Conserved Areas* noted by the WPC;

(b) promote and support the full implementation of Programme Element 2 (*Governance, Participation, Equity and Benefit-sharing*) of the *Programme of Work on Protected Areas* established at CBD COP7, taking into account the *Akwé: Kon Voluntary Guidelines for the Conduct of Cultural, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Regarding Developments Proposed to Take Place on, or Which are Likely to Impact on, Sacred Sites and on Lands and Waters Traditionally Occupied or Used by Indigenous and Local Communities* endorsed by CBD COP7 Decision VII/16, section F;

(c) conduct an implementation review of Resolution 1.53 *Indigenous Peoples and Protected Areas* adopted by the 1<sup>st</sup> IUCN World Conservation Congress (Montreal, 1996) and the IUCN/WCPA/WWF 1999 *Indigenous and Traditional Peoples and Protected Areas: Principles and Guidelines*, with the full participation of representatives of indigenous and local communities, and where necessary, propose amendments to the 1999 *Principles and Guidelines* for consideration by the 4<sup>th</sup> IUCN World Conservation Congress; and

(d) ensure these tasks are included in IUCN's own programme of work, in particular the *IUCN Intersessional Programme 2005–2008*, and ensure they are carried out with the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples; and

2. URGES international development agencies such as the World Bank, the Global Environment Facility, Regional Development Banks and bilateral development agencies, to update, amend and

implement their policies relevant to indigenous peoples in accordance with international best practice on protected areas established in the outcomes of the V<sup>th</sup> IUCN World Parks Congress and CBD COP7.

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

*State and agency members United States refrained from engaging in deliberations on this motion and took no national government position on the motion as adopted for reasons given in the US General Statement on the IUCN Resolution Process.*