

RES 3.009 Establishing gender equity as a mandate in the strategic activities and themes of IUCN

CONSIDERING that during the conferences, meetings, forums, congresses and summits which have taken place on the subject of environment and development over the last 15 years (e.g. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, *Agenda 21*, World Water Forum II and III, World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), *Beijing Platform for Action*, the *Millennium Development Goals*) the relevance and impact of gender equity on the use, management and conservation of natural resources, environmental management and sustainable human development planning have become apparent, and it is clear that the gender and environment issue is now one of the priority issues on the international agenda;

REMEMBERING that during the 1st and 2nd IUCN World Conservation Congresses (Montreal, 1996; Amman, 2000), resolutions were passed with a view to incorporating the gender perspective into the work of IUCN, and that IUCN currently has a gender equity policy, endorsed by the Council in 1998, and has experience, takes a leading role and influences public policy in this respect;

RECOGNIZING that the Union, in recent years, has begun to make substantial efforts to incorporate the gender perspective into the way it operates as an institution, but that these initiatives do not yet comply fully with the standards set in the institution's gender policy and the mandates issued by the Members' Business Assembly at previous World Conservation Congresses;

REAFFIRMING the vital importance of the gender approach for the Mesoamerican region and for the rest of the world, and the fundamental role it plays in the formulation, planning, execution and monitoring of development policies and projects for local, national and regional progress, in the management and preservation of natural resources and in the restoration of degraded environments, in the creation of sustainable and ecologically viable production and consumption methods, and in the protection and creation of healthy living environments;

CONSIDERING the support for an initiative to include the gender approach as part of a Union directive at the VIth Mesoamerican Members' Forum, held in El Zamorano, Honduras, from 27 July to 1 August 2003; and

WELCOMING the Mesoamerican initiative to incorporate the gender-equity approach into all strategic matters dealt with by IUCN;

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

1. REQUESTS the IUCN Director General and IUCN Commissions to promote actions to ensure that, in the implementation of the *IUCN Intersessional Programme 2005–2008*, gender equity is explicitly included as an imperative in the annual plans of programmes, initiatives and projects carried out by IUCN;
2. REQUESTS the IUCN Director General and Commissions to include the gender approach as an obligatory matter in all forums, workshops and meetings promoted or organized by IUCN; and
3. REQUESTS the Director General to allocate specific and additional funding to ensure the presence of a representative percentage of women (as representatives of partners, members, Commissions and the Secretariat) in all forums, workshops and meetings promoted or organized by IUCN, as a means to ensure the incorporation of the issue of gender equity into the actions to be carried out in the next four years as part of the *IUCN Intersessional Programme 2005-2008*.