

4.101 International Covenant on Environment and Development

RECALLING Resolution 1.66 *Draft International Covenant on Environment and Development* adopted by the 1st IUCN World Conservation Congress, Recommendation 2.96 *Earth Charter and draft International Covenant* adopted by the 2nd IUCN World Conservation Congress, and Resolution 3.021 *International Covenant on Environment and Development* adopted by the 3rd IUCN World Conservation Congress;

RECALLING that the second revised text of the *Draft International Covenant on Environment and Development* was presented to the Member States of the United Nations on the occasion of the 59th Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA);

MINDFUL that the *Draft International Covenant on Environment and Development* serves an important function in:

- (a) promoting codification of accepted norms;
- (b) assisting legislators, responsible ministers and civil servants as an authoritative reference and checklist for national legislation; and
- (c) serving in international negotiations as a guide to ensure harmony among treaty obligations; and

AWARE that since then, the UNGA, summits called by the UN and other forums or Conferences of the Parties of international multilateral environmental agreements have further developed some of the accepted norms and well-established principles on the conservation of the environment and sustainable development;

The World Conservation Congress at its 4th Session in Barcelona, Spain, 5-14 October 2008:

1. REQUESTS the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law (CEL) to update the provisions and explanatory text and ensure that a fourth revision be published as soon as possible; and
2. INVITES the International Council of Environmental Law to continue cooperating in the drafting process and promotion of the text with the financial assistance of institutions such as the Elizabeth Haub Foundation for Environmental Law and Policy.

State and agency members of the United States voted against this motion.