

#### 4.010 Implementation of Congress Resolutions

RECOGNIZING that the members of IUCN collectively compose the World Conservation Congress, which is "the highest organ of IUCN" (IUCN Statutes, Part V, Article 18) and which has the functions, *inter alia* "(a) to define the general policy of IUCN" and "(b) to make recommendations to governments and to national and international organizations on any matter related to the objectives of IUCN" (Statutes, Part V, Article 20);

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that resolutions adopted by the World Conservation Congress establish the fundamental policy, objectives and programme of IUCN;

NOTING that in the past the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the World Conservation Congress has been the responsibility of the Director General with no specific process for involving the members who adopted them;

RECOGNIZING that the IUCN membership has a direct and appropriate interest in how and when the resolutions approved by the Congress are implemented; and

ACKNOWLEDGING that members can provide useful information and advice on the implementation process;

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

CALLS UPON the IUCN Council:

- (a) at its first meeting in 2009, to create a Task Force of the Council to work with the Director General on the prioritization and implementation of resolutions adopted by the World Conservation Congress;
- (b) to charge this Task Force with the additional responsibility of communicating as necessary and appropriate with members regarding substantive issues concerning the prioritization and implementation of resolutions;
- (c) to post the implementation status of resolutions at least semi-annually on an internet website easily accessible by the membership; and
- (d) to communicate to members the composition of the Task Force along with information on how to contact the Task Force and how to access the status reports described in sub-paragraph (c) above.

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