

#### **4.001 Strengthening the links between IUCN members, Commissions and Secretariat**

BEING AWARE of the Global Survey of IUCN members undertaken in 2007 (*The Voices of Members: Global Survey of IUCN Members*, IUCN Office of Performance Assessment, November 2007);

ALSO BEING AWARE of the External Review of IUCN undertaken in 2007 (*External Review of IUCN*, January 2008);

NOTING that these reports confirmed that members strongly believe in the concept and Mission of IUCN and reaffirm its importance in today's world;

FURTHER NOTING that the reports demonstrated that there is a gap between members' expectations and their actual experience;

RECOGNIZING that members do not feel sufficiently involved in the work of IUCN's Regional and Global Thematic Programmes, projects or policy process, but tend to be satisfied when they are involved;

NOTING that members reported low levels of involvement with the Commissions, but a high interest in becoming more involved;

ACKNOWLEDGING that Council, at its 68th Meeting, in November 2007, established a joint Working Group of Councillors and staff to propose new ways of working that would lead to a closer engagement of members and Commissions in the Programme;

NOTING that this One Programme Working Group has produced a report on the changes in IUCN that would be desirable to improve membership and Commission participation in the work of the Union, but that this report is 'work in progress' and that this matter requires the attention of the Director General and the incoming Council if it is to become the new IUCN way of working; and

NOTING ALSO the Director General's organizational development plans for the Union;

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

1. COMMENDS the work of the outgoing Council to follow up on the Global Survey of IUCN members and the recommendations of the 2007 External Review;
2. ENDORSES the general approach being recommended to improve collaborative working within the Union; and
3. URGES the incoming Council to establish at its first meeting an intersessional working group to:
  - (a) actively continue the work of the One Programme Working Group to oversee the implementation of these recommendations;
  - (b) receive regular reports on the Director General's organizational development process; and
  - (c) obtain systematic feedback from National and Regional Committees, Commission members and members on their satisfaction on progress in achieving the intended changes.

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