

4.092 Maintenance of ECOLEX: the gateway to environmental law

RECALLING Resolution 62/70 *Rule of law at national and international levels* adopted by the 62nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA);

WHEREAS the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law (CEL) has always promoted a databank for advising States upon request, to assist in drafting national environmental laws and supporting the negotiation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements; and

CONVINCED that the preconditions for conceptualizing, interpreting and applying effective legal instruments require the most recent information at all levels;

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

1. CONGRATULATES the ECOLEX partners (IUCN, UN Environment Programme, UN Food and Agriculture Organization) for the successful reengineering and launch of the new interface and expresses satisfaction for the continued efforts and central role of the IUCN Environmental Law Centre (ELC) regarding this unique tool; and
2. CALLS ON the ECOLEX partners to participate financially, maintain its up-to-date content, continue to enhance its software and forcefully reach out to other possible partners and associates such as convention secretariats and other data providers with a view to building ECOLEX as the global cooperative hub for environmental law;

In addition, the World Conservation Congress, at its 4th Session in Barcelona, Spain, 5-14 October 2008, provides the following guidance concerning implementation of the IUCN Programme 2009-2012:

3. INVITES the Director General to continue and increase, as appropriate, IUCN's support and contribution to ECOLEX, maintaining IUCN's function as the ECOLEX Management Unit, and capitalizing on its success.

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