

#### 4.095 African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

WHEREAS all Heads of State and government unanimously adopted the Revised African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Summit of the African Union held in Maputo on 11 July 2003;

WHEREAS the Member States of the African Union are congratulated worldwide for this most advanced legallybinding instrument, which includes all aspects of sustainable development; and

WHEREAS there is a concern that the Revised African Convention has not yet come into force;

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

1. REQUESTS IUCN's African members, together with the African Union and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), to promote a common strategy with the goal that the Revised African Convention enters into force as soon as possible, especially by appealing to Ministers of Foreign Affairs to take the necessary steps for the Convention's ratification in accordance with their relevant procedures;

#### **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:**

2. CALLS ON the Director General to assist and support members and partners in this endeavour.

State and agency members of the United States refrained from engaging in deliberations on this motion and took no national government position on the motion as adopted for reasons given in the U.S. General Statement on the IUCN Motions Process.