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Reform of financial aid and expenditure harmful to biodiversity

RECALLING Aichi Target 3 of the *Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020* adopted at the 10th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), held in Nagoya, Japan, between 18 and 29 October 2010, on the elimination, phasing out and reform of incentives and subsidies harmful to biodiversity by 2020;

RECALLING the recurrent recommendations by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in favour of the reduction of subsidies harmful to the environment and biodiversity;

WELCOMING the report carried out in France by the Centre for Strategic Analysis (CAS) Working Group entitled, “public support harmful to biodiversity”, which proposes numerous courses of action; and

NOTING that numerous countries have undertaken action to reduce public expenditure in the face of the global economic situation;

The World Conservation Congress, at its session in Jeju, Republic of Korea, 6–15 September 2012:

1. STRONGLY AFFIRMS that the elimination of financial aid and expenditure harmful to the environment should continue to be the goal for public policies, in accordance with the *Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020*;
2. CALLS ON governments and local authorities to commit firmly to the reform and reduction of the public aid and expenditure that they distribute, and which may be harmful to biodiversity; and
3. RECOMMENDS that IUCN Members, experts and National Committees support the efforts of researchers and institutions to establish, in their countries, a report on the proposals for the reform of this financial aid and expenditure.

State and agency Members of the United States abstained during the vote on this Motion for reasons given in the US General Statement on the IUCN Resolutions Process.