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Operationalization of the Intergovernmental science-policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

RECOGNIZING the need to enhance efficient science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services for human well-being and poverty eradication;

WELCOMING the establishment of the Intergovernmental science-policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) in Panama City, Panama on 21 April 2012 and other outcomes of that plenary meeting to determine modalities and institutional arrangements for this Platform;

RECALLING that the Platform's objective is to strengthen the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, long-term human well-being and sustainable development;

MINDFUL of regional needs such as availability of documented scientific information, training and capacity development; and

RECOGNIZING the scientific independence of IPBES, and realizing the role to be played by various institutions, centres of excellence, independent researchers, scientists and governmental and non-governmental organizations;

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

1. ENCOURAGES IUCN State Members to support the functions of IPBES of knowledge generation, assessments, policy support and capacity building by taking urgent action to ensure that the key steps for the operationalization of an effective and efficient entity are undertaken;
2. URGES governments and REQUESTS the Director General and other relevant organizations, to collaborate in their efforts to ensure relevant and appropriate capacity building and technology transfer for effective participation of developing countries, Small Island Developing States and countries with economies in transition; and
3. CALLS on IUCN Members and governments, to provide resources to support the implementation of the capacity building component of the IPBES work programme, considering that capacity building is a critical priority for the implementation of the IPBES work programme in many developing countries.