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Consolidating IUCN's institutional presence in South America

MINDFUL of Resolution 19.1 *The Strategy of IUCN – The World Conservation Union* approved by the 19th General Assembly (Buenos Aires, 1994); Resolution 2.52 *Consolidation of IUCN's Component Programme for South America* adopted by the 2nd IUCN World Conservation Congress (Amman, 2000), which emphasizes the importance of strengthening the IUCN's regionalization process; and Resolution 4.004 *Strengthening IUCN's institutional presence in South America* adopted by the 4th IUCN World Conservation Congress (Barcelona, 2008) and which was efficiently implemented;

RECOGNIZING that the vast geographical area of the South American sub-continent, along with its extraordinary biological, cultural and institutional diversity, makes it essential that IUCN's offices cover this region as fully as possible;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that for the most efficient and effective implementation of the *IUCN Programme 2013–2016*, locations matching the objectives set for the region and for the One Programme need to be clearly defined;

UNDERSTANDING that the work of cooperation, advice, engagement and follow-up of regional, sub-regional and national policy initiatives, essential for the implementation of IUCN's One Programme, requires an interdependence of work between the different constituent parts, in line with their roles and functions;

NOTING the need to strategically and adequately strengthen and consolidate the encouraging progress made by IUCN through its Regional Office for South America (IUCN-SUR) in order to give effect to and facilitate a permanent institutional presence in the region; and

FURTHER NOTING that the South America region is facing an economic development process that will require technical assistance in terms of its vision of issues such as the green economy and sustainable development processes, and given the urgency of conserving one of the greatest areas of biodiversity on the planet, including its cultural legacy;

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

REQUESTS the Director General to continue strengthening IUCN's regionalization process in South America by means of the following actions:

- a. supporting and promoting an institutional presence that is appropriate to the strategic nature of the South America region;
- b. promoting the implementation of an institutional presence in the Southern Cone of South America; and
- c. promoting harmonization among its constituent parts around common issues that are affecting the region, through the One Programme.

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.