

**WCC-2012-Res-131-EN**  
**International Covenant on Environment and Development**

RECALLING IUCN Resolution 1.66 *Draft International Covenant on Environment and Development* adopted by the 1<sup>st</sup> IUCN World Conservation Congress (Montreal, 1996), Recommendation 2.96 *Earth Charter and Draft International Covenant* adopted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> IUCN World Conservation Congress (Amman, 2000), Resolution 3.021 *International Covenant on Environment and Development* adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> IUCN World Conservation Congress (Bangkok, 2004), Resolution 4.101 *International Covenant on Environment and Development* adopted by the 4<sup>th</sup> IUCN World Conservation Congress (Barcelona, 2008);

NOTING the commitment of honorary contributors to periodically deliberate and draft updates to the provisions and explanatory text in accordance with the newest developments in the field;

RECOGNIZING cooperation between the International Council of Environmental Law (ICEL) and the IUCN Environmental Law Programme (ELP) to ensure that the fourth edition was published as soon as possible;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the fourth edition of the *Draft International Covenant on Environment and Development* was conveyed to the Member States of the United Nations on the occasion of the High-level Event on Biodiversity during the 65<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2010;

APPRECIATING the financial assistance of the Elizabeth Haub Foundations for Environmental Law and Policy who fully supported the implementation of this resolution;

MINDFUL of Recommendation 6 *Pact on Environment* adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Worldwide Conference of Environmental Law NGOs and Lawyers urging:

- a. the UNGA to quickly consider the establishment of conditions for the adoption of the *Draft International Covenant on Environment and Development*; and
- b. the attention of the International Organisation of La Francophonie to the urgent need for a French translation;

NOTING the delivery of the Draft Covenant to the Chair of the Task Force on Natural Resources, appointed by the Kenyan Minister for Environment and Mineral Resources, to assist in drafting implementing legislation for the environmental provisions of the new Constitution of Kenya;

ALSO NOTING a Special Meeting jointly organized during the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Asian-African Consultative Organization (AALCO) by the Government of Tanzania, the AALCO Secretariat and ICEL to brief Member States on the Draft Covenant; and

FURTHER NOTING the translation of the Draft Covenant into German, Italian, Spanish and Chinese;

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

1. REQUESTS the IUCN Council to:
  - a. help mobilize resources to pursue further translations; and

- b. support translation of the explanatory text;
- 2. ENCOURAGES cooperation with the International Organisation of La Francophonie to produce the French translation;
- 3. REQUESTS the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL) and ICEL to observe further developments with a view to providing regular updates to the Draft Covenant; and
- 4. INVITES ICEL to continue cooperating in the drafting process and promotion of the text with the financial assistance of institutions such as the Elizabeth Haub Foundations.

State and agency Members of the United States voted against this Motion.