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**Establishing a global online platform for sustainability commitments**

RECOGNIZING that since the first United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm in 1972, the international community, including at the UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio in 1992, has negotiated many treaties and plans of action to establish goals to address the range of global sustainability challenges;

NOTING the discussions within the context of the Rio+20 UN Conference on Sustainable Development which include non-globally-negotiated commitments by governments and other stakeholders to take actions which may be in the form of partnerships, networks or individual initiatives which will contribute to globally-adopted sustainability goals;

RECOGNIZING that these Rio+20 partnerships, networks and commitments have been announced in various platforms and recorded in various registries and compendiums;

CONCERNED that there is no global mechanism for aggregating these commitments, tracking progress on their implementation, and assessing their contribution to the achievement of globally-adopted goals;

NOTING that the rapid development and deployment within the last decade of the internet, social media and other information technologies which can enable governments and other stakeholders to improve governance for sustainable development by increasing transparency, access to information and accountability;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that such tools are essential to engage young people in sustainable development;

RECALLING Resolution 4.077 *Climate change and human rights* adopted by the 4th IUCN World Conservation Congress (Barcelona, 2008), which affirms that "public access to information, public participation in decision making and access to justice, highlighted in Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, are essential human rights that can guarantee greater participation, development, and accountability of all people";

ALSO RECALLING Resolution 4.098 *Intergenerational partnerships: fostering ethical leadership for a just, sustainable and peaceful world* adopted by the 4th IUCN World Conservation Congress (Barcelona, 2008), which asserted that "many young persons have well-informed, insightful and innovative contributions to make to sustainability research and decision-making processes, strategic planning and policy making, and effective action projects and programmes"; and

INSPIRED BY the 2006 IUCN *Future of Sustainability* report, IUCN's Young Professionals Programme, and Resolution 4.105 *Communication, education and public awareness (CEPA) in conservation* adopted by the 4th IUCN World Conservation Congress (Barcelona, 2008);

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

URGES IUCN Members and other pertinent and interested stakeholders at all levels to:

a. endorse and support the development, with the United Nations, of a mechanism to encourage, support and ensure accountability of partnerships, networks, initiatives and other such non-globally-negotiated commitments announced at Rio+20, including the

creation and maintenance of a global commitment online platform to aggregate sustainability commitments drawn from various registries and platforms;

b.    utilize this mechanism and online platform to facilitate collaboration and sharing of best practices for sustainable development;

c.    employ the information dissemination capabilities of such a platform to further strengthen and enhance public participation and access to information under Principle 10 of the 1992 *Rio Declaration on Environment and Development*; and

d.    continue to further engage citizens around the world, especially youth, in the process of making and monitoring sustainable development commitments.