

**WCC-2012-Res-061-EN**

**IUCN strategy for tropical forest ecosystems of Amazonia and Congo Basins and South East Asia basins**

RECALLING the Joint Declaration of the Heads of State and Government on the occasion of the First Summit on Tropical Forest Ecosystems of Amazonia and Congo Basins and South East Asia basins adopted in Brazzaville on 3 June 2011;

RECALLING the conclusions of the Summit of Heads of State and Government on the Forest Ecosystems of the Congo Basin held in Brazzaville on 5 February 2005;

RECOGNIZING the fact that sustainable ecosystem management constitutes a crucial and essential element for the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and other international agreements, as well as national legal instruments;

REAFFIRMING the fact that ecosystem management plays a key role in the implementation of IUCN's mission and Programme, and that, whilst constituting the *raison d'être* of the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM), it also plays an important role in the work carried out by the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law (CEL), the Species Survival Commission (SSC) and the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA); and

NOTING the crucial and essential role played by tropical forest ecosystems in the mitigation of climate change;

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

REQUESTS the IUCN Council to create a mechanism to pay special attention to the sustainable management of tropical forest ecosystems in the Amazon Basin, the Congo Basin and in South East Asia basins, within the context of the IUCN 2013–2016 Programme Areas *Valuing and conserving nature* and *Deploying nature-based solutions to global challenges in climate, food and development*, and include in the mechanism representatives of CEM, the other Commissions involved and mentioned above, the IUCN Secretariat and the Council Programme Committee.

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.