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Climate change justice and equity considerations

NOTING that IUCN provides a platform for governments, NGOs and the private sector to discuss programmes, policies and projects for climate change adaptation and mitigation;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT Resolution 4.076 on *Biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation and adaptation in policies and strategies* adopted by the 4th IUCN World Conservation Congress (Barcelona, 2008), as well as related Resolutions;

REITERATING its support for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as the primary vehicle for international collaboration and action to address climate change and its impacts;

ACKNOWLEDGING that climate change raises difficult issues of justice, particularly with respect to the distribution of burdens and benefits among poor and wealthy nations; and

CONCERNED that inadequate targeting of adaptation assistance to poor nations, or to poor people in poor nations, could be detrimental to addressing climate change effects;

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

1. CALLS ON IUCN Members to commit to such adaptive measures that minimize loss and damage and promote the Green Climate Fund and similar funds, including packages to move towards a green economic development;
2. REQUESTS the Director General to promote economic justice and equity considerations in the global agreement on climate change (concerning the impacts and mitigation of climate change); and
3. RECOMMENDS IUCN Members to include principles of equity and justice in climate change adaptation amongst natural resource-dependent communities in the developing world.

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