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Encouraging cooperation with faith-based organizations and networks

RECALLING the joint IUCN, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) strategy from 1991 *Caring for the Earth: A Strategy for Sustainable Living*;

RECOGNIZING that faith-based groups have become important and visible participants in environmental issues globally, and that through their engagement with grassroots communities they can be valuable allies in conservation, equitable use of resources, and in responding to climate change, notably as one of the custodians of sacred natural sites;

CONSIDERING the importance of social movements and faith-based teaching in influencing human behaviour and value systems;

FURTHER CONSIDERING the importance of valuing life and engaging in conservation founded in the ethical principles of sustainability and social justice;

ALSO CONSIDERING the importance of partnerships in conservation, land-use management and appropriate responses to the threats of climate change and biodiversity loss;

RECOGNIZING that religion is one of the broadest systems of human organization, founded in ethics, value systems and relations between people and with other life forms; and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that religion responds to humankind's innate aspirations and needs for spiritual fulfilment, sense of purpose and relation with the cosmos;

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

REQUESTS the Director General to encourage cooperation with faith-based organizations and networks that share IUCN's spirit and objectives in order to establish partnerships in conservation, sustainability, equitable sharing and use of resources and appropriate responses to climate change threats.

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.