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IUCN Global Group for National and Regional Committee Development

BEARING IN MIND Resolution 4.001 *Strengthening links between IUCN members, Commissions and Secretariat* (Barcelona, 2008);

RECALLING Resolution 4.003 *Strengthening IUCN's National and Regional Committees* (Barcelona, 2008);

BEARING IN MIND Resolution 5.005 *Strengthening of the IUCN National and Regional Committees and the use of the three official languages in documents for internal and external communication by IUCN and its Members* (Jeju, 2012);

CONSIDERING the inclusion of National and Regional Committees in the IUCN One Programme Charter and in the ongoing IUCN Framework of Action to Strengthen the Union (FASU) process;

NOTING from the Activity Report for Resolution 5.005, located in the Resolutions and Recommendations Platform, that little progress has been made;

STRESSING the important role that National and Regional Committees play as a critical link between the Secretariat and the Union's constituencies, and in contributing to the efficient mapping of Members, thereby avoiding overlap of actions by Members and the Secretariat;

BEARING IN MIND the great potential for Members to make a significant impact in the field of conservation, if cooperation with them is strengthened;

CONSIDERING that the National and Regional Committees currently receive no financial support from the Secretariat; and

RECOGNISING the positive outputs of regional working groups such as the Working Group for National Committee Development in Europe, North and Central Asia;

The World Conservation Congress, at its session in Hawai'i, United States of America, 1-10 September 2016:

1. STRONGLY ENCOURAGES the Director General to provide logistical support, including translation, for the establishment of a Global Group for National and Regional Committee Development, recognised by IUCN Council and in association with the Union Development Group, as part of the delivery of the One Programme initiative. This group will meet online on a regular basis to:

- a. foster cooperation, communication and collaboration;
- b. share knowledge, practice and experience;
- c. encourage and support the establishment and development of National and Regional Committees;
- d. strengthen this community of the IUCN family in order for it to better engage with IUCN Commissions, the Secretariat and the Members; and
- e. improve the communication of Member activity in the implementation of the IUCN Programme; and

2. FURTHER REQUESTS logistical support for a biennial two-day meeting of National and Regional Committee representatives to be hosted in each IUCN region in rotation (incorporated into each World Conservation Congress and one other international event), to maintain momentum, enable monitoring and reporting of progress in the development of National and Regional Committees development, and to promote sharing of experience.

State and agency Members of the United States abstained during the vote on this motion for reasons given in the U.S. General Statement on the IUCN Motions Process.