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The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: integration of conservation into development

RECOGNISING the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015;

NOTING Recommendation 17.31 *Development assistance, institutions and conservation* (San José, 1988), Resolution 1.46 *Use of the Concept of Sustainable Development* (Montreal, 1996), Resolution 3.014 *Poverty reduction, food security and conservation* and Recommendation 3.083 *Improving capacity to achieve sustainable development and address the consequences of globalization* (Bangkok, 2004) and Resolution 4.058 *Conservation and poverty reduction* (Barcelona, 2008);

NOTING the global trends of population growth, increasing and frequently unsustainable consumption of natural resources, rapid urbanisation and conversion of natural areas and effects of climate change on geodiversity, biodiversity and ecosystems – all of which may affect current development trajectories;

NOTING ALSO the different visions, approaches, models and tools to achieve environmental sustainability in the context of dwindling and degrading natural capital systems, sustainable development and poverty eradication;

HIGHLIGHTING the essential role conservation can play in providing solutions to current development challenges;

HIGHLIGHTING ALSO the intrinsic value of nature;

ENCOURAGED by the evidence provided by the Millennium Development Goals process, that setting global goals and targets galvanises collective action towards an agenda, catalyses funding and helps promote means of implementation;

RECOGNISING the role of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets of the Convention on Biodiversity's Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 in contributing to sustainable development; and

CELEBRATING that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development presents a framework that integrates the nested hierarchical social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development;

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

1. STRESSES the importance of incorporating the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development into the IUCN Programme 2017-2020;
2. STRONGLY ENCOURAGES Commissions, Members and National and Regional Committees to maintain a strong focus on contributing to, and monitoring the progress towards, the achievement of the SDGs;
3. CALLS ON Members, Commissions and National and Regional Committees to encourage coordinated, coherent and integrated action towards the achievement of the SDGs as well as the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, which provide the other current framework underpinning IUCN's Programme, as per Recommendation 5.180 *IUCN's Engagement in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020* (Jeju, 2012);
4. ENCOURAGES all Members, both state and non-state, to incorporate the SDGs framework into their policies, activities and work plans, as appropriate;
5. ENCOURAGES all Members, governments, other relevant institutions such as development banks, and organisations to continue to work on development issues and to consider their development cooperation policies, laws and practice in light of the comprehensive and integrative nature of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

6. INVITES governments and all stakeholders to consider developing, as appropriate, governance mechanisms, policies and laws, relevant in individual national contexts, that reflect the comprehensive and integrative nature of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to establish annual review and follow-up mechanisms for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that are inclusive of civil society and the private sector, and integrative of all sectors of development; and

7. ENCOURAGES State Members to share good practices and experiences in fulfilling the actions described in paragraph 6.