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**Climate crisis legal toolkit**

ACKNOWLEDGING the risks posed by the climate crisis for present and future generations and terrestrial and marine biodiversity;

RECALLING IUCN's commitment to mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change through the creation of a Climate Change Taskforce;

NOTING the serious consequences of the climate crisis on natural diversity, ecosystems, biodiversity, geodiversity, natural heritage, natural processes and also on economies, societies and world peace;

ACKNOWLEDGING the difficulty of unified and coordinated action to effectively mitigate the impact of climate change;

NOTING the existing bodies of treaty and customary international law that call for governments to adequately reduce carbon emissions;

RECALLING the IUCN World Declaration on the Environmental Rule of Law, which states that it should serve as the legal foundation for promoting a sustainable future for all; and

RECALLING IUCN's goal to reduce climate change risks and impacts through climate change mitigation and adaptation methods in the IUCN Programme 2021-2024;

**The IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020, at its session in Marseille, France:**

1. REQUESTS the Director General and World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL) to create a climate action toolkit to assist interested national, sub-national and local actors, as appropriate, to implement relevant climate mitigation and adaptation actions, from which State Members can identify those most appropriate for their governance structure, judicial system and ecosystem, to inform relevant policies and legislation;
2. RECOMMENDS strengthening synergies and interlinkages between environmental law databases, such as ECOLEX and InforMEA, and increasing resources on climate change; and
3. ENCOURAGES IUCN State Members to utilise the climate crisis toolkit, when available, as a basis for drafting their own legislation.