

2.11 Cooperation with parliaments

RECOGNIZING that national parliaments and parliaments in federated States wield constitutional influence on governmental policy and national legislation, and thus also influence international relations as well as cooperation with the United Nations System and other intergovernmental bodies;

RECALLING the speech Brigitta Dahl, Speaker of the Swedish Parliament, made before the Closing Session of the Global Ministerial Environment Forum in Malmö, 31 May 2000, in which she lamented the lack of information and insufficient involvement in international environmental affairs by the popularly elected representatives in local, regional, national and trans-national assemblies; and

CONCERNED that, despite maintaining close contacts with national governments and government agencies throughout the world and being in a position to intensify these ties through the recent attainment of Observer Status with the United Nations General Assembly, IUCN has few contacts with national or State parliaments;

The World Conservation Congress at its 2nd Session in Amman, Jordan, 4–11 October 2000:

1. CALLS ON the Director General to negotiate a memorandum of understanding with the Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in order to intensify cooperation with the IPU and its member parliaments;
2. REQUESTS IUCN's Commission on Environmental Law to assist the Director General to develop and maintain the necessary contacts, and to exchange information with IPU member parliaments, throughout the world, who approach IUCN for advice on certain matters or who express a general interest in policy questions pertaining to environmental conservation and sustainable development;
3. REQUESTS the Director General to provide a progress report to future World Conservation Congresses summarizing increased contacts with legislators following adoption of this Resolution.

This Resolution was adopted by consensus. State and Agency members United States abstained from the adoption by consensus of this Resolution.