

2.13 Vote of Thanks to the Host Country

AWARE that the demanding objectives of a World Conservation Congress of IUCN can only be met when the Session takes place in a well-equipped and efficiently managed setting;

EMPHASIZING that a congenial and friendly atmosphere contributes immensely to success; and

NOTING with appreciation that these conditions were met in full measure at the 2nd World Conservation Congress held in Amman;

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

1. EXPRESSES its deepest appreciation to His Majesty King Abdullah II, for his warm welcome and for providing the auspices for our Congress in Amman;
2. RECORDS its warmest appreciation to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, through its Minister of Municipalities, Rural Affairs and the Environment, H.E. Mr Abdel Raheem Akour, for so generously hosting the Second World Conservation Congress;
3. FURTHER RECORDS its great appreciation to H.E. Mr Akel Biltaji, Minister of Tourism and Antiquities and, in particular, to H.E. Dr Alia Hatough-Bouran, Secretary General of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and Head of the IUCN National Committee, for her support throughout the period of the organization of the Congress, as well as during the Session itself;
4. ACKNOWLEDGES with gratitude the dedicated support provided by the local conference organizers, Al Rajwa Investments, the Al Hussein Sports City and the Royal Cultural Center, the many local volunteer helpers, and all those others who gave generously of their time and knowledge.