

2.17 Climate and energy

RECOGNIZING that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has documented the need for all States, enterprises, and civil society to stabilize the emission of greenhouse gases in order to maintain historic climate conditions on Earth;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has released the *World Energy Assessment* documenting that current and future energy demands will greatly increase greenhouse gas emissions;

NOTING that UNDP has requested assistance from IUCN in disseminating information about the *World Energy Assessment* and in having the IUCN Regional Offices help to educate government officials, civil society and the private sector about the *World Energy Assessment* and cleaner, more affordable available energy;

FURTHER NOTING that the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has progressed toward defining the common but differentiated responsibilities that all States have to maintain the historic climate conditions on Earth; and

RECOGNIZING the importance of the research and consultations of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law on the use of legal instruments to encourage the use and transfer of energy-efficient technology and energy conservation methodology in support of both sustainable development and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;

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

1. URGES all States and private sector commercial enterprises to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and retire the most polluting energy facilities, to adopt and use energy-efficient technologies to reduce emissions, and to facilitate the transfer and implementation of these technologies as rapidly as possible throughout the world;
2. RECOMMENDS that any measures to enhance the sequestration of carbon by the Earth's natural marine and terrestrial systems be undertaken based on the precautionary principle and only after thorough environmental impact assessment;
3. INVITES IUCN members to study the *World Energy Charter* and consider how best to support its objectives;
4. CALLS ON the Director General to request IUCN Regional Offices, within available means, to assist the United Nations Development Programme to disseminate information about the *World Energy Assessment* and to help educate government officials, civil society, and the private sector about the *World Energy Assessment* and about cleaner, more affordable available energy options evaluated therein.

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