

2.35 Follow-up on World Bank Forest Policy

CONSIDERING that IUCN and the World Bank signed an agreement to promote a public consultation on the World Bank Forest Policy;

NOTING that, as part of the consultation, the World Bank decided to encourage globally a process known as the *Forest Policy Implementation Review and Strategy* (FPIRS);

RECOGNIZING the advantages and richness that resulted from the consultation, such as national case studies and regional workshops, as well as the analytical documents on the most important topic of the world forest agenda;

OBSERVING the constructive welcome that the revision process of the World Bank Forest Policy has awakened among the different organizations and people who have been consulted;

APPRECIATING the role of IUCN as facilitator of the participation of different actors of the forest sector in the *Forest Policy Implementation Review and Strategy* (FPIRS) process; and

RECALLING Resolutions 1.19 *A Global IUCN Temperate, Boreal and Southern Cold Temperate Forests Programme* and 1.20 *Biological Diversity and Forests*, and Recommendations 1.21 *Forest Concessions*, 1.22 *Voluntary Independent Certification of Forest Management and Marketing Claims*, and 1.23 *Forest Management Plans in South America*, which were adopted by the 1st Session of the World Conservation Congress (Montreal, 1996) and which promote closer relations between IUCN's Component Programmes and the World Bank with regard to Forest Policy;

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

1. ACKNOWLEDGES the World Bank for the beneficial, open, and transparent global public consultation process, which is promoted within the framework of the *Forest Policy Implementation Review and Strategy* process;
2. ENCOURAGES IUCN members, Commissions, and the Secretariat to take advantage of the communication channel that has been opened between the Union and the World Bank for the revision of the Forest Policy, and with regard to the Forest Policy, to perform a critical and constructive follow-up of the future implementation of that policy;
3. REQUESTS the Director General to assess any new World Bank strategy, with a view to recommending options to Council pertaining to the Union's involvement in the implementation of the new strategy, including monitoring.

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