

2.6 Changes in the IUCN Regional Office for Mesoamerica

CONSIDERING the need for IUCN's Regional Office for Mesoamerica (ORMA) to reflect fully the regional composition of its members in order to promote formation of a multinational technical work team;

CONCERNED that, at its current site, ORMA does not, in practice, benefit from all the attributes and capacities deriving from international mission status, essential to fully reaching its objectives;

MINDFUL that full international mission status is imperative in order to initiate the process of incorporating professionals from the region into the work of the Regional Office;

RECOGNIZING the action carried out by the Regional Director to resolve the current situation of ORMA; and

ACKNOWLEDGING that the 5th Mesoamerican IUCN Forum, held in Guatemala City, 3–7 October 1999, adopted a comparable motion;

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

1. REQUESTS the Director General, together with the Director of IUCN's Regional Office for Mesoamerica (ORMA), to establish negotiations with ORMA's host country to ensure that full international mission status is granted, as this is an essential condition for the formation of a multinational technical team to respond to regional expectations;
2. REQUESTS the Government of Costa Rica to confer all attributes accompanying full international mission status to the IUCN Regional Office for Mesoamerica;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director, should international mission status not be conferred, to explore with countries in the region where IUCN enjoys full international mission status, the possibility of relocating the Regional Office in the medium term to benefit from conditions that are more favourable to formation of a multinational technical team.