

## 12. Palau

*RECOGNIZING* that the marine environment of the Palau archipelago is one of the richest in the Pacific;

*CONVINCED* that the future of the people of Palau depends upon maintaining the marine resources of those islands;

*AWARE* of a proposal for a superport in Palau, including possible development of petrochemical and other associated industries;

*CONCERNED* that projects of this type will be so destructive of the marine environment that they will impede sustainable development;

**The General Assembly of IUCN**, at its 14th Session, Ashkhabad, USSR, 26 September -5 October 1978:

URGES the government and people of Japan to consider alternative and less damaging ways of securing their oil supplies; and

CALLS ON the Government of the United States, as trustee of the UN Trust Territory of which Palau is a part, to do all in its power to assist the people of Palau to improve their standard of living in ways that are sustainable and compatible with maintenance of the marine ecosystem.