

## **15/2. CONSERVATION AND PEACE**

RECALLING that the central message of the World Conservation Strategy is that conservation of nature must be made an integral part of the development process;

NOTING that many aspects of nature conservation can only be effectively addressed through international cooperation among States;

RECOGNIZING that this international cooperation is best promoted when mankind is at peace with itself;

RECOGNIZING ALSO principles and recommendations adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (1972), Resolution 35/7 of the 35th Session of the United Nations General Assembly on the Charter for Nature and on the Historic Responsibility of States for the Preservation of Nature for Present and Future Generations, and the World Conservation Strategy; CONCERNED that man's future and that of his environment is endangered by war and other hostile actions which negatively offset the economic and ecological situation, including:

- diverting large quantities of monetary and natural resources for armaments;
- discharging toxic and radioactive wastes in the human environment; and
- destroying the habitats which are necessary for species conservation;

RECALLING international agreements concerning weapons of mass destruction on the sea bed; the prohibition of bacteriological and toxic weapons; and the prohibition of military and other hostile use of environmental modification techniques; The General Assembly of IUCN, at its 15th Session in Christchurch, New Zealand, 11-23 October 1981:

AFFIRMS that peace is a contributory condition to the conservation of nature, just as conservation itself contributes to peace through the proper and ecologically sound use of natural resources;

CALLS UPON all States to pursue diligently international discussions in the United Nations and other fora dedicated to the maintenance of peace and security within and between all States; and

FURTHER CALLS UPON all governments to give full effect to existing international agreements which contribute to the maintenance of peace and the reduction of global armaments.