

### **RES 3.044 The Haitian environmental crisis**

CONSIDERING the extreme degradation of the environment in Haiti and the ensuing threats to biodiversity;

ALARMED that the degradation of the Haitian environment has now reached a stage where it is capable of causing loss of life on a massive scale (as was proven during recent hurricanes);

CONCERNED that this degradation and the ensuing loss of biodiversity is accelerating and will continue to have negative impacts on the environment; and

UNDERSTANDING that socio-economic recovery and development, the protection of lives and livelihoods, the protection of biodiversity, and the benefits of a healthy environment in Haiti are all inextricably linked;

The IUCN World Conservation Congress at its 3rd session in Bangkok, Thailand, 17–25 November, 2004:

PROPOSES that the IUCN Director General, IUCN's members, Commissions and partners promote greater understanding of the environmental conditions in Haiti, in order to undertake immediate and substantial efforts at environmental remediation.

State member Sweden abstained from voting on this motion for reasons given in the Swedish Government's general statement on the motions process (see page x).

The Department of State, United States, provided the following statement for the record:

*State and agency members United States refrained from engaging in deliberations on this motion and took no national government position on the motion as adopted for reasons given in the US General Statement on the IUCN Resolution Process.*