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WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

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Recommendation adopted by the World National Parks Congress

(Bali / Indonesia, 11-22 October 1982)

The following recommendation which was adopted at the Third World National Parks Congress contains provisions addressed to the World Heritage Committee and is therefore brought to its attention.

World Heritage Convention

Recommendation No. 16

RECALLING the recommendation of the Second World Conference on National Parks on the conservation of the World Heritage;

WELCOMING the inclusion of World Heritage sites as Category X among the protected areas categories accepted by the 14th General Assembly of IUCN in 1978;

CONSIDERING the increasingly important role of the World Heritage Convention in the conservation of natural resources, and in the full and enduring protection of the world's natural and cultural heritage;

NOTING with appreciation that 66 States have now become party to the Convention, and that 112 properties have been inscribed on the World Heritage List, while also recognizing that the Convention has not yet achieved universal coverage nor is the World Heritage List yet fully comprehensive;

CALLING ATTENTION to the range of benefits, including resource protection, and financial, educational, and technical assistance accruing to States joining and participating in the Convention;

COMMENDING the strong commitment to, and energetic participation in, Convention activities by colleagues interested primarily in cultural heritage, while noting the continuing imbalance between natural and cultural experts on delegations to the World Heritage Committee;

COMMENDING the World Heritage Committee and Unesco for the significant successes of the first five years of full operation of the Convention, and recognizing the important role played by IUCN in these successes; and

RECOGNIZING opportunities to increase the effectiveness of the Convention;

EMPHASIZING the importance of fully protecting sites and properties of outstanding universal value for the benefit of all peoples and so that this heritage may be passed undiminished to future generations;

The World National Parks Congress, meeting in Bali, Indonesia, October 1982;

REITERATES its strong commitment to the principles of the World Heritage Convention;

URGES all States which have not yet done so to become party to the Convention and participate fully in its activities;

RECOMMENDS that States which are Party to the Convention take all necessary steps to ensure that their delegations to the World Heritage Committee include experts in natural areas;

URGES natural heritage authorities within States which are Party to the Convention to become more active in its affairs;

ENCOURAGES States Party to take steps to more actively publicize the importance and activities of the Convention including the development of methods to increase public participation within States Party, pursuant to Articles 17 and 27 of the Convention;

FURTHER URGES Unesco to consider launching international campaigns for natural sites in cooperation with the World Heritage Committee;

STRESSES the importance of maintaining the integrity of World Heritage properties and urges States Party to ensure the fullest application of the Convention respecting protection, conservation, indicative inventories, management plans, progress reports and presentation of properties and to submit indicative inventories and progress reports thereon, and encourages the committee to continue its efforts to establish procedures to facilitate the development and submission of such reports and inventories; and

ENCOURAGES IUCN to continue its commitment to the development of a sound and comprehensive list of World Heritage Sites.