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President Zhang, IUCN
IUCN Headquarters
Rue Mauverney 28
CH-1196 Gland, Switzerland

RE: Proposal for Amendments to Draft IUCN 2017-2020 Global Programme at the WCC

Dear President Zhang:

I write on behalf of Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano (FFLA) and Corporación de Gestión y Derecho Ambiental (ECOLEX), and the IUCN Members listed below, to advise you of the attached amendment to the Programme 2017-2020 that FFLA and ECOLEX plan to offer at the Congress Assembly.

Pursuant to Rule 51 of the WCC Rules of Procedure, we collectively shall present the attached Amendment to the draft Programme 2017-2020, and the attached Explanation for its presentation, when the Members' Assembly Agenda item 2.1 for consideration of the Programme is presented to the Members on September 6th. We submit these texts to you for the benefit of the interpreters and those preparing the documentation for the Congress. We do not submit this as a "motion," but rather as an amendment to the Programme.

We shall be pleased as appropriate to present these amendments to the Programme Committee and the Plenary in order to ensure that these adjustments to the draft Programme can be considered by Programme Committee preceding the Members' debates and as necessary during the Members' consideration of the Programme under Agenda Item 6.1 of September 9th, and be decided upon that day.

We note that in 2012 at Jeju, the IUCN adopted WCC-2012-Res-100, "Incorporation of the Rights of Nature as the organizational focal point in IUCN's decision making." Among other commitments, the Resolution recommends the Director General "initiate a process that considers the Rights of Nature as a fundamental and absolute key element for planning, action and assessment at all levels and in all areas of intervention including in all decisions taken with regard to IUCN's plans, programmes and projects as well as in IUCN policy on rights." We think that the expertise of the Commissions, the Academy, and the Members expertise could be utilized in a more proactive and adequate way with regard to the important direction of this Resolution. Please acknowledge receipt of this advice and request. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Proposed Programme Amendments

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE IUCN PROGRAMME 2017-2020
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In 2012 at Jeju, the IUCN adopted WCC-2012-Res-100, “Incorporation of the Rights of Nature as the organizational focal point in IUCN’s decision making.” However, the current draft Work Programme contains no specific reference to acting on Rights of Nature, as called for by this Resolution. The following Programme additions are requested to address this gap (additions in **bold and underlined**):

Page 34, Programme Area 2, Global Result 2, Sub-Result 2.1, Target 14, insert at the end of the Target:

- **Target 14:** Community-led, cultural, grassroots or protected area governance systems that achieve the effective and equitable governance of natural resources are recognised (as best practices/pilot testing), supported and promoted, **including governance efforts related to advancing the inherent rights of nature.**

Page 34, Programme Area 2, Global Result 2, Sub-Result 2.2, Target 15, insert at the end of the Target:

- **Target 15:** Intervention points in which rights regimes related to natural resources are clear, stable, implementable, enforceable and equitable – particularly for women, indigenous people, youth and the poor – have increased. **This includes rights regimes related to the inherent rights of nature, as recognized in WCC-2012-Res-100 (Jeju 2012).**