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At the first session of the Meeting of the Parties to ACAP, Australia undertook to act as an observer for ACAP at the 3rd IUCN World Conservation Congress (MOP1 report, Annex. Because of the short timescale between MOP1 and the meeting, however, it was not possible to arrange for this observer coverage.

The interim Secretariat has instead checked the resolutions and recommendations from the meeting, available on the IUCN website at:

http://www.iucn.org/congress/members/submitted_motions.htm, for issues of relevance to ACAP. Elements of two resolutions and one recommendation from the meeting relate to the objectives of the Agreement, as described below.

Resolution 3.036 on Antarctica and the Southern Ocean

Among other things, this resolution:

- Welcomes the entry into force of ACAP and calls on all Range States to accede to the Agreement;
- Expresses alarm at continuing deaths of seabirds in large numbers, especially from illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) longline fishing;
- Urges Southern Ocean fishing nations to assess their fisheries in terms of seabird mortality and, if warranted, adopt and implement Food and Agriculture (FAO) National Plans of Action for Reducing Incidental Catch of Seabirds;
- Recommends that the IUCN Director General should continue to develop and put forward policy advice on a number of issues including the prevention of seabird mortality from by-catch in long-line fisheries; and
- Calls on IUCN members to mobilize the resources to implement this Resolution

Resolution 3.064 on the Conservation and Sustainable Management of High-Seas Biodiversity

This resolution calls upon the IUCN Director General and members of IUCN to facilitate a number of actions by states and relevant international organizations, both individually and collectively, including the following:

- Consider the development and adoption within the UNCLOS framework of new international instruments and/or additional mechanisms for the effective governance, protection, restoration and sustainable management of marine biological diversity in the high seas, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction;
- Become party to, comply with and enforce measures associated with a number of international agreements including CMS Agreements;
- Take immediate action to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing; and
- Agree to upgrade urgently regional fisheries management organisations to conform to the principles in the UN FSA, the FAO code of conduct for responsible fishing, and the CBD.

Recommendation 3.098 on the Conservation and sustainable management of High-Seas Biodiversity

Calls upon states to implement the actions in Resolution 3.064.