



General Assembly

Distr.: Limited
31 October 2013

Original: English

Sixty-eighth session
Second Committee
Agenda item 19
Sustainable development

Fiji:* draft resolution

World Wildlife Day

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the intrinsic value of wildlife and its various contributions, including its ecological, genetic, social, economic, scientific, educational, cultural, recreational and aesthetic contributions to sustainable development and human well-being,

Recalling the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and all its principles, Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development, the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation) and the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”, and the commitments made therein,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries and General Assembly resolutions [53/199](#) of 15 December 1998 and [61/185](#) of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years,

Recognizing the important role of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora in ensuring that no species entering into international trade is threatened with extinction,

Taking note of the outcome of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, held in Bangkok from 3 to 14 March 2013, in particular resolution 16.1 designating 3 March as World Wildlife Day in order to celebrate and raise awareness of the world’s wild fauna and flora as an irreplaceable part of the natural system of the Earth,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.



1. *Decides* to designate 3 March as World Wildlife Day;
 2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe World Wildlife Day in an appropriate manner, in accordance with national priorities;
 3. *Invites*, in this regard, Member States and relevant regional and international organizations to support activities related to World Wildlife Day, inter alia, through voluntary contributions;
 4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States and organizations of the United Nations system.
-