



IFLA 47th World Congress, Suzhou, China from 28-30 May 2010

*Proposal to further enhance the recognition and conservation of landscapes globally
(Global Landscape Convention)*

The 47th IFLA World Congress representing the landscape architectural profession globally:

Noting that landscape is globally subject to rapidly changing environmental, social and economic conditions,

Considering that the protection, conservation, creation, regeneration and management of landscapes at the national, regional and local level requires considerable resources and support,

Recalling that IFLA represents the landscape architectural profession globally, providing leadership and networks supporting the development of the profession and its effective participation in the realization of memorable, equitable and sustainable environments,

Considering that the existing international conventions, recommendations and resolutions concerning landscape and heritage demonstrate the importance for all the peoples of the world, of the enhancement, safeguarding and conservation of landscapes globally,

Bearing in mind that, in view of the importance of landscapes worldwide for the survival of humanity, it is essential for this purpose to adopt new provisions in the form of a convention establishing an effective framework on a permanent basis and in accordance with international professional standards,

Noting major efforts by agencies of the United Nations, the Council of Europe as well as increasing demand by civil society, associations and NGOs on the enhancement of landscapes and landscape settings and taking into account the leadership provided by UNESCO on the conservation of cultural landscapes and the preparation of a historic urban landscape recommendation;

Calls upon UNESCO's Director General to review the feasibility of a new standard setting instrument, a "world landscape convention" taking into account provisions of the following instruments, recommendations and charters:

- *1962 UNESCO Recommendation on the Beauty and Character of Landscapes and Sites;*
- *1964 International Charter for the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites (Venice Charter);*
- *1968 UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Preservation of Cultural Property endangered by Public or Private works,*
- *1972 UNESCO World Heritage Convention*
- *1976 UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Safeguarding and Contemporary Role of Historic Areas,*
- *1982 ICOMOS-IFLA International Charter for Historic Gardens (Florence Charter),*
- *1987 ICOMOS Charter for the Conservation of Historic Towns and Urban Areas (Washington Charter),*
- *1996 HABITAT II Conference and Agenda 21, (Istanbul, Turkey),*
- *2000 European Landscape Convention*
- *2005 Xi'an Declaration on the conservation of the setting of heritage structures, sites and areas (ICOMOS)*
- *2005 Vienna Declaration on Historic Urban Landscapes and Declaration on the Conservation of Historic Urban Landscapes (2005 General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention)*

Emphasizes its readiness to cooperate with UNESCO in this initiative;

Requests the President of IFLA to report back to the 48th World Council Meeting in Zurich, Switzerland in 2011.