WHEREAS:

a. A concentrated effort was made by staff and volunteers of WILD9 and volunteers of IUCN- World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) to bring together a critical mass of young professionals from all over the world and to provide them with personalized mentoring and programmatic experiences at WILD9;
b. The Young Professionals gathered at WILD9 are eager to be further involved in nature conservation activities at a professional level;
c. IUCN-WCPA and The WILD Foundation have expressed a desire to include more Young Professionals in their work.

THEREFORE:

The delegates at WILD9 recognize the importance of engaging Young Professionals in international conservation work.

RESOLVED:

IUCN-WCPA work with the WILD Foundation and the Young Professionals assembled at WILD9 to meet mutually beneficial goals, including an integrated working relationship between IUCN-WPCA Young Professionals Direction and the WILD Foundation in creating an International Young Professionals Network and provision of support to ensure continued secretariat support for the Young Professional Network created at WILD9.

The International Young Professional Network will be a networking space dedicated for information sharing and offering opportunities to passionate Wilderness advocates and Young Professionals to participate in global and regional conservation initiatives. The International Young Professionals Network will support IUCN in reaching their goal on increasing Young Professionals active participations in the World Protected Areas Commission.

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