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Whereas the authorities of the national government and the several states of Mexico have manifested increasing concern for an effective conservation program by the adoption of various progressive measures to that end;

Therefore be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949, that we commend the Mexican authorities for their progressive efforts in furtherance of the conservation of migratory birds and other natural resources, and that the officers and executive committee of this association be instructed to communicate with them regarding the adoption of such measures as may best promote co-operation between Mexico, the United States, and Canada in the advancement of conservation, and that the Mexican authorities be invited to send representatives to all future conventions of this association and to participate actively in the affairs thereof.

19. **Advance Appointment of Resolutions Committee**

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949, that the President be instructed to appoint the Resolutions Committee at least 90 days in advance of each succeeding convention and that the secretary be instructed in the notice of each convention to urge all members intending to submit resolutions to forward a draft thereof to the chairman of the Resolutions Committee at least 15 days before the convention.

20. **Quetico-Superior Peace Memorial Forest**

Whereas this association has heretofore joined with many other organizations of the United States and Canada in supporting the program for establishment of an international peace memorial forest, dedicated to the war veterans of both countries, in the Quetico-Superior region, comprising an incomparable area of forests, waters and inter-lacing canoe routes, where primitive natural conditions remain largely unspoiled; and

Whereas the central aim of this program is to preserve the primitive wilderness character of the interior of this region for perpetual public use and enjoyment, and to conserve the natural resources of the entire region for the benefit of the people of the respective countries, signifying the common bond of friendship prevailing between them; and

Whereas the consummation of this great project is now threatened with defeat by increasing invasion and exploitation of the roadless areas of the Superior National Forest on the American side by unchecked commercial and private airplane traffic:

Therefore be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949:

(1) That we urge the President of the United States to sign and promulgate as soon as possible the proposed air space reservation now awaiting his action, providing for the exclusion of commercial and private airplane traffic from the designated roadless areas;

(2) That we reaffirm our previous action in support of the international peace memorial forest program, and we urge all governmental agencies concerned in both Canada and the United States to join in promoting the adoption of a treaty and other measures necessary to carry out this program.

Further resolved that we instruct the secretary of the association to telegraph the President of the United States immediately advising him of the adoption of this resolution, and send copies thereof to him and all others concerned.

21. **Federal Department of Natural Resources**

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949, that in furtherance of better co-ordination and efficiency in the administration of all federal activities concerned with conservation of natural resources, we urge the adoption by Congress of the recommendations of the Report on Natural Resources, Appendix L, published January, 1949, by the Task Force of the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, providing for a unified federal department of natural resources, except that we oppose the recommendation of the report for separation of fisheries administration from wildlife administration.