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**Proposed Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of
the World Conservation Congress concerning
the Submission of Motions**

Action Requested: The World Conservation Congress is requested to APPROVE the amendments to Rules 49 and 52 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress as proposed by Council and set out below.

1. At a meeting in May 2007, the Governance Task Force of the IUCN Council considered several options provided by the Secretariat to improve the motions process, drawing on the experience at the Bangkok Congress, including a report from the Chair of the Resolutions Committee.
2. Council, on the recommendation of the Governance Task Force, subsequently requested the Legal Adviser to prepare the necessary text to amend Rules 49 and 52 of the Rules of Procedure. The proposed amendments were subsequently considered and approved by Council at its 68th meeting in May 2007 (Decision C/68/23), and are now set out in the attached chart.
3. The first two of the proposed amendments increase from two (2) to five (5) the number of sponsors required for motions submitted at the statutory deadline (Rule 49) and from five (5) to ten (10) the number of sponsors required for motions submitted at Congress (Rule 52). The aim of these amendments is to promote further consultation and agreement among members before a motion is submitted.
4. The third and last proposed amendment to the Rules of Procedure requires members submitting motions at Congress to comply with “a minimum of three” of the criteria listed, instead of “any” of the said criteria as the text stands at present (Rule 52). The aim of this amendment is to ensure that motions submitted at Congress are not only arising out of the deliberations of the Congress or responding to matters on its agenda but also address issues that are either new or urgent or could not have been foreseen.
5. The texts of these proposed amendments are set out in the attached table.

**PROPOSALS BY THE IUCN COUNCIL TO AMEND
THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF IUCN
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Current Provisions in the Rules of Procedure	Proposed Amendments to Current Provisions in the Rules of Procedure	Proposed Final Text of Amended Provisions
<p><u>Motions</u></p> <p>49. Motions may be proposed by the Council, or by any member eligible to vote with the co-sponsorship of at least two other such members. Motions shall normally be submitted to the Director General no later than one hundred and twenty days before the opening of the next session of the World Congress. The Secretariat shall circulate all accepted motions which are received by it, to all members, at least sixty days in advance of that session of the World Congress.</p>	<p><u>Motions</u></p> <p>49. Motions may be proposed by the Council, or by any member eligible to vote with the co-sponsorship of at least two five other such members. Motions shall normally be submitted to the Director General no later than one hundred and twenty days before the opening of the next session of the World Congress. The Secretariat shall circulate all accepted motions which are received by it, to all members, at least sixty days in advance of that session of the World Congress.</p>	<p><u>Motions</u></p> <p>49. Motions may be proposed by the Council, or by any member eligible to vote with the co-sponsorship of at least five other such members. Motions shall normally be submitted to the Director General no later than one hundred and twenty days before the opening of the next session of the World Congress. The Secretariat shall circulate all accepted motions which are received by it, to all members, at least sixty days in advance of that session of the World Congress.</p>
<p><u>Motions</u></p> <p>52. Motions may only be submitted at the World Congress either by the Council, or by a member eligible to vote with the co-sponsorship of at least five other members eligible to vote, and if the subject of the motions is new, urgent, could not have been foreseen, arises out of deliberations of the World Congress or responds to matters on the agenda. The text of such motions shall be distributed to delegates by the Secretariat only if the Resolutions Committee has accepted them as meeting any of the following criteria:</p>	<p><u>Motions</u></p> <p>52. Motions may only be submitted at the World Congress either by the Council, or by a member eligible to vote with the co-sponsorship of at least five ten other members eligible to vote, and if the subject of the motions is new, urgent, could not have been foreseen, arises out of deliberations of the World Congress or responds to matters of the agenda. The text of such motions shall be distributed to delegates by the Secretariat only if the Resolutions Committee has accepted them as meeting any a minimum of any three (3) of the following criteria:</p>	<p><u>Motions</u></p> <p>52. Motions may only be submitted at the World Congress either by the Council, or by a member eligible to vote with the co-sponsorship of at least ten other members eligible to vote, and if the subject of the motions is new, urgent, could not have been foreseen, arises out of deliberations of the World Congress or responds to matters of the agenda. The text of such motions shall be distributed to delegates by the Secretariat only if the Resolutions Committee has accepted them as meeting a minimum of any three (3) of the following criteria:</p>

Current Provisions in the Rules of Procedure	Proposed Amendments to Current Provisions in the Rules of Procedure	Proposed Final Text of Amended Provisions
	<p>(a) “New” means that the issue which is the subject of the resolution or recommendation has arisen within ninety days before the start of the session of the World Congress;</p> <p>(b) “Urgent” means a matter in respect of which developments are about to take place soon after the World Congress and upon which a resolution or recommendation of the World Congress may reasonably be expected to have an impact;</p> <p>(c) “Could not have been foreseen” means a matter which, while not itself new, has been the subject of developments within ninety days before the start of the session of the World Congress which call for action by the World Congress;</p> <p>(d) “Arises out of the deliberations of the World Congress” means a matter which has been discussed at any officially scheduled meeting during the World Congress, including business and conservation sittings, technical meetings, Commission meetings, meetings of working groups or associated meetings;</p> <p>(e) “Responds to matters on the agenda” means any matter scheduled for discussion at any of the meetings referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph, but which has not yet been discussed by that meeting at the time when the resolution or recommendation was submitted.</p>	<p>(a) “New” means that the issue which is the subject of the resolution or recommendation has arisen within ninety days before the start of the session of the World Congress;</p> <p>(b) “Urgent” means a matter in respect of which developments are about to take place soon after the World Congress and upon which a resolution or recommendation of the World Congress may reasonably be expected to have an impact;</p> <p>(c) “Could not have been foreseen” means a matter which, while not itself new, has been the subject of developments within ninety days before the start of the session of the World Congress which call for action by the World Congress;</p> <p>(d) “Arises out of the deliberations of the World Congress” means a matter which has been discussed at any officially scheduled meeting during the World Congress, including business and conservation sittings, technical meetings, Commission meetings, meetings of working groups or associated meetings;</p> <p>(e) “Responds to matters on the agenda” means any matter scheduled for discussion at any of the meetings referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph, but which has not yet been discussed by that meeting at the time when the resolution or recommendation was submitted.</p>

Attachment 1
Amendments to IUCN Statutes, Rules of Procedure
of the World Conservation Congress and Regulations
Summary of Provisions

A. The provisions regarding the amendment of the Statutes are set forth in Articles 104–108 of the Statutes

Under Articles 104–105, amendments may be (1) proposed by any member for consideration by Council not later than 180 days prior to the opening of the World Congress; (2) proposed to Congress (a) by Council (which may incorporate proposals received from members), or (b) by any five members in Category A or fifty members in Category B (with their proposals to be received by the Secretariat not less than 180 days prior to the opening of Congress).

Not less than 120 days prior to the opening of Congress, the Director General communicates to the members of IUCN all amendments to these Statutes proposed by Council or by members (with such communication to include an explanation of the proposals and any comments from Council).

Amendments to the Statutes are adopted by Congress by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in each of the membership Categories A and B, and unless otherwise decided by Congress they become effective at the close of that session of Congress.

- Congress Paper CGR/2008/4 is an amendment proposed by Council concerning the name of IUCN.
- Congress Paper CGR/2008/5 is an amendment proposed by Council concerning the territorial scope of action of National and Regional Committees.
- Congress Paper CGR/2008/6 is an amendment proposed by members in Category A concerning a new category of membership in IUCN.

B. The provisions regarding the amendment of Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress are set forth in Article 29 of the Statutes

Any member eligible to vote may submit a motion to amend the Rules of Procedure to the Steering Committee of the World Congress and/or, if prior to a session of Congress, to the Council. The Steering Committee or Council shall recommend to the World Congress that the motion be accepted as submitted or in an amended form, or rejected.

Additionally, Council may propose to Congress a motion to amend the Rules of Procedure.

Any amendment to the Rules of Procedure requires a decision of Congress taken by simple majority, and the effective date of the amendment is determined by Congress.

- Congress Paper CGR/2008/2 is an amendment proposed by Council concerning the submission of motions to the World Congress.

C. The provisions regarding the amendment of Regulations are set forth in Articles 101–103 of the Statutes

The Regulations may be amended by Council, with the proposed amendment to be placed on the agenda of an ordinary Council meeting and adopted by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at each of two successive Council meetings.

Any amendment to the Regulations shall be communicated to the members as soon as possible after it is adopted.

At the request of at least 40 members eligible to vote, made within 180 days following Council's communication of an amendment to the Regulations, Congress shall review that amendment. Pending such review, the effectiveness of the amendment shall be suspended.

Council, at its 68th and 69th meetings, amended Regulations 90(b) and 91(b) by changing IUCN's accounting currency from Swiss francs to Euros.