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Terms of Reference for Congress Committees

Action Requested: The World Conservation Congress is asked to APPROVE the Terms of Reference and membership of the Congress Committees proposed by the Council.

Background

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress, Committees shall be appointed to assist the Congress in the conduct of its business.

Terms of Reference for the following Congress Committees have been prepared by the Council for consideration and approval by the Congress and were made available to members in May 2008:

- Credentials Committee
- Resolutions Committee
- Finance and Audit Committee
- Programme Committee
- Congress Steering Committee

The Council also wishes to propose the establishment of a **Governance Committee** for the World Conservation Congress and has prepared the attached Terms of Reference for consideration and approval by the Congress.

Proposals for membership of the Congress Committees will be tabled by the President at the opening of the Congress.

Governance Committee of Congress Draft Terms of Reference

The Governance Committee shall be appointed by the Congress on the proposal of the President, in accordance with Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress.

Under the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress, the Governance Committee shall:

- (a) assist the Resolutions Committee of Congress with the implementation of Rule 56 of the Rules of Procedure with specific reference to governance related motions. Rule 56 states that: "The Resolutions Committee may refer a motion to a committee or *ad hoc* contact group of delegates, for its review and advice or decide that it be debated and voted upon directly by the World Congress. The Chair may also propose that a motion under discussion in the World Congress be referred to a contact group. The reports of such contact groups shall ordinarily be considered by the Resolutions Committee prior to their presentation to the World Congress. The debate in the World Congress shall take place on the text resulting from this process."
- (b) consult with members or groups of members who wish to discuss governance matters that they have been unable to address in Plenary, and facilitate contact groups as may be scheduled by the Resolutions Committee;
- (c) if necessary, prepare recommendations through minutes of the Committee for adoption by the Congress;
- (d) in preparing its report, the Committee will coordinate with the Resolutions Committee and the Credentials Committee.