



INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE
84th Meeting of the Bureau of the IUCN Council
Teleconference, May 2020

DECISIONS

Modification of the Statutes

Decision B84/I

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,

On the recommendation of the Congress Preparatory Committee (CPC),

Notes that, by virtue of Articles 104-105 of the Statutes following the postponement of the 2020 Congress to 7-15 January 2021, the Council may propose additional proposals to amend the Statutes by 7 October 2020;

Decides to request the Governance and Constituency Committee (GCC) to:

- a. continue work on the governance improvements which were not completed by February 2020 as well as a number of actions from the Management Response to the External Review of IUCN Governance, listed in [GCC's report to the 98th Council meeting](#),
- b. consider any amendments to the Statutes proposed by IUCN Members by the deadline of 7 July 2020,
- c. report to Council with recommendations by 31 August 2020;

Requests the President to convene a meeting of the Council, if needed by conference call, in the first half of September 2020 with the purpose of considering the recommendations of the GCC referred to in the present decision.

Nominations and Elections Process

Decision B84/II

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,

On the recommendation of the Congress Preparatory Committee (CPC),

1. **Recognizes** that, following the postponement of the 2020 Congress to 7-15 January 2021, IUCN Members may exercise their statutory right, established by Article 27 of the Statutes, to nominate candidates for IUCN President directly to Congress until two months prior to the Congress, i.e. 7 November 2020;
2. *Noting* the Legal Adviser's opinion that the Council's nominations process for President, Treasurer and Commission Chairs was concluded with Council decision C98/5 nominating the candidates for these positions, and should only be re-opened in special circumstances e.g. if the facts or the circumstances that led to the decision have changed and/or new information has been made available to Council about the candidates concerned;

Decides to consider the Council's nominations process for President, Treasurer and Commission Chairs as closed and to only re-open it in case a sole candidate withdraws (Rule 79), if time permits and possibly applying an expedited process, in order to propose a new candidate to the Congress;

3. *Having considered* the options expressed in the letter from the Election Officer to the IUCN President;

Decides to consider the nominations process for Regional Councillor as closed and to only re-open it in case of withdrawal of candidates and for any region which is left with fewer candidates than there are Regional Councillor seats to be elected, if time permits to propose a new candidate to the Congress. If the short time before Congress does not allow to re-open the nominations process, Rule 80 will apply (i.e. the position shall be filled by the new Council).

Approval of the Audited Financial Statements for 2019

Decision B84/III

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,

On the proposal of the Acting Director General and the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee,

Approves the [Audited Financial Statements for 2019](#), noting that final approval rests with the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020 as provided under Article 20 (d) of the Statutes.

Remote meeting of the IUCN Council

Decision B84/IV

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,

Requests the President to convene a remote meeting of the Council in July 2020 to discuss IUCN's response to Covid-19.