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Dear Applicant,

We are delighted that your organisation has decided to join IUCN.

Your application will receive personal attention from the Membership Focal Point in the IUCN Regional Office responsible for your region, with the support of the Membership and Commission Support Unit at IUCN Headquarters in Gland.

Please consult the Member pages of the IUCN website, where you will find the documents you need to consult while completing your application: <https://www.iucn.org/about/union/members/how-become-member-iucn>

Your first point of contact for all questions related to the membership application process is the Membership Focal Point in your region. For contact details, please consult our website: <https://www.iucn.org/our-union/members/membership-support#membership-focal-points>

We look forward to receiving your application.

The Network of Regional Membership Focal Points
Membership and Commission Support Unit



Help and instructions: What do you need to do?

Before completing your application, please refer to the following documents:

- **IUCN's Statutes and Regulations** adopted by IUCN Members: You need to confirm that your organisation shares and supports the objectives of IUCN as set out in the [Statutes and Regulations](#).
- **Benefits for Members:** by joining IUCN, you will benefit from IUCN's scientific credibility, its unsurpassed knowledge base and convening power, extensive networking opportunities and access to high-level political, economic and social decision making. Being a Member of IUCN enables you to both advance your own cause and to strengthen common action in overcoming barriers to a sustainable future.
- **Membership Dues Guide:** A deposit equivalent to the entire current year of membership is payable at the time of submitting the application or the letter of adhesion (for States and Political and/or Economic Integration Organisations). However, if you are admitted as a Member, the membership dues for that year are calculated on a pro-rata basis of the total annual membership dues starting the month following admission. Any surplus will be credited to the following year's dues. The deposit will be reimbursed in full by IUCN if the application is rejected. The [Membership Dues Guide](#) provides all of the necessary information you will need to calculate the amount of your first year's membership dues deposit.
- **The IUCN Programme: Nature 2030** approved by IUCN Members.

Please note that IUCN membership does not expire unless the IUCN Member is withdrawn or expelled from IUCN (see Article 13 of the [IUCN Statutes](#)), or unless the IUCN Member withdraws voluntarily by providing IUCN with written notification of its intention to withdraw its membership. Members withdrawing from the Union must ensure that all outstanding membership dues are paid up to and including the year of the notification of withdrawal.

If you wish to join as a State¹ or as a Political and/or Economic Integration Organisation² (Category A):

- States and political and/or economic integration organisations become Members of IUCN by notifying the Director General of their adhesion to the IUCN Statutes, effective upon payment of the first year's membership dues. [IUCN Statutes, Article 6]
- The notification of adhesion to the Statutes by a State is to be made by, or on behalf of the Head of State, the Head of Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs. [IUCN Regulations, Paragraph 3 (a)]
Draft text:
"Notification is hereby given by the Government of <COUNTRY NAME> of its adhesion to the Statutes of IUCN and willingness to become a Member of IUCN.
The Government of <COUNTRY NAME> designates <NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY> as its liaison with the IUCN Secretariat."
- The notification of adhesion to the Statutes by a political and/or economic integration organisation shall be made by its duly authorized representative and shall be accompanied by a statement declaring the extent of its competence with respect to the matters provided in the Statutes. [IUCN Statutes, Article 6 and IUCN Regulations, Paragraph 3 (b)].
- For States or political and/or economic integration organisations joining the Union, a payment equivalent to the first year of membership is due at the time of submitting the letter of adhesion. The membership dues for that year will be calculated on a pro-rata basis of the total annual membership dues, starting from the month following receipt of the letter of adhesion. Any surplus will be credited to the following year's dues.

¹ "States shall be those which are members of the United Nations or any of its Specialised Agencies, or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, or parties to the Statutes of the International Court of Justice" [IUCN Statutes, Article 5 (a)].

² "Political and/or economic integration organisations shall be organisations constituted solely by States to which those States have conferred legal competence in respect of matters within the objectives of IUCN" [IUCN Statutes, Article 5 (c)].

Help and instructions: Adhesion letter template for States

This is a Sample

STANDARD TEXT ON GOVERNMENT LETTERHEAD

To
Director General
IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
Rue Mauverney 28
CH-1196 Gland
Switzerland

Re. IUCN State membership of

Dear Dr. Aguilar,

Notification is hereby made by the Government ofof the State's adhesion to the Statutes of IUCN thereby becoming a State member of IUCN – the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

The Government of <COUNTRY NAME> designates <NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY, NAME OF FOCAL POINT, PHONE> as representative of the State Member of <COUNTRY NAME> and as its liaison with the IUCN Secretariat."

I confirm that the payment deposit of CHF <AMOUNT> was processed on <DATE>.

Signed by:

*The Head of State,
The Head of Government OR
The Minister for Foreign Affairs*

If the letter is coming from another authority than the Head of State, the Head of Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the letter needs to say that it is "on behalf":

« On behalf of [Head of State, the Head of Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs], notification is hereby given by the Government.... »