



INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE

14th Meeting of the Bureau of the IUCN Council

Held by conference call on 30 June 2025

Decisions

DECISION B14/1

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,

Further to Council decision C113/7, paragraph 2,

Recommends the Council to approve the following decision to be included as additional paragraph 5 of Council decision C113/7 (Annex 1):

[The IUCN Council,]

On the recommendation of its Bureau,

Decides to

- a. approve in first reading the proposed amendment to Regulation 39 modifying the nomination procedures by removing the requirement of residence in the Region and replacing it with the requirement to provide evidence of close and direct ties with Members in the Region, (Annexe 29)
- b. consult the IUCN Members as required by Articles 101-103 of the Statutes in such a way that the 2025 Congress falls within the consultation period referred to in Article 102 of the Statutes,
- c. request the Secretariat to bring this proposed amendment to the attention of Members during the 2025 Congress for the purpose of Members sharing their guidance, comments or objections with the next Council,
- d. request the next Council to consider the proposed amendment for adoption in second reading taking into account the comments from Members submitted during the consultation, including during Congress.

DECISION B14/2

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,

Further to Council decision C113/7, paragraph 2,

Recommends the Council to approve the following decision to be included as additional paragraph 5 of Council decision C113/7 :

[The IUCN Council,]

On the recommendation of its Bureau,

Decides to

- a. approve in first reading the proposed amendment to Regulation 39 modifying the nomination procedures by requiring nominees with multiple nationalities to specify for which State they have been nominated, (Annexe 2)
- b. consult the IUCN Members as required by Articles 101-103 of the Statutes in such a way that the 2025 Congress falls within the consultation period referred to in Article 102 of the Statutes,
- c. request the Secretariat to bring these proposed amendments to the attention of Members during the 2025 Congress for the purpose of Members sharing their guidance, comments or objections with the next Council,
- d. request the next Council to consider the proposed amendments for adoption in second reading taking into account the comments from Members submitted during the consultation, including during Congress.

DECISION B14/3

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,

Further to Council decision C113/7, paragraph 2

Recommends the Council to approve the following decision to be included as additional paragraph 6 of Council decision C113/7:

[The IUCN Council,]

On the recommendation of its Bureau,

Decides to approve, as decision C113/7, paragraph 6, the proposed amendment to Article 46 of the Statutes and proposed addition of new Article 74*bis* of the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress and of new Regulation 40*bis* establishing an appeals process against definitive decisions of the Election Officer rejecting proposals from persons who have been proposed for nomination by Council as President, Treasurer or Chair of a Commission or rejecting nominations for election as Councillor elected from the Regions and for Indigenous Councillor, for the purpose of submitting them to the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 for adoption (Annexe 3).

DECISION B14/4

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,

Further to the request made by Council during its 113th meeting that the draft amendments establishing a dues waiver mechanism presented to Council by the Governance and Constituency Committee which received broad support from Council, be reviewed and finalized by the Legal Adviser and referred to the Bureau for approval,

Recommends the Council to approve the following draft decision to be included as decision C113/26 in the decision sheet of the 113th Council meeting:

[The IUCN Council,]

On the recommendation of its Bureau,

Further to the 2021 IUCN World Conservation Congress Decision 152 mandating the 2021-2025 Council to “*continue the work achieved by the 2016-2020 Council on [...] the issue of the value of membership and Members facing difficult financial situations and not being able to pay their dues*”;

Decides to approve the proposed amendments to the IUCN Statutes and Regulations establishing a dues waiver mechanism for the purpose of submitting them to the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 for adoption. (Annexe 4)

DECISION B14/5

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,

Requests the Chair of GCC to reconvene the drafting group that worked during the 113th Council meeting on a draft decision regarding the Fund to assist small IPO Members to pay their membership dues, with the view to finalize a draft Council decision, if possible, by 15 August 2025, taking into account the discussion during Council meeting C113 on this topic,

Requests the drafting group to also assess the cost implications of the proposal and how it would be funded, if approved.

Annex 1

Existing provisions of the Regulations	Proposed amendments (with track changes)	New text as amended (all track changes 'accepted')
Regulation 39 Candidates for election as Councillor elected from the Regions shall be nationals of a State in the Region concerned and shall be resident in that Region. Candidates for election as Councillors elected from the Regions for a Region, or part of a Region covered by a recognized Regional Committee, other than that of their State, referred to in Article 40 of the Statutes, shall be resident in the Region concerned and be nationals of the State to which the dependent territory belongs.	Regulation 39 Candidates for election as Councillor elected from the Regions shall be nationals of a State in the Region concerned and shall be resident in that Region <u>and shall provide evidence of close and direct ties with Members in the Region</u>. Candidates for election as Councillors elected from the Regions for a Region, or part of a Region covered by a recognized Regional Committee, other than that of their State, referred to in Article 40 of the Statutes, shall be resident in the Region concerned and be nationals of the State to which the dependent territory belongs. <u>Candidates who are nationals of more than one State, shall declare to the Election Officer for which State they have been nominated.</u>	Regulation 39 Candidates for election as Councillor elected from the Regions shall be nationals of a State in the Region concerned <u>and shall provide evidence of close and direct ties with Members in the Region</u>. Candidates for election as Councillors elected from the Regions for a Region, or part of a Region covered by a recognized Regional Committee, other than that of their State, referred to in Article 40 of the Statutes, shall be resident in the Region concerned and be nationals of the State to which the dependent territory belongs. Candidates who are nationals of more than one State, shall declare to the Election Officer for which State they have been nominated.

Annex 2

Existing provisions of the Regulations	Proposed amendments (with track changes)	New text as amended (all track changes 'accepted')
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Annex 3

Existing provisions of the Statutes	Proposed amendments (with track changes)	New text as amended (all track changes 'accepted')
Article 46 of the Statutes The functions of the Council shall be <i>inter alia</i> : [...] (q) to appoint a Preparatory Committee, Election Officer and a Motions Working Group in preparation of each session of the World Congress; and [...]	Article 46 of the Statutes The functions of the Council shall be <i>inter alia</i> : [...] (q) to appoint a Preparatory Committee, Election Officer, and a Motions Working Group and a Nominations Appeals Body in preparation for each session of the World Congress; and [...]	Article 46 of the Statutes The functions of the Council shall be <i>inter alia</i> : [...] (q) to appoint a Preparatory Committee, Election Officer, a Motions Working Group and a Nominations Appeals Body in preparation for each session of the World Congress; and [...]
Existing provisions of the Rules of Procedure	Proposed amendments (with track changes)	New text as amended (all track changes 'accepted')
<u>Nominations</u> Article 75 of the Rules of Procedure [...]	<i>Insert a new Article 74bis as follows in the section with the title "Nominations":</i> <u>Nominations</u> <u>Article 74bis of the Rules of Procedure</u> <u>The Nominations Appeals Body established by Council in conformity with article 46 (q) of the Statutes shall decide any appeal from persons proposed for nomination by Council as President, Treasurer or Chair of a Commission and from nominees for election as Councillors elected from</u>	<u>Nominations</u> Article 74bis of the Rules of Procedure The Nominations Appeals Body established by Council in conformity with article 46 (q) of the Statutes shall decide any appeal from persons proposed for nomination by Council as President, Treasurer or Chair of a Commission and from nominees for election as Councillors elected from the Regions and for Indigenous Councillor against the definitive decision of the Election Officer to

	<u>the Regions and for Indigenous Councillor against the definitive decision of the Election Officer to reject their proposal or nomination as prescribed in the Regulations.</u>	reject their proposal or nomination as prescribed in the Regulations.
Existing provisions of the Regulations	Proposed amendments (with track changes)	New text as amended (all track changes 'accepted')
<u>Elections: Councillors elected from the Regions and Indigenous Councillor</u> [...]	<u>Elections: Councillors elected from the Regions and Indigenous Councillor</u> [...] <i>Insert, after Regulation 40, a new section with the title "Appeal against the decision of the Election Officer" and a new Regulation 40bis as follows:</i> <u>Appeal against the decision of the Election Officer</u> <u>Regulation 40bis</u> <u>An appeal against the decision of the Election Officer under Rule 74bis shall be received by the Nominations Appeals Body no later than two weeks following the date of the notification of the definitive decision of the Election Officer to reject their proposal or nomination.</u> <u>The Nominations Appeals Body shall consist of five members of the Council including at least one Vice President. Members of the Council who are from the same Region of the nominee(s) for Councillor elected from the Regions or, who have themselves been nominated for any elected position, shall not be eligible to serve on the Appeals body.</u>	<u>Elections: Councillors elected from the Regions and Indigenous Councillor</u> [...] <u>Appeal against the decision of the Election Officer</u> Regulation 40bis An appeal against the decision of the Election Officer under Rule 74bis shall be received by the Nominations Appeals Body no later than two weeks following the date of the notification of the definitive decision of the Election Officer to reject their proposal or nomination. The Nominations Appeals Body shall consist of five members of the Council including at least one Vice President. Members of the Council who are from the same Region of the nominee(s) for Councillor elected from the Regions or, who have themselves been nominated for any elected position, shall not be eligible to serve on the Appeals body.

Annex 4

Existing provisions of the IUCN Statutes	Proposed amendments (with track changes)	New text as amended (all track changes 'accepted')
Suspension, Rescission, Expulsion and Withdrawal	Suspension, Rescission, Expulsion and withdrawal	Suspension, Rescission, Expulsion and withdrawal
Article 13 of the Statutes	Article 13 of the Statutes	Article 13 of the Statutes
(a) The rights of a Member in connection with elections, voting and motions shall <i>ipso facto</i> be suspended when the dues of that Member are one year in arrears. If the dues of a Member are two years in arrears, the matter shall be referred to the World Congress which may rescind all the remaining rights of the Member concerned. Such rescission shall be on such terms as the World Congress may determine. (b) If, one year after the decision of the World Congress to rescind the remaining rights of a Member, the Member in question has not paid its arrears owed up until such rescission, that Member shall be deemed to have withdrawn from IUCN. (c) Should any Member act persistently in a manner seriously inconsistent with the objectives of IUCN, the suspension or expulsion of that Member may be proposed to the Council: [...]	(a) The rights of a Member in connection with elections, voting and motions shall ipso facto be suspended when the dues of that Member are one year in arrears. <u>(b)</u> If the dues of a Member are two years in arrears <u>and subject to the application of Article 13bis</u>, the matter shall be referred to the World Congress which may rescind all the remaining rights of the Member concerned. Such rescission shall be on such terms as the World Congress may determine. <u>In between sessions of the World Congress, the matter shall be referred to an electronic ballot in conformity with Article 94.</u> <u>(b)(c)</u> If, one year after the decision of the World Congress to rescind the remaining rights of a Member, the Member in question has not paid its arrears owed up until such rescission, that Member shall be deemed to have withdrawn from IUCN. <i>(Re-number the following paragraphs accordingly)</i> <i>(Insert a new section with new Article 13bis)</i> <u>Exception to the suspension and rescission: dues waiver</u>	(a) The rights of a Member in connection with elections, voting and motions shall ipso facto be suspended when the dues of that Member are one year in arrears. (b) If the dues of a Member are two years in arrears and subject to the application of Article 13bis, the matter shall be referred to the World Congress which may rescind all the remaining rights of the Member concerned. Such rescission shall be on such terms as the World Congress may determine. In between sessions of the World Congress, the matter shall be referred to an electronic ballot in conformity with Article 94. (c) If, one year after the decision of the World Congress to rescind the remaining rights of a Member, the Member in question has not paid its arrears owed up until such rescission, that Member shall be deemed to have withdrawn from IUCN. [...] Exception to the suspension and rescission: dues waiver Article 13bis

Existing provisions of the	Proposed amendments	New text as amended
	<u>Article 13bis</u> (a) <u>Notwithstanding Article 13 (a) and (b), the World Congress may, upon proposal of the Council, waive partially or totally the arrears owed by a Member until such decision in case the Member was unable to pay its dues for reasons beyond the control of that Member (force majeure).</u> (b) <u>If the World Congress approves the dues waiver, the rights of the Member concerned shall be reinstated effective at the close of the session of the Congress or the close of the electronic ballot, provided that no outstanding dues exceeding one year of arrears remain. If the Member concerned has remaining dues that are one of more years in arrears or if the World Congress rejects partially or entirely the dues waiver, the rights of the Member concerned would remain suspended in conformity with Article 13 (a) or be <i>ipso facto</i> rescinded in conformity with article 13 (b) depending on the total amount of outstanding arrears.</u> (c) <u>The cases of force majeure which may justify a dues waiver and the process by which a Member may request it and the Council will assess it shall be prescribed in the Regulations.</u> (d) <u>A Member whose request for a dues waiver has been denied by Council may appeal to the World Congress against that decision within the deadline prescribed in the Regulations.</u>	(a) Notwithstanding Article 13 (a) and (b), the World Congress may, upon proposal of the Council, waive partially or totally the arrears owed by a Member until such decision in case the Member was unable to pay its dues for reasons beyond the control of that Member (force majeure). (b) If the World Congress approves the dues waiver, the rights of the Member concerned shall be reinstated effective at the close of the session of the Congress or the close of the electronic ballot, provided that no outstanding dues exceeding one year of arrears remain. If the Member concerned has remaining dues that are one of more years in arrears or if the World Congress rejects partially or entirely the dues waiver, the rights of the Member concerned would remain suspended in conformity with Article 13 (a) or be <i>ipso facto</i> rescinded in conformity with article 13 (b) depending on the total amount of outstanding arrears. (c) The cases of force majeure which may justify a dues waiver and the process by which a Member may request it and the Council will assess it shall be prescribed in the Regulations. (d) A Member whose request for a dues waiver has been denied by Council may appeal to the World Congress against that decision within the deadline prescribed in the Regulations.

IUCN Regulations	(with track changes)	(all track changes 'accepted')
	<u>(insert new Regulation 25bis)</u> <u>Regulation 25bis</u> <u>(a) A Member having at least one year of arrears may request a membership dues waiver as prescribed in Article 13bis of the Statutes, within the deadline determined by the Council. The request shall be duly substantiated and include the reasons why a given force majeure situation described in Regulation 25bis (b) directly impacted the ability of the Member concerned to pay its membership dues and why it could not recover from this exceptional financial hardship.</u> <u>(b) The <i>force majeure</i> conditions that may justify granting a dues waiver shall be limited to natural disasters, armed conflicts, severe economic crisis, epidemics or pandemics.</u> <u>(c) The Council will assess each request in the light of the seriousness of the situation and its impact on the ability of that Member to pay its dues. Before proposing any dues waiver to the World Congress, it will take into consideration the impact on IUCN's finances of all waivers considered.</u> <u>(d) A waiver may be granted for up to two years of arrears resulting from the same force majeure event, provided that the Member requesting the waiver has paid its membership dues uninterruptedly during the five years preceding the first year of the arrear caused by <i>force majeure</i>. If the Member requesting the waiver joined IUCN less than five years before making the request, they must have paid their dues without interruption for at least two years.</u>	Regulation 25bis (a) A Member having at least one year of arrears may request a membership dues waiver as prescribed in Article 13bis of the Statutes, within the deadline determined by the Council. The request shall be duly substantiated and include the reasons why a given force majeure situation described in Regulation 25bis (b) directly impacted the ability of the Member concerned to pay its membership dues and why it could not recover from this exceptional financial hardship. (b) The <i>force majeure</i> conditions that may justify granting a dues waiver shall be limited to natural disasters, armed conflicts, severe economic crisis, epidemics or pandemics. (c) The Council will assess each request in the light of the seriousness of the situation and its impact on the ability of that Member to pay its dues. Before proposing any dues waiver to the World Congress, it will take into consideration the impact on IUCN's finances of all waivers considered. (d) A waiver may be granted for up to two years of arrears resulting from the same force majeure event, provided that the Member requesting the waiver has paid its membership dues uninterruptedly during the five years preceding the first year of the arrear caused by <i>force majeure</i>. If the Member requesting the waiver joined IUCN less than five years before making the request, they must have paid their dues without interruption for at least two years.

(e) Council will decide within a reasonable time whether to reject the request of the Member or, if it is satisfied that the inability to pay is due to extreme financial hardship and conditions beyond the control of the Member, whether to propose to the World Congress that the dues be waived in conformity with article 13bis of the Statutes. In both cases, the Director General will notify the Member about the decision of Council.

(f) Any proposal from the Council to the World Congress shall be accompanied by information on the impact of the proposed waiver(s) on IUCN's finances.

(g) An appeal may be made in accordance with Article 13bis of the Statutes within one month of the notification by the Director General of the Council's decision to reject the dues waiver. The appeal shall be duly substantiated and include the reasons why the Council would have made an error in rejecting the dues waiver.

(h) In between sessions of the World Congress, any decision on waiving membership dues requiring a decision of the Congress shall be referred to an electronic ballot in conformity with Article 94 at the same time as the electronic ballot on rescission.

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