



UNION INTERNATIONALE POUR LA CONSERVATION DE LA NATURE

14e Réunion du Bureau du Conseil de l'UICN

Par téléconférence le 30 juin 2025

Décisions

DÉCISION B14/1

Le Bureau du Conseil de l'UICN,

Faisant suite au paragraphe 2 de la décision C113/7 du Conseil,

Recommande au Conseil d'approuver la décision suivante à inclure en tant que paragraphe 5 supplémentaire de la décision C113/7 du Conseil :

[Le Conseil de l'UICN,]

Sur recommandation de son Bureau,

Décide de

- a. approuver en première lecture la proposition d'amendement à l'article 39 du Règlement modifiant les procédures de candidature en supprimant l'exigence de résidence dans la Région et en la remplaçant par l'obligation de fournir la preuve de liens étroits et directs avec les Membres de la Région (Annexe 1),
- b. consulter les Membres de l'UICN comme l'exigent les articles 101 à 103 des Statuts, de telle sorte que le Congrès 2025 coïncide avec la période de consultation visée à l'article 102 des Statuts,
- c. demander au Secrétariat de porter ces propositions d'amendements à l'attention des Membres lors du Congrès 2025 afin que ceux-ci partagent leurs orientations, commentaires ou objections avec le prochain Conseil,
- d. demander au prochain Conseil d'examiner les amendements proposés pour adoption en deuxième lecture en tenant compte des commentaires des Membres soumis au cours de la consultation, y compris pendant le Congrès.

DÉCISION B14/2

Le Bureau du Conseil de l'UICN,

Faisant suite au paragraphe 2 de la décision C113/7 du Conseil,

Recommande au Conseil d'approuver la décision suivante à inclure en tant que paragraphe 5 supplémentaire de la décision C113/7 du Conseil :

[Le Conseil de l'UICN,]

Sur recommandation de son Bureau,

Décide de

- a. approuver en première lecture la proposition d'amendement de l'article 39 du Règlement modifiant les procédures de candidature en exigeant que les candidats possédant plusieurs nationalités précisent pour quel État ils ont été nommés (Annexe 2),
- b. consulter les Membres de l'UICN comme l'exigent les articles 101 à 103 des Statuts, de telle sorte que le Congrès 2025 coïncide avec la période de consultation visée à l'article 102 des Statuts,
- c. demander au Secrétariat de porter ces propositions d'amendements à l'attention des Membres lors du Congrès 2025 afin que ceux-ci partagent leurs orientations, commentaires ou objections avec le prochain Conseil,
- d. demander au prochain Conseil d'examiner les amendements proposés pour adoption en deuxième lecture en tenant compte des commentaires des Membres soumis au cours de la consultation, y compris pendant le Congrès.

DÉCISION B14/3

Le Bureau du Conseil de l'UICN,

Faisant suite au paragraphe 2 de la décision C113/7 du Conseil

Recommande au Conseil d'approuver la décision suivante à inclure en tant que paragraphe 6 supplémentaire de la décision C113/7 du Conseil :

[Le Conseil de l'UICN,]

Sur recommandation de son Bureau,

Décide d'approuver, en tant que paragraphe 6 de la décision C113/7, la proposition d'amendement à l'article 46 des Statuts et la proposition d'ajout d'un nouvel article *74bis* des Règles de procédure du Congrès mondial de la nature et d'un nouvel article *40bis* du Règlement établissant une procédure d'appel contre les décisions définitives du Responsable des élections rejetant les propositions de personnes ayant été proposées pour nomination par le Conseil en tant que Président, Trésorier ou Président d'une Commission ou rejetant des candidatures à l'élection en tant que Conseiller élu des régions et Conseiller autochtone, aux fins de les soumettre au Congrès mondial de la nature de l'UICN 2025 pour adoption (Annexe 3).

DÉCISION B14/4

Le Bureau du Conseil de l'UICN,

Faisant suite à la demande formulée par le Conseil lors de sa 113e réunion tendant à ce que les projets d'amendements établissant un mécanisme d'exonération des cotisations présentés au Conseil par le Comité institutionnel et de gouvernance, et qui ont reçu un large soutien du Conseil, soient examinés et finalisés par la Conseillère juridique et renvoyés au Bureau pour approbation,

Recommande au Conseil d'approuver le projet de décision suivant à inclure en tant que décision C113/26 dans la feuille de décisions de la 113e réunion du Conseil :

[Le Conseil de l'UICN,]

Sur recommandation de son Bureau,

Faisant suite à la décision 152 du Congrès mondial de la nature de l'UICN 2021, qui chargeait le Conseil 2021-2025 de « *poursuivre le travail accompli par le Conseil 2016-2020 sur [...] la question de la valeur des Membres et des Membres confrontés à une situation financière difficile et n'étant pas en mesure de payer leurs cotisations* » ;

Décide d'approuver les amendements proposés aux Statuts et Règlement de l'UICN établissant un mécanisme de renonciation aux cotisations dans le but de les soumettre au Congrès mondial de la nature de l'UICN 2025 pour adoption (Annexe 4).

DÉCISION B14/5

Le Bureau du Conseil de l'UICN,

Demande au Président du CIG de convoquer à nouveau le groupe de rédaction ayant travaillé lors de la 113e réunion du Conseil sur un projet de décision concernant le Fonds visant à aider les petites OPA Membres à payer leurs cotisations, en vue de finaliser un projet de décision du Conseil, si possible d'ici le 15 août 2025, en tenant compte des discussions sur ce sujet lors de la réunion C113 du Conseil,

Demande au groupe de rédaction d'évaluer également les implications financières de la proposition et la manière dont elle serait financée, si elle était approuvée.

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')
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>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	Regulation 39 Candidates for election as Councillor elected from the Regions shall be nationals of a State in the Region concerned and shall provide evidence of close and direct ties with Members in the 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

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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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(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.