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Including indigenous peoples' organisations in the structure of the Union

The World Conservation Congress, at its session in Hawai'i, United States of America, 1-10 September 2016:

1. ADOPTS the following amendment to the IUCN Statutes:

i) Amend Article 4 of the IUCN Statutes by adding a new provision 4 (e) and renumbering all subsequent sections as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text ***in bold***)

4. The Members of IUCN shall be:

[...]

(d) international non-governmental organisations; ~~and~~

Category C: **(e) *indigenous peoples' organisations;***
and

Category D: (f) affiliates.

ii) Amend Article 5 of the IUCN Statutes by adding a new provision 5 (f) and renumbering all subsequent sections as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text ***in bold***)

5. In these Statutes:

[...]

(e) international non-governmental organisations shall be institutions and associations organized in two or more States; ~~and~~

(f) *indigenous peoples' organisations shall be institutions and associations established by indigenous peoples for the advancement of indigenous communities; and*

(g) Affiliate Members shall be government agencies, national and international non- governmental organisations, which are not in Categories A, ~~or B~~ **or C.**

iii) Amend Article 7 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text ***in bold***)

7. Government agencies, national and international non-governmental organisations, ***indigenous peoples' organisations*** and affiliates shall become Members of IUCN when the Council has determined that:

[...]

iv) Amend Article 10 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text ***in bold***)

10. Any decision of the Council on admission of an applicant may be appealed by ten Members eligible to vote acting within the period prescribed in the Regulations. The World Conservation Congress (hereinafter referred to as "the World Congress"), on such an appeal, shall have the right to reverse the Council's decision by a two-thirds majority of votes cast ~~by each Category of Member eligible to vote~~ ***in Category A and by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in Categories B and C combined.***

v) Amend Article 12 (b) of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text ***in bold***)

12. [...]

(b) Members in Categories A, ~~and B~~ **and C** shall also have the right:

[...]

vi) Amend Article 13 (c) and 13 (f) of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

13. (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:

[...]

(ii) in the case of any other Member in Category A or **in the case of** any Member in ~~Category~~ **Categories B or C**, by at least ten Members in the ~~same Category~~ **both Categories B and C combined, including a minimum of five Members in the same Category as the Member proposed for suspension or exclusion**; and

(iii) in the case of a Member in Category ~~C~~ **D**, by at least ten Members eligible to vote.

[...]

(f) If the Member concerned requests a vote:

[...]

(ii) the vote shall take place at the next session of the World Congress and the decision taken, in the case of a Member in Category A, ~~or Category B~~ **or Category C**, by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast ~~in the relevant Category~~ **in Category A and by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in Categories B and C combined**; ~~and in the case of a Member in Category C~~ **D**, by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast of all the Members eligible to vote;

[...]

(iv) except as provided in (iii) above, only Members in the ~~same Category~~ **A** may vote on a proposal for suspension or expulsion of a Member in Category A ~~or Category B~~, **and only Members in Categories B and C may vote (combined) on a proposal for suspension or expulsion of a Member in Category B or C.**

vii) Amend Article 19 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

19. The World Congress shall consist of the duly accredited delegates of the Members of IUCN meeting in session. The delegates of the Members in Categories A, ~~and B~~ **and C** shall constitute, respectively, the governmental, ~~and non-governmental~~ **and indigenous peoples' organisation** Categories of the World Congress.

viii) Amend Article 25 (a) of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

25. An extraordinary session of the World Congress shall be convened:

(a) if requested by at least one-fifth of the Members of either Category A or ~~Category~~ **Categories B and C combined**; or

[...]

ix) Amend Article 30 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

30. Only Members in Categories A, ~~and B~~ **and C** shall have the right to vote.

x) A new Article 30bis of the IUCN Statutes shall be added as follows:

30bis. Votes from Members in Category B and votes from Members in Category C will be counted together to produce a combined voting result (combined vote).

xi) Amend Article 31 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

31. Unless provided otherwise in these Statutes, decisions of the World Congress shall be taken by a simple majority of votes cast in ~~each~~ **Category A and in Categories B and C combined.**

xii) Amend Article 35 of the IUCN Statutes by adding a new provision 35bis as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

35bis. Indigenous peoples' organisation Members shall each have one vote.

xiii) Amend Article 36 (a) of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

36. Any decision of the World Congress taken in circumstances where:

(a) fewer than half of the total votes in either Category A or **Categories B and C combined** were represented at that session of the World Congress, or

[...]

xiv) Amend Article 48 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

48. In exceptional circumstances, the Council may by a two-thirds majority of votes cast, take measures that by Statute are prerogatives of the World Congress. In such cases, the Members of IUCN eligible to vote shall be notified promptly of these measures. If a majority of the Members eligible to vote in ~~either~~ **Category A or in Categories B and C combined**, responding not later than three months of the date of the notice, signifies its disapproval, the measures shall be rescinded.

xv) Amend Article 94 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

94. All matters within the competence of the World Congress may be decided by mail ballot. Such a mail ballot shall take place at the request of the Council or at least one fifth of the total voting rights in ~~either~~ **Category A or in Categories B and C combined.**

xvi) Amend Article 105 (b) of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

105. Amendments to these Statutes may be proposed to the World Congress:

[...]

(b) by any five Members in Category A or fifty Members in ~~Category~~ **Categories B and C combined**, provided that such proposals are received by the Secretariat not less than six months prior to the opening of an ordinary or extraordinary session of the World Congress.

xvii) Amend Article 107 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

107. Unless otherwise decided, amendments to the Statutes proposed in accordance with

Articles 105 and 106, shall become effective at the close of the session of the World Congress at which they are adopted by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in each of the Categories ~~Category~~ **Category A** and **by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in Categories B and C combined.**

xviii) Amend Article 109 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

109. The World Congress may only resolve on the dissolution of IUCN on the basis of a written motion to be sent to all the Members of IUCN at least four months prior to the date scheduled for the opening of the session of the World Congress at which it is to be considered. Adoption of such a motion shall require a majority of three-quarters of the votes cast by Members in each of the Categories ~~Category~~ **Category A** and **of three-quarters of the votes cast by Members in Categories B and C combined.**

2. ADOPTS the following amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the IUCN World Conservation Congress:

i) Amend Rule 62septimo of the Rules of Procedure as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

62septimo. Motions adopted by electronic ballot by ~~both Member Categories~~ **Category A** and **by Member Categories B and C combined** shall have the same validity as motions adopted during sittings of the Members' Assembly. The Members' Assembly will 'record' *en bloc* the adoption of motions through an electronic ballot prior to Congress but shall not, however, re-open the discussion or the vote on any of them. The motions whose adoption by electronic vote is so recorded by decision of the Members' Assembly shall be effective as of the date of such decision.

ii) Amend Rule 64 of the Rules of Procedure as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

64. The voting cards given to delegates of Category A Members shall be white; those to Category B Members shall be green **and those to Category C Members shall be blue.** In the case of electronic voting, the electronic voting card shall be programmed so as to ensure that the votes of Category A Members **are recorded separately;** and, the votes of Category **Categories B and C** Members **are recorded separately and combined for a combined voting result** shall be ~~recorded separately.~~

iii) Amend Rule 70 of the Rules of Procedure as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

70. A secret ballot may be held at the request of delegates from ten Members eligible to vote. In this case, when voting is carried out by delegates holding up voting cards, ballot papers bearing only the letters "A", ~~or~~ "B" **or "C"**, shall be distributed by the Secretariat on presentation of the voting cards on the basis of one paper per card. The ballot paper shall provide for a "yes", "no" or "abstain" vote. Ballot papers may be used only for one ballot. If a further ballot is taken, the ballot papers must be marked with an identifying number corresponding to the ballot for which they are valid. In the case of electronic voting, the Election Officer shall confirm that the system is programmed so as to guarantee the anonymity of all votes.

iv) Amend Rule 75 of the Rules of Procedure as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

75. Nominations by a Member in Category A, ~~or B~~ **or C** made before the World Congress shall be communicated by the Council to the Members.

v) Amend Rule 78 (b) of the Rules of Procedure as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

78. The elections of the President, the Treasurer and each of the Chairs of the Commissions shall be conducted separately and as follows:

[...]

(b) where a vote is required and there is only one candidate for a post, if that candidate does not receive a simple majority of votes cast by ~~each Category of~~ Members eligible to vote **in Category A and in Categories B and C combined**, the post shall be filled by the World Congress or, failing a decision by the closure of the session, by the new Council; and

[...]

vi) Amend Rule 80 of the Rules of Procedure as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

80. Where the number of candidates for Regional Councillors is the same or less than the number of vacancies in the Region for which they are nominated, each candidate shall be voted on individually. Should a candidate not receive a simple majority of votes cast by ~~each Category of~~ Members eligible to vote **in Category A and in Categories B and C combined**, the position of the Regional Councillor shall be filled by the new Council.

vii) Amend Rule 81 (f) and 81 (g) of the Rules of Procedure as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike-through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)

81. Where there is more than one candidate for the post of the President, Treasurer, Regional Councillor or Commission Chair:

[...]

(f) the number of votes cast for each candidate shall be totalled and the candidates ranked in order of the votes cast, this being done separately for Category A **votes** and **for the votes of** ~~Category~~ **Categories B and C combined** votes. The rankings so obtained for Category A shall then be added to those of ~~Category~~ **Categories B and C combined** to produce a combined ranking;

(g) in the event that the combined ranking is the same for two or more candidates the rankings shall be recalculated as follows: the Category A votes for each candidate required to fill the posts involved shall be multiplied by a constant factor being the number of **votes cast by** ~~Category~~ **Categories B and C combined** votes cast divided by the number of Category A votes cast for all candidates in that balloting; these adjusted Category A vote totals shall then be added to the **vote totals of** ~~Category~~ **Categories B and C combined** vote totals and the candidates ranked in order of the combined vote so obtained;