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Members' Assembly's sole authority to amend the Regulations pertaining to the objectives, nature of the membership and membership criteria (follow-up to decision 22 of the 2012 World Conservation Congress)

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

ADOPTS the following amendments to Articles 101, 102 and 103 of the IUCN Statutes:

i) Amend Article 101 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in strike through; proposed new text ***in bold***)

101 [...]

(a) The Regulations implementing these Statutes, adopted by the World Congress, may be amended by Council **following communication of proposed amendments to Members for comments or objections as provided for in Article 102.**

(b) The Regulations shall conform to these Statutes, and neither limit nor expand the rights of the Members to exercise control on any matter governed by these Statutes. **No amendment to the Regulations shall modify the character and the objectives of IUCN (Articles 1,2 and 3 of the Statutes), the nature and categories of the membership (Articles 4 and 5 of the Statutes), admission criteria for Members (Articles 6 and 7 of the Statutes) and related Members' rights.**

(c) Any proposed amendment shall be placed on the agenda of one of the periodic Council meetings and shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at each of two successive periodic meetings of the Council.

ii) Amend Article 102 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in strike through; proposed new text ***in bold***)

102 [...]

(a) Any **proposed** amendment to the Regulations shall be **separately** communicated to the Members ~~as soon as possible after it is adopted~~ **within 6 weeks after its adoption at the first of the two consecutive periodic meetings of the Council.**

(b) **The communication to Members shall clearly alert Members to the proposed change and include the complete text of the proposed amendment(s) together with a full explanation of the reasons which led Council to propose the amendment(s) as well as any clarification of its content.**

(c) **Members shall be given [two][three] months to submit comments or objections, following which the Council at the second of two consecutive meetings may adopt, modify or withdraw the proposed amendment(s) in light of the comments or objections received.**

iii) Amend Article 103 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in strike through; proposed new text ***in bold***)

103. The World Congress shall review, at the request of a minimum of forty Members eligible to vote, an amendment to the Regulations adopted by the Council **at the second of the two successive** periodic meetings, provided that the request is made not later than ~~six~~**three** months of the Council's communication of the **adoption of the** amendment. Pending such review, the effectiveness of the amendment shall be suspended.