

Establishment of an elected Indigenous Councillor position

The IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020, at its session in Marseille, France:

Adopts the following amendments to the IUCN Statutes, the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress and the Regulations:

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

Part III – Members

Rights and Obligations of Members

(a) Members shall have the right inter alia:

[...]

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

(i) to propose to the Council candidates for President, Treasurer and Chairs of the Commissions to be elected by the World Congress;

(ii) to nominate candidates directly to the World Congress for election as President;

(iii) to nominate to the World Congress candidates for election as Regional Councillors **and the Indigenous Councillor**;

(iv) to submit motions to the World Congress; and

(v) to vote in sessions of the World Congress or by mail ballot.

(c) Members shall have the obligation inter alia: [...]

*(ii) Amend Article 20 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)*

Part V – The World Conservation Congress

Functions

The functions of the World Congress shall be inter alia:

[...]

(h) to elect the President, Treasurer, Regional Councillors, **Indigenous Councillor** and Chairs of Commissions;

[...]

*(iii) Amend Article 28 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)*

Elections

The Regional Councillors **and the Indigenous Councillor** shall be elected by the World Congress in accordance with Article 39 and the Regulations.

*(iv) Amend Article 38 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)*

Part VI – The Council Composition

The members of the Council are:

- (a) the President;
- (b) the Treasurer;
- (c) the Chairs of the Commissions;
- (d) the Regional Councillors;
- (e) **the Indigenous Councillor**;
- (f) a Councillor from the State in which IUCN has its seat, appointed by the Council, provided that one from that State has not been elected Regional Councillor; and
- ~~(f)~~(g) one additional appointed Councillor, chosen by the Council on the basis of appropriate qualifications, interests and skills.

*(v) Amend Article 41 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)*

The terms of office of the President, Treasurer, Regional Councillors, **Indigenous Councillor** and Chairs of Commissions shall extend from the close of the ordinary session of the World Congress at which they are elected, until the close of the next ordinary session of the World Congress. The appointed Councillor shall serve for the remainder of the term for which the other Councillors are elected.

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

Part IX – Elections

Nominations and Method of Voting in Elections

The elections of the President, the Treasurer, ~~and~~ each of the Chairs of the Commissions **and the Indigenous Councillor** shall be conducted separately and as follows:

- (a) the President and the Treasurer may be elected by acclamation;
- (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 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
- (c) where there is more than one candidate for any of these posts a vote shall be taken in accordance with Rule 81.

*(vii) Amend Rule 79 of the Rules of Procedure as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)*

Should a sole candidate for the post of the President, Treasurer, ~~or~~ Chair of Commission **or Indigenous Councillor** withdraw or become ineligible, the Council shall meet in extraordinary session and, having considered the views of the Members of IUCN, shall propose a new candidate to the World Congress.

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

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

- (a) the ballot paper or the electronic election system shall list candidates in alphabetical order from a point in the alphabet chosen at random;
- (b) where one person is to be elected from two or more candidates for the post of President, Treasurer, ~~or~~ Chair of a Commission **or Indigenous Councillor**, the vote shall be cast by placing an 'X' against the name of the preferred candidate;

[...]

*(ix) Amend Article 37 of the Regulations as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)*

Part IV – The World Conservation Congress

Elections: Regional Councillors **and Indigenous Councillor**

At least nine months before each ordinary session of the World Congress the Members in Categories A, ~~and B and C~~ shall be invited by the Director General to submit to the Election Officer, the names of candidates for election as Regional Councillors **and Indigenous Councillor**. Such invitation shall be accompanied by a list of the Regional Councillors **and Indigenous Councillor** in office, indicating those who are eligible for re-election.

*(x) Amend Article 38 of the Regulations as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)*

Nominations for candidates from a Region for election as Regional Councillors shall be made by five Members eligible to vote or ten per cent of all such Members in that Region, whichever is lower, in both cases drawn from more than one State. For the purpose of nomination, an international non-governmental organisation whose constituency covers more than one Region shall be regarded as being located in the Region where its principal office is located.

Regulation 38bis

Nominations of indigenous persons for candidates for the Indigenous Councillor position shall be made by five Members eligible to vote of which at least two are Members of Category C, drawn from more than one State.

Regulation 38ter

All nominations shall be submitted together with an abbreviated curriculum vitae for each candidate, supplied by that candidate. Each candidate shall declare in writing a willingness to serve if elected. The deadline for nominations shall be determined on each occasion by the Council.

*(xi) Amend Article 40 of the Regulations as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)*

Nominations received from Members within a Region for election as Regional Councillors from that Region **as well as nominations received for election as Indigenous Councillor** shall be communicated via the IUCN intranet as and when they are declared by the Election Officer as meeting the requirements established in the Statutes and the present Regulations. Before taking a definitive decision to reject a nomination, the Election Officer shall allow the individuals whose nomination does not meet the requirements a period of three weeks following the deadline in case they wish to bring evidence that the nomination(s) received were valid at the time of the deadline. Nominations that meet the requirements shall be submitted by the Election Officer with appropriate background information to each ordinary session of the World Congress. The Election Officer shall list the candidates in alphabetical order from a point in the alphabet chosen at random, with an indication of the number of nominations received per candidate.