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Modification of the term “Regional Councillor”

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

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

[...]

(iii) to nominate to the World Congress candidates for election as ~~Regional~~ **Councillors elected from the Regions**;

[...]

*(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 elected from the Regions** 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 elected from the Regions** 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 other Regional Councillors~~ **as follows**:
 - (i) **Councillors elected from the Regions**;
 - (ii) ~~(e)~~ 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~~ **from the concerned Region**; and
 - (iii) ~~(f)~~ one additional appointed Councillor, chosen by the Council on the basis of appropriate qualifications, interests and skills.

*(v) Amend Article 39 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)*

There shall be a total of twenty-eight ~~Regional~~ Councillors **elected from the Regions**. The number of elected Councillors for each Region shall be as follows: four (4) for Africa; four (4) for Meso and South America; three (3) for North America and the Caribbean; five (5) for South and East Asia; three (3) for West Asia; three (3) for Oceania; three (3) from West Europe, and three (3) from East Europe, North and Central Asia.

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

Only one ~~Regional~~ Councillor **elected from the Regions**, and only two Chairs of Commissions, shall be from the same State.

*(vii) 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 **elected from the Regions** 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.

*(viii) Amend Article 43 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)*

The Council may fill any vacancies for the President, Treasurer, ~~Councillors~~ and Chairs of Commissions **and other Councillors** that may occur, for the balance of the term concerned.

*(ix) Amend Rule 72 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)*

Part VII – The National and Regional Committees and Regional Fora

~~Regional~~ Councillors **elected from the Regions** and other members of the Council resident in a State or Region where such Committees and Regional Fora have been established, shall be invited to participate in the meetings and activities of the corresponding National and Regional Committees and Regional Fora. Members of the Commissions resident in such State or Region, may be invited to participate in meetings and activities of the National and Regional Committees and Regional Fora.

*(x) 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**)*

Part IX – Elections

Nominations and Method of Voting in Elections

Where the number of candidates for ~~Regional~~ Councillors **elected from the Regions** 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 Members eligible to vote in Category A and in Categories B and C combined, the position of the ~~Regional~~ “Councillor **elected from the Regions**” shall be filled by the new Council.

*(xi) 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 **elected from the Regions** or Commission Chair:

[...]

(c) where three or more persons are to be elected from among four or more candidates to serve as ~~Regional~~ “Councillors **elected from the Regions**” for a Region, the vote shall be cast by placing an ‘X’ against the names of preferred candidates up to the maximum number of the candidates to be elected for that Region. Where more than one candidate is nominated from the same State, only the candidate receiving the greater number of votes may be elected;

[...]

*(xii) 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 – World Conservation Congress

Elections: ~~Regional~~ Councillors **elected from the Regions**

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 **elected from the Regions**”. Such invitation shall be accompanied by a list of the ~~Regional~~ Councillors **elected from the Regions** in office, indicating those who are eligible for re-election.

*(xiv) 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 **elected from the Regions**” 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. 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.

*(xv) Amend Article 39 of the Regulations as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike through~~;
proposed new text **in bold**)*

Candidates for election as ~~Regional~~ “Councillors **elected from the Regions**” shall be nationals of a State in the Region concerned, and shall be resident in that Region.

*(xvi) 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 **elected from the Regions**” from that Region 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.

*(xvii) Amend Article 45 of the Regulations as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)*

Part V – The Council

Appointments and Vacancies

The elected members of the Council shall appoint as soon as practicable after their election, and for a term to run concurrently with their own:

[...]

(b) a Councillor from Switzerland, chosen after consultation with the Swiss authorities, if a ~~Regional~~ “Councillor **elected from the Regions**” from Switzerland has not been elected;

[...]

*(xviii) Amend Article 57 of the Regulations as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)*

Functions and Composition of the Bureau

The Bureau shall act on behalf of Council on any matters that Council may assign to it from time to time and any matters that may arise under Article 46 (b) to (q) of the Statutes. In addition, the Bureau shall decide directly on those specific matters assigned to it by the Council as provided for in the list annexed to the Rules of Procedure of the Bureau. The list shall be reviewed from time to time by Council and may be modified.

(a) The Bureau shall consist of the President as Chair, two Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, one Commission Chair, two ~~Regional~~ Councillors **elected from the Regions**, and the Chairs of the Programme and Policy Committee, the Finance and Audit Committee and the Governance and Constituency Committee.

[...]

(c) The two Vice-Presidents and two ~~Regional~~ Councillors **elected from the Regions** shall serve only through the first half of the term, and for the second half of the term shall be replaced by Councillors from other Regions and the two other Vice-Presidents.

[...]