

IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS
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Proposed amendments to the IUCN Rules of Procedure

Improvements to the motions process

Action Requested: The World Conservation Congress is invited to CONSIDER and ADOPT the proposed amendments to the IUCN Rules of Procedures to improve the motions process submitted by the Council under Article 29 of the IUCN Statutes.

DRAFT MOTION

The IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025,

On the proposal of the IUCN Council acting upon the request of the Chair of the 2021 Members' Assembly¹ following a request from the Natural Resources Defense Council tabled at the 2021 World Conservation Congress, and taking into account experience of the online motions process 2025,

Amendments to the Rules of Procedure

1. Adopts the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress presented in Annex 1 to enhance the transparency of the motions process;
2. Decides that these amendments become effective immediately; and
3. Notes that amendments to Rule 53 will be proposed to the IUCN Congress at a later sitting of the Members' Assembly.

Amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Congress Resolutions Committee

4. Adopts the Terms of Reference of the 2025 Congress Resolutions Committee (Annex 2) including, in particular, provisions to enhance the transparency of the motions process as requested by IUCN Members during the 2021 Congress, noting that similar provisions will be presented in the draft Terms of Reference of the Congress Steering Committee;

Request to the IUCN Council

5. Requests the next IUCN Council 2026–2029 to include in the Terms of Reference of the Motions Working Group (Annex 3) and the Congress Preparatory Committee acting as appeals body for the motions process, the provisions of the Rules of Procedure concerning the transparency of the motions process and provisions mirroring those of the Terms of Reference of the 2025 Congress Resolutions Committee that concern the transparency of the motions process.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

IUCN Members attending the Contact Group on 29 September agreed by consensus to the additional changes that are highlighted in yellow to the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress in Annex1. They also agreed that the discussion on Rule 53, as well as on Rule 54 (Motion B), be continued by convening an additional Contact Group meeting during Congress. The latest amendments are subject to the approval of the Congress Governance Committee which is tasked with making such recommendations to the first sitting of the Members' Assembly.

¹ [Proceedings p. 49](#)

Existing provisions of the Rules of Procedure	Proposed amendments (with track changes)	New text as amended (all track changes 'accepted')
<p>Rule 49</p> <p>(a) Motions may be proposed by the Council, or by any Member eligible to vote with the co-sponsorship of at least five other eligible Members from at least two Regions. Motions shall normally be submitted to the Director General by a date set by Council which shall not be later than six months before the opening of the next session of the World Congress.</p> <p>(b) The same process and requirements shall apply for motions, which have been deferred to the following session of the World Congress as per Rule 56.</p> <p>(c) The Secretariat shall circulate all accepted motions which are received by it, to all Members, at least three months in advance of that session of the World Congress.</p>	<p>Rule 49</p> <p>(a) Motions may be proposed by the Council, or by any Member eligible to vote with the co-sponsorship of at least five other eligible Members from at least two Regions. Motions shall normally be submitted to the Director General by a date set by Council which shall not be later than six months before the opening of the next session of the World Congress.</p> <p>(b) The same process and requirements shall apply for motions, which have been deferred to the following session of the World Congress as per Rule 56.</p> <p>(c) <u>Following the deadline for submission of motions, the Secretariat shall make all submitted motions visible to all Members until the start of the online discussion referred to in Rule 62bis (b).</u></p> <p><u>(d)</u> The Secretariat shall circulate all accepted motions which are received by it, to all Members, at least three months in advance of that session of the World Congress.</p>	<p>Rule 49</p> <p>(a) Motions may be proposed by the Council, or by any Member eligible to vote with the co-sponsorship of at least five other eligible Members from at least two Regions. Motions shall normally be submitted to the Director General by a date set by Council which shall not be later than six months before the opening of the next session of the World Congress.</p> <p>(b) The same process and requirements shall apply for motions, which have been deferred to the following session of the World Congress as per Rule 56.</p> <p>(c) Following the deadline for submission of motions, the Secretariat shall make all submitted motions visible to all Members until the start of the online discussion referred to in Rule 62bis (b).</p> <p>(d) The Secretariat shall circulate all accepted motions to all Members, at least three months in advance of that session of the World Congress.</p>
<p>Explanatory note:</p> <p>Litt. (c): To increase transparency of the motions process, it is proposed to request the Secretariat to keep all draft motions as submitted by IUCN Members in the motions submission system visible to all Members via a dedicated section of the Union Portal. At the beginning of the online discussion, at the time the appeals process will have been concluded and all accepted motions will have been published, the motions will belong to the IUCN membership collectively. In order to avoid any confusion as to which version of the motions is under discussion, the section of the Union Portal with the original version of the draft motions as submitted will be closed. The original version of the draft motions as submitted will be stored in IUCN's archive and copies can be obtained upon request.</p> <p>Litt. (d): the words "which are received by it" are confusing. This paragraph concerns the motions accepted by the Motions Working Group, including those accepted following appeal and should be distinguished from the draft motions as submitted referred to in the previous paragraph.</p>		

<p>Rule 52</p> <p>Motions may be submitted at the World Congress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) either by the Council, or by (b) a Member eligible to vote with the co-sponsorship of at least ten other Members eligible to vote from at least two Regions; and (c) only if the Congress Resolutions Committee determines that they meet the requirements of Rule 54 with the exception of paragraphs (b) viii. and ix. and that the subject of the motions is new and urgent according to the following criteria and on that basis authorizes their distribution to delegates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. “New” means that the issue which is the subject of the motion has arisen or has been subject to developments occurring after the closing of the deadline for the submission of motions and, at that time, could not have been foreseen; and ii. “Urgent” means that the issue is of such importance that it requires an immediate response from the Union in the form of a Resolution or Recommendation. 	<p>Rule 52</p> <p>Motions may be submitted at the World Congress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) either by the Council, or by (b) a Member eligible to vote with the co-sponsorship of at least ten other Members eligible to vote from at least two Regions; and (c) only if the Congress Resolutions Committee determines that they meet the requirements of Rule 54 with the exception of paragraphs (b) viii. and ix. and that the subject of the motions is new and urgent according to the following criteria and on that basis authorizes their distribution to delegates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. “New” means that the issue which is the subject of the motion has arisen or has been subject to developments occurring after the closing of the deadline for the submission of motions <u>referred to in Rule 49 (a)</u> and, at that time, could not have been foreseen; and ii. “Urgent” means that the issue is of such importance that it requires an immediate response from the Union in the form of a Resolution or Recommendation. 	<p>Rule 52</p> <p>Motions may be submitted at the World Congress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) either by the Council, or by (b) a Member eligible to vote with the co-sponsorship of at least ten other Members eligible to vote from at least two Regions; and (c) only if the Congress Resolutions Committee determines that they meet the requirements of Rule 54 with the exception of paragraphs (b) viii. and ix. and that the subject of the motions is new and urgent according to the following criteria and on that basis authorizes their distribution to delegates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. “New” means that the issue which is the subject of the motion has arisen or has been subject to developments occurring after the closing of the deadline for the submission of motions referred to in Rule 49 (a) and, at that time, could not have been foreseen; and ii. “Urgent” means that the issue is of such importance that it requires an immediate response from the Union in the form of a Resolution or Recommendation.
<p>Explanatory note:</p> <p>To clarify more precisely which deadline is being referred to.</p>		
<p>Proposed changes to Rule 53 to be discussed in a subsequent contact group and at a subsequent Members’ Assembly sitting</p>		
<p><u>Insert a new Rule 54bis</u></p> <p><u>The Motions Working Group, the Resolutions Committee and Committees acting as appeal bodies for the motions process shall communicate the results of their deliberations on</u></p>		<p>Rule 54bis</p> <p>The Motions Working Group, the Resolutions Committee and Committees acting as appeal bodies for the motions process shall communicate the results of their deliberations on</p>

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<p>Explanatory note:</p> <p>To increase transparency of the motions process, the relevant bodies with the authority to accept motions (the Motions Working Group prior to Congress, and the Resolutions Committee during the Congress) and the bodies dealing with appeals (the Congress Preparatory Committee acting as appeals body for the motions discussed online prior to Congress and the Congress Steering Committee during the Congress) should communicate in writing a clear rationale for their decisions on the motions and refer to documents underpinning or substantiating their decisions. If decisions are to reject, modify or merge motions, they should specify the provisions of the Rules of Procedure that the motion concerned does not comply with. This will mostly concern Rules 48<i>bis</i>, 52 and 54.</p>		
<p>Rule 55</p> <p>Except for appeals referred to in Rule 62<i>ter</i>, the Steering Committee shall decide any appeal from a proposer and co-sponsors against the amendment of a draft motion by the Motions Working Group or Resolutions Committee. The Chair shall announce the decision of the Steering Committee and the World Congress may confirm or change that decision.</p>	<p>Rule 55</p> <p><u>(a)</u> Except for appeals referred to in Rule 62<i>ter</i>, the Steering Committee shall decide any appeal from a proposer and co-sponsors against the <u>rejection or</u> amendment of a draft motion by the <u>Motions Working Group or</u> Resolutions Committee. The Chair shall announce the decision of the Steering Committee and the World Congress may <u>confirm or</u> change that decision.</p> <p><u>(b)</u> <u>Before the end of the sitting following the communication of the Steering Committee's decisions or during which the Steering Committee's decisions were announced, a Member of the Assembly may move to change the decision of the Steering Committee regarding the appeal.</u></p> <p><u>(c)</u> <u>Upon a motion from</u><u>When a Member moves</u> <u>to change the decision of the Steering Committee, the Chair will direct the Secretariat to make available to the Members' Assembly before the end of the next sitting a copy of the draft motion submitted under Rule 52, the decision of the Resolutions</u></p>	<p>Rule 55</p> <p>(a) Except for appeals referred to in Rule 62<i>ter</i>, the Steering Committee shall decide any appeal from a proposer and co-sponsors against the rejection or amendment of a draft motion by the Resolutions Committee. The Chair shall announce the decision of the Steering Committee and the World Congress may change that decision.</p> <p>(b) Before the end of the sitting following the communication of the Steering Committee's decisions or during which the Steering Committee's decisions were announced, a Member of the Assembly may move to change the decision of the Steering Committee regarding the appeal.</p> <p>(c) When a Member moves to change the decision of the Steering Committee, the Chair will direct the Secretariat to make available to the Members' Assembly before the end of the next sitting a copy of the draft motion submitted under Rule 52, the decision of the Resolutions Committee to reject or amend the motion, the appeal submitted by the</p>

<p><u>Committee to reject or amend the motion, the appeal submitted by the proponent and co-sponsors, the decision of the Steering Committee on the appeal, and a statement by the proponent and co-sponsors as to why their request to change the decision should be considered by the Members' Assembly.</u></p> <p>(c)(d) <u>The Chair shall call the matter to a vote during the sitting held following the distribution of the documents referred to in paragraph (c). If the decision of the Steering Committee to reject or amend a motion is changed, the motion will proceed to consideration by the Members' Assembly accordingly.</u></p>			<p>proponent and co-sponsors, the decision of the Steering Committee on the appeal, and a statement by the proponent and co-sponsors as to why their request to change the decision should be considered by the Members' Assembly.</p> <p>(d) The Chair shall call the matter to a vote during the sitting held following the distribution of the documents referred to in paragraph (c). If the decision of the Steering Committee to reject or amend a motion is changed, the motion will proceed to consideration by the Members' Assembly accordingly.</p>
<p>Explanatory note:</p> <p>Litt. (a): The scope of the right to appeal should be clearer: it concerns not only the decisions of the Resolutions Committee to amend a motion submitted under Rule 52, but also a decision to reject it. It should also be clear that Rule 55 in fact only applies to motions on new and urgent topics submitted under Rule 52 because any other motion tabled for discussion and vote during Congress will have been part of the motions discussed online prior to Congress for which a specific appeal process is defined in Rule 62<i>ter</i>. For clarity, it is therefore proposed to strike out the reference to "Motions Working Group". Further, it does not make sense to open up the possibility for Members to move that the decisions of the Steering Committee be confirmed. It is therefore proposed to limit the right to move that the Members' Assembly take a vote only to "change" (i.e. overrule or challenge) a decision of the Steering Committee.</p> <p>Litt. (b) to (d): have been proposed in order to strengthen the transparency of the motions process during Congress, mainly by ensuring that, once a Member moves to take a vote to challenge a Steering Committee decision on appeal, all Members will receive key documents enabling them to understand and take an informed decision on the question that they will be asked to vote on.</p> <p>It is worth noting here that the Terms of Reference of the Congress Resolutions Committee and the Congress Steering Committee, will include specific provisions to enhance the transparency of the process leading to decisions of these bodies regarding, respectively, the admission or amendment of motions submitted under Rule 52 and the appeal against decisions of the Resolutions Committee.</p>			
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Explanatory note:

The many questions about this which the Secretariat receives from IUCN Members following each Congress, justifies a clarification of the Rules that the version of Resolutions and Recommendations adopted by Congress and published as the official record of the Congress will not contain the names of proponents and co-sponsors and the information they provided at the time of submitting the motion that lead to the Resolution or Recommendation concerned. Indeed, as soon as a motion is accepted for discussion, online prior to Congress or during the Congress, it is no longer “owned” by proponents and co-sponsors. The names of proponents and co-sponsors and the information they provided at the time of submitting their motion becomes an archival record of IUCN that remains accessible to IUCN Members via the Union Portal.

Resolutions Committee of the 2025 Congress

Terms of Reference

Approved by Council aligned with the draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure proposed by Council to the 2025 Congress (decision C113/8, May 2025) to improve the transparency and effectiveness of the motions process

The Resolutions Committee will be established by the Congress and reports to the Members' Assembly and, between sitting of the Members' Assembly, to the Steering Committee. It shall include the members of the Motions Working Group appointed by the Council, as per Rule 20.

The Resolutions Committee manages the motions process at the Congress.

More specifically, the Resolutions Committee is responsible for:

1. Managing motions during Congress including the motions referred to the Congress by the Motions Working Group as well as the motions submitted during the Congress under Rule 52. This includes:
 - a. receiving proposed amendments to motions, and deciding whether an amendment is in order and ensuring that the process described in Rules 59 to 62 is duly followed;
 - b. proposing that amendments be debated or voted upon together. They may propose that the text together with the proposed amendments be referred to a contact group (Rule 62);
 - c. deciding which motions will be put to vote at the Congress and which will first be discussed in *ad hoc* contact groups (Rule 56);
 - d. organising and managing contact groups and considering the reports from the contact groups before presenting the text to the plenary (Rule 56) including contact groups on topics referred to in Rule 45*bis* (a), (b) and (d);
 - e. forwarding through the Programme Committee any motion or part of a motion affecting the draft Programme or proposed mandate of a Commission to the sessions of the World Congress that consider the Programme and mandates of the Commissions. The sponsors of these motions shall be informed of this action (Rule 51);
 - f. consulting with any other Congress Committee as required, such as the Congress Governance Committee on any motion or proposed amendments whose implementation, if adopted, depend on reform of the Statutes, the Rules of Procedure of the Congress or the Regulations;
 - g. proposing that motions whose arguments are not technically sound or coherent and require further development or motions which are so controversial that it is, in its opinion, not possible to produce a consensus text for submission to a decision by the Members' Assembly, be deferred to the next World Congress [Rule 56 (a)];
 - h. for issues that prove hard to resolve in contact groups, setting up one or more drafting groups that balance the spectrum of views on the motion, for the purpose of achieving a consensus text. Should a consensus remain impossible, the drafting groups may decide to present minority views as amendments [Rule 56 (d)]; and
 - i. keeping track of motions, including those which have an impact on the Programme (Rule 51).
2. Additional provisions specifically for motions submitted during Congress on new and urgent topics:

- a. Receiving motions submitted during Congress under Rule 52 within the deadline defined in Rule 53;
 - b. Verifying whether submitted motions meet the statutory requirements and circulating accepted motions to all IUCN Members in accordance with Rules 52, 53 and 54;
 - c. Prior to commencement of the motions process defined in Rules 52 and 53, the Resolutions Committee shall inform Members of the exact procedures that will be followed for the submission and review of motions, including:
 - i. confirmation of receipt of submitted motions,
 - ii. clear timelines and deadlines for submission, review by the Resolutions Committee, feedback to proponent and cosponsors, final submission, communications regarding acceptance, amendment or rejection, and the process for appealing the decisions of the Resolutions Committee to the Congress Steering Committee (Rule 55), and
 - iii. methods of contacting the Resolutions Committee members during the submission and review process;
 - d. Before rejecting or amending a motion submitted under Rule 52, the Resolutions Committee shall:
 - i. communicate its specific concerns about the motion to the proponent and co-sponsors, and
 - ii. offer the proponent and co-sponsors a reasonable amount of time, considering the overall need to proceed with a sense of urgency during a Congress, to address these concerns and re-submit a revised version of the motion;
 - e. The Resolutions Committee shall communicate the results of its deliberations on the motions submitted under Rule 52 to all IUCN Members as soon as practically possible after the deadline for submission of the motions, providing a clear rationale and references for their decisions including, as the case may be, the specific provision(s) that the motion does not comply with and whether any members of the Resolutions Committee recused themselves from discussions on the motion because of conflict of interest or other reasons;
 - f. Members of the Resolutions Committee shall serve in their personal capacity and assess the content of motions with diligence, integrity and impartiality. They shall disclose any potential conflicts of interest, real or perceived, that could create an appearance of impropriety undermining the confidence in the member's ability to fulfil her/his duties impartially and recuse themselves from discussions about motions where such potential conflicts of interest exist. The communication of the Resolutions Committee referred to in paragraph 2.1 e) shall include the conflict of interest declarations made by its members.
3. Making recommendations to the next Congress for improving the committee's role and functioning based on its own evaluation. These recommendations, as well as lessons learned from the whole motions process, should be made soon after the closure of the 2025 Congress and transmitted to the next Council by the Secretariat.

Terms of Reference of the Motions Working Group of the IUCN Council

Approved by the IUCN Council, Council decision C109/30 (Annex 10), May 2023
building on the TOR approved by the IUCN Council, decision C/96/2 (March 2019)

Amendments proposed by Council on improving the efficiency and transparency of the motions process, completing the amendments to the Rules of Procedure proposed by Council to Congress (Decision C113/8, May 2025)

In accordance with Article 46 (q) of the IUCN Statutes, Regulation 29, and Part VII of the Rules of Procedure ('Agenda and Motions'), the Council appoints a Motions Working Group with the mandate to:

- a. Provide guidance to IUCN Members on the submission of motions;
- b. Receive the motions and determine that they are consistent with the purpose of motions as defined in Rule 48*bis* and meet the requirements listed in RoP 54;
- c. Prepare, including editing, the motions for the online discussion and, as appropriate, for submission to the Resolutions Committee of Congress and the World Congress;
- d. Submit the motions to an online discussion to be held prior to Congress, specifying which motions that warrant debate at the global level during the Congress will continue to be discussed and voted upon during the Members' Assembly subject to RoP 45*bis*, and which motions will be put to an online vote prior to Congress subject to Rule 62*quinto*;
- e. Facilitate and oversee the online discussion of motions between Members prior to the Congress, ensuring that it is transparent and will adhere to the greatest possible extent to the procedure for discussion and amendment of motions during the Congress;
- f. Following the close of the online discussion, submit motions to an electronic vote prior to Congress and refer others to the Members' Assembly for continued debate and vote.

The Motions Working Group to be established by Council in accordance with Regulation 29 shall consist of

- (i) five (5) to seven (7) members of the IUCN Council,
- (ii) three (3) individuals who will be appointed by Council in their expert, personal capacity to represent the common interests and the diversity of the IUCN membership and Commissions, following Council's call for nominations to all IUCN Members and Commissions; and
- (iii) the Director General *ex officio*.

The Motions Working Group shall present periodic reports on its work to the IUCN Council and shall keep the Congress Preparatory Committee (CPC) closely informed. The Motions Working Group shall receive adequate support from the IUCN Secretariat in order to deliver on its mandate.

The Motions Working Group shall, among others, perform the following tasks:

1. In collaboration with the GCC Task Force on motions process, establish specific procedures for the motions process in advance of the Congress to ensure its effective, efficient and transparent management. As part of this procedure, it shall guide the development of guidelines and templates for IUCN Members for the motions process which shall be sent to all IUCN Members before the opening of the submission of motions. The procedures will

also specify the tasks which the Secretariat accepts to undertake in support of the work of the Motions Working Group and contain the criteria and transparent processes for making the determinations which the Motions Working Group is required to make by the Rules of Procedure.

2. Members of the Motions Working Group shall serve in their personal capacity and assess the content of motions with diligence, integrity and impartiality. They shall disclose any potential conflicts of interest, real or perceived, that could create an appearance of impropriety undermining the confidence in the member's ability to fulfil her/his duties impartially, and recuse themselves from discussions about motions where such potential conflicts of interest exist. The communication of the Motions Working Group referred to in paragraph 7 shall include the conflict of interest declarations made by its members.
3. Work jointly with the GCC Task Force on Motions to propose amendments to the IUCN Statutes (if any are required), Regulations and Rules of Procedures of the World Conservation Congress to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency and transparency of the motions process.
4. Work with the IUCN Secretariat to prepare a detailed work plan and budget for effectively managing the motion process, in time for consideration by Council when adopting the IUCN Budget for 2024 and 2025.
5. Be informed of and take into account to the extent possible the results of discussions of motions in National Committees, Regional Committees and Regional Fora, including those that warrant discussion at a local and/or national level;
6. Consult the standing committees of the IUCN Council for advice as follows:
 - a. the Governance and Constituency Committee and the Legal Adviser regarding the possible impact of motions on the governance of IUCN in particular motions whose implementation, if adopted, depend on reform of the Statutes, the Rules of Procedure of the Congress or the Regulations;
 - b. the Finance and Audit Committee regarding the resource implications of motions, in particular the motions that explicitly request that all or part of the funds required to implement the motion (if adopted) be included in IUCN's annual budget;
 - c. the Programme and Policy Committee regarding the implementation of Rule 51 about the motions (or part of motions) that affect the draft Programme or the mandate of a Commission;
7. Ensure that the statutory requirements are strictly applied to the submitted motions and that motions which meet the requirements, are treated fairly and equitably, with adequate communication with proponents and sponsors of motions related to rejecting, amending, combining or categorizing motions, explaining the rationale. Communicate to all IUCN Members the results of its deliberations on the motions providing a clear rationale and references for its decisions including, as the case may be, the specific provision(s) that the motion does not comply with.
8. Ensure that, following the deadline for submission of motions, the Secretariat shall make all submitted motions visible to all Members until the start of the online discussion referred to in Rule 62bis (b).
9. Make effective use of the information provided by proponents and co-sponsors about the actions and resources required to implement the motion and the contributions which they intend to make towards its implementation (RoP 54 (b) viii.), including publishing the information and/or the rating described in the template throughout the motions process, thereby encouraging IUCN Members to take responsibility for the implementation of the motions they submit, once they are adopted. Transmit a report to the Resolutions Committee of Congress regarding the status of the resources committed/pledged on all the

motions adopted through the electronic vote prior to Congress.

10. Communicate clearly and comprehensively to the IUCN membership the rationale for referring certain motions to the electronic vote prior to Congress and others to the Members' Assembly, either at the time of publication of the motions prior to the online discussion (RoP 62*bis*) and/or after the online discussion, at the time the motions are submitted to the electronic vote (RoP 62*quinto*) e.g. by explaining what the issues are that could not be solved during the online discussion and that require continued debate during the Members' Assembly.
11. Monitor the quality of motions, alert Members and facilitators before/during the electronic discussion of quality issues, and provide guidance to facilitators empowering them to raise issues of poor quality of motions and actively work with Members to solve them before the end of the electronic discussion.
12. Oversee the online discussion on motions in advance of the Congress, providing guidance and direction, and assistance, to ensure that facilitators are designated and receive adequate training and guidance in the spirit of IUCN's 'One Programme approach' and fully understand the intent and requirements of the IUCN Statutes, Rules of Procedure and Regulations pertaining to motions.
13. Provide clear guidance to the facilitators of the online discussion with a view to alerting Members to issues of alignment with the IUCN Programme, or alert Members directly to such issues during the online discussion, e.g. at the beginning of the 2nd reading.
14. Encourage broad participation of Cat. A Members (through reminders, incentives, etc.) and to keep a record that shows its adequate engagement with and invitation to State Members.
15. Monitor the electronic discussion and assist / guide the facilitators to proactively build a consensus during the online discussion, thereby reducing as much as possible the application of RoP 62*quinto* (b), i.e. the referral to the Members' Assembly of motions that led to such divergent proposed amendments that it was not possible to submit them to the electronic vote prior to Congress.
16. Prepare the motions, as amended during the online discussion or together with proposed amendments, for an electronic vote in accordance with Rule 62*quinto* explaining as clearly as possible in the Guidance for IUCN Members on electronic voting the way of voting on amendments.
17. Prepare the motions that require continued discussion during the Members' Assembly, for hand-over to the Resolutions Committee of the Congress with any advice and background, as appropriate, including motions which, in the view of the Motions Working Group, are controversial and consensus would be beneficial for conservation, and so may have to be referred to the next Congress (Regulation 62*quinto* as revised).
18. Formally transmit to the Congress 1) the motions approved during the electronic vote in order for the Congress to 'record *en bloc* the adoption' of these motions, and 2) the motions that require continued debate and vote during the Members' Assembly.
19. Prepare the ~~urgent and new~~ motions on new and urgent topics submitted from one week prior to the opening of the Congress for the consideration of the Congress Resolutions Committee as soon as it will have been established, with a view to enabling the Committee to timely distribute the motions that it will have admitted. Should the deadline for new and urgent motions established by Council under Rule 53 occur before the Resolutions Committee is formally established by the Members' Assembly, the Motions Working Group shall review and take decisions on the acceptability of the new and urgent motions under Rule 54 and thereby apply the procedure guaranteeing transparency and fair process described in the Terms of Reference of the Congress Resolutions Committee.

20. Make recommendations to the next Council for improving the Working Group's role and functioning based on its own evaluation to be made before the end of the 2025 Congress taking into account Council's guidance for self-evaluation.