

065 Establishing mechanisms for engagement with IUCN Members involved in armed conflict

AWARE that IUCN was created in 1948 to bring the international community together with the shared goal to protect nature;

CONCERNED that armed conflict has significant impacts on the realisation of “A just world that values and conserves nature” and on the ability of IUCN to “Influence, encourage and assist societies to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable”;

MINDFUL that armed conflict has direct and indirect impacts on our ecosystems, including both natural and human and social systems, that negatively affect entire communities in their cultural and language diversity, as well as biological diversity; and

NOTING that IUCN Members have consistently shown support in highlighting the connection between conservation and armed conflict in numerous Resolutions and Recommendations;

The IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025, at its session in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates:

1. REQUESTS the IUCN Council to invite the World Commission on Environmental Law and other Commissions to develop a guidance policy, with clear engagement mechanisms, for cooperation and engagement with IUCN Members and Commissions involved in armed conflict, ensuring consideration, alignment or reconciliation with IUCN's vision and mission; and
2. ENCOURAGES all IUCN Members to consider these strategies and collaborate in supporting IUCN's objectives in relation to global conservation.