

065 Establishing mechanisms for engagement with IUCN Members involved in armed conflict, wars and occupation

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CONCERNED that armed conflict ~~, war and occupation~~ has ~~ve~~ significant impacts on the realisation of “A just world that values and conserves nature” and 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 ~~tt, war and occupation~~ has ~~ve~~ direct and indirect impacts on our ~~ecoeological~~ systems, including both natural and human and social systems, that negatively affect leading to declines, if not outright extinction, of entire communities in their of life, human cultural and language diversity, and as well as biological diversity;

~~UNDERSTANDING that the term “IUCN Members involved in armed conflict, war and occupation” includes Members and Commissions that have directly and indirectly initiated armed conflict, war and occupation, including but not limited to those which are: serving in an advisory capacity; providing political, financial and military support; or being impacted by armed conflict, war and occupation; and~~

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

RECOGNISING ALSO the urgent need to integrate climate adaptation and resilience planning into conservation strategies in fragile settings, and that while the climate crisis might exacerbate the political and social causes of conflict and further stress ecosystem health, it also provides opportunities for environmental peacebuilding

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 ~~, war and occupation~~, 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 returning IUCN's to its origins: a pathway to peace, through global conservation objectives in relation to global conservation.”