



Resolutions Committee of the Congress

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The Resolutions Committee will be established by the Congress and reports 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 referred to the Congress by the Motions Working Group. This includes:
 - a. receiving proposed amendments to motions, and decide whether an amendment is in order and ensure 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. presenting to the Congress Steering Committee the appeals filed by Members against decisions made by the Motions Working Group (Rule 55);
 - d. organising and managing contact groups and consider the reports from the contact groups before presenting the text to the Plenary (Rule 56);
 - e. 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 Conservation Congress [Rule 56 (a)];
 - f. 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
 - g. keeping track of motions, including those which have an impact on the Programme (Rule 51).

2. Managing motions submitted during Congress. This includes:
 - a. receiving motions submitted during Congress within the deadline defined in Rule 53;
 - b. verifying whether submitted motions meet the statutory requirements and circulating them to delegates in accordance with Rules 52, 53 and 54;
 - 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. receiving proposed amendments to motions, and deciding whether an amendment is in order and ensure the process described in Rules 59 to 62 is duly followed; and
 - e. 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).
3. Making recommendations to the next Council for improving the Committee's role and functioning based on its own evaluation to be made before the end of the Congress taking into account Council's guidance for self-evaluation.