Proposed amendments to the IUCN Statutes, Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress and the IUCN Regulations:

Election of Regional Councillors resident in dependent territories

MOTION B
Status: ADOPTED

The IUCN World Conservation Congress, 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 40 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in strike through; proposed new text in bold):

Composition

(a) Each Region shall have no more than one Regional Councillor, and only two Chairs of Commissions, shall be from the same State. This does not preclude a Regional Councillor from the same State resident in a dependent territory of her/his State from being elected as Regional Councillor for a Region other than that of her/his State, or that s/he is elected for the same Region as her/his State but nominated by Members of part of a Region in which the dependent territory is located. There shall however be no more than two Regional Councillors from any state including their dependent territories in Council.

(b) No more than two Chairs of Commissions shall be from the same State.
(ii) 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):
Part IX – Elections

Nominations and Method of Voting in Elections

Where there is more than one candidate for the post of the President, Treasurer, Regional Councillor or Commission Chair:

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c) where three or more persons are to be elected from among four or more candidates to serve as Regional Councillors 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. This does not apply to candidates from the same State resident in dependent territories as defined in Article 40 of the Statutes. Where more than one candidate has been nominated from the same State and the same dependent territory, only the candidate receiving the greater number of votes may be elected.

(iii) Amend Article 38 of the Regulations as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in strike-through; proposed new text in bold):
Part IV – The World Conservation Congress

Elections: Regional Councillors

Nominations for candidates from a Region for election as Regional Councillors 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. Nominations for candidates resident in dependent territories as defined in Article 40 of the Statutes, shall be made by five Members eligible to vote or ten per cent of all such Members in the Region for which they wish to be elected, where the dependent territory is located, whichever is lower, 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.
(iv) 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 shall be nationals of a State in the Region concerned, and shall be resident in that Region. **Candidates for election as Regional Councillors for a Region, or part of a Region covered by a recognized Regional Committee, other than that of their State, referred to in Article 40 of the Statutes, shall be resident in the Region concerned and be nationals of the State to which the dependent territory belongs.**