# **NEW AND URGENT MOTIONS GUIDANCE**

In accordance with Rules 52 and 53 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress, new and urgent motions may be submitted from 27 August to 4 September 2021. Note that new and urgent motions submitted prior to 27 August 2021 will not be considered, and the deadline on 4 September 2021 will be the end of the plenary sittings on the first day of the Members’ Assembly (i.e. at 8:45 a.m. CET).

Members are encouraged to submit their new and urgent motions as soon as possible on or after 27 August 2021 so as to ensure sufficient time for their technical review and consideration by the Resolutions Committee. The purpose of the amendment to Rule 53 adopted in 2019, allowing Members to submit these motions from one week prior to the opening of the Congress, is to enable early distribution and more time for Members’ consideration during the Members’ Assembly.

All new and urgent motions must be submitted by email, using the completed template, to [motions@iucn.org](mailto:motions@iucn.org). It is essential that the motion is submitted by the proponent, with at least 10 of its co-sponsors (eligible to vote, from at least two Regions) in copy, in one of the three official languages of IUCN.

The template has three parts:

* **Part I** contains the motion itself, including the title, preamble, and operative text. It also contains the optional explanatory memorandum, as well as the names of the proponent and co-sponsors.
* **Part II** contains a series of questions, which will assist the Resolutions Committee in determining whether the motion is admissible under the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress.
* **Part III** requests that a focal point for reporting on implementation be assigned, and for the proponents’ contact information to be provided.

All of the required fields in the template, which are marked with a red asterisk (**\***), must be completed for the motion to be accepted.

Please note that the subject of these motions must be both new **and** urgent, as defined in Rule 52, for them to be accepted by the Resolutions Committee.

Any questions should be directed to the Secretariat Motions Team at [motions@iucn.org](mailto:motions@iucn.org).

**Rules 52 and 53 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress**

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| 1. Motions may be submitted at the World Congress:    1. either by the Council, or by    2. a Member eligible to vote with the co-sponsorship of at least ten other Members eligible to vote from at least two Regions; and    3. 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:       1. “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       2. “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. 2. Motions meeting the criteria of Rule 52 shall be submitted from one week prior to the opening of the Congress until the end of the plenary sittings on the first day of the Members’ Assembly. Motions received after such deadline shall be admitted only with the consent of the President. |

*Source:* [*https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/48398*](https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/48398)

# **NEW AND URGENT MOTION SUBMISSION FORM**

***Note: please send the completed submission form to*** [***motions@iucn.org***](mailto:motions@iucn.org) ***before the end of the plenary sittings of the Members’ Assembly on 4 September 2021, with at least 10 co-sponsors in copy.***

## **Part I: The Motion**

**Title \***

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**Preamble (max. 2,000 characters / approximately 350 words) \***

The preamble explains in a succinct way the rationale for the motion and substantiates the action(s) called for in the operative part. Each sentence is presented as a separate paragraph and should open with a term IN CAPS, e.g. NOTING, MINDFUL OF, RECOGNIZING, AWARE OF, CONCERNED, RECALLING, WELCOMING, etc. Additional information may be provided in the explanatory memorandum (see below).

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***The World Conservation Congress 2020, at its session in Marseille France, 3-11 September 2021:***

**Operative text (max. 1,500 characters / approximately 250 words) \***

The operative section of the motion specifies the position of Members and contains the action(s) that they are agreeing to take. Note: Each paragraph starts with an action term IN CAPS, e.g. CALLS ON, REQUESTS, URGES, AGREES, DECIDES, ENCOURAGES, INVITES, etc.

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**Explanatory Memorandum (max. 500 words)**It may contain background information, historical notes or relevant publications or websites, as well as further details about the actions, strategies or processes, the financial and human resources required to implement the proposed motion.

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**Proponent \***In accordance with Rule 52, only Members eligible to vote or the Council may propose a motion.

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**Co-sponsors (minimum 10 Members eligible to vote)** **\***

According to Rule 52 at least 10 Members eligible to vote from at least two Regions will need to co-sponsor new and urgent motions. Please list them below (Member organisation/institution and name of contact person). In transmitting your motion to [motions@iucn.org](mailto:motions@iucn.org) please ensure that all co-sponsors are copied.

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## **Part II: Supporting questions**

1. Does the proposed motion Correspond with the purpose of motions as defined in Rule 48*bis*: define the general policy of IUCN and to influence the policies or actions of third parties, or to address the governance of IUCN, within the parameters of IUCN's mission and objectives as set forth in Articles 2 and 3 of the Statutes? **\***

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| [YES/NO] |

1. Have you searched the [IUCN Resolutions and Recommendations Platform](https://portals.iucn.org/library/resrec/search) to ensure that this motion does not repeat previously adopted Resolutions or Recommendations? If similar Resolutions or Recommendations exist, please explain how this one is new. **\***

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1. If the motion focuses on local, national or regional issues, please provide evidence that (1) the matter has been engaged at local, national and/or regional instances and that the desired result has not been achieved, and (2) that the Members and relevant Commission members as well as other stakeholders in the geographic area in question have been consulted.

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1. Specify which IUCN constituents or third parties referred to in the operative paragraph(s) of this motion, or who may be in a position to address the underlying issues (as applicable), have been consulted and/or have collaborated in the development of this motion: **\***

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1. Please specify which actions and resources will be required to implement the motion, including the contributions which the proponent and co-sponsors intend to make towards its implementation. **\***

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1. Does the proposed motion concern issues arising in a State or States outside the proponents’ State / Region? If so, please indicate which co-sponsor(s) is/are from that Region. **\***

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1. Is the subject of this motion **new** as required by Rule 52? If yes, please explain how. **\***

*(“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.)[[1]](#footnote-1)*

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1. Is the subject of this motion **urgent** as required by Rule 52? If yes, please explain how. **\***

*(“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.)[[2]](#footnote-2)*

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1. As requested by [WCC-2016-Res-001](https://portals.iucn.org/library/sites/library/files/resrecfiles/WCC_2016_RES_001_EN.pdf), please indicate when the motion automatically ceases to be effective and will be moved to the Resolutions and Recommendations Archive. This can be either when a stated period has elapsed or when an objective has been achieved.

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## **Part III: Focal point and author contact information**

Please provide below the name of a focal point who would be in charge of reporting annually on the follow-up and implementation of the motion if adopted.

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Please provide the proponent’s contact information, in case any follow-up is required on behalf of the Resolutions Committee during Congress.

**Proponent’s contact (including email) \***

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1. Note the following two examples from the Congress 2016, when the Resolutions Committee rejected new and urgent motions for failing to meet the “new” criterion:

   *Conservation in the South China Sea* was rejected because the subject was not new and it did not bring new evidence to bear on the issue, which was already in the public domain prior to the original motion submission deadline.

   *Founding of a World Environment Organisation* was rejected because insufficient information was provided to determine whether the motion was new or urgent. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Note that in 2019, the IUCN Council amended the definition of “urgent” in the context of new and urgent motions. This new definition aims to tighten the criterion, and therefore make the basis for the Resolution Committee’s decisions clearer and less controversial. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)