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Date: 9 September 2025

Subject: Request to Amend ISC Statutes and Rules of Procedure

Dear President Sir Peter Gluckman, dear members of the ISC Governing Board,

We, the undersigned Members of the International Science Council (ISC), respectfully submit this formal proposal in accordance with **Statute 62** of the ISC Statutes and Rules of Procedure.

We propose that **Rule of Procedure 5.4**, which currently restricts the Nominations and Elections Committee to recommending only **one candidate for the position of President-elect** and **up to two candidates for other officer positions**, be amended to **allow a greater number of candidates to be presented for each position**, including the office of President-elect.

Rationale for the Proposed Amendment

The ISC is committed to transparency, inclusivity, and democratic principles in its governance. We believe that a broader choice of candidates will:

- Increase the legitimacy of elected officers by ensuring more open and competitive elections;
- Reflect best practices in democratic processes in international scientific organizations;
- Enhance diversity in leadership and reflect the plurality of the ISC's global membership;

Limiting nominations to just one or two candidates restricts the membership's ability to choose from a full range of qualified individuals, and may inadvertently reduce participation or the sense of ownership among ISC Members.

Request for Consideration

We kindly request that the Governing Board give this proposal full and timely consideration and that the revised rule be adopted in advance of the **next election process scheduled for October 2026**.

Please confirm receipt of this proposal and advise on the process and timeline.

We remain committed to supporting the ISC's mission and governance and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Representatives of ISC Members (category 1 and category 2)

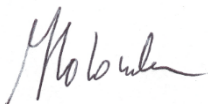
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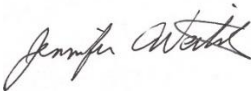


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