

AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 5.3 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE FSC GA 2025

In response to the request by several members to reconsider the number of motions eligible for amendments during the GA2025 week and to provide more clarity on the related rules and criteria, the Board of Directors proposes to the General Assembly of the Forest Stewardship Council, A.C. ("FSC") the following amendments to Section 5.3 of the Rules of Procedure for the GA2025 ("RoP"). The membership understands and acknowledges that all other provisions of the RoP shall remain in full force and effect, as approved by the membership through an electronic ballot that opened on 15 August and closed on 15 October 2025, as they are essential for the proper and orderly conduct of the General Assembly.

5. CONSIDERATION (DEBATE AND VOTING) OF MOTIONS

NEW TEXT TO BE EFFECTIVE WHEN APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

5.2 Restriction to present new motions. The submissions of new motions will not be accepted during the week of the GA 2025.

5.3. Amendments to Statutory and Policy Motions.

- No amendments will be accepted during the GA 2025 week.
- **Exception:** Amendments to existing motions will be allowed following the structured process and criteria outlined below.

Limitation on Amendments:

- To maintain focus and prevent excessive delays, only a maximum of **TWO motions selected by each Chamber** will be eligible for amendments during the GA week. For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby reiterated that the prerogative to select the two motions per chamber that will be eligible for amendments during the GA week rests with each Chamber. The role of the Board of Directors shall be focused on reviewing the legality and compliance of the amended motions and verifying that all Formal Request Submission requirements have been met.
- Total Motions: SIX motions allowed across all Chambers during the GA week.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Only motions already submitted and accepted by the Motions Committee by the 31 January 2025 (deadline for motions submission) will be eligible for amendments.
- Motions eligible to be amended must have gone through an intensive dialogue; meaning multiple discussions among members across various forums such as the Motions in Motion sessions, Chamber meetings, members self-organized meetings, among others. This shall be evaluated and determined by each Chamber when considering candidate motions for amendments. .

- The FSC staff must carry out a feasibility analysis of the motions considering the final changes included during the GA week, and members involved in such a process must need to indicate that the consequences of such changes are well understood.
- The proposed text of the motion as amended during the GA week shall have been discussed and supported by at least 10 members from each chamber.

Formal Request Submission:

- The motion proposer and its seconders must submit a formal request to the Board.
- The request shall include the signature of 10 members, participating in person, from each chamber supporting the amendment process (Annex 1_Motion Text Change Template.)
- Deadline to present the formal request: 10 pm on Monday 27 October 2025 latest, EST (Panama Time).
- Deadline to present the amended text: 10 pm on Wednesday 29 October 2025 latest, EST (Panama Time).

The request will result in a postponement of the motion's scheduled vote to accommodate discussion of the amendment.

Required Supporting Documents:

Together with the formal request, the motion proposer and seconders must provide:

- **Proposed Revised Text:** A revised motion draft, which must demonstrate **cross-chamber support** by including a signed note of support from at least **10 members from each Chamber**.
- **Guidance Document (ARE OPTIONAL):** Proposers and seconders can include a supporting document explaining:
 - the context of the amendment,
 - the rationale for revising the motion,
 - feasibility assessment considering such change,
 - an interpretation text that can further explain the intent of his/her motion, and
 - any additional details to help members make an informed decision.

NOTE: none of these documents are binding. Their purpose is limited to providing more context to the amended motion and its possible implementation.

Review and Decision by the Board:

- The Board will review the legality and compliance of the amended text and fulfillment of the process steps listed in the Formal Request Submission section above.
- The Board will work with the Secretariat on the overall impact on Members' Assembly plenary sessions logistics.
- The Board will maintain close dialogue with the Motions' proposers and corresponding chambers in relation to its review.

Rescheduling and Logistics:

- The Secretariat and Presiding Officer, under the oversight of the Board, will arrange for:
 - Rescheduling: The revised motions discussion and vote will be rescheduled for the opening of the Members Assembly on Friday 31 October 2025 and will follow the order of prioritization from the chambers. To ensure that all six amended motions make it to the floor, the maximum time for discussion (and to open a vote) for each motion will be 20 minutes.
 - Translation and Sharing: The new motion text will be translated and distributed to the Membership as soon as possible or at least 24 hrs. in advance of the rescheduled debate and vote, striving for members to have sufficient time to review and consider the changes.