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### **Proposal by Bureau for changes to IUPAC Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders**

Dear IUPAC Council Members,

A proposal from Bureau was received by the Secretary General on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 requesting changes to the IUPAC Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders, and that a special Council Meeting be convened to consider this proposal.

#### Background

In the General Assembly 2019, Council approved a motion to set up an organizational structure review group to conduct a complete review of IUPAC's organizational structure. The main objectives were:

- Recommending directions for the scientific work of the union going forward, and how to structure the Union to achieve its scientific objectives.
- Recommending ways of working that would reduce costs and improve efficiency.

Following receipt of the review group report with its recommendations in November 2020, both the Executive Committee and Bureau have discussed extensively possible changes to the IUPAC organizational structure as reported during the Council Meeting in August 2021. Discussion sessions were held on-line with NAOs in June 2021 and engagement sessions with NAOs were held during the General Assembly in August 2021. Both of these provided valuable feedback.

In the General Assembly, Council approved the Bureau recommendation on the nature of the proposed structural changes, the main one being to replace the Executive Committee and Bureau with an Executive Board and a Science Board. Bureau was asked to identify the changes in the Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders that would be required to enact such changes, and to bring them to Council for consideration. This enabled the drafting of revised Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders. The proposed revised Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders were approved unanimously on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021 by the Executive Committee and further approved on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 by 25 out of the 29 voting members of Bureau.

A special Council meeting is necessary as soon as possible and in the first half of 2022 to ensure that the proposed changes, if approved, can be implemented in January 2024.

In my capacity as President of the Union, I will convene a virtual special Council Meeting, as defined in Statute S5.2, in order for Council to vote on the proposed changes. The date for the on-line meeting will be Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 09.00 EDT (UTC-4). Please see the separate letter convening the meeting.

This meeting will have only one agenda item, namely discussion and voting on the changes to the Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders proposed by Bureau, and will require each NAO to vote only once. You will be asked to nominate your Voting Delegate and other Delegates to the special Council Meeting. Further details regarding the logistics of the meeting and on-line voting procedure will follow nearer to the time.

Three documents are attached with this letter:

- The current Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders.
- The proposed revised Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders, showing the text that has been altered in red.
- A diagram showing the principal functional relationships in the proposed organizational structure, together with explanatory key.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you would like clarification on this proposal, now or in the coming months before the special Council Meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Christopher M.A. Brett

IUPAC President, Chair of Bureau