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**Cyprus National Committee for IUGS
PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION FOR AN AMENDMENT
at the IUGS/IGC 2020 Extraordinary Council Meeting, Paris, October 2020**

Proposed resolution for an amendment on the composition, duties and role of the Executive Committee

For the past few years members of the Executive Committee (EC) are actively involved in activities and projects, approved and funded by IUGS, although in Article 37 of the Statutes and Bylaws of the International Union of Geological Sciences there is a clause "*Members of the Executive Committee may not concurrently hold office in the Commissions, or be representatives of Adhering Organisations*", which does not allow this involvement. This issue was raised at the open session of the 74th Executive Committee meeting in Busan, South Korea (15-18 January 2020), but not discussed. As this is a very serious "Conflict of Interest" issue because the IUGS budget cannot be used to fund activities and projects that benefit members of the IUGS EC, the Council must ensure the integrity, professionalism, transparency, accountability and to avoid the optics of any impropriety by members of the EC, who must remain at "arm's length" of funds used for science and policy.

This resolution for amendment is proposed in order to ensure that the duties and role of Executive Committee members remain transparent and accountable by not concurrently holding office in Commissions, Subcommissions, Task Groups, Initiatives, Joint Programs, or other bodies approved by the EC and financially supported by IUGS.

Therefore, the wording of the second clause of Article 37 should be amended as follows:

"Members of the Executive Committee may not concurrently hold office in Commissions, Subcommissions, Task Groups, Initiatives, Joint Programs, or other constituent bodies and projects approved and financially supported by IUGS, other than in ex-officio position in the UNESCO International Geoscience and Geoparks program, or be representatives of Adhering Organizations. Further, they cannot serve as officers of IUGS constituent groups for the four years following their terms in the Executive Committee."

The full wording of Article 37, following its ratification by the IUGS Council, shall be:



The Executive Committee

37. The Executive Committee shall consist of: The President, two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary General, the immediate Past President, the Treasurer, and four Councillors. A representative of the Organizing Committee of the next Session of the IGC, and, if appropriate, a representative of the Preparatory Committee of the next but one IGC shall be invited to participate in meetings of the Executive Committee without vote.

Members of the Executive Committee may not concurrently hold office in Commissions, Subcommissions, Task Groups, Initiatives, Joint Programs, or other constituent bodies and projects approved and financially supported by IUGS, other than in *ex-officio* position in the UNESCO International Geoscience and Geoparks program, or be representatives of Adhering Organizations. Further, they cannot serve as officers of IUGS constituent groups for the four years following their terms in the Executive Committee.



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