## XXVIII Ordinary Congress of IFM-SEI



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# Minutes - XXVIII Ordinary Congress of IFM-SEI

#### **Present**

#### **Delegates**

Kristine Vardanyan Armenian Youth Federation - Armenia Fanny Eichinger Kinderfreunde/Rote Falken - Austria Betty Rehner Kinderfreunde/Rote Falken - Austria Luke Scherer Kinderfreunde/Rote Falken - Austria Klaus Schöngruber Kinderfreunde/Rote Falken - Austria

Rudy De Waele Rode Valken - Belgium Carmen Alonso-Villaverde Esplais Catalans - Catalonia Alicia Flores Esplais Catalans - Catalonia Irene Nadal Esplais Catalans - Catalonia Shes Paez Gularte Esplais Catalans - Catalonia Esplais Catalans - Catalonia Xavier Planas Ramon Sagalés Esplais Catalans - Catalonia Anna Mindlová Pionýr - Czech Republic Jan Šašek Pionýr - Czech Republic Kevin Arildtoft Moer DUI-LEG og VIRKE - Denmark Joakim Karstensen DUI-LEG og VIRKE - Denmark Venla Hurskanen Nuoret Kotkat - Finland Nuoret Kotkat - Finland Antti Hytti Nuoret Kotkat - Finland

Kaisu Kotirinta Jess Gallardo Sanchez Nuoret Kotkat - Finland Nikoloz Gvazava Georgian Falcons - Georgia Salome Gocholeishvili Georgian Falcons - Georgia Alma Kleen SJD-Die Falken - Germany Elsi Kom SJD-Die Falken - Germany Oli Pohl SJD-Die Falken - Germany Tim Schrock SJD-Die Falken - Germany Bine Troitzsch SJD-Die Falken - Germany

Firas Khawaled Ajyal - Israel

Yaara Mizrachi Hashomer Hatzair - Israel

Tamar Levi NOAL - Israel Yoav Rimer NOAL - Israel

Tord Jarsve Framfylkingen - Norway Åsmund Lorch-Falch Framfylkingen - Norway Åsta Rohmann Framfylkingen - Norway Tonje Tovik Framfylkingen - Norway

Ruba Hilal Independence Youth Union - Palestine



Sam Hilal Independence Youth Union - Palestine
Ana Marija Lukenda Slovenian Young Falcon Union - Slovenia
Stella V. Grahek Slovenian Young Falcon Union - Slovenia
Baturay Göksular Association for Social Democracy - Turkey

Tom Brooks Woodcraft Folk - UK
Frankie Marsh Woodcraft Folk - UK
Debs McCahon Woodcraft Folk - UK
Pip Sayers Woodcraft Folk - UK

#### Guests

Giorgi Chakvetadze Georgian Dream Youth Organisation
Guram Okropiridze Georgian Dream Youth Organisation
Ana Pirtskhalava International Union of Socialist Youth
Zita Gurmai Party of European Socialists (PES) Women

Maj Jensen Young European Socialists
Aleksandre Berulava Young Socialists of Georgia
Mariam Jimsheleishvili Young Socialists of Georgia

## Support team

Christina Schauer IFM-SEI President

Carly Walker-Dawson IFM-SEI Secretary General

Dani Efrati IFM-SEI Presidium Sebastian Kumara Feist IFM-SEI Presidium Heidi Niemi IFM-SEI Presidium Daniel Bohmann **Congress Presidium** Sofie Løseth **Congress Presidium** Tamsin Pearce **Congress Presidium** Ingrid De Kock IFM-SEI secretariat Anuschka Ruge IFM-SEI secretariat Jasmin Trogen IFM-SEI secretariat Basak Van Hove IFM-SEI secretariat

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#### 1. Opening of the Congress

Christina Schauer, outgoing President, opens the meeting.

## i. Opening speeches

Opening speeches are given by:

- Carly Walker-Dawson outgoing IFM-SEI Secretary General
- Ana Pirtskhalava IUSY Secretary General
- Maj Jensen YES Secretary General



#### ii. Roll call and vote distribution

72 votes are distributed according to the IFM-SEI Constitution (2016).

#### iii. Ratifications of Congress Commissions

Ratification of Congress Presidium

The Congress Presidium is ratified unanimously: Daniel Bohmann - Rote Falken Kinderfreunde, Sofie Løseth - Framfylkingen and Tamsin Pearce - Woodcraft Folk.

The Congress Presidium takes over the proceedings from Christina Schauer.

Ratification of Nominations Commission

The Nominations Commission is ratified unanimously: Ann Urbrand - DUI-LEG og VIRKE, Carly Walker-Dawson - IFM-SEI Secretary General, Delphine Konda - Girls Excel, Jasmin Trogen - Nuoret Kotkat and Ronald Salas - Mundo Nuevo.

• Ratification of Resolutions and Work Plan Commission

The Resolutions and Work Plan Commission is ratified unanimously: Carly Walker-Dawson - IFM-SEI Secretary General, Christina Schauer - Rote Falken Kinderfreunde, Ellen Lindsey Awuku -Youth Advocates Ghana, Heidi Niemi - Nuoret Kotkat and Sebastian Feist - SJD-Die Falken.

Ratification of Mandates Commission

The Mandates Commission is ratified unanimously: Tim Schrock - SJD-Die Falken, Kaisu Kotirinta - Nuoret Kotkat and Tom Brooks - Woodcraft Folk.

#### iv. Proposal to overrule constitution

Presidium moves to suspend 31 March deadline for making membership fee agreements with the Control Commission (IFM-SEI Constitution: article 3.5) as Control Commission was inactive in advance of the 31 March 2019 deadline.

The Congress unanimously ratifies the proposal to overrule the constitution on Membership agreement extension from the 31 March 2019 deadline for voting rights.

#### v. Roll call and vote distribution

44 votes are distributed with the decision to overrule of the constitution as agreed in point 1.iv.



#### vi. Adoption of the agenda

Three additions are added to the agenda:

- 1) Add nominations deadline on 28 June Friday at 10pm IFM-SEI Presidium
- 2) Move membership applications and upgrades to after agenda item 1 (opening of the congress) IFM-SEI Presidium
- 3) Add workshop on the future vision of IFM-SEI after agenda item 3 (reports) Woodcraft Folk

The workshop on the future vision of IFM-SEI is proposed by Woodcraft Folk based on concerns from some member organisations about the political direction and focus of IFM-SEI in order to offer space to raise concerns in the Congress agenda. The Congress adopts the agenda with the agreed additions above.

Ratification of International Committee minutes

The Congress unanimously ratifies the minutes of International Committee 2017 in Portorož, Slovenia and the International Committee 2018 in Brussels, Belgium.

### 2. Membership applications and upgrades

- i. Applications for candidate membership
- Fondation de Droits de l'Enfant (Togo)

A video presentation by FDE is shown. The IFM-SEI Presidium issues a negative recommendation for the candidate membership request of FDE (Togo).

The Congress rejects FDE (Togo) as a candidate member of IFM-SEI with 35 votes against the candidate membership application.

COOVIDA (Dominican Republic)

The IFM-SEI Presidium issues a negative recommendation for the candidate membership request of COOVIDA (Dominican Republic).

The Congress rejects COOVIDA (Dominican Republic) as a candidate member of IFM-SEI with clear majority against the candidate membership application.



## ii. Applications for full membership

#### Oyoun Masr Association (Egypt)

The IFM-SEI Presidium issues a negative recommendation for the full membership request of OMA (Egypt) but to continue their candidate status to get to know them better. The IFM-SEI Presidium encourages OMA to re-apply for full membership in the future.

The Congress rejects OMA (Egypt) as a full member of IFM-SEI with 32 votes against the membership upgrade.

## Girls Excel (Cameroon)

A video presentation by Girls Excel is shown. The IFM-SEI Presidium issues a positive recommendation for the candidate membership request of Girls Excel.

The Congress unanimously accepts Girls Excel (Cameroon) as a full member of IFM-SEI with 44 votes in favour of the membership upgrade.

#### Ajyal (Israel)

A representative of Ajyal makes a presentation to the Congress. The IFM-SEI Presidium issues a positive recommendation for the candidate membership request of Ajyal.

The Congress unanimously accepts Ajyal (Israel) as a full member of IFM-SEI with 44 votes in favour of the membership upgrade.

#### 3. Reports

#### i. Activity report 2016-19

Carly Walker-Dawson presents the highlights of the activity report 2016-19.

#### ii. Presidium reports 2016-19

Members of the presidium who submitted their reports present their work during their mandate: Christina Schauer, Dani Efrati, Ellen Lindsey Awuku (video report), Heidi Niemi and Sebastian Feist.

#### iii. Financial report 2016-18

Carly Walker-Dawson presents the highlights of the report. Words of support are given from the floor.



## iv. Control Commission report 2016-19

No report is submitted by the Control Commission. Carly Walker-Dawson shares this information with the delegates.

## 4. Workshop on future vision of IFM-SEI

A workshop on future vision of IFM-SEI is delivered by Pip Sayers and Tom Brooks from Woodcraft Folk. Delegates discuss on three topics: where we are going, what binds us together and where we have come from. The main outcomes of the discussion are:

- We have a lot in common in terms of internationalism
- There is a will to organise seminar and/or project as a follow up to implement with children
- We wish to overcome inequalities
- We should reflect on being euro-centric
- We should have a questionnaire on whether the resources of IFM-SEI are useful for the member organisations
- We wish to do more than sharing good practices with member organisations
- We want to have different perspectives on socialism in different member organisations and to address different realities.

#### 5. Workshop on Strategy and Work Plan 2019-22

Delegates are divided into groups to discuss six main topics of the Strategy and Work Plan 2019-22. Three main questions asked are:

- What work does your organisation already do on this topic? What examples of good practice can you share?
- What are the main challenges when working on this topic in your organisation? What are the key benefits of working on this topic in your organisation?
- What can your organisation contribute to the implementation of this strategic priority between now and 2022?

#### 1) Socialist education

- Challenges: Different education in post-soviet communities and the other
  countries, political dimensions, political reality not a lot of support for socialism,
  should be watch out for brainwashing, be in societies with attacks, keep up with
  the changes to meet the needs of the young people.
- **Contribution:** Share resources, toolkit on socialism, socialist calendar, possible events to celebrate, more internet resources.



• What we need: Learn from each other-newer member organisations can learn from the older ones, want to create what socialism is in other member organisations, togetherness, visibility and share of good practices.

#### 2) Child and youth participation

- Challenges: Older ones make the decision young people are not listened to, demand.
- Contribution: Organising activities with them, ask them what they want to do.
- What we need: Youth and children congress before the Congress, more diverse activities for different ages younger people and children should be offered, draw more attention to the importance of young people in participation of IFM-SEI.

## 3) Inclusion and diversity

- Challenges: Different priorities educating ourselves as educators, inclusion of LGBTQ community, reaching out to foster families, how to include disable people more into activities.
- What we need: Need to be open, people have to be patient, learning from peace education and dialogue process in the Middle East.
- What we need: Ensuring Accessibility and Rainbow networks are stronger.

#### 4) Climate change and environment

- What we need: Ethic resourcing.
- Challenges: System needs structural changes, consumption.
- What to do: Think about the impact while organising activities, x-factor, guide on how to be responsible, lobby for structural change, campaign on what we do and why we do it.

## 5) Children rights

- Contribution: Trainings, seminars and various activities.
- Challenges: understanding why necessary for adults, difference in public and in media, children are not listened to, equal rights for children and adults.
- What we need: Share good practice, educate children and community in whole.

## 6) Reach Out

- Contribution: Youth exchange, Local, regional, education centres
- Challenges: How to reach out local level, access, how to make it for children, distance, how to take it into agenda
- What we need: Regional work, tandems, thematic network between Member organisations.



#### 6. Amendments to IFM-SEI Constitution

#### i. Roll call

Ajyal is issued two votes following their acceptance as a full member of IFM-SEI. DUI-LEG og VIRKE (Denmark) receives one vote instead of two votes due to IFM-SEI women's quota not being adhered to. There are 45 votes in the room.

## ii. Proposal for review of governance structures AG1 to AG7

The discussion takes place on the proposal for review of governance structures (Appendix 1: AG1 to AG7). Questions and comments are raised around the proposal. Woodcraft Folk (UK) proposes an amendment to the proposal. The Congress Presidium explains that Congress can suspend the Rules of the Procedure in order to take additional amendments and clarifies the suspension of rule of procedures. Nuoret Kotkat (Finland) and SJD-Die Falken (Germany) propose to postpone making any decision-making until the next day of Congress business. It is agreed that the decision on the suspension of the Rules of Procedure will be taken the following day. It is agreed that the deadline for amendments to proposal for review of governance structures is 28 June at 10pm in line with the nominations and amendments to resolutions deadline. The Congress Presidium suggests taking all other amendments tomorrow.

#### 7. Presentation of candidates

In rounds, videos of candidates are presented for Secretary General, President, Vice President, Presidium and Control Commission positions. Afterwards two specific and up to three open questions are asked to the candidates by the Nominations Commission.

## i. Secretary General candidates

- Ruba Hilal Independence Youth Union (Palestine)
- Sebastian Kumara Feist SJD-Die Falken (Germany)

#### ii. President candidates

• Christina Schauer - Kinderfreunde/Rote Falken (Austria)

#### iii. Vice President candidates

• Ellen Lindsey Awuku - Youth Advocates Ghana (Ghana)

The elections for Vice President will only take place if the proposed changes to the Constitution based on the governance review are approved.



## iv. Presidium candidates

- Babacar Toure Pionniers du Mali (Mali)
- Cesar Rivero Medina Los Cachorros (Peru)
- Ellen Lindsey Awuku Youth Advocates Ghana (Ghana)
- Heidi Niemi Nuoret Kotkat (Finland)
- Nishaben Vasava Antar Bharati (India)

#### v. Control Commission candidates

- Debs McCahon Woodcraft Folk (UK)
- Emmanuel Clifford Gyetuah Youth Advocates Ghana (Ghana)
- Jure Štajnbaher Slovenian Falcon Youth Union (Slovenia)

#### 8. Regional network meetings

Europe and Middle East network meetings are held as two parallel sessions.

## 9. Amendments to IFM-SEI Constitution (continued)

#### i. Roll call

There are 45 votes in the room.

#### ii. Proposal for review of governance structures

Running order:

- 1) Suspension of constitution (2/3 majority)
- 2) Approved: first proposal of governance review from IFM-SEI Presidium then proposal from Woodcraft Folk
- 3) Not approved: vote on the IFM-SEI presidium governance proposal
- Vote on the suspension of constitution and rules of procedure

The Congress approves the suspension of Constitution and Rules of Procedure with 32 in favour, 9 against and 4 abstentions.

• Introduction of the proposal of Governance Review Group moved by IFM-SEI Presidium (Appendix 1: AG1 and AG7) and the proposal of Woodcraft Folk (Appendix 1: AG1 and AG5 to AG13)

A discussion takes place on how the proposed models will work. Carly Walker-Dawson reads a letter from outgoing Presidium member Ronald Salas on his reflection on the proposals to



Congress delegates. Esplac proposes to vote first for the proposal of Woodcraft Folk and vote for the proposal of IFM-SEI after.

Vote on which proposal to vote on first

Proposal for voting on Woodcraft Folk's proposal before the IFM-SEI Presidium proposal falls with 14 votes in favour and 24 against votes. The proposal of IFM-SEI Presidium will be voted on first.

Vote on the proposal put forward by the IFM-SEI Presidium

The Congress rejects the proposal with 45 votes against.

• Votes on the proposal of Woodcraft Folk

Nuoret Kotkat proposes to vote on AG-12 separately (Appendix 1). AG-12 will be voted separately. A discussion takes place on AG-12 regarding the transference of the voting rights to a substitute on the IFM-SEI Presidium. There is an amendment from the floor to AG-12 to add an additional sentence at the end: 'The substitute will not be allocated voting rights'.

The Congress approves the amendment to AG-12 with 28 votes in favour, 2 votes against and 15 abstentions.

• Vote on AG-12

The Congress approves AG-12 with 32 votes in favour, 3 votes against and 10 abstentions.

• Vote on the amendments of Woodcraft Folk (AG1, AG5 to AG11, and AG13)

The Congress approves the amendments AG1, AG5 to AG11, and AG13 of Woodcraft Folk with 35 votes in favour and 10 abstentions.

## iii. All other amendments to the Constitution

All proposed amendments can be found in Appendix 2: AC1 to AC56.

- AC-1: On candidate membership expiration is approved with 40 votes in favour and 5 votes against.
- AC-2, AC-4, AC-6, AC-17, AC-18, AC-21, AC-22, AC-31, AC-32, AC-33, AC-34, AC-35, AC37, AC-38, AC-39, AC-52, AC-53: Updates in line with existing practice are approved with 45 votes in favour.



- AC-3: On candidate membership expiration is approved with 32 votes in favour, 5 votes against and 7 abstentions.
- AC-5: On membership application deadline is approved with 45 votes in favour.
- AC-7, AC-8, AC-10, AC-15, AC-16, AC-25, AC45, AC-46: Technical/linguistic and clarifications are approved with 45 votes in favour.
- AC-9: On membership fees for new candidate organisations is approved with 45 votes in favour.
- AC-11: On membership fees and voting rights is approved with 31 votes in favour, 10 votes against and 4 abstentions.
- AC-12: On membership fees and voting rights is approved with 34 votes in favour, 10 votes against and 1 abstention.
- AC-13: On membership fees and voting rights falls with 29 votes in favour, 5 votes against and 11 abstentions.
- AC-14: On membership fees and voting rights is approved with 45 votes in favour.
- AC-17: On adding function of secretariat to the constitution falls with 22 votes in favour, 17 votes against and 6 abstentions.
- AC 19: On replacing Presidium by President and Secretary General in convening of Congress falls with 15 votes in favour, 23 votes against and 7 abstentions.
- AC 20: On including a definition non-binary and other genders that face discrimination (not cis-men) for the implementation of the women\*'s quota is approved with clear majority.
- AC-23, AC-24: On removing need for extraordinary International Committee to approve Congress Commissions is approved with clear majority.
- AC-26: On restricting each member organisation to nominating one candidate per election period. Contradicting amendment: if AC-26 passes, AC-56 automatically falls.

IFM-SEI Presidium withdraws amendment AC-26 with support of amendment AC-56.

• AC 56: On restricting each member organisation to electing one candidate per election period is approved unanimously.



- AC-27, AC-48: On electing Thematic Network Coordinators from the Congress or International Committee. IFM-SEI Presidium changes the amendment add word 'thematic' for clarification. Approved with clear majority.
- AC-28: On removing the need for organisations to request secret ballots for elections falls with 23 votes in favour, 5 votes against and 17 abstentions.
- AC-29, AC-50: On Presidium receiving one vote as a whole body at the International Committee rather than one vote per Presidium member amendment falls with 16 votes in favour, 28 votes against.
- AC-30, AC-51: On Presidium members receiving half a vote at the International Committee rather than one vote is approved with 34 votes in favour, 2 votes against and 9 abstentions.

#### iv. Address from a fraternal sister organisation

Zita Gurmai - President of PES Women - makes a speech to the Congress.

- v. All other amendments to the Constitution (continued)
- AC36: Withdrawn due to change in governance structures.
- AC-41: On increasing the threshold for the suspension of Presidium members from 2/3 to 3/4 amendment falls with 27 votes in favour, 14 votes against and 4 abstentions.
- AC-40, AC-42, AC-43: ON formalising a process whereby inactive Presidium and/or Control Commission members can be suspended falls with 20 votes in favour and 23 abstentions.
- AC-44: On the Secretary General being a member of an IFM-SEI member organisation is approved with clear majority.
- AC-45: On removing the need for Secretariat and Presidium to respond to Control Commission without delay amendment falls with 17 votes in favour and 21 votes against and 7 abstentions.
- AC-47: On aligning the Presidium suspension process for members of Control Commission members amendment falls with 5 votes in favour, 29 votes against and 11 abstentions.
- AC-49: On aligning the Presidium suspension process for 'Thematic' Network Coordinators amendment falls with 7 votes in favour, 24 votes against and 14 abstentions.
- AC 52: On specifying that organisations not adhering to the women's quota receive half votes amendment is approved with clear majority.
- AC 55: On clarifying the wording of quorum is approved with clear majority.



#### 10. Elections

#### i. Roll call

There are 45 votes in the room.

## ii. Secretary General election

The Congress elects Ruba Hilal as a new Secretary General with 23 votes in favour. The second Secretary General candidate Sebastian Kumara Feist received 17 votes in favour. There are 5 votes for none of the candidates.

#### i. President election

The Congress elects Christina Schauer as a President with 45 votes in favour.

#### ii. Vice President election

The Congress elects Ellen Lindsey Awuku as a new vice-President with 37 votes in favour and 8 votes for none of the candidates.

The Congress Presidium announces that nominations are open for Presidium candidates from the Middle East region, because of the change of Presidium composition. Nominations for Control Commission are re-opened for all member organisations. For both positions the support of at least seven full member organisations is needed. Deadline for nominations is Saturday 29 June at 14:15 local time.

Two more nominations are received after the nominations deadline. A nomination is received from Baturay Göksular from Association for Social Democracy (Turkey) for the position of Presidium member for Middle East region. A nomination is received by Joakim Karstensen from DUI-LEG og VIRKE (Denmark) for the Control Commission. The two nominees present themselves to the Congress.

#### iii. Presidium elections

There are 44 valid votes and 1 spoiled vote in the ballot box.

The Congress elects as IFM-SEI Presidium:

- Babacar Toure with 39 votes in favour
- Cesar Rivero Medina with 41 votes in favour
- Heidi Niemi with 39 votes in favour
- Nishaben Vasava with 35 votes in favour
- Baturay Goksular with 41 votes in favour



There is a roll call showing 45 votes in the room.

#### iv. Control Commission

In line with the newly adopted amendment to the IFM-SEI Constitution AC-56, Youth Advocates Ghana Emmanuel Clifford Gyetuah's candidacy for Control Commission is withdrawn.

The Congress elects as IFM-SEI Control Commission:

- Deborah McCahon with 44 votes in favour
- Jure Štainbaher with 44 votes in favour
- Joakim Karstensen with 41 votes in favour

#### 11. Strategy and Work Plan 2019-22

All amendments on the Strategy and Work Plan 2019-22 (Appendix 3) should be approved by simple majority.

- AS-1: On changing the order of strategic priorities is approved.
- AS-2: On adding a description of socialist education is approved.
- AS-3: On re-focusing the description of child and youth participation is approved.
- AS-4: On adding a description of child and youth participation is approved.
- AS-5: On changing a word within the objectives of child and youth participation is approved.
- AS-6 is withdrawn as AS-5 is approved.
- AS-7: On adding an objective about Common Ground to child and youth participation is approved.
- AS-8, AS-9: Two amendments are combined:
  - o Promote already available resource books on the topic of diversity-conscious education, peace education and inclusion an updated version
  - o Create 1 resource on dialogue for inclusive societies in open source format

The Congress unanimously approves the combined amendment.

• AS-10: On adding an objective to climate change and environment strategic priority is approved.



- AS-11: On adding an objective to climate change and environment strategic priority is approved.
- AS-12: On adding the word 'educational' to a climate change and environment performance indicator is approved.
- AS-13: On adding an objective on anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child is approved.
- AS-14: On two new performance indicators to the Reach Out strategic priority is approved.
- AS-15: On adding a global summer camp to a Reach Out performance indicator is approved.

The Congress unanimously approves the adoption of the Strategy and Work Plan 2019-22.

#### 12. Resolutions

All amendments on the Resolutions (Appendix 4) should be approved by simple majority.

#### i. Resolution on IFM-SEI Thematic Networks

The resolution is submitted by Presidium.

The resolution is approved unanimously.

#### ii. Resolution on the Development of the IFM-SEI Migration Network

The resolution is submitted by Presidium.

The resolution is approved unanimously.

#### iii. Resolution on the Development of the IFM-SEI Latin American Network

The resolution is submitted by CHAP, Manque Chile, Los Cachorros, Integridad Absoluta, Mirim Brasil and a video message is shown from former IFM-SEI Presidium member Ronald Salas.

The resolution is approved unanimously.

#### iv. Resolution on Conflict of Interest



The resolution is moved by IFM-SEI and is voted on with votes 20 in favour, 16 against and 9 abstentions. The 50% majority was incorrectly calculated. The voting is repeated.

The resolution falls with 13 votes in favour, 21 votes against and 9 abstentions.

#### v. Resolution on Ethical and Sustainable Travel

The resolution is moved by IFM-SEI Presidium. There is a proposal on adding one paragraph to the resolution is moved from the floor. Rules of Procedure must be suspended in order for the amendment to be moved.

A vote on suspension on rules of procedure is approved with 33 votes in favour, 5 votes against and 5 abstentions.

The following amendment is proposed to be added at the end of bullet point two:

In exceptional circumstances, with secretariat approval, these regulations can be overturned to aid inclusion. A request must be made in each instance these regulations would need to be overturned.

The amendment from the floor is approved with a clear majority. The resolution passes with clear majority.

#### vi. Resolution on prohibiting the nuclear weapons submitted

The resolution is moved by Framfylkingen.

The resolution is approved with 40 votes in favour and 5 abstentions.

## vii. Stopping the bombing in Yemen

The resolution is moved by Framfylkingen.

The resolution is approved with 40 votes in favour and 5 abstentions

#### 13. Membership expulsions

## • Agrupación Integridad Absoluta (Chile)

The IFM-SEI Presidium recommends against membership expulsion of Agrupación Integridad Absoluta.

The Congress votes unanimously against the expulsion of Agrupación Integridad Absoluta from IFM-SEI.



#### • Manque Chile (Chile)

The IFM-SEI Presidium recommends against membership expulsion of Manque Chile.

The Congress votes unanimously against the expulsion of Manque Chile from IFM-SEI.

#### • Georgian Falcons (Georgia)

The IFM-SEI Presidium recommends against membership expulsion of Georgian Falcons. Ana Pirtskhalava speaks against the expulsion of Georgian Falcons and reaffirming of commitment from a new group of volunteers.

The Congress votes against the expulsion of Georgian Falcons from IFM-SEI, with clear majority and 3 abstentions.

## • MILAVF (Nicaragua)

The IFM-SEI Presidium recommends against membership expulsion of MILAVF.

The Congress votes unanimously against the expulsion of MILAVF from IFM-SEI.

#### Palestine Red Crescent Society (Palestine)

The membership of PRCS is automatically expelled due to their candidate membership status having expired, in line with the amendment to the Constitution AC-1.

#### 14. Membership fees 2020-22

The proposed membership fees proposed is presented to the Congress and the floor is opened for discussion.

Nuoret Kotkat (Finland), NOAL (Israel), SJD-Die Falken (Germany), Hashomer Hatzair (Israel) and Framfylkingen (Norway) state they are not able to pay the new proposed membership fees. NOAL (Israel) propose to have a staggered introduction of higher fee categories.

It is discussed that there should be time for the newly-elected Control Commission to open a dialogue with member organisations on what they are willing and able to pay. Three new proposals are made by the member organisations to be enacted temporarily to deal with 2020 membership fees:

- 1) Organisations stay in the same category as in 2016-2019, but with the new proposed fees.
- 2) Organisations stay in the same category as in 2016-2019 with the fees of 2016-2019 plus three years of inflation for Belgium



- 3) Organisations stay in the same category as in 2016-2019 with the fees of 2016-2019 plus:
  - a) For 3 lowest categories 5% more
  - b) For 3 highest categories 10% more
- Vote on the process for deciding on the membership fee system 2020-22

The Congress Presidium proposes that the Congress first decides on the proposal by the IFM-SEI and if it does not pass then alternative options will be voted on.

The Congress approves unanimously the membership fee proposal process proposed by the Congress Presidium.

• Vote on Presidium proposal for membership fee

The Congress rejects the IFM-SEI Presidium proposal for membership fees with 21 votes in favour and 24 votes against.

• Vote on proposal 2) and 3) combined for 2020 membership fees

As proposed by the IFM-SEI Presidium.

The Congress rejects the proposals 2) and 3) together for membership fees with 14 votes in favour and 30 votes against.

• Vote on proposal 3) only

The Congress approves the proposal 3) with 27 votes in favour.

This proposal is valid for 2020 until next International Committee of IFM-SEI when an updated proposal will be presented by the IFM-SEI Control Commission.

#### 15. Closing of the Congress

Dimitri Tskitishvili, member of Georgian Parliament, addresses the Congress.

Closing addresses are given by newly-elected IFM-SEI Secretary General, Ruba Hilal, and re-elected IFM-SEI President, Christina Schauer.



Appendix 1: Amendments to the IFM-SEI constitution - governance review

Amendment number	AG-1
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	319
Section	Congress - Elections
Original text	New text
6.12.3 For the posts of President and	6.12.3 For the posts of President, Vice
Secretary General, candidates must gain at	<b>President</b> and Secretary General, candidates
least 50% of the votes cast to be elected.	must gain at least 50% of the votes cast to
	be elected.

Amendment number	AG-2
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	375-385
Section	Presidium
Original text	New text
8.1 The Presidium consists of the following	8.1 The Presidium consists of the following
people elected in this order at each	people elected in this order at each
Congress:	Congress:
a. Secretary General	a. Secretary General
b. President	b. President
c. Two members per region (Latin America,	c. Vice President
Europe, Africa, Asia, Middle East). At least	e. d. Two-Three Presidium members per
one of the places for each region must be	region (Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia,
filled by a woman. From each region one	Middle East). At least one of the places for
member under the age of 30 on the day of	each region must be filled by a woman.
election must be elected.	From each region one member under the age
In attendance:	of 30 on the day of election must be
I. The Control Commission	elected.
without voting rights.	In attendance:
II. The Secretariat without	I. One representative of the
voting rights.	Control Commission without voting
8.2 At least one of the positions of Secretary	rights.
General and President must be filled by a	II. The Secretariat without
woman.	voting rights.
	8.2 At least one of the positions of Secretary
	General and President must be filled by a
	woman. There can be no more than three
	members from any one region on the IFM-
	SEI Presidium. At least three of the places
	must be filled by a woman and at least
	three of the places must be aged under
	the age of 30 on the day of election.



Amendment number	AG-3
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	394-397
Section	Presidium
Original text	New text
<ul> <li>8.5 All Presidium members have the following responsibilities:</li> <li>To oversee the development and fulfilment of the three year work-plan</li> <li>To identify political and educational priorities</li> <li>To take responsibility for the finances</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>8.5 All Presidium members have the following responsibilities: <ul> <li>To oversee the development and fulfilment of the three year work-plan</li> <li>To identify political and educational priorities</li> <li>To take responsibility for the finances</li> <li>To represent IFM-SEI externally at the activities of partner or fraternal organisations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Amendment number	AG-4
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	399
Section	Presidium
Original text	New text
8.6 The Presidium should have at least three meetings per year. They may meet online or via electronic means where decisions are urgent.	8.6 The Presidium should have at least three meetings per year, of which two shall take place face-to-face at the IFM-SEI legal headquarters. They may meet online or via electronic means where decisions are urgent.

Amendment number	AG-5
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	435
Section	The Secretary General and the Secretariat
Original text	New text
9.4 They will, after discussions with the	9.4 They will, after discussions with the
President, prepare the content and	President and Vice President, prepare the
organisation of the Presidium and	content and organisation of the Presidium
International Committee meetings as well as and International Committee meetings	
preparing political discussions.	well as preparing political discussions.



Amendment number	AG-6
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	477
Section	Regional networks
Original text	New text
	ADD ARTICLE: 11.4 Every year a regional network meeting will take place on a rotational basis in one of each of the following regions: Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Amendment number	AG-7
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	522
Section	Voting - Elections
Original text	New text
The election of the President, members of	The election of the President, Vice
the Presidium, Control Commission and	President, members of the Presidium,
Secretary General shall be done by secret	Control Commission and Secretary General
ballot if requested by one member	shall be done by secret ballot if requested
organisation.	by one member organisation.



AG-8
Woodcraft Folk
375-385
Presidium
New text
8.1 The Presidium consists of the following people elected in this order at each Congress:  a. Secretary General b. President c. Vice President c. d. Two members One member per region (Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Middle East). At least one of the places for each region must be filled by a woman. From each region one member under the age of 30 on the day of election must be elected. At least 50% of the Presidium must be women*, and at least 50% must be under the age of 30 on the day of the election. d. e. In attendance: I. One representative of the Control Commission without voting rights. II. The Secretariat without voting rights. 8.2.1 At least one of the positions of Secretary General, President, and Vice President must be filled by a woman*. 8.2.2 At least one of the positions of Secretary General, President, and Vice President must be filled by a person under the age of 30 on the day of the election. 8.2.3 The President and Vice President cannot be from the same region.



Amendment number	AG-9
Moved by	Woodcraft Folk
Line(s)	389-392
Section	Presidium
Original text	New text
8.4	8.4
At its first meeting the Presidium will divide	At its first meeting the Presidium will divide
the workload amongst its members, one	the workload amongst its members. <del>, one</del>
member from each region shall be	member from each region shall be
responsible to support the development of	responsible to support the development of
member organisations in their respective	member organisations in their respective
region and the other will take on	region and the other will take on
responsibility for work areas as defined in	responsibility for work areas as defined in
the three-year work-plan. The Presidium	the three-year work-plan.
will report on their work to the	The Presidium will report on their work to
International Committee and the Congress.	the International Committee and the
	Congress.

Amendment number	AG-10
Moved by	Woodcraft Folk
Line(s)	389-392
Section	Presidium
Original text	New text
<ul> <li>8.5 All Presidium members have the following responsibilities: <ul> <li>To oversee the development and fulfilment of the three year work-plan.</li> <li>To identify political and educational priorities</li> <li>To take responsibility for the finances</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	8.5 All Presidium members have the following responsibilities: • To oversee the development and fulfilment of the three year work-plan. • To identify political and educational priorities • To take responsibility for the finances • To represent IFM-SEI externally at the activities of partner or fraternal organisations
	• To work with the Regional Network Coordinator



Amendment number	AG-11
Moved by	Woodcraft Folk
Line(s)	399-400
Section	Presidium
Original text	New text
8.6 The Presidium should have at least three	8.6 The Presidium should have at least three
meetings per year. They may meet online or	meetings per year. They may meet online or
via electronic means where decisions are	via electronic means where decisions are
urgent.	urgent. The Regional Network Coordinator
	will be present for the Presidium meeting
	immediately proceeding International
	Committee or International Congress.

Amendment number	AG-12
Moved by	Woodcraft Folk
Line(s)	421
Section	Presidium
Original text	New text
	NEW ARTICLE:
	8.10 If a regional presidium member
	cannot attend a presidium meeting, the
	Regional Network Coordinator from that
	region can attend in their place.



Amendment number	AG-13
Moved by	Woodcraft Folk
Line(s)	470-478
Section	Regional networks
Original text	New text
11.1 IFM-SEI member organisations in a	11.1.1 IFM-SEI member organisations in a
geographic area can establish a regional	geographic area <del>can</del> will establish a regional
network.	network and appoint a regional network
	coordinator from one of the member
11.2 The tasks of the regional network are	organisations in the region.
to be decided by the regional organisations	
themselves but they should ensure they	11.1.2 The Regional Network Coordinator
work within the constitution of the IFM-SEI.	cannot be from the same member
44.2 The Deviced Networks have the right	organisation as the presidium member
11.3 The Regional Networks have the right	representing that region.
to make proposals to the Presidium and International Committee and Congress.	11.1.3 Between the Presidium member
international Committee and Congress.	and the Regional Network Coordinator for
	any one region, at least one must be a
	woman* and one must be under 30.
	Woman and one mass be and of
	11.2.1 The tasks of the regional network
	and Regional Network Coordinator are to
	be decided by the regional organisations
	themselves but they should ensure they
	work within the constitution of the IFM-SEI.
	11.2.2 The Regional Network Coordinator
	from each region shall be responsible for
	supporting the development of member
	organisations in their respective region.
	11.3 The Regional Networks have the right
	to make proposals to the Presidium and
	International Committee and Congress.



## Appendix 2: Amendments to the IFM-SEI constitution

Amendment number	AC-1
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	98-100
Section	Membership
Type of amendment	Change
Original text	New text
Organisations shall normally only remain can	Organisations shall normally only remain
didate organisations for a maximum period	candidate organisations for a maximum
of three years. After that period, they must	period of three years. After that period,
decide to apply for membership or leave	they must decide to apply for membership
IFM-SEI.	or leave IFM-SEI their candidate
	membership will be expired.
Dationalo	

#### Rationale

Removes ambiguity around candidate status lasting more than three years. Proposes that organisations are automatically no longer members after being a candidate for three years.

Amendment number	AC-2
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	113
Section	Conditions of membership
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
Be primarily by and for children and young people and hold regular activities with them	<ul> <li>Be primarily by and for children and young people and hold regular activities with them</li> <li>Be an organisation whose primary focus is on education using non-formal education and socialist education</li> </ul>
Rationale	

Clarifies that member organisations' primary focus should be on education rather than other sectors (e.g. health, humanitarian aid) using NFE and socialist education.



Amendment number	AC-3
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	142-143
Section	Application procedures
Type of amendment	✓ Deletion
Original text	New text
Those which fulfil the respective	Those which fulfil the respective
requirements should, after a minimum of 12	requirements should, after a minimum of 12
months and a maximum of 3 years of being	months and a maximum of 3 years of being
a candidate organisation apply for	a candidate organisation apply for
membership of IFM-SEI. In exceptional	membership of IFM-SEI. In exceptional
circumstances this period may be extended	circumstances this period may be extended
by the IC or Congress.	by the IC or Congress.
Rationale	

Removes ambiguity around candidate status lasting more than three years. Proposes that organisations are automatically no longer members after being a candidate for three years.

Amendment number	AC-4
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	150
Section	Application procedures
Type of amendment	Change
Original text	New text
A summary of recent activities	A summary of recent activities
	<ul> <li>An activity report and/or annual report</li> </ul>
	from the past year
Rationale	
Requests a more in depth report, over and above the list of activities provided in the	
application form as it often provided at present.	



Amendment number	AC-5
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	157
Section	Application procedures
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
This information along with the Presidium's political assessment will be presented to the next Congress or International Committee with a report and recommendation.  Rationale	This information along with the Presidium's political assessment will be presented to the next Congress or International Committee with a report and recommendation if it is submitted up to 12 weeks before the given Congress or International Committee. If it is submitted later than 12 weeks before the Congress or International Committee, it will be presented to the next Congress or International Committee.

Amendment number	AC-6
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	167
Section	Membership review
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
Membership may be reviewed by an ad hoc committee of three people from different organisations, appointed by the Control Commission who will present a report to the next International Committee or Congress.	Membership may be reviewed by an ad hoc committee of three people from different organisations, without a conflict of interest with the case or organisation in question, appointed by the Control Commission who will present a report to the next International Committee or Congress.
Rationale	

Clarifies that those involved in an ad hoc committee do not have a conflict of interest with

regards to the organisation or case.

This is to allow for the process outlined in the Constitution to be undertaken with

appropriate time and diligence and to send out the papers to members.



Amendment number	AC-7
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	180
Section	Membership termination
Type of amendment	Change
Original text	New text
Where membership fees remain unpaid for	Where membership fees remain unpaid for
more than two years from the due date, the	more than two years from the due date the
Congress or International Committee shall c	current year and the two previous
onsider the circumstances and may terminat	years the Congress or International Committ
e an organisation's membership.	ee shall consider the circumstances and may
	terminate an organisation's membership.

# Rationale Clears up ambiguity about which years are in question. Proposes that it is the current year

plus two prior years (e.g. in 2019, the 2017-19 fees must not have been fully paid to be up for expulsion).

Amendment number	AC-8
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	196
Section	Membership fee period
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
When the International Committee accepts	When the International Committee accepts
an organisation as candidate organisation or	an organisation as a candidate organisation
member organisation, the new membership	or member organisation, the new
fee period for this organisation begins on 1st	membership fee period for this organisation
January of the following year.	begins on 1st January of the following year.
Rationale	
Linguistic - missing article 'a'.	



Amendment number	AC-9
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	199
Section	Membership fee period
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
	NEW ARTICLE: 3.4.3. When the
	International Committee accepts an
	organisation as a candidate organisation,
	the annual fee will be agreed by the
	International Committee upon a
	recommendation from the Control
	Commission. The membership fee period
	beings on 1 January of the following year.
	The period ends at the close of the year of
	the next ordinary Congress.
Rationale	

Proposes a system for agreeing the new membership fee level of a candidate organisation in line with the current system of membership fee agreement at Congress, in the most democratic way possible.

Amendment number	AC-10
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	203; 208; 213; 217
Section	Membership fees and voting rights
Type of amendment	✓ Change
Original text	New text
in accordance with article 12.2 of the IFM-	in accordance with article <del>12.2</del> <b>13.2</b> of the
SEI constitution.	IFM-SEI constitution.
Rationale	
Incorrect article number references.	



Amendment number	AC-11
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	206-209
Section	Membership fees and voting rights
Type of amendment	✓ Change
Original text	New text
Organisations having paid all previous years'	Organisations having paid all previous years'
fees, with a written agreement signed by	fees and debts but not having paid all of
the Control Commission and the	the current year's fees are entitled to all
organisation for the current year made	votes in accordance with article 12.2 of
before 31st March and a record of fulfilling	the IFM-SEI constitution, if there is (1) with
agreements made, are entitled to all votes	a written agreement signed by the Control
in accordance with article 12.2 of the IFM-	Commission, Secretary General and the
SEI constitution	organisation for the current year made by 31
	March and, (2) evidence of the agreement
	not having been broken by the time of the
	Congress or International Committee a
	record of fulfilling agreements made, are
	entitled to all votes in accordance with
	article 12.2 of the IFM-SEI constitution.

Proposes new wording to clarify the current system. Clarifies that the Secretary General must approve a membership fee agreement as the person legally responsible for the organisation's finances and that other debts in addition to membership fees should be taken into consideration.



Amendment number	AC-12
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	211-213
Section	Membership fees and voting rights
Type of amendment	✓ Change
Original text	New text
Organisations having made an agreement	Organisations having made an agreement
before 31st March covering both previous	before 31 March covering both previous fees
fees and the current year, having fulfilled	and the current year, having fulfilled
agreements up to the current point but with	agreements up to the current point but with
some outstanding debts are entitled to half	some not paid all of the previous years'
the number of votes in accordance with	fees and/or other outstanding debts are
article 12.2 of the IFM-SEI constitution.	entitled to half the number of votes in
	accordance with article 13.2 of the IFM-SEI
	constitution if there is (1) a written
	agreement signed by the Control
	Commission, Secretary General and the
	organisation made by 31 March and, (2)
	evidence of the agreement not having
	been broken by the time of the Congress
	or International Committee
Rationale	

Proposes new wording to clarify the current system. Clarifies that the Secretary General must approve a membership fee agreement as the person legally responsible for the organisation's finances and that other debts in addition to membership fees should be taken into consideration.



AC-13
IFM-SEI Presidium
215-218
Membership fees and voting rights
Change
New text
Organisations having paid all previous years' fees having made an agreement one month before the Congress or International Committee Meeting for the current year and having paid half before the Congress, are entitled to half the number of votes in accordance with article 12.2 of the IFM-SEI constitution and debts but not having paid all of the current year's fees are entitled to half the number of votes in accordance with article 13.2 of the IFM-SEI constitution if there is (1) payment of at least half of their membership fee for the current year before the Congress or International Committee, and (2) a written agreement signed by the Control Commission, Secretary General and the organisation one month before the Congress or International Committee and, (3) evidence of the agreement not having been broken by the time of the Congress or International Committee
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Proposes new wording to clarify the current system. Clarifies that the Secretary General must approve a membership fee agreement as the person legally responsible for the organisation's finances and that other debts in addition to membership fees should be taken into consideration.



Amendment number	AC-14
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	224-226
Section	Membership fees and voting rights
Type of amendment	Change
Original text	New text
Organisations not having paid membership fees for the current year and not having made an agreement one month before the Congress or International Committee meeting, are not entitled to participate or vote in the IFM-SEI Congress.	Organisations not having paid membership fees for the current year and not having made an agreement one month before the Congress or International Committee meeting, are not entitled to participate or vote in the IFM-SEI Congress are not entitled to vote at the Congress or International Committee if they have not paid their membership fees for the current year and do not have a written agreement one month before the Congress or International Committee meeting.
Rationale	
Proposes new wording to clarify the current system.	

Amendment number	AC-15
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	229
Section	Membership fees and voting rights
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
In the case of an organisation with an uneven number of votes having their votes halved, all votes in the Congress will be doubled, to avoid half votes.	In the case of an organisation with an uneven number of votes having their votes halved, all votes in the Congress or International Committee will be doubled, to avoid half votes.
Rationale	
Proposes to apply to same rule of doubling votes to the International Committee as at the	
Congress that is already in practice.	



Amendment number	AC-16
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	233-34
Section	Fraternal organisations
Type of amendment	Change
Original text	New text
Fraternal organisations are the Socialist	Fraternal organisations are the Socialist
International, Socialist International	International (SI), Socialist International
Women, International Union of Socialist	Women (SIW), International Union of
Youth, the Party of European Socialists (PES)	Socialist Youth (IUSY), the Party of European
and YES- Young European Socialists.	Socialists (PES) and <del>YES</del> Young European
	Socialists (YES).
Rationale	
Consistency in style and abbreviations.	

Amendment number	AC-17
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	247
Section	Structure and organisation
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
Functions and structures also part of IFM-	Functions and structures also part of IFM-
SEI:	SEI:
The Secretary General	The Secretary General
The Control Commissions	The Secretariat
	The Control Commission
Rationale	
This proposes that the structure should be the Secretariat, a core function of IFM-SEI.	



Amendment number	AC-18
Be taken in conjunction with AC-32; if AC-32 falls this amendment automatically falls.	
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	253
Section	Congress
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
Original text The Congress is the supreme body of IFM-	New text The Congress is the supreme body of IFM-
	THE WORLD
The Congress is the supreme body of IFM-	The Congress is the supreme body of IFM-
The Congress is the supreme body of IFM- SEI. It shall be convened three years after it	The Congress is the supreme body of IFM- SEI. It shall be convened three years after its
The Congress is the supreme body of IFM- SEI. It shall be convened three years after it	The Congress is the supreme body of IFM- SEI. It shall be convened three years after its last meeting and must take place within

In line with Belgian law, the audited accounts need to be approved by the IC by the end of June therefore the IC/Congress must take place in this time frame.

Amendment number	AC-19
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	253
Section	Congress
Type of amendment	Change
Original text	New text
The Congress is the supreme body of IFM-	The Congress is the supreme body of IFM-
SEI. It shall be convened three years after it	SEI. It shall be convened three years after its
s last meeting. Invitations shall be issued by	last meeting. Invitations shall be issued by t
the Presidium.	he Presidium President and Secretary
	General.
Rationale	

Reflects the reality that the convening notice is issued by the Secretary General and President.



Amendment number	AC-20
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	269
Section	Congress
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
A single delegate may be of any gender. For delegations of two or three, at least one must be a woman. For delegations of four or five, at least two must be women.	A single delegate may be of any gender. For delegations of two or three, at least one must be a woman*. For delegations of four or five, at least two must be women.
	FOOTNOTE: *when the term woman/women is used it applies to women and people of other genders that experience discrimination or oppression based on their gender.

This is to clarify that the quota applies to women, non-binary persons and other genders that are face discrimination. This wording aims to prevent listing but to clarify the point.

Amendment number	AC-21
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	270
Section	Congress
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
A single delegate may be of any gender. For	A single delegate may be of any gender. For
delegations of two or three, at least one	delegations of two or three, at least one
must be a woman. For delegations of four or	must be a woman. For delegations of four or
five, at least two must be women.	five, at least two must be women.
Organisations wishing to send a larger	Organisations wishing to send a larger
delegation may do so in negotiation with the	delegation may do so in negotiation with the
IFM-SEI secretariat.	IFM-SEI secretariat adhering to the women's
	quota.
Rationale	
Clarifies that larger delegations must also adhere to the women's quota.	



Amendment number	AC-22
Reliant on AC-52 passing; if AC-52 falls this amendment is no longer moved.	
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	270
Section	Congress
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
A single delegate may be of any gender. For delegations of two or three, at least one must be a woman. For delegations of four or five, at least two must be women.  Organisations wishing to send a larger delegation may do so in negotiation with the IFM-SEI secretariat.	A single delegate may be of any gender. For delegations of two or three, at least one must be a woman. For delegations of four or five, at least two must be women.  Organisations wishing to send a larger delegation may do so in negotiation with the IFM-SEI secretariat. Votes can be affected for non-compliance, according to article
13.4.	
Rationale	
Outlines clearly the consequences of non-adherence of women's quota.	



Amendment number	AC-23
Be taken in conjunction with AC-24; if AC-24	falls this amendment automatically falls.
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	272-275
Section	Congress
Type of amendment	Change
Original text	New text
The International Committee shall, six	The International Committee Presidium
months before the opening of Congress,	shall, six months before the opening of
decide on the rules of procedure of the	Congress <del>, decide on the rules of procedure</del>
Congress and appoint a Mandates	of the Congress and appoint a Mandates
Commission of 3 people to advise Congress	Commission of 3 people to advise Congress
of the number of delegates, allocated votes	of the number of delegates, allocated votes
and to record the elections. The Mandates	and to record the elections. The Mandates
Commission must include at least one	Commission must include at least one
woman. The Congress must ratify decisions	woman. The Congress must ratify decisions
of the International Committee.	of the International Committee propose the
	Rules of Procedure of the Congress and
	appoint the following three bodies as
	described in the Rules of Procedure: (1)
	Mandates Commission, (2) Nominations
	Commission, and (3) Resolutions and Work
	Plan Commission.
Rationale	

Proposes to remove the need for extraordinary International Committee that has been a largely tokenistic tool or one that has not been implemented in the past. The proposed change gives influence and decision-making power to member organisations, using the current structures that exist and making it fit-for-purpose.



Commission of five people. The Commission shall receive and check the nominations for the different posts of IFM-SEI. The Nominations Commission shall play no role in deciding the outcome of the election, but should ensure it is fair, open and conducted according to IFM-SEI rules and principles.  Commission of five people. The Commission shall receive and check the nominations for the different posts of IFM-SEI. The Nominations Commission shall play no role deciding the outcome of the election, but should ensure it is fair, open and conducted according to IFM-SEI rules and principles proposal by the Presidium of (1) Mandates Commission. Member organisations will agree the proposal via email by tacit agreement. If there is disagreement by 10 member organisations or 20% of the membership, an extraordinary	Amendment number	AC-24
Line  Section  Type of amendment  Change  Original text  The International Committee shall ratify the election by the Presidium of a Nominations Commission of five people. The Commission shall receive and check the nominations for the different posts of IFM-SEI. The Nominations Commission shall play no role in deciding the outcome of the election, but should ensure it is fair, open and conducted according to IFM-SEI rules and principles.  Proposal by the Presidium of a Nominations Commission of five people. The Commission shall receive and check the nominations for the different posts of IFM-SEI. The Nominations Commission shall play no role in deciding the outcome of the election, but should ensure it is fair, open and conducted according to IFM-SEI rules and principles proposal by the Presidium of (1) Mandates Commission, (2) Nominations Commission and (3) Resolutions and Work Plan Commission. Member organisations will agree the proposal via email by tacit agreement. If there is disagreement by 10 member organisations or 20% of the membership, an extraordinary	Be taken in conjunction with AC-23; if AC-23	falls this amendment automatically falls.
Type of amendment  Congress  Change  Original text  The International Committee shall ratify the election by the Presidium of a Nominations Commission of five people. The Commission shall receive and check the nominations for the different posts of IFM-SEI. The Nominations Commission shall play no role in deciding the outcome of the election, but should ensure it is fair, open and conducted according to IFM-SEI rules and principles.  Congress  New text  The member organisations shall ratify the election by the Presidium of a Nominations Commission of five people. The Commission shall receive and check the nominations for the different posts of IFM-SEI. The Nominations Commission shall play no role deciding the outcome of the election, but should ensure it is fair, open and conducted according to IFM-SEI rules and principles proposal by the Presidium of (1) Mandates Commission. Member organisations will agree the proposal via email by tacit agreement. If there is disagreement by 10 member organisations or 20% of the membership, an extraordinary	Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
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Proposes to remove the need for extraordinary International Committee that has been a largely tokenistic tool or one that has not been implemented in the past. The proposed change gives influence and decision-making power to member organisations, using the current structures that exist and making it fit-for-purpose.



Amendment number	AC-25
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	294
Section	Congress
Type of amendment	Change
Original text	New text
Member Organisations, candidate organisations, the International Committee and the Presidium are entitled to table motions and submit proposals to the Congress. Submissions must be made to the Secretariat at least six weeks before the opening of the Congress.	Member organisations, candidate organisations, the International Committee and the Presidium are entitled to table motions resolutions and statements, and submit proposals to the Congress. Submissions must be made to the Secretariat at least six weeks before the opening of the Congress.
Rationale	
Updates the wording to the current used terminology.	

Amendment number	AC-26
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	311
Section	Nominations
Type of amendment	✓ Addition
Original text	New text
	NEW ARTICLE: 6.11.4: Only one person per organisation can be nominated for the positions of President, Secretary General, Presidium and/or Control Commission in one election period.

Makes it explicit that only one person per organisation should be in a leadership position at one time in order to allow for diversity of organisations to be involved in the governance structures of IFM-SEI.



Amendment number	AC-27
Reliant on AC-48 passing; if AC-48 falls this amendment is no longer moved.	
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	313
Section	Elections
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
Original text Elections of the Presidium and Control	New text  Elections of the Presidium, and Control
Elections of the Presidium and Control	Elections of the Presidium, and Control
Elections of the Presidium and Control Commission shall be done by secret ballot if	Elections of the Presidium, and Control Commission and Network Coordinators shall
Elections of the Presidium and Control Commission shall be done by secret ballot if	Elections of the Presidium, and Control Commission and Network Coordinators shall be done by secret ballot if requested by one

Proposes that the Network Coordinators are elected at the Congress alongside other governance bodies to standardise the procedure across all networks and to encourage strong commitment to the role.

Amendment number	AC-28
Be taken in conjunction with AC-54; if AC-54 falls this amendment automatically falls.	
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	313-314
Section	Elections
Type of amendment	✓ Deletion
Original text	New text
Elections of the Presidium and Control	Elections of the Presidium and Control
Commission shall be done by secret ballot if	Commission shall be done by secret ballot-if
requested by one member organisation.	requested by one member organisation.
Rationale	
Proposal to have a default secret ballot system to ensure freedom in voting without	

Proposal to have a default secret ballot system to ensure freedom in voting without potential influence of political pressure, bloc voting, intimidation, blackmailing and potential vote buying.



Amendment number	AC-29
Be taken in conjunction with AC-50; if AC-50	falls this amendment automatically falls.
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	332
Section	The International Committee
Type of amendment	✓ Change
Original text	New text
The International Committee (IC) is IFM-SEI'	The International Committee (IC) is IFM-SEI'
s highest decision-making and	s highest decision-making and administrative
administrative body during the Congress	body during the Congress period. It is made
period. It is made up of all member	up of all member organisations of IFM-SEI,
organisations of IFM-SEI, together with the	together with the Presidium. Each member
Presidium. Each member organisation has	organisation has one vote as does the
one vote as do the members of the	members of the Presidium.
Presidium.	

If each Presidium member were to have one vote each, this could heavily influence the voting outcome whereas the democratic power should sit with the member organisations to avoid Presidium being able to potentially heavily sway a vote.



Amendment number	AC-30
If amendment AC-29 passes this amendment automatically falls.	
Be taken in conjunction with AC-51; if AC-51	falls this amendment automatically falls.
Moved by	SJD-Die Falken
Line	332
Section	The International Committee
Type of amendment	Change
Original text	New text
The International Committee (IC) is IFM-SEI'	The International Committee (IC) is IFM-SEI'
s highest decision-making and	s highest decision-making and administrative
administrative body during the Congress	body during the Congress period. It is made
period. It is made up of all member	up of all member organisations of IFM-SEI,
organisations of IFM-SEI, together with the	together with the Presidium. Each member
Presidium. Each member organisation has	organisation has one half a vote as do the
one vote as do the members of the	members of the Presidium.
Presidium.	
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The IC meetings are the place where member organisations and the Presidium come together. Unfortunately, due to the financial or technical situation (e.g. visa problems) many member organisations can't ensure their participation at the ICs. As a consequence, the original intent of the Constitution (= to have a majority of votes for the member organisations) is not guaranteed anymore. At the other hand, the voice of the Presidium is still important. The available time at an IC is too short that a Presidium could always agree on an opinion, even if everyone has the interest of all member organisations in mind. Therefore, we believe to give each Presidium member half a vote would be a very reasonable approach. Technical remark: at IC meetings often the voting rights are doubled already, because member organisations with financial issues may then still have half a vote. The same calculation approach would work for the Presidium.



Amendment number	AC-31
Be taken in conjunction with AC-18; if AC-18	falls this amendment automatically falls.
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	337
Section	The International Committee
Type of amendment	✓ Change
Original text	New text
The International Committee shall meet at	The International Committee shall meet at
least once in every year in which an	least once in every year in which an
Ordinary Congress is held, and at least twice	Ordinary Congress is <b>not</b> held <del>, and at least</del>
in every other year.	twice in every other year.
Rationale	

Reflects the reality that for many mandates there has not been two International Committees per year due to financial and organisational restrictions. No longer a condition of Belgian law as way previously the case.

Amendment number	AC-32
Be taken in conjunction with AC-33.	
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	337
Section	The International Committee
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
The International Committee shall meet at least once in every year in which an Ordinary Congress is held, and at least twice in every other year.	The International Committee shall meet at least once in every year in which an Ordinary Congress is not held. The Presidium will ensure that this meeting the International Committee takes place within six months of the end of the preceding financial year.
Rationale	
Content moved from lines 352-254 that is deleted in AC-33.	



Amendment number	AC-33
Reliant on AC-32 passing; if AC-32 falls this amendment is no longer moved.	
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	352-354
Section	The International Committee
Type of amendment	Deletion
Original text	New text
One meeting of the International Committee	One meeting of the International Committee
in each year will be designated the "finance	in each year will be designated the "finance
meeting". The Presidium will ensure that	meeting". The Presidium will ensure that
this meeting takes place within 6 months of	this meeting takes place within 6 months of
the end of the preceding financial year.	the end of the preceding financial year.

Removal of financial International Committee as no longer a requirement legally to have two International Committee meetings. Information about taking place within first 6 months of the year moved to different place in the article.



Amendment number	AC-34
Be taken in conjunction with AC-35.	
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	355
Section	The International Committee
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
	NEW ARTICLES: 7.4 Each member organisation is entitled to send a delegation of five to the International Committee.  7.5 Candidate organisations are entitled to send two delegates to the International Committee.
	7.6 A single delegate may be of any gender. For delegations of two or three, at least one must be a woman. For delegations of four or five, at least two must be women. Organisations wishing to send a larger delegation may do so in negotiation with the IFM-SEI secretariat, in line with the women's quota. Votes can be affected for non-compliance, according to article 13.4.

Ensuring that the Rules of Procedure are reflected accurately and consistently in the Constitution. Ensures that reference is made to Congress and IC both.



Amendment number	AC-35		
Reliant on AC-34 passing; if AC-34 falls this a	Reliant on AC-34 passing; if AC-34 falls this amendment is no longer moved.		
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium		
Line	356-370		
Section	The International Committee		
Type of amendment	Change		
Original text	New text		
7.4 The International Committee shall seek to co-operate with other international institutions and organisations whose goals might further those of the IFM-SEI. The people it appoints to liaise with such institutions and organisations shall be directly responsible to the International Committee.	7.47 The International Committee shall seek to co-operate with other international institutions and organisations whose goals might further those of the IFM-SEI. The people it appoints to liaise with such institutions and organisations shall be directly responsible to the International Committee.		
7.5 The International Committee can, after specifying their field of activity, set up special committees to work under its responsibility.	7.58 The International Committee can, after specifying their field of activity, set up special committees to work under its responsibility.		
7.6 The International Committee may delegate particular tasks and activities to member organisations.	7.69 The International Committee may delegate particular tasks and activities to member organisations.		
7.7 An International Committee meeting may be held online or through other electronic means where decisions are urgent.	7.710 An International Committee meeting may be held online or through other electronic means where decisions are urgent.		
7.8 Ten member organisations, 20% of the membership or the Presidium may call an extra-ordinary International Committee meeting.	7.811 Ten member organisations, 20% of the membership or the Presidium may call an extra-ordinary International Committee meeting.		
Rationale			
Numbering issue in case previous amendment	is passed.		



Amendment number	AC-36
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	385
Section	Presidium
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
At least one of the positions of Secretary General and President must be filled by a woman.	At least one of the positions of Secretary Ge neral and President must be filled by a wom an. At least one of the positions of Secretar y General and President must be filled by someone aged under 30 on the day of the election.
Rationale	

Proposes to add the youth quota to SG and President - as the two political leads of the movement, it is important at least one is youth.

Amendment number	AC-37
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	389-392
Section	Presidium
Type of amendment	✓ Deletion
Original text	New text
At its first meeting the Presidium will divide	At its first meeting the Presidium will divide
the workload amongst its members, one	the workload amongst its members, one
member from each region shall be	member from each region shall be
responsible to support the development of	responsible to support the development of
member organisations in their respective	member organisations in their respective
region and the other will take on	region and the other will take on
responsibility for work areas as defined in	responsibility for work areas as defined in
the three-year work-plan. The Presidium	the three-year work-plan. The Presidium will
will report on their work to the	report on their work to the International
International Committee and the Congress.	Committee and the Congress.
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#### Rationale

This is too prescriptive and should be down to the President and their Presidium to decide how to set out the work. Already works this way in practice.



Amendment number	AC-38
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	398
Section	Presidium
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
<ul> <li>To take responsibility for the finances</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To take responsibility for the finances</li> <li>Support the development of member organisations in their respective region</li> </ul>
Rationale	
A key role of Presidium members and already works this way in practice.	

Amendment number	AC-39	
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium	
Line	399-400	
Section	Presidium	
Type of amendment	✓ Deletion	
Original text	New text	
The Presidium should have at least three	The Presidium should have at least three	
meetings per year. They may meet online or	meetings per year. They may meet online or	
via electronic means where decisions are	via electronic means <del>where decisions are</del>	
urgent.	urgent.	
Rationale		
This is now standard practice to have online meetings so the constitution should offer		
flexibility to reflect the practice and move with the digital times.		



Amendment number	AC-40	
Be taken in conjunction with AC-42 and AC-43; if AC-42 falls this amendment		
automatically falls.		
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium	
Line	405-406	
Section	Presidium	
Type of amendment	Addition	
Original text	New text	
If a Presidium member is in breach of the	If a Presidium member is in breach of the	
IFM-SEI constitution or principles the	TEM CEL COLOR OF THE CEL CEL CEL CEL CEL CEL CEL CEL CEL CE	
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Presidium may suspend that member by a	principles or if a presidium member has	
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Presidium may suspend that member by a	principles or if a presidium member has been inactive (no communication with no	
Presidium may suspend that member by a	principles or if a presidium member has been inactive (no communication with no notice) for 4 months the Presidium may	

Amendment number	AC-41
Moved by	SJD-Die Falken
Line	406
Section	Presidium
Type of amendment	Change
Original text	New text
If a Presidium member is in breach of the	If a Presidium member is in breach of the
IFM-SEI constitution or principles the	IFM-SEI constitution or principles the
Presidium may suspend that member by a	Presidium may suspend that member by a
2/3 majority.	2/3 minimum 3/4 majority of all Presidium
	members.

inactivity.

Kicking someone out is a huge step. The person in question has been elected by the member organisations. But then it is upon the Presidium members to decide on such a serious issue. The Constitution should ensure that the decision is prepared with great consideration, and not taken in a hasty or controversial manner. The word "minimum" was added in order to clarify the situation, if  $\frac{3}{4}$  is no integer number.



Amendment number	AC-42
Be taken in conjunction with AC-40 and AC-43; if AC-40 falls this amendment	
automatically falls.	
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	411
Section	Presidium
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
	NEW ARTICLE: 8.9 If a Presidium member is inactive for three months the Presidium may vote to start the suspension procedure by a 2/3 majority. If agreed, the Presidium member is given one month to reaffirm their commitment to the Presidium and if no answer is received they will be suspended until the next Congress or International Committee as outlined in article 8.8.
Rationale	
Proposes to put a system into place where a Presidium member can be replaced due to	
inactivity.	



Amendment number	AC-43	
Reliant on AC-42 passing; if AC-42 falls this amendment is no longer moved.		
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium	
Line	412-420	
Section	Presidium	
Type of amendment	Change	
Original text	New text	
The Congress or International Committee will hear the case for suspension as the first item of business and may by a two-thirds majority remove the Presidium member from their role. If the Congress or International Committee meeting does not agree the above action by a two-thirds majority the Presidium member will be	8.10 The Congress or International Committee will hear the case for suspension as the first item of business and may by a two-thirds majority remove the Presidium member from their role. If the Congress or International Committee meeting does not agree the above action by a two-thirds majority the	
reinstated.	Presidium member will be reinstated.	
8.9 The International Committee or extraordinary Congress may remove any member of the Presidium by a two-thirds majority providing that: at least 10 full days notice have been given before the vote and; the member concerned has been given the opportunity to either in writing or person present their view to the International Committee or extraordinary Congress before a vote is taken.	8.911 The International Committee or extraordinary Congress may remove any member of the Presidium by a two-thirds majority providing that: at least 10 full days notice have been given before the vote and; the member concerned has been given the opportunity to either in writing or person present their view to the International Committee or extraordinary Congress before a vote is taken.	
Rationale		
Numbering issue in case related amendment is passed.		



Amendment number	AC-44
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	426
Section	The Secretary General and the Secretariat
Type of amendment	Change
Original text	New text
The Secretary General is responsible for the political and organisational developments in IFM-SEI. They should be actively involved in their national organisation.	The Secretary General is responsible for the political and organisational developments in IFM-SEI. They should be actively involved in their national organisation. They should be a current member of an IFM-SEI member organisation.

This could be a conflict of interest and not realistic considering the position is in Belgium - the SG does not and should not act in the interests of a national organisation. If a Secretary General chooses to focus their energies on FM-SEI rather than on national level this should be recognised.

Amendment number	AC-45
Be taken in conjunction with AC-46.	
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	458-459
Section	Control Commission
Type of amendment	<b>☑</b> Deletion
Original text	New text
The Presidium and Secretariat must respond	The Presidium and Secretariat must respond
without delay to any question raised by the	without delay to any question raised by the
Control Commission.	Control Commission.
Rationale	
The original is very subjective and open to interpretation. Not in context with any other	
bodies.	



Amendment number	AC-46
Reliant on AC-45 passing; if AC-45 falls this amendment is no longer moved.	
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	461-466
Section	Control Commission
Type of amendment	Change
Original text	New text
10.4 The Control Commission is responsible	10.43 The Control Commission is responsible
for the control of the administration of IFM-	for the control of the administration of IFM-
SEI business. It may inspect the IFM-SEI	SEI business. It may inspect the IFM-SEI
books and finances whenever it wishes, but	books and finances whenever it wishes, but
must do so in any event no later than two	must do so in any event no later than two
months after the end of each financial	months after the end of each financial
period.	period.
10.5 The Control Commission shall have no	10.54 The Control Commission shall have no
voting rights in the Presidium or the	voting rights in the Presidium or the
International Committee.	International Committee.
Rationale	
Numbering corrected in line with related amendment passing.	

Amendment number	AC-47
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	467
Section	Control Commission
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
	NEW ARTICLES: 10.5 If a Control
	Commission member is in breach of the
	IFM-SEI constitution or principles the
	Presidium may suspend that member by a
	2/3 majority. The Presidium may only
	take this action if 10 full days notice has
	been given and the member has been
	given the opportunity to, either in writing
	or person, present their view to the
	Presidium before a vote is taken. The
	Presidium shall inform the membership of
	the outcome of any vote within five days
	and any suspension shall only be valid until
	the next International Committee meeting.
	10.6 The Congress or International



Committee will hear the case for suspension as the first item of business and may by a two-thirds majority remove the Control Commission member from their role. If the Congress or International Committee meeting does not agree the above action by a two-thirds majority the Control Commission member will be reinstated.

10.7 The International Committee or extraordinary Congress may remove any member of the Control Commission by a two-thirds majority providing that: at least 10 full days notice have been given before the vote and; the member concerned has been given the opportunity to either in writing or person present their view to the International Committee or extraordinary Congress before a vote is taken.

#### Rationale

Ensuring the same disciplinary process is in place for Presidium members and Control Commission members. Numbering dependent on 461-466 passing.



Amendment number	AC-48
Be taken in conjunction with AC-27 and AC-49.	
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	485-486
Section	Thematic networks
Type of amendment	Change
Original text	New text
The network democratically elects a coordin ator every three years. The election needs to be ratified by the IFM-SEI Congress.	The network democratically elects a coordin ator or co-coordinators every three years. The election needs to be ratified by takes place at the IFM-SEI Congress. Should the coordinator(s) resign, the International Committee should elect a new coordinator(s) until the next Congress.

Recognises the possibility to co-coordinate together. Proposal to introduce elections at Congress for the network coordinators as ah-hoc system in the last mandates has not been effective

Amendment number	AC-49
Reliant on AC-48 passing; if AC-48 falls this amendment is no longer moved.	
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	490
Section	Thematic networks
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
	NEW ARTICLE: 12.6 If a Network
	Coordinator(s) is inactive for three months
	the Presidium may vote to start the
	suspension procedure by a 2/3 majority. If
	agreed, the Network Coordinator(s) is
	given one month to reaffirm their
	commitment to the role and if no answer
is received they will be removed from their position and new elections will to	
	or Congress.
Rationale	
Consistency in the inactivity of coordinators with other elected positions in the case that	

network coordinators are elected.

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Amendment number	AC-50
Be taken in conjunction with AC-29; if AC-29	falls this amendment automatically falls.
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	514
Section	Voting
Type of amendment	<b>✓</b> Deletion
Original text	New text
Original text  Each member organisation has one vote at	New text  Each member organisation has one vote at
	TOTAL TOTAL
Each member organisation has one vote at	Each member organisation has one vote at
Each member organisation has one vote at the IC meeting. In addition, each member of	Each member organisation has one vote at the IC meeting. In addition, each member of
Each member organisation has one vote at the IC meeting. In addition, each member of the Presidium has one vote. Candidate	Each member organisation has one vote at the IC meeting. In addition, each member of the Presidium has one vote. Candidate

If each Presidium member were to have one vote each, this could heavily influence the voting outcome whereas the democratic power should sit with the member organisations to avoid Presidium being able to potentially heavily sway a vote.

Amendment number	AC-51
If amendment AC-50 passes this amendment automatically falls.	
Be taken in conjunction with AC-30; if AC-30 falls this amendment automatically falls.	
Moved by	SJD-Die Falken
Line	514-15
Section	Voting
Type of amendment	✓ Change
Original text	New text
Each member organisation has one vote at	Each member organisation has one vote at
the IC meeting. In addition, each member of	the IC meeting. In addition, each member of
the Presidium has one vote. Candidate	the Presidium has one vote. As laid out in
organisations will have no vote at the IC	7.1, member organisations have the right
meetings.	to vote. Candidate organisations will have
	no vote at the IC meetings.
Rationale	

This change is a consequence of the proposed amendment AC-30. The concrete numbers have been taken out here, so that no contradiction between 7.1 and 13.3 will occur.



Amendment number	AC-52
Be taken in conjunction with AC-22 and AC-53.	
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	516
Section	Voting
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
	NEW ARTICLE: 13.4 Non-adherence with women*'s quota. Organisations not adhering to the women's quota in accordance with articles 6.6 and 7.6 of the IFM-SEI constitution will only receive half of the number of their given votes.
Rationale	
The implementation of the women's quota being reflected in the Constitution.	

Amendment number	AC-53		
Reliant on AC-52 passing; if AC-52 falls this a	Reliant on AC-52 passing; if AC-52 falls this amendment is no longer moved.		
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium		
Line	517-540		
Section	Voting		
Type of amendment	Change		
Original text	New text		
13.4 Voting on resolutions Voting on resolutions shall be by a show of voting cards unless three member organisations request a secret ballot or for each vote to be recorded.	13.45 Voting on resolutions Voting on resolutions shall be by a show of voting cards unless three member organisations request a secret ballot or for each vote to be recorded.		
13.5 Elections The election of the President, members of the Presidium, Control Commission and Secretary General shall be done by secret ballot if requested by one member organisation.	13.56 Elections The election of the President, members of the Presidium, Control Commission and Secretary General shall be done by secret ballot if requested by one member organisation.		
13.6 Majorities Decisions in IFM-SEI are taken by simple majority unless stated otherwise. A simple majority means more than 50% of the votes cast not including abstentions, a two-thirds majority means more than 66% votes cast,	13.67 Majorities Decisions in IFM-SEI are taken by simple majority unless stated otherwise. A simple majority means more than 50% of the votes cast not including abstentions, a two-thirds majority means more than 66% votes cast,		



rounded up to the nearest whole number, not including abstentions.

A two-thirds majority shall be required to:

- i) Accept into membership or terminate the membership of an organisation
- ii) Change the constitution, aims, principles and headquarters of the IFM-SEI.

#### 13.7 Online voting

An online voting system can be used for decisions by the International Committee. The Presidium will decide the procedure for such a vote.

#### 13.8 Quorum

Every statutory meeting must have a quorum of at least 30% of possible votes. If the quorum is not achieved the meeting must be reconvened. To reconvene a meeting a period of six weeks is needed. For the reconvened meeting, no quorum is necessary.

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# Rationale

Numbering issue in case AC-52 is passed.



Amendment number	AC-54	
Be taken in conjunction with AC-28; if AC-28 falls this amendment automatically falls.		
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium	
Line	523	
Section	Voting	
Type of amendment	✓ Deletion	
Original text	New text	
The election of the President, members of	The election of the President, members of	
the Presidium, Control Commission and	the Presidium, Control Commission and	
Secretary General shall be done by secret	Secretary General shall be done by secret	
ballot if requested by one member	ballot <del>if requested by one member</del>	
organisation.	organisation.	
Rationale		
Proposal to have a default secret ballot system to ensure freedom in voting without potential influence of political pressure, bloc voting, intimidation, blackmailing and/or		

potential influence of political pressure, bloc voting, intimidation, blackmailing and/or vote buying.

Amendment number	AC-55
Moved by	IFM-SEI Presidium
Line	537
Section	Voting
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
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necessary.	reconvened meeting, no quorum is necessary.
Rationale	

Clarifies that the quorum is based on the votes that would be allocated on the basis of membership fees being paid or not and 30% of that figure (rather than all possible votes if no membership fees debts existed).



Amendment number	AC-56
Late submission - taken after suspending Rules of Procedure.	
Moved by	Nuoret Kotkat
Line	311
Section	Nominations
Type of amendment	✓ Addition
Original text	New text
	NEW ARTICLE:
	6.11.4: Only one person per organisation
	can be elected for the positions of
	President, Secretary General, Presidium
	and/or Control Commission in one election
	period.

This amendment should be read as an alternative proposal for the amendment AC-26. In our proposal, nominating several persons is not prohibited, only election. A MO should be able to field more than one candidate. This amendment should be taken into discussion only if the rules of procedure are suspended and new amendments allowed also as regards 01c.



Appendix 3: Amendments to the Strategy and Work Plan 2019-22

Amendment number	AS-1
Moved by	Framfylkingen
Line	111-138
Section	Seven strategic priorities
Type of amendment	Change
Original text	New text
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- 2. Child and youth participation: IFM-SEI should promote the active and meaningful participation of our beneficiaries in our structures, activities and programmes, ensuring our movement and member organisations are led by children and young people, not simply for or with them.
- 3. Inclusion and diversity: IFM-SEI should be inclusive of all children and young people regardless of their background, beliefs or social class. Inclusion and diversity should be promoted through our educational work with a focus on peace education to promote inclusive societies. We strive towards a nonviolent society where all forms of structural discrimination are confronted.
- 4. Climate change and environment: IFM-SEI should promote environmental sustainability from a socialist educational perspective. We recognise the impact climate change will have on our young people and generations to come, and that education is a key tool to address climate change to empower, inform and motivate young people to fight for systemic change.
- **5.** Children's rights: IFM-SEI should be a key stakeholder in the fight for children's right across the world. In order to work towards a world where children's rights are respected, our members must be made aware of their rights through education and empowered to be ambassadors for children's rights.

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- 6. Reach out group work, volunteering and internationalism: IFM-SEI should support our member organisations to enact group work and develop grassroots structures, and share good practices on group work and volunteering between member organisations. Volunteerism is at the heart of IFM-SEI and is a key tool for social impact. As part of this, IFM-SEI should offer capacity building opportunities for our member organisations and grassroots members.
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Framfylkingen proposes to the Congress that IFM-SEI should prioritize children's rights to a much greater extent, then what is proposed in the strategy document. All over the world, children suffer because their rights are not being safeguarded. This should be unacceptable for IFM-SEI.

There are many children and youth organizations, that are members of IFM-SEI. Therefore, it should also be a focus of IFM-SEI to prioritize this topic to a far greater extent. Children are the future. There is no better way of changing the worlds fate, then to educate future generations that will face tough challenges.

IFM-SEI should be regarded as an organization, concerned with children's rights all over the world. Not only because we engage in child policy matters and are committed to following the UN Convention on the Rights of Child. But because we should educate our own organizations and members to stand up for children's rights.

Child rights must be taken seriously. Therefore, Framfylkingen wants to contribute to increased knowledge and more focus on children's rights within IFM-SEI. Framfylkingen therefore propose that Children's rights should be moved up to the second priority, in the strategy document, as shown above.



Amendment number	AS-2
Moved by	SJD-Die Falken
Line	151
Section	Socialist education
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
This is our unique quality as a socialist educational movement.	This is our unique quality as a socialist educational movement. It is our firm belief that a systemic change is necessary to fight the roots of poverty, discrimination and other inequalities. We want to educate children, young people and ourselves on the causes and consequences of the inequalities in the world and to empower them to stand up for a world where friendship, cooperation and good living conditions for all are more important than profit and competition.

We like the overall topic "back to the roots" and also all seven strategic priorities very much, but we feel we should mention in the aim of the section on socialist education very shortly what socialist education is and why we do it. This amendment gives a proposal and it could also be amended together with the other MOs. Our analysis is that we run educational activities to learn about the mechanisms behind the capitalist system and to fight all forms of exploitation, discrimination and poverty.

Amendment number	AS-3
Moved by	Österreichische Kinderfreunde/ Rote Falken
Line	215-216
Section	Child and youth participation
Type of amendment	Change
Original text	New text
This strategic priority aims to develop this are of work so we can continue to be trailblazers of participation.	This strategic priority aims to develop this area of work so we can continue to be and helps us to become trailblazers of participation again.
Rationale	•

We think that this is not given at the moment. We need to strengthen the visibility of our expertise to become trailblazers again.



Amendment number	AS-4
Moved by	SJD-Die Falken
Line	217
Section	Child and youth participation
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
This strategic priority aims to develop this are of work so we can continue to be trailblazers of participation.	This strategic priority aims to develop this are of work so we can continue to be trailblazers of participation. IFM-SEI and our MOs provide young people with practical experiences of democratic selforganisation. Children and young people need to have spaces, which they can shape and organise themselves to practice democracy, to experience self-efficacy and to learn to take over responsibility.

In the analysis and in the objectives of this strategic priority we are missing the practice of self-organisation a bit. In the sections "What this means for young people" and "what this means for us" it is well included. This is our suggestion to mainstream self-organisation.

Amendment number	AS-5	
Moved by	Österreichische Kinderfreunde/ Rote Falken	
Line	223	
Section	Child and youth participation	
Type of amendment	✓ Change	
Original text	New text	
Develop a monitoring system for child and	Develop a monitoring feedback system for	
youth participation within MOs.	child and youth participation within MOs.	
Rationale		
Monitoring would be a good step but also could be implemented in a wrong way. Therefore		
we prefer the word feedback system instead.		



Amendment number	AS-6
Moved by	SJD-Die Falken
Line	223
Section	Reach out - group work, volunteering and
	internationalism
Type of amendment	Change
Original text	New text
Develop a monitoring system for child and	Develop a monitoring guiding system for
youth participation within MOs.	child and youth participation within MOs.

We would propose write "guiding or support system" instead of "monitoring system". We know that child and youth participation is one of our key values and a principle to become a member of IFM-SEI (and this is very good). Nevertheless, it is hard to imagine how the leadership of IFM-SEI can establish a monitoring system and what will be the consequences, if they do not get the relevant information or if they receive information about lacking structures of youth participation. So we propose this change.

Amendment number	AS-7
Moved by	SJD-Die Falken
Line	226
Section	Child and youth participation
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
	ADD OBJECTIVE:
	<ul> <li>Offer spaces on Common Ground</li> </ul>
	2020 for children and young people to
	self-organise

## Rationale

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Amendment number	AS-8
If this amendment passes, amendment AS-9 automatically falls.	
Moved by	Österreichische Kinderfreunde/ Rote Falken
Line	290-291
Section	Inclusion and diversity
Type of amendment	✓ Change
Original text	New text
<ul> <li>Create 3 resources on peace education and dialogue for inclusive societies in open source format</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Create 3 resources on peace education and dialogue for inclusive societies in open source format</li> <li>Promote already available resource books on the topic of peace education and inclusion an updated version</li> <li>Create 1 resource on dialogue for inclusive societies in open source format</li> </ul>
Rationale	

There are already good resource books on peace education and inclusion available. We think it does not need new handbooks but only and updated version of them.

Amendment number	AS-9	
If amendment AS-8 passes, this amendment automatically falls.		
Moved by	SJD-Die Falken	
Line	290	
Section	Inclusion and diversity	
Type of amendment	Addition	
Original text	New text	
<ul> <li>Create 3 resources on peace education and dialogue for inclusive societies in open source format</li> </ul>	Create 3 resources on diversity-conscious education, peace education and dialogue for inclusive societies in open source format	

#### Rationale

Diversity-conscious education has a socio-critical approach in the field of inclusion and is very helpful especially in the field of international youth work. It supports inclusion by critically analysing discrimination, privileges and power-structures in an intersectional way. For us as socialists and for IFM-SEI in the last decades, inclusion has always been much more than educating about the (romantic) approach that celebrates diversity. In the objectives of this strategic priority, this is pinned down very well. We look if a difference between people is just a difference or if it is a privilege or an oppression. So we are proposing to use this educational approach together in line with peace education and dialogue and insert it into the educational toolkits that are planned.



Amendment number	AS-10
Moved by	Österreichische Kinderfreunde/ Rote Falken
Line	332
Section	Climate change and environment
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
	ADD OBJECTIVE
	<ul> <li>Fight on political level for climate</li> </ul>
	change and demanding systemic change
Rationale	

We believe, it is time to start demanding systemic change and to raise our voices. Education and empowerment around these topics is important but demanding systemic change for a better world should be part of this process.

Amendment number	AS-11
Moved by	SJD-Die Falken
Line	340
Section	Climate change and environment
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
	ADD OBJECTIVE:
Dationala	<ul> <li>Recognise the crucial role of young people in the protests, support them and integrate the protests on climate change into our structures, where it is useful</li> </ul>

#### Rationale

Green topics should become more socialist again by educating from a systematic approach with a capitalist critique (which is already very well explained in the work plan). Many young people or small local groups are looking for structural support for their protests, for a room to meet or for an open-minded organisation to discuss their ideas further and to organise more people. Our MOs could offer such a place and this is also a great opportunity to network and to get more members.



Amendment number	AS-12
Moved by	Österreichische Kinderfreunde/ Rote Falken
Line	344-345
Section	Climate change and environment
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
<ul> <li>Deliver 1 global project and 1 global campaign on climate change and environmental issues</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Deliver 1 global educational project and 1 global campaign on climate change and environmental issues</li> </ul>
Rationale	

We want to make sure that the global project is an educational and find it important that it is part of this priority.

Amendment number	AS-13
Moved by	SJD-Die Falken
Line	390
Section	Children's rights
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
	ADD OBJECTIVE:
	Celebrate the 30th anniversary of the
	Convention on the Rights of the Child,
	adopted on 20th November 1989.

# Rationale

If we take children's rights as a strategic priority, we should somehow use the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN Convention in November 2019. The celebrations can look very different in each region, depending on what the MOs want to put their focus on. They could organise activities aiming to make the Convention more accessible to children or they could claim at children's rights should be part of their national constitution or that there should ecological children's rights be included into the UN Convention. We could decide spontaneously but we should keep the date in mind.



Amendment number	AS-14
Moved by	Österreichische Kinderfreunde/ Rote Falken
Line	439
Section	Reach out - group work, volunteering and
	internationalism
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
	NEW PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:
	o Establish a communications
	platform for IFM-SEI member organisations
	to share and communicate between each
	other easier
	<ul> <li>Create 1 hands-on activity/time-slot</li> </ul>
	accessible for IFM-SEI members to give
	space to try out IFM-SEI resource books.
	This can also be part of an existing
	activity.

IFM-SEI has great expertise and resources available. We think it is important to find time (possibly also during the Common Ground 2020) to share these handbooks and methods and give space and time for IFM-SEI members to try them out and get more acquainted to them.

Amendment number	AS-15
Moved by	SJD-Die Falken
Line	448
Section	Reach out - group work, volunteering and
	internationalism
Type of amendment	Addition
Original text	New text
<ul> <li>Deliver 1 global campaign, 1 educational activity and 1 toolkit on bringing global to local</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Deliver 1 global summer camp, 1 global campaign, 1 educational activity and 1 toolkit on bringing global to local</li> </ul>

#### Rationale

Common Ground, the big IFM Camp in 2020 will be one main focus of the upcoming presidium and of many MOs during the next mandate. Since a summer camp is not really a strategic priority, we did not know where to put it prominently. It is mentioned shortly in the training of socialist educators and in preparing the centenary celebrations. We are sure, many global projects and workshops will take place on the IFM-Camp. But the summer camp is also a unique place for MOs and their locals groups to find international partners, so we thought it fits best to also put Common Ground into the Reach Out Section.

**Appendix 4: Resolutions** 



## Resolution on IFM-SEI Thematic Networks

This Congress notes that the IFM-SEI thematic networks are a key statutory body of IFM-SEI. The Rainbow Network was established in the mid-2000s and the Feminist Network was established in 2016. Both of the thematic networks have brought together wide range of volunteers to develop the organisation's work on the specific thematic areas.

This Congress highlights the importance of the IFM-SEI thematic networks within the governance structures of IFM-SEI and the delivery of the IFM-SEI's work in line with the Strategy and Work Plans. The thematic networks provide a structure for IFM-SEI members to bring their expertise on a topic, engage a wide range of IFM-SEI members, complement and support the work of the IFM-SEI Presidium, and support member organisations to develop their work in a given field. This Congress believes the thematic networks should remain member-led and responsive to the needs and interests of the membership.

This Congress approves the formal establishment of the Accessibility Network and Migration Network.

This resolution transpires in response to the informal establishment of the Accessibility Network and Migration Network at the respective IFM-SEI study sessions in 2016 and 2017, on the themes on the inclusion of disabled young people ('All In' - 2016) and inclusion of child refugees and migrants ('Children on the Move' - 2017). The coordinators of these networks should be open to all interested members and the coordinator(s) should be elected in line with the IFM-SEI Constitution.

Submitted by IFM-SEI Presidium



# Resolution on the Development of the IFM-SEI Migration Network

This Congress highlights the importance of the Migration Network structure to work effectively and to reach the network's goals in line with the IFM-SEI values. The Migration Network must focus on an exchange of the member organisations to find best-practice examples and shape a common way of how we can be inclusive. The network should be open to all interested members and the coordinator(s) should be elected in line with the IFM-SEI Constitution.

This Congress notes that the Migration Network needs a programme for the next period 2019-2022. The Congress highlights that the Migration Network should concentrate on establishing a working group together with socialist migrant- or refugee-led organisations. This working group should be working on two tasks:

- 1) Make the organisation more inclusive for refugees and migrants; reflecting on organisational structures.
- 2) Establishing national/regional cooperation between IFM-SEI member organisations and refugee and/or migrant led organisations.

This Congress highlights the importance of cooperating with other groups. IFM-SEI can only face the problems of marginalised displaced young people by giving them a chance to participate in our structures.

Submitted by IFM-SEI Presidium



# Resolution on the Development of the IFM-SEI Latin American Network

This Congress highlights the importance of the Latin American network as a platform to work for effective sustainable regional development and achieve the objectives set out in organization in line with the values and principles of IFM-SEI.

The Latin American network should focus on establishing a collaboration space that contribute to the discussion of the work agenda of each of the member organizations. Likewise, it seeks to facilitate and promote the exchange of information and knowledge, encourage mutual advice, and develop those other projects that are of common interest in matters related to children and adolescents, devising cooperation plans and developing initiatives that seek to improve communication, participation and inclusion. In terms of international cooperation and possible strategies for execute, that have a positive impact on each of the member organizations of the network Latin American.

This congress indicates that the network needs an annual program agreed among its members

and/or during the 2019-2022 period. This congress highlights that the objectives of the network will be:

- The search for cohesion of its member organizations,
- · The development of joint capacities,
- Establish permanent contact with other regions of IFM-SEI,
- Establish and find work for regional and interregional cooperation.

The two coordinators of the network will be chosen among the nominees by each organization respecting the gender balance and the age range of under 30s.

This congress resolves that the creation and development of the Latin American Network is of vital importance as well as the support of member organizations and statutory bodies.

Submitted by CHAP, Manque Chile, Los Cachorros, Integridad Absoluta, Mirim Brasil.



## Resolution on Conflict of Interest

This Congress notes that conflict of interest is an important consideration to the work of IFM-SEI in order to ensure good governance and accountability in its structures as a non-governmental organisation. A conflict of interest occurs when a member of a governance body has multiple interests which may influence the way in which they act, influence or vote in a structure. It is noted that the majority of members of IFM-SEI bodies will have multiple roles due to the nature of being an umbrella, membership-based organisation.

This Congress believes it is important to have a clear approach to conflict of interest when judgment or actions could affect the work and decision-making of IFM-SEI due to a secondary interest. It is not unusual for board members to have conflicts of interest, and if handled properly, these need not result in misconduct. It is highlighted that a member of IFM-SEI Presidium or Control Commission is not elected to represent their member organisation on the respective governance body, but is representative of the whole movement. In the case of regional Presidium members, they are also responsible for being the liaison between regions and Presidium.

In order to ensure conflict of interest is handled appropriately, this Congress resolves to outline a series of steps to mitigate the risk of organisational mismanagement due to a conflict of interest.

This Congress agrees to the following steps to mitigate organisational mismanagement due to a conflict of interest:

- Members of IFM-SEI statutory bodies must not share or forward papers and emails that are specific to that body to people outside of the body
- Confidential and/or closed issues, discussion or decisions with an IFM-SEI statutory bodies should not be discussed or shared with other individuals or organisations outside of the body without prior approval
- A register of interests will be established and monitored by the IFM-SEI President and Secretary General full and frank disclosure of information in IFM-SEI bodies will be enacted. It is the responsibility of each person on a governance body to identify if a conflict of interest as and when it is recognised and relevant.
- A member of an IFM-SEI statutory body should step back from discussion or decisions that could be affected by a conflict of interest
- Member organisations must respect the confidentiality requirements of IFM-SEI
  members of the governance bodies and not pressure or encourage members from
  their organisation to share information in contravention of the points above

Submitted by IFM-SEI Presidium



# Resolution on Ethical and Sustainable Travel

This Congress notes the importance of being able to conduct travel while not contradicting the core Aims and Principles of IFM-SEI in doing so. As a global umbrella organisation, IFM-SEI relies on international travel in order to conduct its day-to-day work, including participation in statutory meetings, project activities and international camps. While IFM-SEI attempts use creative and innovative ways to meet and to deliver activities, there is an unparalleled value in face-to-face interactions to promote meaningful dialogue, intercultural learning and cooperation.

This Congress believes that in order to ensure that travel undertaken for IFM-SEI business is done so with our Aims and Principles in mind there is a need for guidelines on ethical travel. With the rise of budget travel, there are an increasing number of transport companies - particularly airlines - running business models that revolve around keeping costs as low as possible at the expense of workers' rights. Abuses of workers' rights are illustrated by increased strikes being called by staff of budget airlines with cabin staff and pilots speaking out against abuses of workers' rights, such as insecure contracts, unregulated hours, low wages and refusing to work within national legislation. While budget airlines and business models evolve around keeping costs as low as possible may lower the economic expense for the traveller, there is an ethical cost to these decisions.

This Congress deems it important that IFM-SEI does not support travel companies that operate in an ethically unsound manner. We believe that to travel with an airline in direct contradiction of our Aims and Principles is complicity in their actions. As a socialist organisation, it is vital that our members do not cross a picket line for an airline and support strike actions in solidarity with workers. We stand by workers in fighting for their rights and we should be conscious of and critical of public relations operations of airlines.

This Congress believes that the biggest culprits in climate change are big business and government. In order to tackle climate change a systemic change is required and heightened responsibility and regulation of institutions and governments is needed. However, considering the impact flying contributes to around 2.5% of total carbon emissions, with the number of passenger aircrafts in our skies is likely to double by 2035<sup>1</sup>, we should also take responsibility for a personal reflection on air travel in the context of IFM-SEI activities. This Congress believes that other forms of transport should be prioritised over flying - where possible - in order to reduce the carbon impact of IFM-SEI and its negative impact towards climate change. Initiatives such as only permitting train or coach travel for travelling to neighbouring countries - considering the country and regional realities - should be considered for IFM-SEI activities. Car travel should be only permitted when car sharing is in place.

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 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  http://theconversation.com/its-time-to-wake-up-to-the-devastating-impact-flying-has-on-the-environment-70953



The Congress recognises the lack of social protection and violation of workers' rights the gig economy<sup>2</sup> has on workers, for example the lack of sick pay, absence of unemployment benefits, and absence of health insurance. Therefore businesses in the gig economy, such as Uber, should not be supported by IFM-SEI and in its activities.

Inclusion and access needs should be considered throughout this policy and these guidelines should be adapted accordingly if they create barriers or exclusion for access reasons (such as when solo car travel is needed to address a specific access need).

#### This Congress resolves to:

- 1. Only reimburse or purchase travel tickets for IFM-SEI activities that are not known to have practices of abusing workers' rights and/or in contravention of the IFM-SEI Aims and Principles specific guidelines will be made explicit to the participants
- 2. Prohibit travel for IFM-SEI activities with Ryanair and Wizzair until further notice considering their current violations of workers' rights
- 3. Support strikes actions of transport staff and not fly with any company who is undertaking strike action for IFM-SEI activities
- 4. Opt for train or coach travel over flights, where possible, and only use cars when car sharing is in place
- 5. Prohibit travel using Uber and other gig economy companies that do not support workers' rights for IFM-SEI activities until further notice considering their current violations of workers' rights specific guidelines will be made explicit to the participants

Submitted by IFM-SEI Presidium

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.wired.co.uk/article/what-is-the-gig-economy-meaning-definition-why-is-it-called-gig-economy



# **Resolution on Prohibiting Nuclear Weapons**

This Congress notes its deep concerns about the increasing risk that nuclear weapons are exposing the world. Many times, we have been on the brink of nuclear disaster due to tensions, misunderstandings, technical failures and accidents.

Continuing to focus on nuclear deterrence puts life at risk! UN Treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons is an important step on a long road to a nuclear-free world, but many countries have not signed it. Signing the UN Treaty contributes to the fact that nuclear weapons are characterized as unacceptable weapons for all countries. In this way, we can get some progress on the work of mutual and balanced nuclear disarmament and then abolish these weapons.

This Congress resolves that all countries should sign and ratify the UN Treaty that prohibits nuclear weapons.

Submitted by Framfylkingen



# Resolution on Stopping the Bombing of Yemen

The civil war in Yemen is known as one of the biggest humanitarian crisis in the world. This situation is unacceptable! Since 2015, two million children have had to quit school. 2500 schools are out of service, and one-third of these schools have been destroyed during the war. The food situation is catastrophic. Only 57 percent of Yemen's import-needs were covered last year, and the UN estimates that 22 million people need humanitarian aid, including 1.8 million undernourished children. Less than half of the hospitals and health clinics are operational, which means that over 15 million Yemenis are without access to health care.

Throughout the eastern part of Yemen, cholera, a life-threatening diarrhea, has spread rapidly and only 45 percent of the population has access to clean water. In addition to all this, three million people are internally displaced, refugees in their own country. The UN agency OCHA calls the situation in Yemen the largest humanitarian crisis in the world.

This conference resolves that all countries and the United Nations must work to stop the war in Yemen as soon as possible.

Submitted by Framfylkingen