

FRA-001 MOTION FOR SI GA 2015

Subject Working Group: Financial

Title of motion

Reduce SI Stamp fee by 15% or more (CHF revaluation)

National secretary and national member group proposing motion

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Summary of the motion

This Assembly calls upon SERVAS INTERNATIONAL to reduce the stamp fee by an average of 15% to:

0 to 10 stamps.....	0 CHF
11to 50 stamps.....	10 CHF
51 to 300 stamps.....	15 CHF
301 to 550 stamps.....	18 CHF
551 to 900 stamps.....	20 CHF

Background information and reasons for proposing the motion.

Following the recent revaluation of the Swiss franc the effective price of the SERVAS stamp will increase by about 15%.

The Swiss currency revaluation means that the effective cost price of a SERVAS Travellers stamp and bank charges will be increased. Smaller member countries will thus have their operating costs increased. This will obviously cause financial difficulties for some Travellers and some countries

As background, it should also be pointed out that the revaluation will increase the value of any assets held by SERVAS in Switzerland.

Likely benefits for Servas International and national groups if the motion is passed.

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The benefits of this motion will be mostly for the smaller countries that will have their financial position stabilized or improved.

Resource implications if the motion is passed in terms of time, human resources and specialist expertise.

Financial expertise is required, and analysis of the implications on the budget.

What are the budget implications, if any, of the motion for Servas International and for national groups in the short and longer term?

Reduces income in the short and long term

Who should be responsible for the actions arising from the motion in terms of planning, development and management, for example which officer within SI Exco or SI Committee.

SI Treasurer, in consultation with the Audit and Budget Committees. Note that the last time stamp fees were changed, a special committee was struck to define options and work through the process.

Would there be implications for the Servas International statutes if the motion is passed?

No

What is the likely impact if the motion is not passed?

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