

**Subject Working Group: Peace
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Motion Num.	Motion Title	Motion Wording	SWG Recommendations	Mover's comments Agree/ Disagree/ No reply
ARG_URU - 002	Area Coordinator intervene in internal country conflicts	Area Coordinator should have the possibility to intervene in internal conflicts of the region's countries if the country's NS, officers or National Board require this intervention	SWG suggests this could be included in URU-001 motion, about redefining guidelines and mission of Area Coordinator	
ARG_URU - 003	Conflict Resolution Committee agile system	There should be an agile system of the Conflict Resolution Committee to expulse a member who has repeated incorrect behaviour, or whose behaviour has severe consequences which damage the organization.	SWG recommends that this motion is considered together with CAN-002 and CAN-003 about the role of the Conflict Resolution Committee.	
ARG_URU - 004	Remove SI Officer if they do not comply with a Conflict Resolution Committee required action	When the CRC mediates between the parties on a conflict, sometimes, the CRCs decision implies that one of the parties must take certain action. In case this member or officer does not comply with CRCs decision, that is, if this member or officer does not do what is requested then he can be removed from the Servas position he/she is holding until he complies with it (or until the situation is resolved).	Same as ARG_URU-003 There has been a heated discussion (47 messages) Because those questions are so sensitive, it might be better to discuss face-to-face so as to avoid further misunderstandings. There will be space at the GA for Subject Working Groups to discuss all the motions submitted, unless meanwhile they have been withdrawn by the country who presented them to SI President.	
CAN-002	Servas officers work cooperatively with Conflict Resolution Committee when a complaint is filed	That all Servas officers are required to work cooperatively with the Servas International Conflict Resolution Committee (SI CRC), when a complaint has been filed. CRC must make every effort to help resolve an issue but in case there is no final agreement, CRC has the final authority while respecting Servas principles and rules; this decision must be binding and officially adopted by the sides involved.	<u>Proposed new wording:</u> Servas Canada proposed a new wording to merge this motion to combine both the CAN 002 motion with the ARG - URG 004: <u>Title</u> Servas officers are obligated to work with the Servas International Conflict Resolution Committee (SI CRC) when there is a formal complaint. <u>Motion Summary</u> When SI CRC is asked to mediate in a conflict, Servas officers must comply with the decisions reached through mediation. Failure to comply may mean that an officer may be removed from their position according to the seriousness of the complaint and the lack of a timely response from the officer. The SI CRC will continue to support neutral mediation and positive collaboration. This new wording didn't get a global approval yet.	

CAN-003	Face-to-face mediation or translation for extreme conflicts	That a budget of 1,500 CHF be allocated over a three year period to cover costs for an extreme situation where a conflict can only be resolved through face-to-face mediation or when translation is needed.	Motions ARG 003 and 004, and CAN 002 and 003 deal with a common topic : clear rules and roles to be established for a more efficient CRC, required accountability for Servas officers, including role of EXCO or other body to impose sanctions.	
CAN-004	Code of Ethics and Behaviour	That Servas International develops a Code of Ethics and Behaviour that will be binding on all Servas members including officers. The SI CRC agrees to work with the Servas International Peace Secretary and other interested parties to develop a draft to be voted on by the General Assembly or through a Distant Vote.	No clear outcome at this point from the discussion on this motion	
EXC-001	Long term strategy for Servas International UN involvement	<p>SI will encourage Servas national groups and members to actively participate in learning about the UN goals and take local actions. To achieve this, it is moved that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A Servas committee of 4-5 people, ideally representing NYC, Geneva, and Vienna UN venues be established. <input type="checkbox"/> This UN committee will be proposed by SI Peace Secretary, appointed by SI EXCO, and report to the SI Peace Secretary who will be the convener. <input type="checkbox"/> The UN committee will disseminate information about Sustainable Developmental Goals (SDGs) and select specific SDG goals for discussion and develop possible local actions during the calendar year for Servas members. <input type="checkbox"/> The UN committee will also make recommendations for Servas members participation in local actions with other UN affiliated NGOs and community members, on the occasion of UN International Days. <input type="checkbox"/> The UN committee will encourage the promotion of UN objectives through Servas members, who could be “ambassadors for peace”, reporting on human rights issues they could experience and/or witness, and also about positive developments. Servas hosts locally could provide useful information. A template would be established to secure best possible correctness in the reporting, and those reports collected by National Peace Secretaries, who would 	<p><u>Proposed new wording:</u></p> <p>A Servas team of 4-5 people, ideally representing NYC, Geneva, and Vienna UN venues be established. This SI-UN team will be proposed by SI Peace Secretary, appointed by SI EXCO, and report to the SI Peace Secretary who will be the convener. The SI-UN team will disseminate information about Sustainable Developmental Goals (SDGs) and select specific SDG goals for discussion and develop possible local actions during the calendar year for Servas members. The SI-UN team will also make recommendations for participation of Servas members in local actions with other UN affiliated NGOs and community members, on the occasion of UN international days. The SI-UN team will encourage the promotion of UN objectives through Servas members, who could be “ambassadors for peace”, reporting on issues of human rights, poverty, hunger, equality, and climate change that they experience and/or witness and also about positive developments. Servas hosts locally could provide useful information about relevant issues happening in their communities. A template would be established to secure the best possible forms of reporting correctness in the reporting, and those reports sent to National Peace Secretaries, who would report to SI Peace Secretary as convener of the team. Reports would be submitted to SI newsletters and made available at side events of</p>	

		report to SI Peace Secretary as convener of the committee. Ultimately, reports would be submitted to the UN relevant entities, as a contribution to UN work and mission..	UN, local Servas events. Ultimately, reports would be submitted to the UN relevant entities (e.g. UN Human Rights Council) as a contribution to UN work and mission.	
KOR-001	Servas International Peace Riding & other small activities	Organizing bicycle riding group in Servas International and arranging bicycle tour during Servas International Conference and General Assembly and Servas Youth meeting. Also arranging international bicycle riding tour to Servas member's countries with Servas flag.	It could be related to link Servas with other organizations and gain visibility. Create a Servas biking team and participate on bike tours with people from other organizations may be one of the project. See for example "Warmshowers" We could have a "Making connections" page on the new Servas web site, and all these ideas can be put in one place. Possibly see other presented motions related to this type of activities.	