

MOTION FORM FOR SI GA 2018 EXC-014

1. Heading for motion (No more than 10 words)

Servas permanent representation in Geneva

2. Member Group(s) proposing motion (note that only SI Exco and Member Groups may propose motions)

SI Exco President, Peace Secretary, Treasurer, General Secretary and Host List Coordinator

3. Exact wording of the motion to be voted on

To have a permanent representation in Geneva.
Part-time position, supported by volunteers.
It would back up retaining our global legal base in Switzerland.

4. Background information and reasons for proposing the motion

It would be crucial to maintain a sustainable presence at the UN, and a real asset to Servas visibility and credibility, keeping in mind that Geneva is the capital of Human Rights.
A strong and visible representation would help us position Servas as an organization which is dedicated to support people's universal rights, the right to movement, sustainable travels and other sustainable development goals.
Budget 14000 CHF per year

5. Who is responsible for accomplishing the results of the motion?

SI Peace Secretary

6. Benefits for SI

Sustainable and efficient representation at the UN. Enhanced networking with like-minded NGOs.

7. Resource needs - time, human resources and specialist expertise

Part-time paid person, knowledgeable of Servas and NGO management, as well as International and Human Rights Law. See annex for Job description.

8. Budget implications

Cost for part-time position (12hours/week average, with heavier workload before and during HRC sessions, 3 times a year) to be evaluated and budgeted, around 14 000 CHF/year. It could be financed in part by the UN budget, which should be increased.

9. Does it affect the SI statutes?

No

10. What is the impact if the motion is not passed?

Servas Representation at the UN might be unsustainable and return to scarce visibility. It might be a set back for the progress made over the past years.

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Amendments (Passed or defeated)

Final Motion (Passed or defeated)