

**MOTION FORM FOR SI GA 2018****EXC-015****1. Heading for motion (No more than 10 words)**

SI Statutes change: Principles, organization, minimize ecological footprint

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

SI Exco

**3. Exact wording of the motion to be voted on****A. SI Statutes Paragraph I**

SI General Assembly decides that paragraph number I in Servas International Statutes should be amended. The first paragraph should be divided in paragraph IA and IB, with the following content:

**IA) Principles, Ethos and Values, Vision and Mission**

**Principles:** The first fundamental principle of Servas International is the belief in the dignity and worth of the human person, and in the equal rights of all human beings as a foundation for a more peaceful world. The second fundamental principle is to respect and care for the Earth and to live within its capacity to support life

**Ethos and Values:** We, the members of Servas, believe that our lives are enriched when we meet, interact, share and learn from each other.

Members of Servas promote peaceful coexistence by embracing values of

- \* Friendship based on openness, trust and respect.
- \* Hospitality and generosity, through travel, hosting and other opportunities for meetings.
- \* Diversity and inclusivity, extending widely across cultures, traditions and religions

**Vision and Mission:** The aim of the networking is to create conditions for exchange of ideas, experiences and knowledge that promote tolerance and understanding between the peoples of the world.

The overarching and long term vision of Servas International is a more peaceful world and the mission is to contribute to the progress towards this goal.

**IB) Organisation & structure**

Organisation & structure: Servas International is an international, non-profit, nongovernmental federative organisation of national Servas member groups, interest groups and individual members, which at its core encompass an international network of hosts and travellers who share these principles. The purpose of the network is to provide and develop opportunities for personal contacts between people of different nationalities, cultures, ethnic and religious backgrounds.

Current text under paragraph 1:

### **I Definition**

Servas International is an international, non-profit, non-governmental federation of national Servas groups, encompassing an international network of hosts and travellers. The purpose of the network is to help build world peace, goodwill and understanding by providing opportunities for personal contacts among people of different cultures, backgrounds and nationalities.

## **B. SI Statutes Section IV General Assembly**

The following **bold** text should be added in the SI Statutes, under the following paragraph:

### **IV General Assembly**

3) The General Assembly shall:

**L: Leave as little ecological footprint as possible on the environment of the planet earth.**

### **4. Background information and reasons for proposing the motion**

The Servas International statutes should be developed so that they in a distinct way

- a) reflect the principles, values, vision as, mission a vision and mission that the organisation is based on, as well as the organisation's goals on long term and short term,
- b) present the organisational structure of the organisation, and
- c) document the SI commitment to a minimize our ecological footprint

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

SI General Secretary

### **6. Benefits for SI**

With a well defined description of Servas International's philosophical foundation and its organisational structure it will be easier for current members to understand what kind of organisation they belong to. It will also be easier for prospective new members to make a decision to apply for membership.

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

Between 8-10 hours for one person in SI Exco or someone appointed by SI Exco for practical arrangements to implement the amended SI statutes. The amended SI statutes also need to be uploaded on servas.org.

**8. Budget implications**

No budget implications.

**9. Does it affect the SI statutes?**

Yes, see above.

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

Current and prospective new members will not have a solid source of information where they can find information about Servas International's foundation of principles, values, vision as, mission a vision and mission, as well as the organisational structure of the organisation and commitment to minimize our ecological footprint.

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