

## MOTION FORM FOR SI GA 2018\_01 ITA-001

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

Financial support to Servas International through flat-rate quotas from member countries

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

Servas Italy

### 3. Exact wording of the motion to be voted on

We propose that the financial contribution that member countries pay each year to S.I. Treasurer in order to contribute to the budget, will be fixed, based on the average contribution paid for stamps in the last 3 years (2016-2017-2018) for a trial test. After that we propose that the contribution will be computed based on a formula depending on:

- a) average contribution of last three years
- b) number of members
- c) per capita income of country

This proposal is to be applied, for the same testing time, only to member countries that are already paying each year a contribution for the stamps and does not involve all the others.

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

Servas Italia's proposal is to count the value of the yearly contribution to S.I. depending on the incidence of each country on international budget. For the testing time of three years these incidence is based on how much each country have been paying until now in average, considering the last 3 years (2016-2017-2018).

A fixed amount of money to be paid by countries to SI will simplify the way to contribute to Servas International, and stamps are not needed anymore for determining the contribution. Once decided quotas, each country can decide, inside its own budget, if continue to get money only from travellers, or to turn to flat rate for his members too.

In this way international travelling will be simplified, and people, hopefully young people, will be encouraged to travel and spread Servas values in the world.

This method also eases the administrative burden of collecting unused stamps and return to S.I. A three year's period is proposed for testing this system, letting to SIEXCO the possibility to establish the way to calculate the needed amounts to be received from the different Countries. After this testing time countries contribution to S.I. could be calculated starting from the amount they have been paying until now, but taking care of the number of members and of the richness of the country too.

The new system could be tested from January 2019 until the next international General assembly, in order to evaluate his results. The money collected will cover the forecast budget necessary for the activities of S.I. and will ensure to SI the stable and necessary quota for the maintenance of the projected balance sheet. Each member Country, inside his own organization, will continue managing on its own the way to collect the money to contribute to Servas International. After the three-year trial period, it could be possible to deal without stamps too, and LOIs authorised by a country representative or administrator could be enough to travel for any member.

The objectives and results of this new procedure are:

- 1) Simplification of accounting processes for each Country that pay the contribution for the stamps
- 2) Simplification of the administrative burden of collecting unused stamps and return to S.I.
- 3) reduction of the difference between hosts and travellers, because both enjoy to meet other people in a peaceful approach
- 4) Increase of travelling people, hopefully young people, that are considering too bureaucratic the current procedure, and therefore greater exchange of ideas and contents
- 5) No negative economic impact both for SI and for each country, accompanied by the certainty of the income of S.I. on a pre-established basis

**ABSTRACT/SUMMARY OF SERVAS ITALY'S PROPOSAL TO INTEGRATE THE ANNUAL QUOTA WITH THE STAMP**

- Simplification of procedures
- No economic impact for SI, nor for each member country
- More people who spread Servas' ideas and principles around the world

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

The Treasurer within SIEXCO and the Budget Committee

**6. Benefits for SI**

Each operation related to the management of the calculation of the stamps used each year by the contributing countries is eliminated, and the money transfer remains unchanged compared to the previous situation.

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

Taking into account the proposed simplification, the efforts and human resources required in the management of the stamps will be the same, but with considerable saving of time and resources. No specialist expertise is needed.

**8. Budget implications**

The Budget remains unchanged. A new economic management system that takes into account the resources necessary for the functioning of SI and their relative planning according to the availability of the various member Countries is implemented.

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

No

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

Continuation of slow and bureaucratic processes in member Countries with more members, which are also those that are aging; progressive escape of young people, and more generally of the many members who nowadays judge the procedure to have the stamps as an unnecessary process and that needs a review in a modern way.

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**Amendments (Passed or defeated)**

**Final Motion (Passed or defeated)**

The motion explicitly states that countries can charge as they wish in country, as long as they transfer to SI an yearly amount equal to the average contribution of the last 3 years (maybe in order to ensure a steady upfront-known revenue SI will get annually and avoid the decreased revenue due to reduced travelling)

Of course stamps will still need to be printed and shipped to countries which are not in SOL (where the e-stamp number and expiration date can make the printed stamps unnecessary).

In my opinion, some of the explanations in the background are confusing and don't seem to be related to the motion as it is written.

1) why would this method of transferring fees to SI encourage international travelling and encourage youth to join and travel with Servas in countries not in SOL, where the LOI process is simplified and will probably be even more so in future.

2) "After the three year trial period, the stamps will no longer exist and each member will be able to travel freely" is confusing especially "travel freely", as LOI will probably not be cancelled even if printed stamps will be.

But why mentioning these explanations at all if the motion doesn't ?

I suggest to remove these explanations or modify the motion,

