



MOTION FORM

FOR SERVAS INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (SIGA) 2025

1. Heading for the proposal in this motion

Facilitating donations between member countries

2. Date and place for this motion.

SICOGA 2025

3. SI member group(s) or SI EXCO member(s) who is (are) responsible for this motion.

Note that only SI Member Groups or SI Executive Committee (SI EXCO, Servas International's global board) may propose motions for a SIGA.

Servas Canada

4. Exact wording of the proposal to be voted on.

We propose that SIGA 2025 approves that:

SI establish a reserve fund that member countries can contribute to or draw from for causes sanctioned by SI.

5. Implications on SI Statutes 2024. The SI Statutes are accessible on the internet here:

<https://servas.org/administration-archive>

Will this proposal affect the SI statutes and therefore create a need for a change in the SI statutes? If the answer is yes, please:

5A) Copy the part of the SI statutes that you suggest should be amended

5B) Write the exact proposed new wording in the SI Statutes here:

• N/A

6. Explanation for the motion. The motivation must contain a clear description of the benefit of this proposal for the Servas community; its member groups, individual members and Servas International as an international non-governmental organisation. It should also contain information on how it is different from current practice. It should indicate how the proposal is

intended be implemented. Finally, the motion should explain the metrics that will be used to measure benefits from this proposal.

SIGA 2025 should approve this motion because:

- it enables wealthier member countries to support struggling member countries in an efficient and effective manner.
- Small donations between member countries can have significant added costs due to wire transfer fees. If small donations are solicited from multiple countries, there will be multiple wire transfer fees expended thus reducing the total amount of funds the receiving country will get.
- Small donations between member countries can be both complicated and time consuming for both donor and receiver countries to organize, especially if a country is soliciting from multiple countries
- For donor countries, it is difficult to determine which causes to support and which are most in alignment with SI values. SI is better placed to have a good understanding of all global activities that warrant assistance.

7. SI budget implications

- No net implication to SI budget. A reserve fund would be established where member countries can voluntarily contribute yearly when they send in their annual fee.

Member countries seeking financial support (for peace schools, essay competitions, etc.) could apply for funding from the reserve fund. SI would then vet the applications and allocate the funds (not to exceed the amount held in reserve for such purposes).

8. Other resources needed -- time, experts with specialist competences or knowledge or other human resources.

- SI would need someone or a committee to vet the applications.
- SI treasurer would need to:
 - send funds for approved applications and
 - account to the donors on an annual basis for the funds in and out of the "donation reserve account", including fees.

9. Proposed timeline/timetable for accomplishing the aims of the proposal?

The proposed action should ideally:

- Start on this date: 2025-10-09.
- Be reviewed for effectiveness during the next SICOGA on this date: 2028-10-01.

The person(s) or group(s) will report the results of this motion to SI Exco.

- Effective once approved.

- Donations would be sent in by member countries with the 2026 annual fees to avoid additional bank fees and would establish the reserve fund.

10. Which person(s) writes/write this motion and is/are responsible for the proposal?

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11. Who or which group will be responsible for accomplishing the aim/aims of the proposal in this motion? (SI committee, SI Team, SI member group or Servas individual member/members.

- SI committee

For SI Exco Use Only:

12. SI Exco comment on this motion
Date: 2025-MONTH-DAY Comment:

For Minute Taker Use Only:

13. Amendments (Passed or defeated)