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INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH

IUSY RULES OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

IUSY IS HAPPY TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

This document describes the membership application procedure. It also contains relevant parts of the statutes. *Please contact the IUSY Secretariat to ask for deadline for membership applications to the upcoming IUSY World Congress and keep in mind that all applications received after the designated deadline will only be taken into account for the next IUSY World Congress.*

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1. APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The procedure is the same for new applicants as well as for IUSY observer members that are applying for full membership.

1. THE APPLICATION

The interested organization sends an application by mail to the IUSY Secretariat, with the following information:

- Official declaration stating that the organization is willing to become IUSY full member organization or IUSY observer member organization. The declaration should be from a Congress or similar legitimising body within the organization. The reasons behind the application should be mentioned clearly.
- Statutes of the organization
- Political program of the organization
- Fulfilled IUSY application form for membership This is an obligatory step in the application procedure.

2. IUSY STUDY VISIT

A study visit is made to the country and the organization in order to meet the leadership of the organization and to evaluate. The result of the study visit is passed on to the Control Commission, the respective Regional Committee and the Presidium. The delegation shall be composed of Presidium members, a Control Commission representative, Regional Committee representatives and led by the Secretary General. *This is a recommended step in the application procedure.*



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3. IUSY ACTIVITIES

Organizations that are applying for membership in IUSY are sometimes invited to take part in activities so they can present themselves to IUSY and get a better understanding of IUSY and its political work. *This is a recommended step in the application procedure.*

4. IUSY CONTROL COMMISSION

The Control Commission reviews the application and drafts a recommendation of the application. The recommendation from the Control Commission focuses on how the application reaches the demands from the IUSY Statutes. The Control Commission also suggests the rate of membership fee for the applying organization. *This is an obligatory step in the application procedure.*

5. IUSY REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Committee to which the country of the organization's origin is affiliated gives a recommendation on the application. This Regional Committee focuses on the political framework of the application. *This is a recommended step in the procedure.*

6. IUSY PRESIDIUM

The Presidium discusses the application including recommendations by the Control Commission and if applicable by the respective Regional Committee. The Presidium focuses on the overall application. The Presidium gives a recommendation to the World Council and/or World Congress. *This is an obligatory step in the application procedure.*

7. IUSY WORLD COUNCIL

The application is put up for voting by the IUSY World Council. The result of the voting is seen as a strong recommendation from the World Council to the World Congress. *This is recommended step in the application procedure.*

8. IUSY WORLD CONGRESS

The application is put up for voting by the IUSY World Congress. The decision by the World Congress is final.

2. INFO ON MEMBERSHIP

All organizations, which have an interest, are welcomed to apply for membership to IUSY. The World Congress, the highest decision taking body of IUSY, decides upon membership to IUSY. Becoming member of IUSY is a comprehensive process aiming to guarantee that IUSY as well as the applying organization get to know each other.

IUSY has two sorts of membership: Full Member Organizations and Observer Member Organizations. Full Member Organizations in IUSY have full rights and "they are IUSY". Observer membership is a step on the way to becoming a full member organization. Observer organizations do not have all rights (for instance voting rights). But they are invited to attend all IUSY activities. The normal procedure is that an applying organization is first granted observer statues. From that basis it has to apply for full membership.



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In case that the applying organization does not become full member organization it can still be given observer status. It is then seen as an important partner and IUSY intends to support the organization's further development by for instance allowing it to participate in IUSY activities.

Sometimes it happens that one organization develops in other directions than IUSY. A Member Organization can ask to leave IUSY whenever it wants. The World Congress has the power to expel an organization from IUSY that no longer shares the values of IUSY.

3. IUSY STATUTES ON MEMBERSHIP – WHICH ORGANIZATIONS CAN BE MEMBERS

1. Every youth and student organization is a full member of IUSY which:
 - a. Accepts the Declaration of Principles and the Statutes.
 - b. Undertakes to cooperate to achieve the aims mentioned under I.
 - c. Covers the age group between fourteen (14) and thirty-five (35) years, fully or mainly, with all or the majority of their members.
 - d. Is accepted as full member of IUSY in the way mentioned in these Statutes.
2. Every youth and student organization is an observer member, which fulfils the conditions for full membership and is accepted as an observer member in the way mentioned in these Statutes.
3. Every national, regional or international youth or student organization, which wishes to cooperate with IUSY, is associate member, when accepted as an associate member in the way mentioned in these Statutes.

4. IUSY STATUTES ON MEMBERSHIP – HOW TO BECOME MEMBER

The World Congress decides upon membership. The Presidium prepares the proposals according to the Rules of application approved by the Congress and published. Applications for membership are to be sent to the secretariat. To adopt a full or observer or associate member a 2/3 majority must vote in favour, not counting abstentions.

The Council meeting is entitled to accept members with a unanimous vote, not counting abstentions. Such decisions must be ratified by the next Congress without any of the concerned organizations voting on the decision. Applications not accepted by the Council can be submitted to the Congress for consideration.

In case of split of a member organization, the IUSY Presidium can by a unanimous decision suspend the membership rights until the next Council respectively Congress and/or propose by a majority decision a change of status. In these cases the Council respectively the Congress decides upon the further status of the organization.



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5. IUSY STATUTES ON MEMBERSHIP – RIGHTS OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Full members have the right to speak and vote in meetings of the World Congress, the Council, regional committees and working groups. Observer and associate members have the right to speak in those meetings. Each member organization has the duty to pay the membership fee assigned to it by the World Congress.

The right to vote of a member organization is automatically suspended, if all outstanding membership fees have not been received by IUSY by the end of April of the current year. Failure to fulfil membership duties leads to the suspension of membership by the Council and exclusion from IUSY by the World Congress if a solution is not reached in advance.

6. IUSY STATUTES ON MEMBERSHIP – SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership can be suspended by:

- a) A 2/3 majority of the Council (abstentions not counted)
- b) A decision by the statutorily empowered body of the member organization concerned, which has been communicated to the Secretary General in written.
- c) A decision of the World Congress. Member organization can be excluded by the World Congress by a 2/3 majority. IUSY member organization, full or observer member, is automatically disaffiliated if it is not paying its membership fees for a period of three years without any claim to the IUSY Control Commission.

7. IUSY STATUTES ON MEMBERSHIP – ABOUT MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVEMENT IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Full members and observer members of IUSY can only have a status in another international organization with the agreement of the World Congress or the Council. The organizations are themselves responsible for communicating their status in other international organizations to the World Congress or the Council of IUSY.