



STATUTES

Global Student Forum



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1. Denomination

The name of the international non-profit organisation is “Global Student Forum”, abbreviated “GSF.”

2. Central Office

The central office of the GSF is in Copenhagen. The central office can be relocated within the Copenhagen Region by the Steering Committee's decision.

3. Objectives of the Association

3.1 Ensuring Meaningful Student Participation in Global Decision-Making

We aim to ensure that students are not just heard but actively participate in global decision-making processes. We work to secure a seat for representative student organisations at the table where key policies, especially those impacting education and young people, are discussed, formulated and decided.

3.2 Bringing Student Organizations Across the World Closer Together

We foster stronger connections and solidarity between student movements worldwide. By building bridges across regions and cultures, we create a united global student movement that stands stronger together in the face of common challenges.

4. Membership

4.1 Membership categories

Membership in the GSF can be obtained as:

- Regional Student Unions
- National Student Unions
- Student Organisations
- Subject-based Student Organisations
- Candidate Member



Each member organisation is classified under one of the aforementioned membership categories, which determines their constituency within the Global Student Forum. The Regional Student Union membership type establishes a distinct constituency for each member organisation.

4.2 Membership application

Only organisations that act according to the Statutes and fulfil the membership criteria can become members of the GSF. The application shall consist of an application letter, the statutes and standing orders, a summary of the plan of work, and the completed GSF membership questionnaire (all in English, statutes, and standing orders in English and the original language). These documents shall be sent electronically.

4.3 Membership Criteria

The members of the GSF are international, regional and national student organisations and movements from any part of the world, which are legal entities constituted according to the law - statutes or usages - of their countries of origin or the country where they are legally seated and which:

- are controlled and run by students;
- hold democratic elections and or selections;
- run on a democratic basis;
- are representative;
- are autonomous and independent in their decision-making;
- advance the interests of the students they represent
- have set out objectives in accordance with the aims of the GSF.

4.3 Membership withdrawal

A member organisation can withdraw from the GSF by its leadership notifying the Steering Committee in writing.

4.4 Inherited membership

The principle of inherited membership allows organisations that are members of member organisations to automatically assume secondary membership of GSF. This means they have the right to participate in GSF activities and benefit from its initiatives, even if they are not direct members. Furthermore, organisations that are members of secondary members—referred to as third-level members—are also granted the same rights.

4.5 Limitation of Liability

While GSF strives to advocate on behalf of its membership and ensure that its voices are reflected in its policies, positions, and activities, GSF cannot be held liable or responsible for the actions, decisions, or policies of individual member organisations. Each member organisation remains fully autonomous and accountable for its own actions and conduct.

4.6 Membership Review

Should any of the members act in contradiction to the principles and values of the GSF and or not fulfil its obligations as set out by the statutes, the Steering Committee can decide on disciplinary actions ranging from a written warning to suspending or terminating the membership of the concerned organisation within the GSF.

5. The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the highest legislative body of the Global Student Forum. It shall convene at least once yearly, in person or through a digital meeting platform. One of the monthly meetings of the Steering Committee shall serve as the General Assembly, and each constituency shall be represented by their member of the Steering Committee.

The General Assembly can, among other things:

- Vote on amendments to the Statutes.
- Vote on the disbanding of the organisation.

The General Assembly can be convened by the Secretariat on behalf of the Steering Committee, the Steering Committee itself, with at least four weeks of prior written notice.



The General Assembly may amend the Statutes by a three-quarters majority of the votes cast, provided that notice of the proposed amendments has been submitted in writing to the GSF secretariat and Steering Committee at least 14 days in advance.

The Secretariat shall take minutes of the General Assembly and communicate them to the members of the General Assembly no later than one week after the conclusion of the meeting.

6. The Steering Committee

6.1. Composition and Mandate of the Steering Committee

The Steering Committee shall be composed of one representative, each nominated by a constituency. The mandate of the Steering Committee shall be one year.

It shall be the governing body of the organisation. It shall meet at least once a month for an ordinary Steering Committee Meeting. Extraordinary Steering Committee Meetings shall be convened at the request of a Steering Committee member or the Secretariat.

The Steering Committee is responsible for the execution of the decisions of the Steering Committee Meetings, political affairs, and the overall administration of the GSF.

6.2. Decision-making Procedures in the Steering Committee Meeting

The Steering Committee Meeting can only take valid decisions when an absolute majority of all members are present. Each Steering Committee member shall have an equal number of votes. The members of the Steering Committee shall endeavour to reach the widest possible measure of agreement. Decisions in the Steering Committee shall be taken by a simple majority unless otherwise specified in these statutes or the GSF's standing orders. The quorum of the Steering Committee shall be at least half of the members. A record of the decisions of the Steering Committee Meeting shall be kept. These records must be accessible to all Steering Committee members. The Steering Committee meetings are each chaired by a Steering Committee member on a rotating basis.

7. The Secretariat

The composition of the Secretariat is a matter of the Steering Committee. The Secretariat is accountable to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee mandates the Executive Director:

- To lead the day-to-day coordination and management of the organisation and steering of its institutions on behalf of the Steering Committee.
- To lead the Secretariat and thus the staff of the organisation
- To coordinate the Steering Committee in the day-to-day financial affairs of the organisation;
- To represent the GSF's organisation, views, and policies to third parties.

All members of the Secretariat, including the Executive Director, only have speaking rights and no voting rights in the Steering Committee Meetings.

8. Forming Official Positions

GSF adopts official positions as statements. New statements take precedence over older ones in cases of contradiction.

9. Judiciary Actions

The Steering Committee is fully responsible for judiciary actions and is represented by the Executive Director of the organisation in all legal and judicial procedures.

10. Rules of Procedure

All matters not dealt with by the statutes of the GSF are regulated by the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Steering Committee. In the Hierarchy of regulations, all subsequent rules and regulations adopted by the Steering Committee operate below the Rules of Procedure.

11. Dissolution of the Organisation

The General Assembly can decide on the organisation's dissolution with a three-quarters majority of the votes present at two consecutive General Assemblies. In this case, the General Assembly that dissolves shall decide to which organisation or organisations of similar aims it shall hand over all of its assets.

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Confirmation

Chair of the General Assembly
Anna Weinrich

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Minute-taker of the General Assembly
Jacob Blasius

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