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Resolution on Peace Activism Projects Campaign

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Following last year's ICM/21/03/15 paper entitled "An International Campaign of Service Civil International" that I proposed and presented at December ICM 2021 as an information paper, the idea was further discussed informally during this year examining the pros and cons of it, its potential and whether it is a realistic alternative, something to look forward in the future.

With this paper an alternative approach is presented, still a campaign, but not quite the one envisaged under the 2021 version.

PROPOSAL:

CONCEPT: Develop and consolidate SCI as a reference world organization for peace activism

DURATION: 3 years

Year 1: Develop commonly agreed criteria on all possible aspects of peace activism. What is it? What projects qualify? How it is funded? Under which conditions a peace project should be developed? Where? Who is a peace activist? etc etc. The procedure would include an external party that will analyze all activity of SCIs that they treat as peace activism and draw conclusions. Based on these conclusions common criteria will be agreed.

Year 2: Cooperate on a global SCI level to organize projects that meet the criteria. The Year 2 would serve as a "test year". Evaluate and if proved successful...

Year 3: Invest on visibility of the projects and promotion of SCI as a peace organization where people can practice peace activism. Further develop projects...

We are referring to Year 1, 2, 3 since we do not envisage that the campaign would run necessarily in 2023-4-5, but to three consecutive years once it has been decided. I.e. the campaign is a 3-year campaign.

Still from the original campaign proposal, a prerequisite for this proposal too is that the overwhelming majority of the Branches/Groups agree to it. There is no point running a similar project involving 3-4 European Branches. It should involve, if not all, almost all of SCI.

In the mid-long run the idea behind this campaign is that SCI projects will eventually all be peace activism projects, even though for some time existing projects (that do not meet the criteria) will coexist with peace activism projects. But since interest in the latter will – eventually – increase since people will want to become peace activists through SCI, while interest in the former will still decrease ("volunteer drain") the transition will happen naturally.

PLAN OF ACTION: The Campaign will need to be designed in its details. And its activities need to find appropriate funding. The coming 3 years is a good opportunity to set the base for this campaign since the IS will be fully operational profiting from



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the presence of an IC thanks to the CERV fund. Therefore at this stage a vote is needed to give the 'green light' for the IS and the IEC to work on this Campaign and to include it in the Strategic Plan 2023. Eventually the campaign, when formulated in detail, will be coordinated centrally (IS and IEC). IS and IEC will appoint a coordination/implementation committee if needed.

In conclusion, if the ICM votes positively on the present Campaign with a positive vote over 80% of the votes present, then the IEC is mandated to further work on the details of its implementation and present a complete proposal in 2023.

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