

Comments on Constitution Amendment

Background

The transition team led by a group of 6 from WSCF, Senior Friends and CF board of Trustees was appointed in the 2015 General Assembly to advocate a proposal for WSCF reform. The Palermo Communique was proposed in this regard.

We, SCMHK, would like to express our concerns as follow.

The Palermo Communique suggested the face to face GA shall be extended from every 4 years to every 6 years. As such, Bachelor students involved in SCM might not be able to take part in at least one GA over the span of his/her campus life. Student delegates may not know WSCF well enough before they make important decisions. The right for existing students to replace the executive committee of WSCF is compromised.

The main objective of the reform is to introduce changes to the WSCF. Yet, the Palermo Communique seemed to bring us further from that goal because it only consolidates the existing power.

We propose the GA to be retained at a frequency of every 4 years. Should there be other constraints, the constitution shall enforce at least one GA, either online or in person, to be held every 4 years to re-elect the management of the Federation.

Also, the online GA shall have the same constitutional status as an ordinary GA, which should be documented in the constitution.

We also recommend to stipulate a gender balanced policy, since it is observed that national movements are inclined to send male delegates.

We acknowledge the financial concerns from WSCF, but we should not compromise equality in participation due to financial reasons. These policies shall only be modified based on sound fundamental reasons. SCMHK therefore counterpropose the above changes for your consideration.