

Dear ExCom, IB, Sections, Staff and members all

As we approach the upcoming International Congress the Standing Constitution Committee (SCC) has been busy drafting proposed amendments for the Constitution and By-laws which we now forward for consideration prior to when we meet in Ghana.

Attached are two versions

1. **Draft Discussion Copy – WILPF Constitution & By-Laws – Proposed amendments.**
 - **Please use this version to provide feedback/comments or to propose further changes amendments**
2. **WILPF Constitution & By-Laws – SCC Working copy (PDF)**
 - As you will see this version is not as easy to follow; the SCC is sharing this for members whom like to track where changes come from.

In developing the attached Discussion Draft the SCC has built on the work of the Constitution review in 2015, with much of the suggested wording from then being retained. Other wording and suggestions have come from the 2013 Ad Hoc Committee Report & last year's Discussion Paper on Strengthening the Governance of WILPF, which was discussed during an all members' webinar in early November 2017 and considered at two IB meetings in November and December 2017, which gave *a green light* for the SCC to progress amendments in support of the proposed new WILPF governance model. Additionally, we noted feedback from last Congress at The Hague asking that the next Constitution and By-Laws be easier to both understand and to translate. So, it is fair to say the work of this SCC has built on the contributions of many WILPF sisters.

Next steps

1. We ask that you carefully read the Draft Discussion Copy – WILPF Constitution & By-Laws, **and forward your feedback/comments or proposed further changes to constitution@wilpf.org by no later than April 30th, 2018.**
2. The SCC will consider proposed amendments and suggestions and where accepted include in a revised draft Constitution and By Laws. This later revised copy of Constitution and By-Laws will be the version proposed for acceptance by the International Congress and will be distributed to the International Board and National Sections no later than 1st July 2018.

The constitution provides the structure definition and backbone for our organisation and the By-Laws the rules by which WILPF is governed. The SCC encourages all members to take the opportunity now to participate in this review as further amendments to the Constitution and/or its By-Laws will not be accepted from the International Congress floor.

We look forward to hearing from you and working with you on this important WILPF work. If you have any questions, please contact us via constitution@wilpf.org for peace,

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— Attachments: —

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WILPF CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS -SCC Working Copy - V16.03.2018.pdf	444 kB