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Report from the National Union of Students to the National Assembly of the International Union of Students in Norway.

In the presiding year we have maintained the close cooperation between our two organisations. This has been manifested in both written agreements between the organisations and in the daily work of representatives on the national as well as on the local level.

NSU is supporting ISU by providing free office space, telephone and office equipment. We are currently in a dialogue on formalizing this cooperation into a signed free-station agreement. This process should be finished in the near future. ISU is also an official observer at all NSU Board Meetings and conferences. At the start of the new semester NSU-Oslo organised a pilot project hosting a seminar for the new board of ISU-Oslo. This initiative will be exported to other NSU local branches where local NSU and ISU find it appropriate.

Financially NSU has been supporting ISU since the beginning of ISU, our new agreement, signed September 1st, guarantees ISU NOK 200.000. In addition it formalises several aspects of our cooperation.

Politically NSU strongly support and advocates several of ISUs central issues. We have state funding of ISU as one of our 5 priorities for the state budget, an economically independent ISU is a common good for both organisations. In addition we are working for a reintroduction of the travelling grant for Quota students as another priority. In connection with these, and other, topics we have been lobbying towards all political parties and the state. NSU has further supported ISU during their lobby meetings with different actors. NSU see ISUs development towards a more politically active organisation as a positive step. These developments ensure that international students demands and rights are ensured within the educational sector and within NSU.

Organisationally NSU has been supporting ISU with regard to overlapping knowledge connected with the new National Secretary and National Coordinator. NSU will continue to do so together with the new persons filling these positions. NSU has also been supporting ISUs steps towards more a political profile through our knowledge of the Norwegian educational sector and state workings.

NSU is happy to have a close and well-functioning cooperation with ISU and we hope this will continue with the new leadership of your organisation.

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