

RESOLUTION ON SOLIDARITY

International Students' Union of Norway

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Toward ISU's commitment to the support of and the solidarity with students and student unions worldwide

Background:

ISU acknowledges that students attending higher education institutions are and play an important role in the growth of societies, contribute to the democratic movements and are catalysts for the development of educational institutions in particular and the rest of the society in general. ISU supports, to the best of its abilities, fellow students and student union members world wide that have or are growing towards a legitimate student representation based on their:

- ... democratic structure and electoral process;
- ... independence from their institutions, government and/or party politics and are seeking the interest of all students in their countries;
- ... tolerance to all students regardless of age, race, color, gender, sexual or political orientation and/or religious beliefs and national origin.

Current Situation:

ISU has no solid commitment towards the support of students and student unions world wide

Suggested Solution:

ISU to extend its solidarity towards fellow students and student union members attending higher education institutions that are struggling for freedom of speech, human rights, democracy, their rights to education and for better social, economical and political situations in their countries. ISU to strongly oppose any kind of acts of violence, threats of violence, discrimination and/or other forms of suffering against and among students based on their age, race, color, gender, sexual or political orientation and/or religious beliefs and national origin.

ISU proposal:

ISU will, to the best of its abilities, take actions in the form of bringing the issue (of violation of human rights, all acts of violence and/or discrimination) to the public's attention. ISU will support letters, campaigns and/or other acts of solidarity, along with its partners, directed to relevant decision makers and/or human rights organizations in the support of abolishment of all sort of violations of human rights, all acts of violence and/or discrimination mentioned above. Such actions of solidarity need the official approval of two thirds (2/3) of its local branch presidents.

ISU will, to the best of its abilities, sign bilateral agreements with student unions that are affected by all sort of violations of human rights, all acts of violence and/or discrimination mentioned above. ISU can ask students unions in other countries to join our acts of solidarity, the bilateral agreements are not restricted to unions that are affected by struggles.