



Guidelines for Submitting Draft Resolutions (and Amendments) to PSI Congress 2023

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Procedure for dealing with draft resolutions and amendments at Congress are governed by PSI Constitution and Congress Standing Orders. Affiliates are advised to familiarise themselves with these procedures.

These guidelines are in addition to the procedures in the Constitution and Standing Orders.

The Executive Board (EB) will propose a comprehensive Program of Action (PoA) as a resolution to Congress, outlining the major areas of PSI policy and activity for the next Congress period. The PoA builds on the policy and mandate of previous Congresses and thus will be kept to the shortest length necessary. The EB will also be proposing a resolution (or series of resolutions) to amend the current PSI Constitution.

Affiliates will have the opportunity, in late 2022 and early 2023, to see and comment on the draft PoA and the EB resolution(s) to amend the Constitution - well in advance of the deadline for affiliates to submit resolutions (13 March 2023). Affiliates who want the PoA or EB Constitutional amendments to include specific points are encouraged to provide their feedback through their regions and EB members in early 2023.

Affiliates are reminded that if an affiliate resolution contains significantly similar content to the PoA, it will be ruled out of order based on duplication.

Composite resolutions

Affiliates submitting resolutions (including amendments) covering similar policy to other affiliate resolutions (including amendments), will be encouraged to composite their resolutions or risk having their proposed resolution ruled out of order based on duplication.

Bundled resolutions

Affiliates are reminded that where several resolutions (including amendments) deal with the same or similar subject matter, they may be bundled together and debated as one 'block'. Where there is no opposition to a draft resolution that forms part of a 'block', the number of speakers in favour of the draft resolution may be limited to one.

Length of resolutions

Affiliates are reminded that Congress resolutions are intended to provide general policy and guidance for PSI over the next five years and are not intended to be a comprehensive documentation of evidence, nor overly prescriptive or detailed policy/action. Affiliates are requested to keep resolutions and amendments short and avoid unnecessarily prescriptive detail. Affiliates may be asked to shorten their proposed resolutions. Affiliates are requested to avoid amendments which simply rephrase or edit other affiliates proposed resolutions, unless the original is ambiguous, and are reminded that amendments that change the primary intent of another proposed resolution risk being ruled out of order.

Affiliates are requested to use the "FORMAT FOR RESOLUTIONS" template attached.

Amendments must clearly state which resolution (number, name) and which part of the resolution (paragraph number, sentence) are to be amended.

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Proposed resolutions (including amendments) that do not follow this guidance risk being ruled out of order or having EB recommend opposition.

Note on language

The English version of the PSI Constitution and Standing Orders sometimes use the words 'motion' and 'resolution' interchangeably and affiliates have varying traditions for the use of these words. In general, but not exclusively, PSI tends to use the following phrases:

Resolution: Once a policy or statement has been adopted by Congress (with or without amendments), it becomes a resolution of the Congress. Prior to becoming a resolution of Congress, it is a draft or proposed resolution. However, draft and proposed resolutions are sometimes referred to as simply a 'resolution to Congress' and sometimes simply as affiliate 'resolutions'.

Motion: Generally, in PSI, the word 'motion' is used to indicate a proposal for a procedural action for the running of the meeting, such as a 'motion to suspend the Standing Orders'. These types of motions are governed by specific rules.

FORMAT FOR RESOLUTIONS – TEMPLATE

RESOLUTION No. [to be inserted by Secretariat] :

[NAME OF RESOLUTION]

The 31th World Congress of Public Services International (PSI),
meeting in Geneva on 14 -18 October 2023

(Set out the situation using verbs such as: NOTES, RECOGNISES, IS ALARMED, etc.)

E.g.

NOTES xxx
RECOGNISES yyy

(Set out the position of PSI using verbs such as: CONDEMNS, FEARS, DEPLORES, IS CONCERNED, ADOPTS, ENCOURAGES, SUPPORTS, UNDERSTANDS, etc.)

E.g.

CONDEMNS xxx
SUPPORTS yyy

(Set out any action requested - although there may be none at this point in time - using verbs such as: CALLS UPON, RESOLVES, URGES, REQUESTS, WILL MONITOR, DEMANDS, EXHORTS, etc.)

E.g.

CALLS UPON xxx
DEMANDS yyy

Submitted by

[Union name], [Country]

Please provide the email of the person to contact re. this resolution: