BOM Agreement

Latvijas Studentu apvienība





September 36, 1999 Vilnius, Lithnania

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Place: Vilnius, Lithuania

Date: 30th of September, 1999

We, representatives of National Student Unions of Latvia and Lithuania have agreed upon the following:

With this agreement we announce the introduction of new declaration: Baltic Organisation Meeting (BOM).

Name:

The official name of the organisation meetings is Baltic Organisation Meeting, BOM is an abbreviated name of both having equal meaning;

Members:

Members of BOM are National Unions of Students (NUS) of Latvia and Lithuania: Latvian Student Union (Latvijas Studentu apvienība - LSA) and Lithuanian Student Union (Lietuvos Studentų Sąjunga - LSS).

STATUTES OF BOM

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The Baltic Organisation Meeting is a consultative meeting of the National Unions of Students of Baltic Countries.

&? AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The main objectives for BOM are:

- to represent strivings and needs of students in the Baltic area on national and international arena;
- to promote closer co-operation between student organisations both on national and local level;
- to form joint opinions on matters of common interest in order to assist lobbying activities on national, regional and international scale;
- to ensure exchange of knowledge concerning political, economical, social and educational processes in Baltic countries;
- * to promote information exchange of relevant experience concerning students issues.

§3 AGENDA

The agenda for BOM meetings and themes for the seminars are decided at the previous meeting according to the suggestions of the participating unions. It is also possible to take on the agenda other current matters or matters which need immediate action if agreed on by all the participating unions.

§4 BOARD

The Board consists of 3 representatives from each BOM member organisation: president, vice-president, international officer or another relevant official. Representatives should be officially delegated to represent opinion of their organisation. The Board is lawful to make decisions in case each member organisation is represented by no less than two relevant representatives.

The Board members are selected by the only criteria according to their competence and decision-making ability.

§5 MEETINGS

BOM Board should meet at least 2 times a year. Proposed meeting schedule is that BOM Board meets 3 times a year: once between autumn Board Meetings of the National Unions of Students in Europe (ESIB) and meeting of Nordic Presidential Meeting (Nordiskt Ordförande möte - NOM), once between NOM meeting and ESIB spring Board Meeting and once during the summer between ESIB spring and autumn Board Meetings.

Each organisation will assign one person (presumably international officer) responsible for co-ordination work of BOM between Board Meetings (BM).

Each meeting is hosted by a different organisation. The venue of the next BM is decided during the previous BM. The responsible person from the hosting organisation is elected to organise the next BM (rotating responsibility).

The Board may decide to have Extraordinary Board Meeting if necessary

§6 COMMUNICATION:

The Board should establish a network of communication that would provide efficient and on-going co-operation and exchange of information between national and local student organisations. Basic communication in between BM's will be held by means of e-mail and other communication technologies. The Board should work on introducing BOM web page with links to web pages of member organisations.

§7 OBLIGATIONS:

- This agreement does not oblige any of the signing parties to report information on decisions and actions, taken by party on its own, to other parties.
- * This Agreement comes into force and is binding to the signing parties in cases when both parties involved agree upon joint decisions and/or actions concerning specific issues of mutual interest. In these cases parties should inform each other of decisions and/or actions taken and co-operate in order to achieve the estimated goals.
- Good will and mutual benefit of member organisations are the basis for obligations provided by this Agreement.

§8 RESOLUTIONS

The BOM can take decisions in a form of resolutions only when all the participating unions agree on issuing a resolution and on its content. Only in that case is the resolution given in the name of BOM. Resolutions must be put on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

Each union or a group of unions participating in BOM is free to make statements and resolutions whenever they consider it to be necessary. Such statements cannot be made in the name of BOM, and they could be signed individually by the union or unions. It is, however, allowed to mention that the statement or resolution was issued in connection with a meeting or a seminar of BOM. Such resolutions must be brought into the attention of other unions participating during the meeting or the seminar.

Resolutions on national issues to one of the participants of the meeting can be adopted only with the consent of the representatives of that nationality in the meeting. These resolutions should be sent in advance.

§9 NUS'es RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the respective unions' responsibility to keep the other BOM members updated on what is happening in their organisation. Information letters should be sent regularly to other member unions. NUS'es have responsibility to update BOM-files at the BOM meetings and seminars.

One of the unions should take responsibility in filing all papers regarding BOM, for at least two years. The filing responsibility rotate among the member unions in the order agreed by participants.

GENERAL:

This Agreement contains four pages. All changes must be agreed upon by both signing parties and should be added as an additional protocol to this agreement. Two copies of equal validity have been signed.

Signed by:

On behalf of LSA:

Andis Malējs

On behalf of LSS:

Svajūnas Jakutis