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To
XXV IFM-SEI Ordinary Congress
Proposal on changes 2010 of IFM-SEI Statutes

On behalf of organizations from all the regions of the world where IFM-SEI is present, Mirim-Brasil proposes following changes in the Statutes of the International Falcon Movement/Socialist Educational International:

Exclude item:

“VI. Congress,

6.4 Each full member organization is entitled to:

- 1 vote for 150 - 2.000 members
- 2 votes for above 2.000 members
- 3 votes for above 5.000 members
- 4 votes for above 9.000 members
- 5 votes for above 14.000 members”

Proposal:

6.4 Each full member organization is entitled to:

Two (2) votes if its delegation fulfills the gender quota.

Proposal's bases:

According to “I. Aims and Principles,

1.1 Through their member organisations it strives to educate in the principles of universal tolerance, equality and friendship, so essential for the creation of a world where all may live in peace and co-operation.

1.2 IFM-SEI is a world wide movement of different types of organisations that work with children and young people and that accept the aims and principles of IFM-SEI.

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1.3 IFM-SEI seeks through its member organisations to develop children and young people with a critical awareness of the world and its present inequalities. We work with them to develop their knowledge, attitudes, values and skills to enable them to act to secure their equal participation in the democratic process, as well as, supporting those still fighting for their legitimate right to self-determination, in order to bring about the necessary changes to create a caring world.

1.6 Equality for All (***Notice that in the Statutes this point is 1.6 which is wrong number***) IFM-SEI campaigns against all forms of discrimination and promotes equality of opportunity for all in its activities. IFM-SEI will ensure that its member organizations do not discriminate on grounds of race, gender, faith, sexual orientation or disability. **A special focus is on gender equality as a principle to be implemented in all our statutory bodies and activities.**

1.8 Peace will only be really achieved when all forms of exploitation cease and the world community tackles the North/South divide.

1.9 IFM-SEI will undertake its educational programme to ensure that its members develop a cooperative outlook that encourages a critical awareness and self-reliance. Children and young people should learn to take part in the democratic process of their organisations.

VI. Congress:

6.4 The delegation should be gender balanced.

6.13 The Congress has to ensure that organisations from different parts of the world are represented in the bodies of the IFM-SEI and that the gender balance is guaranteed.

Some comments about the points mentioned above:

1 – All members should follow the aims and principles of IFM-SEI. These aims and principles don't need to be discussed.

2 – Democracy and specifically the socialist democracy is based on the equality of rights and duties, without making any difference between economical conditions, cultural differences, social differences, ethnical and religious differences.

3 – Every member organization ought to participate in equal conditions. Every member organization should pay the member fee according to its possibilities and participate in the decision making process based on the principle of equality. IFM-SEI ought to practice the socialist and participatory democracy.

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Some other reasons for the proposal:

1 – IFM-“International Falcon Movement”: Our International’s XXV Congress shall be held counting on following figures:

Organisations with right to 1 vote:	23 = 39,65%
Organisations with right to 2 votes:	1 = 3,44%
Organisations with right to 3 votes:	3 = 15,51%
Organisations with right to 4 votes:	1 = 6,89%
Organisations with right to 5 votes:	4 = 34,48%
Total of organisations:	32 = 100%
Total of votes:	58 = 100%

It's important to notice that Europe has 8 organizations, and that represents 25% of IFM organizations with right to 3, 4 and 5 votes, which makes a total of 33 votes, and that represents 56,89% of the total of votes. The other 24 IFM organizations which represent 75% of all IFM sister organizations have together 25 votes, and that represents 43,11% of all votes.

*The figures above characterize and show that IFM is not really an **international** movement since only one continent (Europe) alone can decide independently of the other three large regions (Asia, Africa and Latin-American). If we in our movement really want to globalize children's rights, we also must globalize the rights of the participating organizations in the decision making process.*

2 – SEI – Socialist Educational International:

*In all member organizations we have to educate children, youth and even the adults on equality, solidarity and democracy. During many years the SEI has made an effort to make possible the participation in the democratic decision making process. We do not work only **for** children and youth but also **with** children and youth. In many of our organizations children and youth participate in the decision making process. During the last years many young people from the member organizations are participating in the organs of IFM-SEI and they can see the difference in the congresses where one organization has right to one vote and other has right to five votes. This is not a good example to our youth, on the contrary it's a bad example for **socialist** education.*

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3 – Several experienced people in our movement participated earlier in YUSI-Youth Union Socialist International. In this International every organization has right to two (2) votes taking into account gender balance. It is a contradiction that these experienced people doesn't accept the same voting system in IFM-SEI.

According to the reasons above we present our proposal:

Each full member organization is entitled to two (2) votes since its delegation fulfills the gender quota.

In this way we, all together, really can work for IFM-SEI:

**International Falcon Movement/Socialist
Educational International**

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