



## **31st WORLD CONGRESS 2023 - CIRCULAR No. 2**

To all PSI affiliates;  
and for information to PSI EB, SC,  
REC and WOC members and PSI/EPSU staff

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## **PSI 31<sup>st</sup> WORLD CONGRESS 12 - 18 October 2023, Geneva, Switzerland**

Dear Colleagues,

I write to inform you that PSI's 31<sup>st</sup> World Congress and pre-meetings will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from Thursday 12 to Wednesday 18 October 2023, at Palexpo Convention Centre.

The Congress will commence on the evening of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Prior to Congress, on 12-14 October, meetings of the Regional Executive Committees (RECs), Women's Committee (WOC) and Executive Board (EB), as well as Young Workers seminars will take place. More details about the timing of these meetings will follow.

We provide for affiliates reference excerpts of key articles of the constitution relating to Congress in **Appendix 1**, and the full Constitution [here](#).

### **1) RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Resolutions from the Executive Board**

The EB will submit two core resolutions to Congress: the Draft Programme of Action (PoA) and amendments to the Constitution.

#### **The Draft Programme of Action (PoA) 2022-2027**

To ensure the relevance of the content of the PoA in the current fast-changing global environment, this document is being drafted as close to Congress as possible, whilst still allowing for full regional consultation.

EB-159 on 8/9 November 2022 will discuss the draft of the PoA, which will then be circulated to the regions, and members of constitutional bodies. Affiliates wishing to suggest amendments to this draft should channel their suggestions via their relevant sub-regions (SUBRAC) to their EB members who will forward agreed proposals to EB-160 in the spring of 2023, where the draft PoA will be finalised for release to all affiliates.

#### **Amendments to the Constitution**

PSI Steering Committee has been reviewing and revising the Constitution since 2019 and reporting to PSI EB from time to time. EB-159 in November 2022 will receive a final draft proposal for amendments to the Constitution. After EB-159 the Draft Constitution showing the amendments will be circulated to regions and members of constitutional bodies. Affiliates wishing to suggest amendments to the Draft Constitution should follow the same procedure outlined above for the PoA.

#### **Resolutions from affiliates**

- **Deadline for submission of resolutions: 13 March 2023**
- **Deadline for submission of amendments to resolutions: 13 June 2023**

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A circular calling for affiliates' resolutions will be sent later this year. Affiliates should ensure that they have first read the Draft PoA before submitting any resolution, to avoid duplication on issues which are already covered in the Draft PoA.

The Standing Orders Committee (SOC) will meet shortly after 13 March 2023 to examine all resolutions submitted by the deadline to determine their acceptability. Valid resolutions will be circulated to all affiliates by 13 May 2023. Affiliates will then be invited to submit amendments to these resolutions by 13 June 2023; these amendments will be examined by the SOC shortly after 13 June 2023.

All accepted resolutions with their related amendments will be circulated to affiliates by 13 August 2023, together with all other documents for Congress. Please note that no new resolutions or amendments will be accepted at Congress, except emergency resolutions as per Annex 4 (heading "Resolutions") of the Constitution and in accordance with the Standing Orders Committee guidance (which will be issued later this year).

## **2)VOTING RIGHTS**

**NOTE: Cut-off date for calculating voting rights: 13 August 2023**

Voting rights of affiliated unions at Congress are determined by the number of paid-up members in the years 2017-2023 inclusive.

The cut-off date for payment of these fees, which will be considered when calculating delegate/observer entitlements and voting strength, is **13 August 2023**.

## **3) DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS**

Each affiliated union can send a specific number of delegates and observers to Congress, after fulfilment of their financial obligations to PSI, as outlined in the Constitution (notably Articles 4 and 6).

Delegations must comply with rules concerning gender parity (including Articles 1 and 6.6) that specify that each gender should be equally represented where there is more than one delegate, unless this is not feasible due to a very significant over-representation of one gender within the affiliate's membership. Affiliates are encouraged to include youth representatives in the delegations.

## **4) SPONSORSHIP**

There will be a limited number of sponsorships for Congress. Criteria for allocation of sponsored participation will be circulated after EB-159 in November 2022.

## **5) DRAFT TIMELINE – DATES AND DEADLINES**

See **Appendix 2** for the main Constitutional dates and deadlines associated with Congress.

## **6) REGISTRATION, WEBSITE AND PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Detailed information will be circulated in due course to affiliates on the registration procedure, as well as details of practical arrangements (hotels, transport, visas, the Congress venue, etc.).

We look forward to celebrating this memorable occasion together with you!

In solidarity,



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PSI General Secretary

*Appendix 1: Excerpts of the Constitution 2017 relating to Congress*

*Appendix 2: Constitutional Timeline for Congress (English only)*