



General Assembly 2025
Paper 4a: Statute Motions

STATUTES REVISION MOTIONS

Since the last revision of the Statutes in 2020, the CHS Alliance has grown significantly, and the humanitarian landscape has changed substantially. The CHS Alliance Governing Board and the Secretariat are proposing the following seven motions to update the Statutes to meet the current needs of the organisation:

1. **Updated Objectives** – redrafted to be broader and relevant for future strategies (Article 5)
2. **Change in Membership categories** – move to just one category of membership (Article 6)
3. **Updated Membership criteria** - to align with the CHS 2024 definition of diversity (Article 7)
4. **Virtual General Assembly (GA)** - ability to hold all GAs virtually (Article 10-13)
5. **Process to appoint the Chair** – acknowledgement that the Chair can be selected by the Board and endorsed by the GA (Article 15)
6. **Updated Standing Committees** – change the Complaint Committee to the People, Culture and Complaint Committee (Articles 18 to 21)
7. **Fee Reduction Process** – Acknowledge the fee reduction process managed by the secretariat instead of the Board (Article 24)

What are the changes?

There are seven motions to be voted on. Each motion is formatted in the same way: title, header, rationale, motion (what is requested from members) and the reference to the section of the statutes.

You can review the [current Statutes](#) and the proposed future version of the Statutes, if all above-mentioned changes are adopted at the upcoming GA.

How to share feedback on the proposed changes

If you have questions, strong objection and/or alternative suggestion to the proposed changes, you are entitled to submit your concern, query, suggestion to us at ga@chsalliance.org **no later than Friday 10th October.**

The CHS Alliance Board confirms they have discussed and endorsed the proposed changes outlined in this document.

MOTION TO THE GA 2025 – N° 1 Updated Objectives (Article 5: Updated Version)

Rationale:

To simplify the objectives of the CHS Alliance and align these with the vision, mission and language used in the CHS 2024.



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Motion:

The General Assembly is requested to endorse:

- The reformulated text that sets out the core strategic elements of the CHS Alliance's work to support organisations, in line with language used in the CHS 2024 and the Alliance's vision and mission.

This motion is separate from others, if it is rejected it will not impact other provisions in the Statutes. Members are requested to vote in favour, against, but they may also abstain.

MOTION TO THE GA 2025 – N° 2
Membership Categories (Article 6: Updated version)

Rationale:

Moving to one category of member will strengthen the diversity of organisations within our global membership, reduce external confusion and improve internal efficiency. The CHS applies to all organisations supporting people in crises or vulnerable situations, therefore all members will be strongly encouraged to undertake one of the CHS verification options.

The changes will align membership more closely with verification processes, by replacing the current CHS Alignment Statement with an online CHS Alignment Declaration whereby some of the information provided can be used as part of a Self-Assessment.

Motion:

The General Assembly is requested to endorse:

- The removal of the two membership categories (Full and Associate) with different eligibility criteria
- The creation of one type of member, which retains the option of global network status

This motion is separate from others, if it is rejected it will not impact other provisions (other than removing references to "full" and "associate" members throughout) in the Statutes. Members are requested to vote in favour, against, but they may also abstain.

MOTION TO THE GA 2025 – N° 3
Membership Criteria Updated (Article 6: Updated version)

Rationale:

The current criteria in Article 7c "...makes no adverse distinction in its work on the basis of nationality, race, gender, diversity, religious beliefs, class or political opinion" should be updated to align with the CHS 2024 definition of diversity:



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"Diversity: the presence of differences among people in terms of their identities, backgrounds, experiences, perspectives and characteristics. These differences can include, but are not limited to, factors such as race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, abilities/disabilities, religious beliefs and cultural backgrounds."

Motion:

The General Assembly is requested to endorse changing previous article 7c to read (new article 6c):

"It makes no adverse distinction in its work on the basis of people's diversity, as defined in the CHS".

This motion is separate from others, if it is rejected it will not impact other provisions in the Statutes. Members are requested to vote in favour, against, but they may also abstain.

MOTION TO THE GA 2025 – N° 4
GA meeting (Article 10-13: Updated Version)

Rationale:

Removing the requirement to hold a physical meeting of the GA every three years gives the Secretariat more flexibility to manage these events in a manner that considers access, equity and good financial stewardship.

Motion:

The General Assembly is requested to endorse:

- More flexibility to the way members can vote (e.g. internet based, electronic, or in person methods)
- Removing the distinction between physical and virtual GA meetings

This motion is separate from others, if it is rejected it will not impact other provisions in the Statutes. Members are requested to vote in favour, against, but they may also abstain.

MOTION TO THE GA 2025 – N° 5
Chair appointment (Article 15: Updated Version)

Rationale:

This motion is intended to align the Statutes with our current practice, which is that the Chair of the Governing Board is selected by the Board, and endorsed by the General Assembly.

Motion:

The General Assembly is requested to endorse:

- The option for an independent Chair, selected by the Board and endorsed by the GA



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This motion is separate from others, if it is rejected it will not impact other provisions in the Statutes. Members are requested to vote in favour, against, but they may also abstain.

MOTION TO THE GA 2025 – N° 6

Standing Committees (Articles 18-21: Updated Version)

Rationale:

To ensure a smooth and efficient running of the Governing Board and the Secretariat, a People and Culture Committee was created by the Board in 2022. The Board is proposing that this Committee (which manages internal complaints) is merged with the Complaints Committee (which handles external complaints) and included in the list of Standing Committees in the Statutes, ensuring the Committee's sustainability.

Motion:

The General Assembly is requested to endorse:

- The reordering of Articles so that FRAC is first and MNC second.
- Complaints Committee becoming the People, Culture and Complaints Committee (Article 21)

This motion is separate from others, if it is rejected it will not impact other provisions in the Statutes. Members are requested to vote in favour, against, but they may also abstain.

MOTION TO THE GA 2025 – N°7

Fee reductions (Article 24: Updated version)

Rationale:

This motion is intended to align the Statutes with the current practice, which sees a membership fee reduction request process managed by the Secretariat instead of the Board. This mechanism supports members facing financial hardship and helps retain members who are engaged in the CHS Alliance.

Motion:

The General Assembly is requested to endorse:

- Requests for fee reductions in a given year are reviewed on case-by-case basis by a nominated committee within the secretariat. All requests and their status are reported to the MNC and the Board at the quarterly meetings.
- A fee reduction request form is available for members.

This motion is separate from others, if it is rejected it will not impact other provisions in the Statutes. Members are requested to vote in favour, against, but they may also abstain.

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