



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between Global Greens and Global Young Greens

Preamble

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will serve to guide the relationship between the Global Greens and the Global Young Greens as we work together to promote and advance the Global Greens Charter.

Global Greens Background

The **Global Greens (GG)** is an international organization that brings together the Green political parties and movements of Africa, Americas, Asia-Pacific and Europe, which work together in their capacity as full or associate members *“to promote and defend the principles contained in the Global Greens Charter and policies duly adopted by its official bodies”*.¹

The GG main official body is the Global Green Coordination: *“Governing Council of the Global Greens and functions as the General Assembly of the Association.”*²

In order to further its principles, GG can establish partnership relations. *“Partners of the Global Greens are non-profit, non-governmental organisations, foundations and institutes duly approved as such by the Global Greens Coordination, and which fulfil the criteria for this category of membership defined in the Rulebook.”*³

“The special status of the GYG, including participation rights and responsibilities, including at Global Greens Congresses, is defined in the Rule Book”.⁴

The rightful process of admission of any GG partner is established by the GG Rulebook: *“Partners are recognised and admitted by agreement of the Global Greens Coordination and their membership may be suspended or withdrawn by the same method.”*⁵

1 GG Statutes, art 3.1
2 GG Rulebook art. 5.1.1
3 GG Statutes , art 4.2.3
4 GG Statutes, art 4.4
5 GG Rulebook, art 2.5.1

Global Young Greens Background

The Global Young Greens (GYG) is: *“a world-wide non-profit network of young green activists and organisations committed to the GYG objectives and the GYG statement of principles, loosely affiliated to the Global Greens and endorsing the Global Greens Charter”*⁶

The GYG Organisational Principles express in many respects a strong attachment to GG in questions of political cooperation and ideological orientation. All member organisations and individual members commit themselves to obey the principles laid down in the GG charter.

Part of the core structure of GYG are also the current membership regulations, according to which in addition to youth associations of Green parties that are members of the GG, NGOs and individuals can also become members of GYG and thus be actively and passively entitled to vote (the latter only if no member organisation exists in their area of residence).

The highest decision-making body of GYG is its Congress, which takes place usually alongside GG Congresses. The Steering Committee is the second highest decision-making body. The Steering Committee is responsible for closely communicating with the GG and its Secretary. GYG furthermore elects an Oversight Committee of five members.

1- Criteria on GYG Membership and Management

- 1.1** The GYG Steering Committee agreed to present alternatives to current Organisational Principles membership rules to be voted upon at the upcoming GYG congress. This will include the GGC demand stating that all elected GYG representatives be members of GG Green Parties, if a green party exists in their area of residence.
- 1.2** The two organisations agree to work together to resolve any issue that is seen to be detrimental to the image or the work of the other organisation and its members. This might include issuing an official communication by GYG or GG clarifying the matter

2- Criteria on Participation in the GG Coordination

- 2.1** - Both GYG and GG Committee Members can be invited to attend one another’s meetings for the purpose of discussing matters concerning their partnership relation and collaboration. Observers can be asked to leave respective meetings if matters are determined as sensitive, confidential or for any other reason determined by respective Committee Members.
- 2.2** - An invitation to a GGC meeting might be bestowed at the request of a member of the GG Coordination or a GYG representative, and vice versa for GYG SC meetings.

3- GYG Participation in GG Congress

- 3.1** - GG and GYG are encouraged to participate in each other's Congresses and are encouraged to organise congresses alongside each other.

- 3.2** – GYG is entitled to four delegates, one delegate for each region (Africa, Americas, Asia-Pacific and Europe).
[This requires changes to GG Rulebook section 4.1.4].
- 3.3** – GYG delegates must be members of a GG party.
[This will come into effect if it is ratified at the GYG Congress]
- 3.4** - GYG delegates will have speaking rights and will be entitled to 4 votes (1 per delegate).
[This requires discussion and agreement by GG on Rulebook 4.1.4 and Constitution 4.2.3 before it comes into effect]

4 – Other Matters to be Jointly Decided

- 4.1** – GG and GYG will work collaboratively to consolidate and strengthen the global Green movement.
- 4.2** – GG and GYG will actively work to ensure respectful relations among their members and organizations.
- 4.3** - GYG will encourage their members without political affiliation to be part of the GG political parties whenever there is one in their countries. GG recognises the GYG is an important organisation in reaching young people and supporting them to join the GG parties.
- 4.4** - GYG and GG will collaborate with each other about relevant projects, activities and contacts in order to promote participation in each other's events and achieve a greater level of synergy.

The following are examples of the sort of projects that may be included:

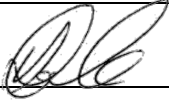

- 4.4.1** – A GG Internship Program will be developed. GYG candidates must belong to GG member parties whenever there is one in their countries. Our preference would be to pay interns, but recognise it is not always possible because of lack of funds.
- 4.4.2** – A GG Mentoring Program will be developed. GYG candidates must belong to GG member parties whenever there is one in their countries.
- 4.4.3** – GG and GYG will collaborate with the organising of webinars on topics relevant to both organisations. These webinars will be open to all GYG members.
- 4.4.4** - GG and GYG will collaborate on social and educational projects, such as climate change campaigns, to broaden the Greens network
- 4.5** – Once a year, if possible, a face to face meeting will take place between the GG Coordination and GYG representatives to assess and strengthen GYG relations with GG. In exceptional circumstances, extraordinary face to face meetings can be requested by GYG or GYG.

5 - Transitional Arrangements

- 5.1** - This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force upon its approval by the GG Coordination and the GYG Steering Committee.
- 5.2** - The full Memorandum of Understanding will come into force when all the articles pending approval are approved by the next GG and GYG congresses.
- 5.3** - In case of non-approval of the reserved articles entering into force after the approval in the respective GG and GYG congresses, we agree to continue to work together to resolve issues with this MoU.

Signatures

An authorised person from each organisation to sign.

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Name	Bob Hale	Janemjai Tiwari
Position	Co-Convenor	Secretary
Signature		
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