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Internal resolution: Continuation of the Monitoring Process Regarding the Membership of JEF Hungary, JEF Moldova and JEF Montenegro

The Executive Board of JEF-Europe,

- Recalling the internal resolution “Request to begin a Monitoring Process Regarding the Membership of JEF Hungary, JEF Moldova and JEF Montenegro”, adopted by the FC Autumn of 2020;
- Considering that JEF Hungary, JEF Moldova and JEF Montenegro have all not paid their membership fees to JEF Europe for at least five consecutive years, despite repeated requests to do so, as laid out in article 13 c) i) ii) and iii) of the Statutes of JEF Europe;
- Considering that JEF Europe’s Statutes stipulate that National sections or candidate sections of JEF can only be expelled for reasons of their non-adherence to the present Statutes and to the objectives of the association, or of non-payment of membership fees or non-submission of a member section report for at least two consecutive years;
- Acknowledging that the Federal Committee of JEF shall have the power to investigate a monitoring process on sections, the rules of which are stipulated in the Rules of Procedure. Subject to this provision, sections of JEF could be excluded by a decision initiated and taken by the Federal Committee after a favourable opinion from the Arbitration Board;
- Considering that JEF Europe’s Rules of Procedure stipulate a monitoring process on the situation of a section can be initiated by the Federal Committee with an absolute majority of delegates upon a motivated request of the Executive Board, a national section or an individual member of the organisation that the Federal Committee;
- Keeping in mind that the monitoring process should be led by a task-force consisting of three members elected by the Federal Committee, with the mandate of submitting a report on the facts raised in the submitted request to the Federal Committee six weeks before the next ordinary meeting;

- Underlining that the report shall expose the facts and the current situation of the concerned section in a neutral way based on hearings of concerned members with different points of view and on relevant legal, statutory and other organisational documents. The report can possibly include recommendations to the relevant section and the Federal Committee for a consensual solution of the issue and/or on the suspension/exclusion of the section;
- Considering that the Federal Committee can either end the monitoring process without consequences for the involved section or elaborate an internal policy resolution containing a series of mandatory requirements and recommendations for the section;
- Noting that formal letters to JEF Hungary, JEF Moldova, and JEF Montenegro, to notify them of the expulsion procedure taking place have been sent in 2021 to their most recently provided email addresses and the most recent legally registered address that could be found;
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The Federal Committee thus recommends the following:

1. The Federal Committee formally decides to continue the expulsion process of JEF Hungary, JEF Moldova and JEF Montenegro;
2. Modifies the membership of the monitoring committee to replace Antonina Stępniaak, former National Representative for JEF Poland by Kristine Meek Stokke, National Representative for JEF Norway, and remove Chris Powers, former Member of the Executive Board so as to reduce the Monitoring Committee to three persons as per the statutes adopted at the Congress in Liège 2021;
3. Prolongs the membership of the monitoring committee of Christelle Savall, Member of the Executive Board, and Aleksandra Aleksejeva, co-opted member of the Federal Committee;
4. Asks the Arbitration Board to issue an opinion regarding the situation;
5. The Executive Board to take all necessary measures allowing discussion of the abovementioned reports during the next meeting of the Federal Committee;
6. The Executive Board to take all necessary measures to allow for a hearing of the sections concerned before the Federal Committee and the Arbitration Board, should these sections be interested to use this statutory right;
7. That JEF Europe strives to support and find new and potential members to construct new sections in Hungary, Moldova, and Montenegro, but that this not impede the work of expelling the sections as they currently stand unless and until there is a clear group of individuals to whom the status of JEF section in these countries can be given.