

## Opinion of the Expulsion of two Member Sections

The Arbitration Board (AB) consisting of Gerhard Soyka, Sebastiano Putoto, Maija Maunu, Ophélie Omnes, and Leonie Martin has received a request to an opinion on the proposal to expulse two member sections, namely JEF Moldova and JEF Hungary, based on the report delivered by the Monitoring Committee.

The AB has received the report of the Monitoring Committee, consisting of Christelle Savall, Aleksandra Aleksejeva, and Kristine Meek Stokke.

Art. 13(c)(i) establishes different categories of reasons for expulsion, amongst which non-payment of membership fees or non-submission of a member section report for at least two consecutive years.

The report highlights that JEF Hungary has not paid membership fees since 2016, JEF Moldova has not paid membership fees since 2017.

The Arbitration Board has received access to the overview of paid membership fees and can verify that the membership fees have not been paid in more than two consecutive years. The facts presented in the report of the Monitoring Committee concerning the non-payment of fees or non-submission of a report for at least two consecutive years has been fulfilled in both cases.

Art. 13(c)(ii) stipulates decisions on exclusion must be preceded by a notice, sent by **recorded delivery** at least six months in advance from the Federal Committee to the section concerned. Before it will be enacted, the section concerned can ask for a hearing before the Federal Committee and the Arbitration Board to present their defence.

The report states that a notice has been sent by recorded delivery in 2021. The current AB whose mandate started November 2021 can state to have not received a request from one of these sections for a hearing. The previous AB confirmed not having received such a request from the respective sections either.

The facts presented in the report of the Monitoring Committee concerning the procedural steps seem to be in line with the statutory requirements.

The AB expresses a **favourable opinion to the expulsion of JEF Hungary and JEF Moldova.**