

The Foundations of the Modern International Socialist Association

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Preamble

As members of the Modern International Socialist Association (MISA), it is our duty to promote socialism and reject capitalism wherever we can. In order to do so, this document, the Foundations of MISA, has been created.

Within it, the rights promised to MISA members are described as well as MISA's overall structure and purpose. This document acts as a framework for MISA and as such all other MISA rules, documents, etc. must be in accordance to it. To change it, 80% of all MISA members must be in favour.

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of MISA is two-fold:

- ★ To combat capitalism.
- ★ To promote socialism.

There are, however, another three broad and similar aims that we also bare in mind:

- ★ The eventual abolition of all forms of oppression.
- ★ The protection of the proletariat and other social minorities from oppression.
- ★ The promotion of social equality between all people regardless of physical, psychological or mental attributes.

Article II: Membership

All people are welcome to MISA provided they follow the rules, abide to the *Foundations of MISA* and contribute to the purpose as defined by this document in *Article I*. Furthermore, membership is free. MISA and its members are also required to help other MISA members to the best of our abilities when assistance is needed. In order to officially join, members-to-be must follow the protocols defined by the Central Committee.

Article III: The Central Committee

The role of the Central Committee is to provide the framework for the functioning of the Working Groups of MISA as well as the rules and the like regarding the organisation. In order to do so, the Central Committee can pass proposals. Any Central Committee member, including floating ones, may submit proposals (which must have a binary outcome). For a proposal to be passed, a vote must be held with voting Central Committee members and there must be a majority of at least 50%.

The Central Committee cannot directly influence the workings of the Wings or the Working Groups via the powers of the Central Committee unless help is requested by a majority of the Wing or Working Group's heads or stated in this document.

The Central Committee is composed of the following:

- ★ The Premier. The Premier has the same privileges as an enacting Central Committee member except they have the deciding vote when there is a tie in Central Committee-wide votes and elections and they assume absolute power over MISA in a crisis (which must be decided by either a vote of 50% in the Central Committee or 25% of MISA members).

They are Premier for life unless they resign or a vote of no confidence is carried out and decides to remove them. For a vote of no confidence to be successful, there must be a majority of at least 75% of all members of MISA and at least 50% of Central Committee members (not counting floating Central Committee Members or allowing them to vote). When selecting a new Premier, the instant-runoff voting system will be used.

- ★ Enacting Central Committee Members. Only one-fifth of the Central Committee members (excluding floating Central Committee members) are enacting Central Committee members. Enacting Central Committee members may submit Central Committee proposals, vote in Central Committee-wide votes and enact the changes according to the outcome of the supra-mentioned votes.

Following a change in the membership of the Central Committee, after any replacements have been made, the Central Committee members (including floating Central Committee members) vote who the enacting Central Committee members will be using single-transferable vote if there are multiple positions available or instant-runoff voting system if there is only one position available.

Note: as the Premier counts as an enacting Central Committee, one of the enacting Central Committee members will always be the Premier.

- ★ Regular Central Committee members. For every twenty MISA members, there is a single regular Central Committee seat. Regular Central Committee members may submit Central Committee proposals and vote on Central Committee-wide votes.

Elections are held on the first of January and the first of July of every year as well as whenever there is a successful vote of no confidence or resignation of a regular Central Committee member for that single seat.

- ★ Floating Central Committee members (including the delegates from the Working Groups and Wings). These can contribute to the discussion of topics in the Central Committee but do not have voting or enacting rights. Therefore, they are merely advisors.

They are appointed by Central Committee members when required. For a floating Central Committee member to be appointed, at least 50% of the Central Committee members must vote for them or at least 25% of the Central Committee as well as the support of the Premier. Similarly, they can be dismissed with a vote of 50% from Central Committee members or at least 25% of Central Committee members as well as the support of the Premier.

Article IV: Wings

There are two Wings in MISA. One is the Capitalist Abation Wing (CAW) whose purpose is to abate and eradicate Capitalism; the other is the Socialist Propagation Wing (SPW) whose purpose is to propagate and promote Socialism. The two wings direct and coordinate the Working Groups with tasks.

The Wings are comprised of:

- ★ Wing members, who vote on the issues presented and submit proposals to the wing. Anyone can be a Wing member unless they are a member of the other wing.
- ★ Wing heads. There are three Wing heads for each wing and their votes are worth three times more than normal members. Two are elected every six months (on the first of April and the first of October) via single-transferable vote and the other is appointed by the Central Committee on the same dates (the latter of which can be overruled by a vote of 75% of that Wing's members).

Following every election, an additional election will occur within each Wing. This is to select a representative of each Wing to have the same role within the Central Committee as floating Central Committee members. Via instant-runoff voting, the regular Wing members (that is, Wing members who aren't Wing heads) of each Wing vote for a representative of their respective Wing.

Wing heads and Wing representatives can be removed by a vote of no confidence. In order to do this, 50% of the Central Committee and 75% of their Wing must be in favour of the removal. Following this, the replacement will be selected via instant-runoff vote (if there is a single position) or single-transferable vote (if there are multiple positions available).

Article V: Working Groups

The Working Groups are where the majority of the actions within MISA occur. Each Working Group is dedicated towards a cause (e.g. propaganda, communications, etc.) and therefore the membership of a Working Group is dedicated to that same cause.

The Working Groups are composed of the following:

- ★ Working Group (active) members. These members have devoted themselves to one or more of the Working Groups, as opposed to Floating Members, and as such are expected to focus in those areas. They contribute to projects as

instructed by the Working Group's leadership and the Wings. However, provided they have a valid justification, they don't have to do everything that is asked of them.

- ★ Working Group heads. These are elected every three months (on the tenth of January, the tenth of April, the tenth of July and the tenth of October). Following every election, an additional election will occur within each Working Group. This is to select a representative of each Working Group to have the same role within the Central Committee as floating Central Committee members. Via instant-runoff voting, the regular Working Group members (that is, Working Group members who aren't Working Group heads) of each Working Group vote for the representative of their respective Working Group.

While the role of the Wings is to give each Working Group tasks, the role of the Heads of the Working Groups is to coordinate the tasks given. That being said, Working Group heads can give tasks - that just isn't their primary function. Furthermore, the heads act as the messengers between the Wings and the Working Groups.

RULES

1. All members within MISA must **abide by the rules**. Failure to do so will result in punishment, the nature of which is dependant upon the rule broken and the severity of the action and its outcomes. Available punishments are dependant upon the punishee's role. For example, a head of a working group can have their role as head revoked and a member can have their membership revoked. To punish someone, one must follow the punishment protocol, which is described in this document.
2. I. **All interactions within the group must be carried out in an orderly and civil manner**. There is to be no personal attacks, no petty squabbles and no unnecessary sectarianism (by which we mean debates on ideology is permitted, but they must be civil).
II. If you have an issue with another member, alert the central committee. You are not to address the issue yourself unless it is guaranteed to cause no issues - it's your call on whether to seek assistance in the altercation or not although if you do not any perpetuation of it will be dealt with accordingly.
3. **This group is open to criticism and suggestions**. If your criticism or suggestion includes any sensitive data or information such as security holes, you are to inform the central committee rather than go public. This is in many occasions of utmost importance, so we urge you to follow this.
4. I. **Oppressed minorities** (such as people of colour, trans people, women, etc.) **are under no situation to be further oppressed** by MISA members.
II. There are to be **no use derogatory slurs**, which can result in the deletion of the message, a warning or harsher punishment depending upon the situation.
5. Reactionary political ideologies as well as concepts and the expression thereof are not permitted in general conversation. If you wish to express these, set up a debate with someone. Furthermore, if your beliefs are sufficiently reactionary, such as containing anti-semitism, sexism, transphobia or other forms of bigotry, punishment may ensue. **This organisation is not a place for reactionaries**, it's a place for revolutionaries.

PUNISHMENT PROTOCOL

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