

Motion Switzerland

The motion of Switzerland is that IFSW board establish a concrete process on how IFSW handle the censure process.

Furthermore the IFSW shall develop a process to improve the communication and flow of information of the IFSW board to members and vice versa.

Motion UK and Austria

This motion notes the censure against the Israeli Union of Social Workers made by the IFSW Executive on 26th March 2018 in accordance with the IFSW By-law 4, (d) highlighting that in relation to Palestinian people the Union is not meeting its obligation as described in the Statement of Ethical Principles:

“Social workers should respect and promote people’s right to make their own choices and decisions, irrespective of their values and life choices, provided this does not threaten the rights and legitimate interests of others.”

This censure came to an end at the beginning of the agenda item on this matter at the 2018 IFSW global delegates meeting on 1st July 2018. The IFSW Executive believes that any calls for further action should be ratified by the General Meeting.

This motion recognises the importance of upholding social work ethical principles and proposes there is continued meaningful and timely dialogue between the Israeli Union, the European Region, the Palestinian Association, the Asia-Pacific Region and the Human Rights Commission and that this is a transparent process.

Motions Israel

Israel proposes that, with the end of the executive censure, the situation return to the status quo that existed before the censure.

Amendment to the Swiss proposal:

Israel supports the Swiss proposal to clarify the procedures of the constitution regarding censure, but proposes that it be carried out by a working group outside of the global executive.

Motion Palestine

The IFSW General Meeting delegates are concerned with the inaction of the Israeli Union of Social Workers with regards to Human Rights violations in the Palestinian Occupied Territories and their disregard of the Federation's Code of Ethics.

During the General Meeting our Israeli colleagues provided no evidence that they have or are willing to address the issues raised by the EC Statement.

Therefore, we move a motion for the continuation of the Censure.