

GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION BY DECISION OF COUNCIL

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Background:

FIG has in these past years experienced on several occasions where a member (member association, affiliate or academic member):

- had difficulty in remitting its membership dues to FIG;
- could not be contacted; and
- experienced internal financial distress,

due to circumstances beyond the member's or FIG's control such as domestic civil strife, external economic sanctions or sharp sudden domestic economic turmoil, but desirous of remaining a member of FIG.

Suspended status:

When Council is aware that a member has a difficulty in sustaining its membership due to –

- Domestic civil strife and upheavals;
- External economic sanctions; or
- Sudden and sharp domestic economic downturn,

the President may introduce an agenda item into the Council Meeting Agenda to consider suspending the membership of that member (member association, affiliate or academic member) on a year-to-year basis. When Council so decides and the suspension is agreed, no invoice to demand payment of its annual subscription for that basis year is sent to that member.

When a member is so suspended from membership in FIG by decision of Council:

- individuals belonging to that member can continue to participate in FIG's activities;
- the suspended member continues to receive information from FIG as if it remains a member; and
- when attending the General Assembly, in the case of a member association, do not have the right to a vote for the year under suspension.

In addition, FIG Office will continue, through best endeavor, re-establish and maintain contact with the member, monitor the situation and where applicable, recover any arrears due to FIG at first opportunity.

Additional Condition

This provision cannot be applied to a member association who has a nominated individual holding a post (President, Vice President, Commission Chair, Commission Chair-elect, Network Chair, Network Chair-elect, Task Force Chair) in the current term.

This provision must be viewed as a provision necessitated by a "force majeure" situation and must not be exercised by Council unless all the conditions stipulated above are met and Council deem it's in the better interest of the member and FIG. The current provision would be that of expulsion from FIG's membership.