

2018 BGM Constitutional and Directives Motions Report

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Constitutional Motion: To recommend that the membership pass G18-C002 Bylaw - Global Greens International Secretariat.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a new section be added to the GPC Bylaws to enable the appointment of a representative to assist in communications with Green Parties around the world. The added section would read: "Global Greens International Secretariat of the Green Party of Canada

Result: The Bylaws were updated to contain [Bylaw 12 Global Greens International Secretariat](#)

12.1 The Global Greens International Secretariat is responsible for maintaining connections with the Global Greens, Global Young Greens and Federation of the Green Parties of the Americas. The secretariat will participate in Global Congresses and General Assemblies whenever possible, assist the Party in communications with Green Parties around the world, and report on the affairs of other Green Parties to Federal Council as requested.

12.2 The Global Greens International Secretariat shall be appointed by the Executive Council.

Constitutional Motion: To recommend that the membership pass G18-C006 Constitution - French as Second Official Language of GPC.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a clause be added to Article 4 of the GPC Constitution. The added clause would read: "Operating bilingually, recognizing English and French as the official languages of the Party."

Result: [Article 4](#) of the GPC Constitution has been updated to include:

4.1.7 Operating bilingually, recognizing English and French as the official languages of the Party.

Directive: To recommend that the membership pass G18-D001 Continue Development of GPC Policy Process.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GPC members direct Federal Council to continuously improve the Party's policy development process, adapting and building on the recommendations in the

2017 Committee for Motion Development (CMD) Report and engaging with EDAs and members to build effective policies for the future.

Result: The Federal Council created the Policy Process and Development Committee (PDPC) as a Standing Committee to support the development of member driven proposals which are supported by evidence, research, and based in official GPC documentation; and which advance the Green vision as outlined in the six Green Principles. The PDPC is tasked with development of a continuous motion development process that is fueled by member suggestions in accordance with the Green Principles.

In 2022, the PDPC implemented the first stage of the CMD process by using the online WeDecide platform for the 2022 proposal cycle. The PDPC is currently working on enhancing the functionality of WeDecide to allow for a more robust online debate and proposal amendment process. It is hoped these enhancements will be in place before the 19th GPC Annual General Meeting.