

United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250-related proposals for the YMCA World Council 2018

Complying with the spirit of **Article II** of the Constitution and purposes and objects of the World Alliance of YMCAs this resolution presents three proposals that shall *strengthen the work of the Young Men's Christian Associations in all lands in accordance with the Paris Basis*.

In December 2015, the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 2250 on *Youth, Peace and Security*. This is the **first** resolution that deals specifically with young people. It is considered to be an international legal framework as it is binding in all UN member states.

Peace means not only the absence of conflict but also peace in homes, schools and societies. Resolution 2250 is very **comprehensive**, and it is strongly connected to the work the YMCAs already do, for instance concerning the issues of youth participation, social inclusion and safe spaces. The Resolution is an important landmark for the recognition of the positive role young people can play in creating peaceful communities.

As the world's largest youth organisation, bringing up young global citizens, it would be desirable for YMCA to contribute to the processes related to Resolution 2250, and thus further promote meaningful youth engagement in decision-making.

Participation in *Youth, Peace and Security* processes would increase the visibility of the work YMCA is already implementing as well as enable the systematic and strategic development of this work – aligned with international commitments. YMCA is one of the leading NGOs in many local civil societies and would be in a strong position to advocate and support the development of the National Action Plans.

Therefore, and following **Article VI** of the Constitution of the World Alliance of YMCAs, YMCA Finland proposes that the following paragraphs be adopted at the YMCA World Council 2018:

1. The World Alliance of YMCAs, the Area Organisations and the National YMCA Movements are recommended to follow the processes relating to UNSCR 2250 *Youth, Peace & Security* in their respective fora, and National Movements are recommended to actively participate and contribute to the formulation of National Action Plans
2. The World Alliance of YMCAs, the Area Organisations, the National Movements and the Local YMCAs are recommended to articulate their efforts according to the *Youth, Peace & Security* agenda
3. *Youth, Peace & Security* issues within the global YMCA movement shall be coordinated through one of the Resource Groups; the platform will be specified by the World Alliance staff



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