



Congress 2023 Procedures

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Drafts and Approvals

Needs to be approved by Global Greens Coordination (GGC) no later than 3 months prior to the start of Congress, that is 7th March 2023. When approved it will be linked to the Congress web site.

January 2023: The initial draft of this document approved by the Congress Working Group

January 2023: Approved by GGC

Feb 2023: Changes approved by GGC to restrict submissions to Delegates only

Preamble

Due to the breadth of the organisation, we very rarely meet as Global Greens. Resolutions are therefore a crucial opportunity to highlight what we hold in common, to commit ourselves to working together for common goals, and to ensure our work is relevant.

This document describes the procedure to submit, discuss, and approve Resolutions at Congress. Changes to the Global Greens Charter are presented as Resolutions.

Working language

Resolutions must be submitted in English, and the discussion, amendments, and final acceptance will all be in English.

This is to avoid multiple copies of Resolutions being discussed, with possible differences in meaning and in interpretation.

Groups submitting Resolutions are welcome to submit a version in other languages in parallel with the English version.

Approved Resolutions will be added to the website after the Congress in English, French and Spanish, as well as the original language.

Managing this Document

Rulebook requirement

4.3 (a) The GGC must publish draft Congress Procedures three months before each Congress. These must include a process by which the Procedures may be amended, including during the Congress.



Making changes

Any changes to this document must be approved by the Congress Working Group, and then approved by GGC. If it is not possible for GGC to meet in person, agreement can be obtained by email.

During Congress it may be necessary to make urgent changes, and these changes can be approved by GGC directly.

1. Global Greens Members

The Global Greens Coordination (GGC) recognises as Global Greens Members those who are recognised as current Full, Associate and Partner members by the relevant Federation. The 2022 Membership fee must be paid in full no later than 12 noon (local time) on 31 May 2023, or have been granted an exemption by the Federation.

2. Congress Delegates

(Reference: Rulebook section 4.1)

- 2.1. Each country with one or more Full Members is entitled to three voting delegates. If there is more than one Full Member in a country, they will negotiate among themselves how their entitlement is shared.
- 2.2. Each country with one or more Associate Members is entitled to three delegates with speaking rights. If there is more than one Associate Member in a country, they will negotiate among themselves how their entitlement is shared.
- 2.3. Each Partner is entitled to three delegates with speaking rights.
- 2.4. The Global Young Greens (GYG) is entitled to four delegates, one from each Federation, with speaking rights.
- 2.5. Green Parties need to identify their Delegates by submitting [this form](#).

Voting rights are summarised as:

	Full	Associate	Partner	GYG
Speaking rights	✓	✓	✓	✓
Table resolutions	✓	✓	not applicable	✓
Block resolutions	✓	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
Vote	✓	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable



According to the Global Greens Statutes 4.3 (d):

The Federations as such do not vote at Congresses and their interests are routinely represented there by their own constituent member parties. However the lead representative of any Federation may table a formal objection to any proposed resolution, decision or action arising at a Congress. In such a case the matter shall be deferred for reconsideration by the GGC, whose decision shall be final.

And the Rulebook 4.1 (e) states:

Delegates are expected to have previous and future commitment to their national party. Also they are expected to contribute to Congress by being a panellist, workshop facilitator or organiser, staffing the GG desk, or assisting in some other way, either during preparation, or at Congress. Member parties must provide confirmation of their 3 delegates who will have the authority to negotiate on their behalf.

3. Speaking Rights

- 3.1. All those who want to speak on resolutions or amendments will need to indicate whether they are speaking for or against the motion.
- 3.2. The number of speakers and the lengths of interventions can be limited by the Chair to ensure a timely session. A timetable may be used for this purpose.
- 3.3 Only delegates present in the room will have the opportunity to speak. Delegates attending remotely will need to work with their party delegate attending in person if they wish to participate

4. The Resolutions Committee

The Members of the Global Greens 2023 Resolution Committee are:

Global Greens Secretariat	Bob Hale Gloria Polanco Julia Krebs Frank Sheridan
African Greens Federation (AGF)	Anne-Marie Bhirabake
Asia Pacific Greens Federation (APGF)	Najah Jaroush



	Suresh Nautiyal
European Green Party (EGP)	Bodil Valero Ute Michel
Federation of the Green Parties of the Americas (FPVA)	Raul Guzman
Global Young Greens (GYG)	Liliane Pollmann
Advisor(s)	

You can contact the Resolution Committee by writing to congress.wg.resolutions@globalgreens.org.

- 4.1. A Resolutions Committee has been created to facilitate the development and adoption at congress of resolutions, other policy documents, and pertinent amendments.
- 4.2. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of at least 1 member from each Federation plus a Chairperson and Advisors as needed.
- 4.3. The Resolutions Committee is responsible for:
 - Developing procedures, templates and forms to facilitate the treatment of resolutions.
 - Deciding which resolutions and amendments are eligible for a discussion, vote and adoption at Congress, according to the eligibility criteria.
 - Advising the Global Greens Coordination (GGC) and Congress facilitators when they see possible issues of validity of tabled draft documents.
 - Evaluating the tabled amendments following the deadline and proposing compromise amendments to the authors if needed.
 - Participating in the Compromise Amendments Sessions for the normal and emergency resolutions at the Congress and facilitating discussions between all interested parties to seek satisfactory compromise texts to be put to the vote.
 - Proposing a block vote for non-controversial amendments.

5. Decision making

- 5.1. To reach decisions by consensus is the basis of the decision making process.
- 5.2. Full Members who are registered and present at congress may nominate proxies to participate and vote on their behalf.
- 5.3. Where a vote is needed, each voting Delegate will receive a means to exercise their votes.
- 5.4. A two-thirds majority of voting delegates (not including abstentions), representing at least 50% of those registered and present at congress, is required to pass a motion.
- 5.5. Dissenting and abstaining votes can be recorded via a written note to the Chair.
- 5.6. Only the Resolutions accepted by the Resolutions Committee will be given formal consideration by a plenary session of the congress.



5.7. Resolution proposals that are not given formal consideration will be presented to the congress delegates by being posted on a wall of the congress venue for viewing and upon which congress delegates can indicate their support for such resolutions by writing their Member Party's name directly on the posted form. Such texts are not considered adopted and therefore do not represent officially the view of the Congress.

6. Eligibility for Tabling Resolutions

6.1. Draft resolutions must be submitted by a Delegate of a member party. If an individual or non-member Green group would like to submit a Resolution, they must do so via a member party.
6.2. Draft Resolutions must follow the purpose and procedure for tabling, specified below.

7. Purpose of Resolutions

Resolutions may adopt a policy statement by the Congress or a specific political initiative, and should be of Global relevance and meaning.

8. Procedure for Resolutions

- 8.1. We use the EGP Resolution management tool called Antragsgrün and any delegate wanting to submit a Resolution will need to be provided with a login to this tool
- 8.2. Draft Resolutions are to be submitted in English to the Resolutions Committee electronically, and should not be more than 600 words long in total.
- 8.3. The Resolution must include the name and contact details of the Party submitting the resolution and of persons representing the parties who are submitting the resolution. Every resolution should have a preamble and an operative text. A separate background text may also be provided which serves as a reference document and is not put to vote.
- 8.4. The initial submission of a Resolution must have support from the party the submitter belongs to. The support of 5 groups in total is required before being finalised.
- 8.5 Support of a party comes via the Party Delegates
- 8.6 The Resolutions Committee is responsible for checking if the draft Resolutions are valid and in compliance with the eligibility criteria, and may start, if needed, consultation or clarification with the relevant parties and may initiate negotiations or propose compromise texts.
- 8.7. Immediately after this check, the Secretariat will publish on the Global Greens and/or Congress website the list of all valid draft Resolutions received and will circulate them to the Member Parties and Federations.
- 8.8 We will allocate a leader for each Resolution based on:
 - Interest in area
 - Work load



- Some connection with party raising it
- They will work with all relevant parties, the proposer, any amenders, supporters, other groups submitting a similar Resolution, etc.

9. Amendments

- 9.1. Proposed amendments must be submitted using Antragsgrün.
- 9.2. Only Congress delegates are entitled to table amendments.
- 9.3. Amendments must include the name and contact details of the party and of the persons representing the parties who are submitting the Amendment, and specify which specific text is being proposed to replace what original text.
Use Antragsgrün to submit Resolution Amendments
- 9.4. Amendments must be submitted to the Resolutions Committee at:
congress.wg.resolutions@globalgreens.org
- 9.5. Prior to Congress the Resolution Committee may run one or more online compromise amendment sessions to help bring people together and reach a consensus prior to Congress. These discussion sessions will be open to Delegates, and will be online only
- 9.6. At the Congress the Resolution Committee will run compromise amendment sessions as required. These discussion sessions will be open to Delegates. Those attending in person will be able to engage directly with the discussion group. Remote attendees may only be able to watch the livestream, and work indirectly through their Delegates who are in the room
- 9.7. A list of items to be voted on and the final status of amendments will be distributed at the earliest possible moment after these sessions.

10. Emergency Resolutions

- 10.1. Emergency or last minute resolutions will be accepted only if they are:
 - Urgent (to be substantiated, and validated by the Resolutions Committee)
 - Relate to a new political issue or event
 - Are relevant, or have been proposed by a Congress workshop session.
- 10.2. Amendments must be submitted to the Resolutions Committee at congress.wg.resolutions@globalgreens.org or they may also be handed in at the Resolutions Desk during the Congress.
- 10.3. A list of items to be voted on and the final status of amendments will be distributed at the earliest possible moment

11. Oral Amendments

- 11.1. Oral amendments may only be introduced during voting sessions at the discretion of the Chair and provided there is no objection from any delegation.



- 11.2. They should normally be restricted to clarifications or simple adjustments to the text.
- 11.3 The Chair must be sure to take remote participants into account

12. Voting and Approvals

- 12.1. At the Congress, the draft Resolutions and amendments, if any, will be presented, discussed and voted on.
- 12.2 If agreement cannot be reached, involved parties can move discussions to a breakout area to come up with agreed wording.
- 12.3. The Resolutions Committee decides at the beginning of the voting session on the order of voting on the Resolutions.
- 12.4. Voting will be online so Delegates in the room or attending remotely will all have the option to vote

13. Adopted Resolutions

- 13.1. Resolutions adopted by the Congress will be posted on the Global Greens website as the official position of the Global Greens and sent to all federations for distribution.
- 13.2. The GGC will be responsible for communicating the resolutions that need to be sent to any political authority.
- 13.3 Some Resolutions adopted by Congress may need changes to the Global Greens Statutes or Rulebook to implement. These will be registered and taken to the appropriate GGC meeting for approval.
Changes to the Statutes require a minimum of 3 months notice to Federations (Statutes section 8.2).
Changes to the Rulebook can be implemented at the next GGC meeting, which may be at Congress.

14. Timeline for Submitting Resolutions & Amendments

The timeline is in a separate document here:

[📄 Timeline / deadlines for decision-making process - Congress 2023](#)