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## **Resolution on International Student Participation in Student Democracy**

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During the 2016 Annual Assembly of the National Union of Students in Norway (NSO), 110,000 kroner was approved for the translation of documents and simultaneous audio translation for the 2017 NSO Annual Assembly (NSO LM). The NSO Executive Committee is required per their 2016-2017 Action Plan to follow through with the funding to ensure that these English translations are available.

This significant development creates an unprecedented opportunity for international students to participate in Norway's largest student democracy. The 25,000 international students in Norway pay approximately 800,000 kroner per semester to NSO. They must be active in the Annual Assembly of NSO to ensure their voices are heard in the democratic process.

International students can do this by becoming active in the student parliaments of their respective institutions. If international students engage in this way before the next NSO LM, they will then have the opportunity to become a delegate and represent their institution at the assembly. The ISU National Board can then reach out to the international student delegates to communicate the interests of ISU, and work to coordinate a cohesive representation of international students at the NSO LM.

The significant step made by NSO to provide English translations must be followed by an equal effort from international students to become involved in the NSO LM.

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Therefore, the ISU National Board in cooperation with the ISU local branches will:

- Prior to local elections, encourage international students to participate and run for representative positions in the student parliaments of their respective institutions
- Prior to the NSO LM, encourage international students to run to represent their student parliament as delegates at the NSO LM
- Coordinate between the ISU National Board, ISU local branches, and the international student delegates to the NSO LM, to cohesively represent the interests of international students in the democratic process at the NSO LM