

Operational principles for national / international work undertaken by or coordinated by TI-S and/or National Chapters

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I. For international work undertaken by TI-S and/or National Chapters it is proposed that:

1. The International Secretariat continues to focus its work on *all aspects of capacity development of National Chapters* as well as leading on selected TI global priorities, events and institutions on behalf of the movement with accountability to the International Board and Annual Members Meeting.
2. National Chapters, whilst essentially focussing on national issues, could also be asked or volunteer to take the lead on cross-national, regional or global issues on behalf of the movement with proper accountability in the final instance to the International Board and Annual Members Meeting.
3. The International Secretariat is tasked with the role to manage the task allocation (i.e., when a National Chapter is to undertake a specific one-off or ongoing task on behalf of the movement) and coordinate annual reporting to the International Board by those National Chapters doing international work.

II. For work undertaken through cooperation between TI-S and NC's on TI-S coordinated projects it is proposed that:

a) On TI-S coordinated projects dealing with a government, company/ies, or CSO/s in a single country where there is a National Chapter

The Secretariat:

- must consult with the National Chapter before, during and after the project; and
- must have the consent of the National Chapter before carrying out any actions.

The National Chapter:

- may only have its veto overturned by the Secretariat successfully appealing to the International Board.

The International Board:

- will rule on the appeal of the Secretariat within 14 days of receiving the request. The national interest, strategy and independence of the National Chapter will be strongly taken into account by the International Board.

b) On TI-S coordinated projects dealing with multiple governments, companies, or NGO's in multiple countries with National Chapters

The Secretariat:

- must consult with the National Chapters before, during and after the project; and
- should seek the consent of the National Chapter before carrying out any actions.

On all projects the Secretariat and the National Chapter will diligently seek to resolve any dispute that might arise. Failing to do so, and only as a last resort, the International Board would be asked to arbitrate.

TI-S will prepare an annual report for the AMM on the implementation of this policy.