

Policy Papers Regulations

Undoubtedly, the policy papers of CYC are an extremely important part of the organization, as the General Assembly gives the direction and the guidelines for the course of CYC regarding the advocacy of youth policies.

Due to the extremely busy schedule of the General Assembly, due importance is not given to discussion and adoption of policy papers during the GA. With the existing procedure/practice, the GA is broken down to discuss amendments which are not essential or issues that could have been resolved and agreed, before the GA.

Therefore, it should be taken for granted that there should be a more specified and organized process for submission and amendment of policy papers to make the process more meaningful as well as not to have a time-consuming process during the GA, while it can be arranged in a different way. As a final goal always remains the adoption of policy papers by the GA, but a decision was taken that most of the documents will be presented to the GA as an agreed text. Through a process that will take place before the GA.

By a decision of the board of CYC, on the 7th of September 2022, it has been decided to adopt the following procedure for the amendments with the aim of their adoption by the General Assembly of the Cyprus Youth Council.

Therefore, for the GA, the proposed deadlines for the above-mentioned procedure, are as follows:

19/09/2022: Inform the Member-Organizations (MOs) for the policy paper submission process.

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20/10/2022: Sending all the received policy papers to all MOs and inform them for the deadline for amendments.

26/10/2022: Policy papers amendments' submission deadline.

27/10/2022: Sending the received amendments to all MOs.

28/10/2022 -11/11/2022: Invitation to a meeting of the interested parties (MO that submitted the document, MO that submitted amendments) and attempt to compromise on the final text after the amendments.

19/11/2022: General Assembly of CYC.

- All policy papers which have not received any amendments or those which have received amendments but the final text was agreed between the MO submitting the policy paper and the MO submitting amendments, will be included in the GA Agenda only for adoption.
- All policy papers that received proposed amendments, but were not agreed between the MO submitting the policy paper and the MO submitting amendments, will be included in the GA agenda as items for discussion and each amendment will be discussed and voted.

It is noted that a policy paper can be submitted with the co-authority of 2 or more MOs, aiming the encouragement of synergies and collaborations between the MOs on the submission of policy papers with as much approval as possible.

It is also noted that in regards to the topics of policy papers that have been already discussed, voted and adopted by the GA, the MO(s) which is (are) interested to update the paper should present a proposal for updating the policy paper, by studying the existing document(s). The already adopted policy papers are listed on [CYC's website](#). Therefore, the deadline is the same as the deadline for the new policy papers submission and the amendment process applies as described above.

Finally, it is noted that if a tabled policy paper does not receive any amendments from the MOs, it is considered to have the approval of the MOs and will be placed on the GA Agenda simply for the approval without any further discussion.

For better and proper functioning of the procedures:

- Each MO, of CYC has the right to submit as many policy papers as they wish and which are directly related to youth.
- Policy papers must be submitted in Greek and English language.
- When the policy paper is approved by the simple majority (50+1%) of the MOs, then the document becomes an official position of the Cyprus Youth Council.
- When the policy paper is voted against by the MOs of CYC, then the document does not constitute an official position of the Cyprus Youth Council.
- Policy papers should be filled in the PP1 document below, for uniformity purposes.

PP1 Document

Policy Paper

Title of Policy Paper:.....
Organization(s):
Date of submission:

Summary (120 – 150 words):

Policy Positions (in bullet-points):

Example: *Government/ Ministry of ... / House of Representatives / Police should do:*

Policy Paper is voted by the General Assembly: YES / NO

Policy Paper (Title):
Organisation(s) (that submitted the Policy Paper):

Amendment 1:
From Organisation(s):

Paragraph:
Text line:

Suggestion:
(the word or paragraph to be replaced or to be deleted or in the paragraph to be added)

Approved: Yes...../ NO.....

Amendment 2:
From Organisation(s):

Paragraph:
Text line:

Suggestion:
(the word or paragraph to be replaced or to be deleted or in the paragraph to be added)

Approved: Yes...../ NO.....

Amendment 3:
From Organisation(s):

Paragraph:
Text line:

Suggestion:
(the word or paragraph to be replaced or to be deleted or in the paragraph to be added)

Approved: Yes...../ NO.....

Amendment 4:
From Organisation(s):

Paragraph:
Text line:

Suggestion:
(the word or paragraph to be replaced or to be deleted or in the paragraph to be added)

Approved: Yes...../ NO.....

Amendment 5:
From Organisation(s):

Paragraph:
Text line:

Suggestion:
(the word or paragraph to be replaced or to be deleted or in the paragraph to be added)

Approved: Yes...../ NO.....