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Title: **JEF Regional Networks**

Motion text

JEF Regional Networks - Internal Resolution

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JEF Europe,

- Recalling that JEF pursues its objectives through the coordination of its local, regional, national and European levels and the inclusion of its members in the work of the association;

- Recognising that JEF Europe, as a European and international organisation, works across a wide range of countries and regions through its national sections, and as their coordinating and umbrella body ensures coherence, inclusivity and balance in its activities and political priorities;

- Recognising that regional dynamics shape political, social and economic developments at the continental level, including those affecting young people, and that youth challenges and opportunities often take a different form from one region to another;

- Acknowledging that national sections and regional groupings bring contextual knowledge, capacity and proximity that deepen JEF Europe's

understanding of region-specific issues and allow tailored approaches to engagement, participation and project development;

- Acknowledging the contribution sections already make through research, advocacy, awareness-raising and event organisation on topics that benefit from regional expertise;

- Welcoming the regional cooperation frameworks already active in the network, such as the Young Europeans in the Nordics and Baltics and JEF Mediterranean;

- Convinced that regional cooperation complements and strengthens the work of JEF Europe when it rests on constructive collaboration, transparent communication and full adherence to the values, mission and political framework of JEF Europe;

- Convinced that structured recognition and coordination of regional cooperation strengthens JEF Europe's capacity to act as an inclusive and representative organisation that addresses both Europe-wide and region-specific challenges facing young Europeans.

Therefore, JEF Europe:

1. Recognises regional cooperation between JEF sections as a valuable part of the network that complements and enriches the work of JEF Europe, and defines regional cooperation networks as voluntary groupings of national sections that work together on shared regional priorities;

2. Affirms that regional cooperation networks are not statutory bodies of JEF Europe, hold no decision-making powers on behalf of JEF Europe, and act in line with the Statutes, values and political framework of JEF Europe;

3. Clarifies that the governance of regional JEF structures would be based on clear predetermined guidelines or statutes enshrined and maintain high internal standards of democracy, similar to other JEF bodies and sections;

4. Commits to support regional cooperation networks by entrusting them with specific tasks where their expertise adds value, by consulting them on region-specific matters and by facilitating structured dialogue between them and the statutory bodies of JEF Europe;

5. Mandates the Executive Board to designate one of its members as the contact person for regional cooperation, responsible for coordination with the networks and for keeping the Executive Board informed of their work;

6. Encourages regional cooperation networks to inspire and co-draft resolutions that bring region-specific perspectives into JEF Policy, and recognises that the national sections of a network may jointly submit a collective proposal to the Federal Committee or the European Congress when all participating sections approve it unanimously;

7. Invites the Federal Committee to consider setting up a Task Force on Regional Cooperation, involving representatives of the regional cooperation networks, to develop tools for regional cooperation and to channel region-specific input into the work of JEF Europe;

8. Calls on regional cooperation networks to maintain consistent and transparent communication with the Executive Board and the Secretariat, and to coordinate with JEF Europe any public communication or activity carried out in the name of JEF.

Reason

The resolution formally recognises voluntary regional cooperation between JEF sections as a valuable complement to JEF Europe’s work. It clarifies that regional networks are not statutory bodies and cannot make decisions on behalf of JEF Europe, while establishing principles for democratic governance, transparency and coordination. It also mandates an Executive Board contact person, encourages regional input into JEF policy and proposes considering a Task Force on Regional Cooperation.