



Umeå Association of International Affairs - UAIA

Steering Document

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Official Statements

When making official statements on the behalf of the UAIA, it is imperative that the following is considered:

- The overall situation
 - Different perspectives or underlying biases that can influence the response of any official statement
- The impact / response to any official statement
 - Depending on the situation, there may be negative consequences to taking an official stance. UAIA is politically and religiously independent and runs its activities based on the conviction of equality of all human beings (see §3 in the UAIA bylaws). Therefore it should stay political and religiously independent regardless of external pressures to take a stance.
- Keep in line with the values of the UAIA
 - As mentioned above, the UAIA is politically and religiously independent and runs its activities based on the conviction of equality of all human beings. It also runs its activities with equality as a central principle within the association and is a guideline in the choice of speakers, board and the subjects which are brought up. UAIA is based upon a firm belief in the United Nations (UN) Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Council of Europe's Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.
 - See §3 in the UAIA bylaws for further information regarding the principles of the UAIA.
- Consider possible consequences
 - E.g. not being able to cooperate with various actors in the future and thus jeopardize the ability to keep the equality of debate for future events.

- The stance of the SAIA and the other national members.