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Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the assessment of the two member organisations NOAL and Hashomer Hatzair from Israel

The Ad Hoc Committee was set up by the Control Commission in accordance with § 3.2 of the Statutes of the IFM-SEI to examine and evaluate the allegations that were submitted to the International Committee of the IFM-SEI during the meeting of 26-28.04.2024. According to § 3.2 of the statutes of the IFM-SEI, the mandate was to determine whether the revocation of the membership of the two organizations should be proposed to the Congress of the IFM-SEI.

The Ad Hoc Committee and its approach

The Ad Hoc Committee was composed of:

- Luis "Lucho" Jimenez Borra (Los Cachorros)
- Aminata Diallo Siva Ly (MNPS)
- Bernd Dobesberger (Kinderfreunde Austria)

The work of the Ad Hoc Committee was supported by Martin Adrians as Chairman of the Control Commission of the IFM-SEI and the Presidium and the Secretariat of the IFM-SEI, in particular in terms of organization and technology. In several online meetings, the following two steps were agreed: The two organizations from Israel were asked to comment on the allegations and the Ad Hoc Committee tried to get information from other sources.

The allegations against NOAL and Hashomer Hatzair

In the written application to the IC of the IFM-SEI, two central accusations were formulated: The first accusation - shown by photos on social media channels of the two Israeli organizations - is that members and activists of NOAL and Hashomer Hatzair show themselves as armed members of the Israeli army in activities of the member organizations. It is also stated that the images make it clear that the "civilian" members of NOAL and Hashomer Hatzair visibly support the armed army members in their upcoming military operations in the Gaza Strip or that the members of the armed forces influence the other members in the interests of the Israeli army.

The second accusation is directed in particular against NOAL, a map on the organization's homepage shows NOAL's places of activity and there it is determined that such places of activity can also be found in the West Bank.

The Ad Hoc Committee held discussions with experts for the region and its member organisations. Furthermore, the procurement of information was broadened, especially through media information.



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The following conclusions were drawn from this gathering of information:

- Due to compulsory military service in Israel, all (Jewish) citizens are drafted into the army for two or three years and can then be drafted as reservists for military operations. Therefore, members of NOAL and Hashomer Hatzair have also been drafted after October 7, 2023.
- In the intra-Israeli conflict between the (right-wing extremist) government of Israel and large parts of Israeli civil society, both member organizations position themselves against the government and for a negotiated solution to free the Israeli hostages.
- The Ad Hoc Committee could not obtain any information on NOAL's activities in the West Bank. Our interlocutors all said that they knew nothing about such activities. The map mentioned on the organization's homepage (as of 02.06.2025) also does not show any such places of activity. However, both organizations are known for consistently rejecting and politically opposing the settlement of the West Bank.
- And in order to be able to assess the mood in the two member organizations in Israel well, it is also important to note that the terrorist attack by Hamas on October 7, 2023 particularly affected Kibuzze of left-wing organizations such as the two member organizations and therefore many active or former members of the two organizations were among the death operas and among the abducted hostages.

Inference

The Ad Hoc Committee has made its recommendations and conclusions aware of the difficult situation in Israel and the catastrophic situation in the Gaza Strip:

Peace education is one of the goals and principles of IFM-SEI. In this respect, the positive reference to soldier members and also the support of war missions is to be regarded as a violation of this statutory objective.

An activity in occupied territory could not be proven beyond doubt.

The committee proposes that the Congress reprimand the activities of the two member organizations and call on the organizations to refrain from posting such postings in the future. The committee explicitly does not propose a termination of membership.