

PART 1. GENERAL

CHAPTER 1. STRATEGIC PLANNING

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1.1 Strategic Planning shall be an ever-present part of planning in ELSA. The Strategic Plan shall envisage means to fulfil the Philosophy Statement of ELSA. A Strategic Plan shall be adopted for five years during an International Council Meeting in the last year of the Strategic Plan in force.

1.2 In order to ensure the consistent implementation and evaluation of the Strategic Plan, the International Board of ELSA shall organise the International Strategy Meetings within each Strategic Planning Cycle of five years with the primary focus in the following order:

- a. the first International Strategy Meeting of a Strategic Planning Cycle shall revolve around outlining the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the subsequent years;
- b. the second, third, and fourth International Strategy Meetings of a Strategic Planning Cycle shall revolve around evaluating the implementation of specific Strategic Goals;
- c. the fifth International Strategy Meeting of a Strategic Planning Cycle shall revolve around drafting a new Strategic Plan for the subsequent Strategic Planning Cycle.

Article 2. Evaluation

2.1 The fulfilment of the Strategic Plan shall be evaluated by the International Board of ELSA by means of the Strategic Plan Yearly Report and the Strategic Plan Final Report.

2.2 The International Board of ELSA shall prepare the Strategic Plan Yearly Report and publish it by the 31st of July. It shall summarise the Strategic Plan and critically compare the level of achievement to previous results. The Strategic Plan Yearly Report shall be presented by the International Board of ELSA who elaborates the Report and discusses it at the first International Council Meeting of the subsequent term.

2.3 The Strategic Plan Final Report shall be finalised by the International Board of ELSA with updated information covering the entire duration of the Strategic Plan. It shall be ready for presentation at the first International Council Meeting after the last year of the Strategic Plan in force. It shall include overall information, final conclusions and statistics reflecting the fulfilment of the Strategic Plan as well as recommendations for the adoption of the succeeding Strategic Plan.

Article 3. Implementation

3.1 The International Board of ELSA and National Groups shall draft their respective One Year Operational Plans in compliance with the Strategic Plan of ELSA.

3.2 The International Board of ELSA shall create a Strategic Plan Implementation Handbook and send it to the National Groups 14 days before the opening of the first International Council Meeting, following the voting on the Strategic Plan. The Handbook shall include operational goals of the Strategic Plan, best practices, and useful tips for their implementation.