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**Refers to
agenda item 3.5-d**

Agenda Item: Policy 2.1 The Unified Secretariat

Summary

Policy 2.1 has been updated to reflect the new governance structure. In doing so, the word “unified” has been removed as well to bring more clarity to the understanding around the Secretariat.

Next plans and timelines

Upon implementation of the new Secretariat organogram, lessons learned will serve to update and improve this policy in 18 to 24 months from its current general nature.

Action Required

The Board of Trustees is asked **to approve** the updated Policy.

Policy 2.1

THE ~~UNIFIED~~ SECRETARIAT

1. All the employees of the IPPF Central Office, the Regional Offices and IPPF offices worldwide, shall comprise the IPPF Secretariat whose Chief Executive Officer shall be the Director-General.
2. It is the responsibility of the ~~Unified~~ Secretariat to interpret and apply in a consistent fashion the policies of the Federation in a manner that is in harmony with ~~regional and~~ Member Association realities and requirements.
3. The Secretariat should contribute to the evolution and initiation of policies for consideration by ~~international and regional~~ governing bodies responsible for policy decisions and ensure the involvement of the Members Associations as required ~~full involvement of the volunteers~~ in the development of these policies.
4. It is the responsibility of the Secretariat to serve the Member Associations effectively through a rational use of personnel and other resources and to manage IPPF resources effectively in the interests of global sexual and reproductive health including family planning.

As adopted by Central Council, November 1990

*As proposed for approval by the Board of Trustees, November 2020 ~~Last amended by
Governing Council, November 2000~~*