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**SUMMER CAMP REVISION**

There has been a declining trend in number of participants in the Summer Camps and IUSY Festivals for the past ten years. At the same time the costs of organising a camp/festival have increased steadily. There have also been discussions on irregular intervals of re-thinking the concept and organisation of the camps altogether.

The YES Presidium proposes to the Bureau, that the spring 2014 Bureau meeting will have an extensive discussion on the future of YES Summer Camps. This discussion need to be thorough and informative. Therefore the Presidium proposes that the Bureau mandate the Presidium to prepare a working paper on the Summer Camps before the next Bureau meeting. The Presidium would form a working group that would interview and consult any experts, Veterans or partners it sees necessary for the process.

The Bureau would give this working group the following questions to answer:

1. Why do we organise Summer Camps?
2. Definition of the concept of a Summer Camp (everything from ownership of the organisation to length, to location, time, content, finances and so on)
3. Wider international co-operation in organising the Summer Camps (synergies with IUSY, involving PES or others more and better)
4. Next steps in the process of re-thinking the Summer Camps

The idea is not to stop organising Summer Camps, but to ensure the financial and organisational stability of both YES and the organising MOs. We need to make sure we know why we do what we do, and how to meet the expectations of the members and the Member Organisations. The working paper presented for the Bureau can be a good beginning in this process. The Bureau has full discretion to come to other conclusions than the working group.

*Done at Vilnius, Lithuania, on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013.*

*Thomas Maes, Secretary General.*