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Environmental Policy of The Society of International Affairs in Gothenburg.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to enable guidelines and adopt a framework to take responsibility for reducing the negative climate and environmental impacts of the activities of The Society of International Affairs in Gothenburg, as well as a signal for the association's commitment to a sustainable and clean future. The most notable environmental footprint The Society of International Affairs in Gothenburg makes is in connection to the events held by The Society of International Affairs in Gothenburg and/or SAIA as well as travels to and from these events.

Transport

The Society of International Affairs in Gothenburg aims for minimal greenhouse gas emissions. The association should therefore constantly work towards reduced emissions from transportation.

- The least polluting travel alternative should always be prioritized by participants and organizers going to and from events where they have represented The Society of International Affairs in Gothenburg unless other policies or instructions state otherwise.

Purchases

The association seeks to assure that all purchases are made with consideration for the environment. By choosing the most sustainable products and avoiding single-use items the environmental impacts of consumption can be reduced. The association should strive to avoid purchases and other consumption that leads to unnecessary amounts of waste.

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- When buying goods, The Society of International Affairs in Gothenburg should consider the environmental impact of the production and transportation of those goods.
- At all The Society of International Affairs in Gothenburg events, all food served should be vegetarian, this to avoid the large emissions from the production of meat products. When purchasing food for events The Society of International Affairs in Gothenburg should be considerate so that the amount of waste and uneaten food is kept at a minimum.
- All participants and organisers of the association's events should be encouraged to bring their own food and drink containers i.e. coffee mugs, water bottles and cutlery.
- If The Society of International Affairs in Gothenburg provides cutlery, mugs, water bottles or other merchandise these should be reusable and produced as environmentally friendly as possible, and the items should also be reusable. In the case of single-use products are the only choice available, environmentally disposable material should be used, and representatives for The Society of International Affairs in Gothenburg should inform participants of the location of recycling bins.

Environmental Awareness

The changing climate and the pollution of the environment are increasingly discussed in the foreign policy debate. The Society of International Affairs in Gothenburg should strive to give the topics of a changing climate and environmental perspectives a place in the foreign policy debate.