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## FDI Annual Subscription Fee: A Call for Reform

The dental associations in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden co-signing this letter hereby challenge the FDI Council to propose necessary changes to rules and regulations concerning the FDI Annual Subscription Fee.

### Revisiting the Calculation Formula

The annual subscription fee, determined by an equation involving the number of members (M), Gross National Income (GNI), and a fixed multiplier ( $X = 0.07512622$ ), warrants scrutiny, particularly regarding the GNI component. The reality is that Regular Member Associations (RMAs) within the FDI wield no influence over their respective national economies. Moreover, fluctuations in national GNI do not directly impact the dental community's income within these countries, whether they operate within the Public Dental Health Service or private practice. Therefore, it is evident that the current formula requires reevaluation to establish a more equitable and sustainable fee calculation system for the future, a decision that should be entrusted to the General Assembly.

### Minimum Subscription Fee Concerns

Analysis of the financial data presented in the General Assembly Binder 2023 for the year 2022 reveals concerning trends. Out of the 151 RMAs contributing membership fees, a significant 50 RMAs are only paying the minimum subscription fee of 260 Swiss Francs (SF), collectively amounting to 13,000 SF. Furthermore, 24 RMAs each contribute an annual subscription fee exceeding the total of all 50 minimum fee payers. This discrepancy underscores the unsustainable burden placed on a minority of FDI members.

## **Addressing Structural Concerns**

It's worth noting that according to § 1.1.6 of the FDI Constitution, the multiplier (X) and minimum annual subscription fee are to be determined annually by the General Assembly based on Council recommendations. However, the transparency of these decisions and their documentation within the General Assembly Binder or Minutes remains unclear.

## **Proposing change**

In light of these findings, we respectfully urge the FDI Council to prioritize this matter and propose revisions to the calculation formula for the FDI Annual Subscription Fee. These proposals should aim to address the disproportionate burden carried by a subset of RMAs, potentially through adjustments to the minimum fee structure. Additionally, suggestions for enhancing transparency in decision-making processes surrounding fee determinations would greatly benefit the FDI community

On behalf of the following Nordic dental associations;

### **Danish Dental Association**

*Finnish Dental Association*

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### **Norwegian Dental Association**

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Best regards

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