

Agenda Item 15

Advice on 'Ongoing' Action Points

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'Ongoing' Action Points from Working Groups - Proposals for Consideration of the Advisory Committee

Action Requested

- Take note
- Provide guidance

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**‘ONGOING’ ACTION POINTS FROM WORKING GROUPS -
PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

1. In conjunction with the 18th Meeting of the Jastarnia Group (JG) in March 2022, a procedural question regarding ‘ongoing’ Action Points (AP) was raised. This refers to the action points coming from JG that are carried over from previous year(s). One of the concerns was that including re-occurring points may give a wrong impression to uninformed / new readers that all tasks are completely new.
2. The matter was first raised in JG13 in 2017, where 72 APs had arisen from JG12. It was considered difficult for policy makers to elevate such a large number of actions, and it was difficult to determine when the points had first been proposed. Participants to JG13 were concerned that many of the APs had been around for many years, but implementation was lagging behind. Consequently, the list of APs was shortened and put into a table format. ([JG13/Report](#), p.3).
3. The Advisory Committee is requested to provide guidance on how APs will be recorded in future. Options the Advisory Committee may wish to consider include:
 - a) To allow Working Groups to continue producing APs and recommendations in the format they wish. APs and recommendations will continue to be shared with the Advisory Committee for endorsement, either intersessionally via email correspondence or for the AC meeting, and AC can object including text in the list at that point;
 - b) To allow Working Groups to continue producing APs and recommendations as they wish, but mark the points that have been carried over, noting the meeting where the point was listed or when last edited;
 - c) To agree that old APs will only be retained for a period of 3 years (could apply to either a) or b) above).
4. ‘Ongoing’ APs also occur in other Working Groups, therefore the guidance from the Advisory Committee would apply to those as well.