Policy on Country Naming Conventions

PURPOSE

CISV operates internationally though National and Promotional Associations (referred to as NAs for the rest of this document).

Generally, there is one NA per country, named for that country (with the commonly used name of the country). However, we recognize that an NA may be located:

- In a country where there is a difference between the country name commonly used and the official name of the country.
- In a country where there are conflicting positions on the official name of the country.
- In a location that is not recognized as a country.
- In a country where there are legal requirements about the names of organizations and their registration.

The purpose of this policy is to clarify how CISV, as a non-political and non-denominational organization, will use and communicate country names or the name of CISV NAs.

SCOPE

This policy applies across CISV (International, NAs, and Chapters) to any communication relating to international programmes, meetings, or events. This policy does not apply to the name under which an NA registers itself within the laws of the country in which it is located.

POLICY

CISV International relies on our representatives in our NAs and Chapters to select an appropriate name for their CISV organization that will indicate where it is located.

In referring to countries, CISV will use the commonly used name by which countries are globally known. The names of NAs to be used internationally will be structured as "CISV [name of i.e. country/state/nation].

If there is a conflict around the use of a name, CISV International will use the naming convention approved by the United Nations and will request that Members do the same.

In the case of a dispute that is brought to our attention, CISV International will take a balanced and equitable approach. We will seek to develop an understanding of the situation and come to an agreed way forward with the NAs directly involved with a view to fairness, consistency, clarity and ease of understanding, and communication within the global CISV community.