

“MUTUALS WELCOME THE RECOGNITION OF THE ROLE OF THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY AS AN IMPORTANT DRIVER FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS”

AIM REACTS TO THE ADOPTION OF THE UN RESOLUTION ON PROMOTING THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Following ILO’s Resolution concerning decent work and the social and solidarity economy in June 2022 and United Nations Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy meeting last December, the United Nations General Assembly has adopted on April 18th, the first resolution “Promoting the Social and Solidarity Economy for Sustainable Development”. This resolution provides an official set of key features for the Social and Solidarity Economy and acknowledges that it can contribute to the achievement and territorialisation (territorial anchoring) of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

“This is a significant moment for mutuals and the whole Social Economy. The resolution will help to increase visibility of the mutualist movement and its activities as part of the Social and Solidarity Economy family”, says Loek Caubo, AM President.

AIM welcomes that the resolution acknowledges that SSE contributes to the achievement of the SDGs.

AIM welcomes the recognition by the UN resolution on the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) of the contribution of the SSE to the achievement and territorialisation (territorial anchoring) of the SDGs. SSE indeed plays a key role as in the provision of social services, such as those related to health and care, education and skills training, environmental protection, the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women as well as the strengthening of the production of goods or services by citizens and including citizens in vulnerable situations. SSE also contributes to the promotion of the social dialogue, labour rights and social protection. AIM emphasizes the importance of the resolution mentioning explicitly mutual benefit societies as part of the SSE.

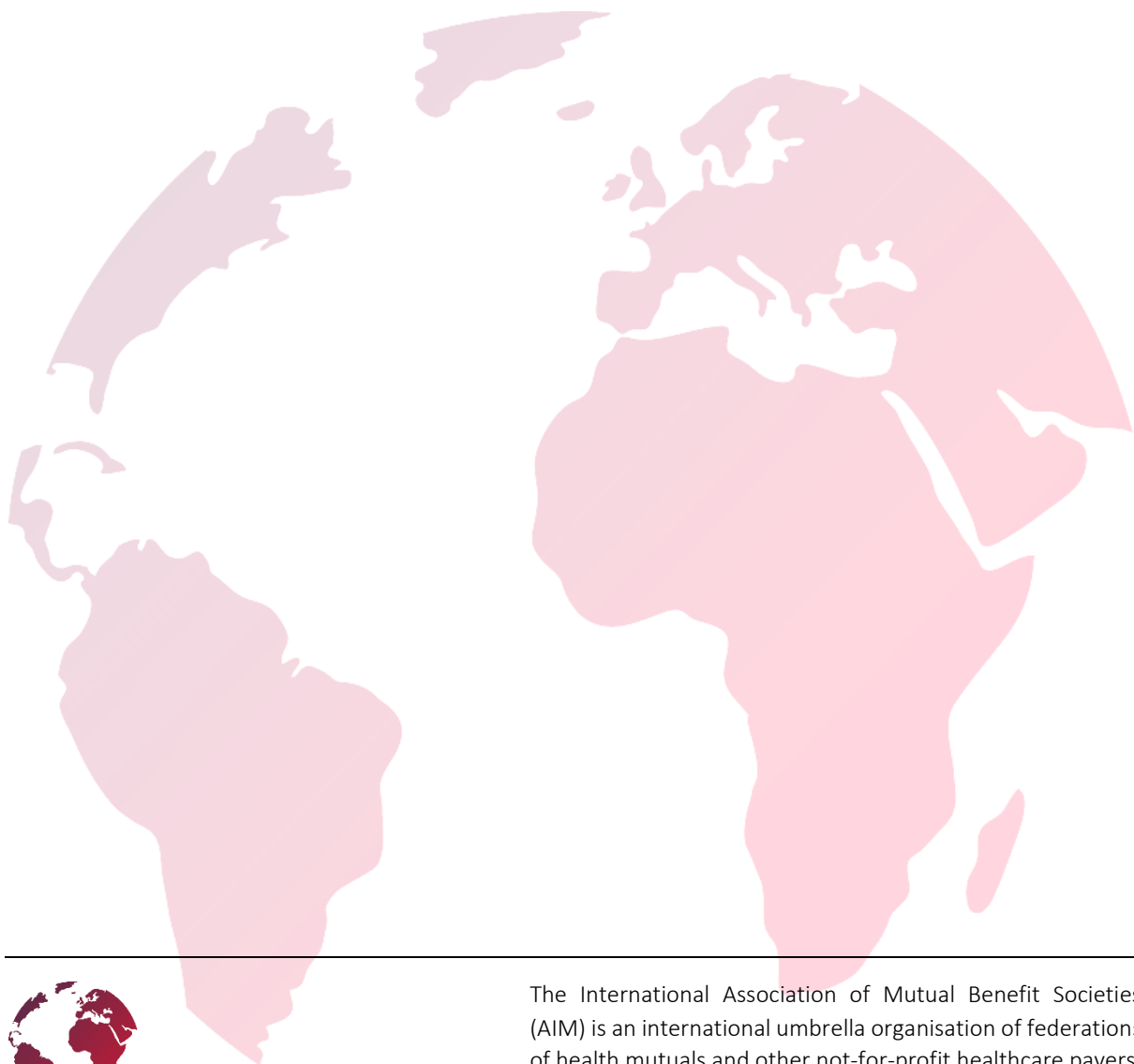
AIM supports the implementation of strategies for enhancing SSE through dedicated legal frameworks.

The resolution encourages the UN Member States to promote and implement national, local and regional strategies, policies and programmes for supporting and enhancing the SSE through dedicated legal frameworks, national statistics, fiscal and public procurement incentives, education curricula and capacity-building and research initiatives as well as reinforcing entrepreneurship and business support. AIM also welcomes that the resolution calls multilateral, international and regional financial institutions and development banks to support the social and solidarity economy, including through existing and new financial instruments and mechanisms adapted to all stages of development of SSE organisations.

AIM emphasizes the importance of the implementation of the present resolution.

AIM specifically welcomes the request to the Secretary-General to prepare a report, within existing resources, in collaboration with the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy, on the implementation of the present resolution, taking into consideration the contribution of the social and solidarity economy to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. AIM members are committed to fulfilling the 2030 Agenda of Sustainable Development

Goals and to contributing to their implementation, on particular as actors of social protection in the health sector, which is a fundamental component of decent work, the fight against poverty, the reduction of social injustice, the promotion of social cohesion and the realisation of the right to health through universal health coverage.



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around 230 million people around the world, including close to 200 million people in Europe, on a not-for-profit basis. Some AIM members also manage health and social services. Collectively, they have a turnover of almost €300 billion. Members are either mutual or health insurance fund. They are private or public legal entities; solidarity based; not-for-profit orientations: surpluses are used to benefit the members; democratically elected members play a role in the governance of the organisation.

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