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Green Cross Switzerland takes a position on the allegations of Green Cross International

Currently there are discrepancies between the assessments of Green Cross Switzerland and Green Cross International concerning the financial situation of Green Cross International.

Every national Green Cross organisation is obligated to pay dues to Green Cross International based on its revenues. According to Martin Bäumle, President of the Board of Trustees of Green Cross Switzerland, the Chief Executive of Green Cross International (GCI) so far has not been prepared to provide the necessary information concerning the financial situation of GCI so that the remaining payment for 2016 can be transferred. Martin Bäumle explained the situation as follows: "Pursuant to the written agreement with Green Cross International our membership payments are earmarked for Green Cross projects and must not be used otherwise." Bäumle went on to say: "Regrettably, the figures of Green Cross International that we have available indicate liquidity problems and call for urgent measures to be undertaken for a financial reorganisation". As soon as the follow-up procedures were defined at the upcoming GCI Board meeting, we will inform further.

With its programmes Social and Medical Care and Legacy of the Cold War, Green Cross Switzerland is committed to overcome the consequential damages from industrial and military disasters and the clean-up of contaminated sites. The access to clean water is supported by the Water-Life-Peace programme. A top priority is the improvement of the quality of life of people affected by chemical, radioactive and other kinds of contamination, and the promotion of sustainable development in the spirit of cooperation instead of confrontation.

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