**IFLRY Executive Committee minutes – 13-14 November 2015 Santo Domingo**

Minutes by IFLRY auditor Robert Landheer and IFLRY Executive Assistant Rhiannon Clapham.

1. **Opening**

IFLRY President Christian Scharling opens the EC at 20:20h on 13 November. He gives the opening word to Victor Bisono (MP, CAPP President) and Jatzel Roman (CAPP International Officer).

1. **Roll Call & Voting Rights**A roll call is performed by Treasurer Daniel George. All organisations that are member organizations and are in good standing (meaning no debts) have one vote in the Executive Committee and can have more votes in the General Assembly. President Christian mentions that there is no quorum present. So decisions made at the EC are not yet valid, and have to be ratified at the next GA.

JEL Argentina (present)

EL Brazil (not yet)

LYC Canada (not voting)

JNC Catalonia (5 votes in GA)

PLC Chile (not present, guest)

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Costa Rica (present, guest)

RU Denmark (not voting)

Dominican Republic (not voting, candidate member)

SU Finland (voting)

JuLiS Germany (voting, 6 votes in GA)

Honduras (not voting due to debt)

Future Youth Lebanon (voting, 5 votes in GA)

Students for Liberty Mexico (guest)

Jonge Demcoraten The Netherlands (voting, 5 votes in GA)

JOVD The Netherlands (not present)

Senegal (applicant member)

LUF Sweden (voting, 4 votes in GA)

Liberal Youth UK (voting, 4 votes in GA)

YDA USA (present, not voting)

Venezuele (guest)

1. **Appointment of Officers**Scrutineers: Dirkjan Tijs ( JD), Anders (LUF), Erik (JuLiS) are appointed by the EC by acclamation.
2. **Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting**The minutes of the previous meeting are adopted by the EC by acclamation. Robert is looking for another minute takes, and will approach some one tonight.
3. **Adoption of the Agenda**The agenda is adopted by the EC by acclamation. A one minute silence is being held for the terrorist attacks in Paris. A resolution will be made tomorrow. Also a group picture will be made tomorrow.
4. **Adoption of Annual Report, Office Report and Bureau Members Reports**Bobby Dean (VP) presents his Bureau Report. Furthermore Bobby mentions that the interim website will soon be made definitive.
Danylo Korbabicz (VP) talks about his activities the past time. Danylo has been very busy with many international activities and programmes, besides his campaign activities in Canada.

Ahmad al Rachwani (VP) presents his Bureau Report.
Stanislav Anastassov (VP) is not present. Christian explains that he got appointed as a minister of environment, and that he now is parliamentary delegation leader in the national parliament.

Daniel George (Treasurer) explains that the next day there will be a session dedicated to finances. IFLRY looks financially stable, the office has expanded with two executive assistants, and more money is flowing to the programmes.

Frerik Kampman (Secretary General) will present his bureau report the next day. It is adopted on the next day by the EC.

Christian Scharling (President) presents his bureau report. He also mentions that this will be his last mandate in the IFLRY Bureau.

Mane Manukyan (Executive Director) cannot present the office report due to falling ill suddenly. Christian presents the report on behalf of Mane. Rihannon and James are new executive assistants. Rihannon has to resign soon due to study reasons.

The Annual Report 2015 Interim is presented by Christian.

**--GA Adjourned at 21:30—**

**--GA Reopened at 9:50h at 14 November 2015—**

A Roll Call is performed by Secretary General Frerik Kampman.

JNC Catalonia, 1 vote.

SU Finland, 1 vote.

JuLiS Germany, 1 vote.

JOVD The Netherlands, 1 vote.

JD The Netherlands, 1 vote

LUF Sweden, 1 vote

FM Lebanon, 1 vote

LY UK, 1 vote

No quorum is obtained, the meeting will continue with the decision having to be formalized by a next GA where a quorum is met.

1. **Membership Applications**1. Fédération Marocaine des Jeunes Liberaux (Morocco) – application postponed till next meeting

2. CAPP – Centro de Análisis para Políticas Públicas (Dominican Republic) – because no documents are filed before the EC, the discussion of candidate membership is being postponed to a next meeting. Instead observer status is being discussed.

CAPP International Officer Jatzel Roman holds a presentation. Question about what CAPP’s understanding of liberalism is. Answer: democracy needed to support liberalism. A law proposal got accepted from CAPP to give citizens more rights in determining where city money is being spent on. Question whether CAPP represents the cultural diversity of the Dominican Republic. Answer is that CAPP takes this diversity into account. IFLRY Treasurer Daniel George asks about the €150 membership fee, answer is that CAPP can pay this easily. 2015 budget totals $16,000 and 2000 members.

EC decides to grant CAPP observer member status. Condition set by the EC to observer membership is that the due documents for membership are submitted before 2016 and approved at the next GA. Observer membership is valid for a 1 year period. 7 in favor and 1 abstention.

3. CEEP – Coordination des Elèves et Etudiants Patriotes (Senegal, candidate membership) – Samsoudine Sadio takes the floor to present the CEEP to the EC. LUF asks about the opinion of CEEP about LGBT rights. Answer is that the country is highly religious (Islamic and Christian) and it is not generally accepted but CEEP considers some private freedoms. GA’s are held every 3 years where members can influence policy. Question from JuLiS about patriotism in CEEP’s statutes, answer is that liberalism and patriotism go hand in hand. Question from JD about examples of liberal policies of CEEP. Treasurer Daniel George asks about the annual membership fee, answer is that CEEP will be able to pay their dues. SU asks about the most important political topics of CEEP. Answer is mainly student rights. IFLRY Treasurer Daniel George asks which organisation is applying, as the statutes mention many parties. Answer is that the student’s party is applying, and the statutes reflect all parties under the umbrella of the national party.

Christian comments on behalf of the Bureau. The president of MPD Dr. Aliou Sow is a former IFLRY Vice-President, and the student branch is applying for membership. JuLiS asks about the reason behind this party being newly founded, away from a current Liberal International MO. IFLRY VP Bobby Dean answers that this new party is indeed liberal, and specific details about the recent split up are unknown. JOVD asks about their status, answer from Christian is that they apply for candidate membership, and if CEEP does not apply for full membership in three years, they are disaffiliated.

A vote is conducted by the EC about the candidate membership of CEEP. By 7 votes and 2 abstention CEEP is accepted as candidate member by the EC. Because no Chorum is met, the decision still has to be ratified by a next GA.

4. Alianza Joven (Mexico) – application postponed until next meeting

1. **Resolutions**Resolution 1: Integrating non-formal education in school. (Movers: Liberal Cooperation-project, consisting of Future Youth, 3H-movement and NUV)
A discussion is carried about whether politics should influence the way of teaching.
Amendment 1 LY: adopted by 5 in favour, 1 against and 2 against.

Resolution as amended: 4 in favor, 4 against. Resolution not carried.

Resolution 2: Resolution to combat tax avoidance and tax evasion among foreign investors in developing countries. (moved by Svensk Ungdom - Swedish Youth of Finland.)
A debate is held about whether large companies will still invest in emerging economies when tax regulations are more stringent.
Amendment 1 JuLiS: ‘ tax evasion occurs’ carried.

Amendment 2 JuLiS: ‘ IMF provides’ carried.
Resolution as amended: resolution is adopted by the EC with 1 vote against and the rest in favor.

Resolution 3: Legalize it! Legalizing Marijuana as an Important Step Towards More Sensitive, Modern-Day Drug Policies. (moved by Junge Liberale (JuLis) from Germany)

Amendment 1 JOVD: ‘withdrawal of all the above mentioned international treaties that prevent countries to legalize specific drugs’ is carried.

Amendment 2: ‘the many lives’ is carried.
Resolution as amended: is carried by 7 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

Resolution 4: Resolution on the Presidential Election in Belarus. (moved by LUF from Sweden)
Resolution is carried by the EC.

Resolution 5: Time to save lives.

Moved by LUF from Sweden.

Amendment 1 JuLiS: add ‘as liberals have always been advocate of free migration (...) secure open borders in the long run’ carried by the EC.

Amendment 2a SU: deleting ‘if possible’ carried.
Amendment 2b JOVD: “deletion of considerations 2 and 3” is not carried by the EC.

Resolution as amended: is carried by the EC.

Resolution 6:

Saudi Arabia, a dangerous leader (Moved by LUF from Sweden)

Not discussed due to time constraints.

Resolution 7:

For a Free Venezuela (Moved by the IFLRY Bureau, the Latin America Programme & the Human Rights Programme)
A discussion is held on the topic that many of these findings are not generally covered by for instance European media, so MOs can fulfill their duties here to spread the word of the events happening in Venezuela for raising awareness.
Amendment 1 LY: ‘The IFLRY Latin America Programme creates (...) for all MOs to take part in’ unanimously carried.
Resolution as amended in English: unanimously carried by the EC.

**--EC is adjourned during the Extraordinary GA mentioned in the separate minutes--**
**--EC resumed on 14 Nov 2015 at 17h--**Frerik Kampman discusses his Bureau Report, see agenda point 6.

Urgency Resolution on the recent Attacks in Paris and Beirut

The resolution is voted urgent by the EC and thus discussed.

The resolution is carried by the GA.

1. **Adoption of the Financial Reports**
2015 Interim reports concerning the profit & loss 2015, balance and interim audit 2015 are discussed.

**Interim Financial Report**

* Treasurer Daniel George presents the interim financial report of 2015.
* Only informative as 2015 is still ongoing.
* Daniel: Finances and budget positive. Should make profit between 5000-10000 euros to be moved to equity. Best financial position for a long time.
* Need €60,000 in savings minimum. Enough to run organisation for 1 year. With conservative budgets, savings, this state can be reached in 5/6 years. Slow, but previously no budgets at all.

**Auditory Interim Report**

* Internal Auditor Robert Landheer presents the interim audit report of 2015.
* IFLRY financial year same as calendar year, so only interim
* Balances – still huge amount of debt, 170,000. Inflates balance of IFLRY artificially. Questions asked by UK tax office.
* Taken this out, IFLRY has 60,000.
* Solidarity fund – if look at bookkeeping not always clear. We can calculate it, but it would be better if this was in a separate bank account – make it clearer. Recommendation
* Website: For 1.5 years there hasn’t been a finished website. In order to communicate globally, need a website. Need a launch date for bureau. Proposal: February 1st. Before
* Statutory issues: GA in Istanbul will look at statutes. TO change IFLRY needs transparent debate, need documents on time. Published fair amount of time before Congress

Discussion:

* Thanks to Daniel and Robert. Necessary to reduce debt
* Daniel: this is why it is necessary to suspend membership with debt
* Notes re lateness of financial and audit report: due to wanting to report on first 3 quarters

1. **Adoption of Budget and Membership Fee Statute, Solidarity Fund, Reduced Membership Fees**

**Draft Budget Proposal 2016**

* Not final, need to present at GA. In some places there are not final grant agreements.
* Changes: reduced outlook of collection of membership. Despite work of bureau, many organisations are not coming back to good standing.
* Income from 47,000-50,000
* Pax fee income: value for participation improving. Making it easier for more people to apply for
* Costs for staff going up. Two assistants – 15 hour contract, 30 hours a week.
* 2016 – hope to move 5000-10,000 to reserves. Estimation of this currently conservative –
* Solidarity fund – remaining funds will stay in for following years
* Events: Those that are already planned. There may be more grant applications coming in, more deadlines for Erasmus KA2. May be more income from this, if it is applied for.

Vote in favor of adoption: passed, all in favor of the budget 2016.

**Adoption of membership fee statute 2016**

* No changes to 2015 – data the same
* Vote carried – all in favour

**Solidarity fund applications**

* Fund created 4 years ago, all members pay 5% solidarity
* Those in debt can apply for this fund to get out of debt cycle, return to good standing
* 1916 euros currently in fund

Applications

Juventud Liberal Radical – Paraguay

* Excessive debt – 15,000 euros
* Membership fee – max off 5,000. This due to lack of contact, membership numbers over 400,000.
* Number of members has now been corrected to 1,000 – budget of 700 euros
* Robert auditor suggestion: As membership fee miscalculated, based on incorrect numbers, debt be wiped exceptionally
* Joao – representing Juventud Liberal Radical: discussion of difficulties faced by organisations who have may many members signed up, but few active. Political situation in Paraguay – federal government should give political parties funds as a basic budget, but this has been denied recently by the government. They have shown positive contact, strong desire to be members.
* Questions/debate
* On what is the new number based? Are they confirmed, by who?
* Response by Daniel, treasurer: there are many political parties in IFLRY without strict membership rules, something we have to deal with
* Bobby Liberal Youth: move away from Eurocentric lens, a Eurocentric understanding of what membership means.
* Joao, LA Programme Manager: Emphasizes these issues, in LA often necessary to estimate. This estimation is realistic.
* Daniel, treasurer: If cutting extensive debt, recalculating based on new numbers, for the revised figure to not be put on a solidarity fund
* Final proposal: Membership fee reduced to 195 euros a year in line, debt remaining this quantity for 3 years.
* This proposal carried with 2 abstentions

Azerbaijan – Dalga Youth Movement

* Previously not very active with IFLRY, but increased action recently.
* Daniel, treasurer: speaks in favor of accepting this solidarity fund application, return them to good standing.
* Voted carried

Mladi NHS

* Situation: Organisation has been in contact, explanation that there is a grave financial situation. They do not have a budget, relies on donations from Mother Party. Mother Party is also in financial turmoil.
* Debate:
* Sven Julis: concerns raised. There are many applications like this, there does not appear to a positive future outlook. Proposal to only cover one year with the solidarity fund.
* Daniel: Possible to reduce amount, ask Mladi to pay a reduced amount – this would send a positive message.
* Concern: will this only be a solution for 1 year? We may be reducing debt without being aware whether they can pay at all. Proposal – should pay full 755 or nothing
* Julis: Response – this is a first step towards
* Vote on proposal of covering 250
* Vote carried, all in favour

**Reduced membership fee applications 2016**

Juventud Liberal Radical

* Requested amount – 50 euros
* Daniel: does not give a positive or negative recommendation. However, debt has just been reduced considerably
* Discussion:
* Bobby Liberal Youth: As reduced membership fee is considered a temporary 1 year reprieve, do they look able to pay the increased year by 2017?
* Joao, response: The problem is paying old debts, and accruing new ones. It is looking positive that the payments from the government will be regularized in the future. So, yes this does look positive.
* Clarification, as they are currently suspended this is conditional to them paying their reduced debt. If not, they will not be billed for 2016.
* Application passed without abstention

Mladi NHS

* Again, they are suspended and they will not be billed if they do not pay the 500.
* Daniel: If they do pay the 500 euros, this will be a sign of good will. Will prevent getting into debt cycle
* Proposal (Bobby) – to reduce to 215 instead of 50 – this with debt will be equal to their yearly fee, if they can pay this will show signs they can pay membership in future.
* Proposal passed without abstention

1. **News from Member Organisations
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2. **Any Other Business**
Decision to take down an article of the Libel by the Bureau is being discussed.
3. **Date and place of next meeting**
The next GA will be in Istanbul in March or April 2016 in Istanbul.
4. **Closing**

The meeting is closed at 18:25h by Christian.

**IFLRY Extraordinary General Assembly Minutes - 14 November 2015 Santo Domingo**Minutes by IFLRY Auditor Robert Landheer.

1. **Opening**IFLRY President Christian Scharling opens the extraordinary General Assembly on 14 November 2015 at 15:25h. The need of this meeting is to discuss membership issues that only a GA can decide on.
2. **Roll Call & Voting Rights**
No Quorum has been reached. Decisions of this Extraordinary GA have to be accepted by the next GA with quorum.

JNC Catalonia has 5 votes.

SU Finland has 3 votes.
JuLiS Germany have 6 votes.
FU Lebanon has 5 votes
JOVD NL has 4 votes
JD NL have 5 votes
LUF have
LY UK have

1. **Appointment of Chairs & Officers**
The Bureau proposes to appoint the Bureau to chair this extraordinary EC.
2. **Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting**
Have been adopted by acclamation, if finished.
3. **Adoption of the Agenda**
The agenda has been adopted by acclamation.
4. **Membership Issues**
Some Member Organisations with a debts outstanding for more than 3 years are to be disaffiliated.

The following organisations are **disaffiliated** by the GA, with the exception of the organisations 4, 11, 12 as described.

1. Alliance Youth (United Kingdom) – Suspended for 2015

2. Azerbaijan Liberal Youth Association (Azerbaijan) - Suspended for 2015

3. Australian Young Democrats (Australia) – Suspended for 2015

~~4. Cairo Liberal Forum (Egypt) – Suspended for 2015~~ - moved to suspension list instead after discussion in the GA.

5. Circulo Liberal (Uruguay) – Suspended for 2015

6. Cluburile Studențești Liberale (Romania) – Suspended for 2015

7. Femme Actuelle Liberale (Côte d'Ivoire) – Suspended for 2015

8. Free Youth Front (Egypt) – No membership fee for three consecutive years and no contact

9. Ghanase Liberal Student Association GHALSA (Ghana) – Suspended for 2015

10. Kabataang Liberal ng Pilipinas (Philippines) – Suspended for 2015

~~11. Mouvement des Jeunesses Travaillistes (Senegal) – Suspended for 2015~~ moved to suspension list instead after voting in the GA.

~~12. Mouvement des Étudiants et des Élèves Libéraux (Senegal) – No membership fee payment for three consecutive years and no positive contact~~ moved to suspension list after voting by the GA.

13. NPP-YOUTH WING (Ghana) – Suspended for 2015

14. Samband ungra framsóknarmanna (Iceland) – Suspended for 2015

15. Taiwan Young Democratic Union (Taiwan) – Suspended for 2015

16. Tineretul National Liberal (Romania) – Suspended for 2015

17. Young Democrats of Singapore (Singapore) – Suspended for 2015

The following organisations are **suspended** as members by the GA due to open payment of membership fees:

1. Democratic Alliance Youth (South Africa) – Suspended for 2015, however, positive contact

2. L2 (Belgium) – No membership fee payment for three consecutive years

3. Mlada Liberalna Demokracija (Slovenia) – No membership fee payment for three consecutive years

4. Mladi Hrvatske Narodne Stranke (Croatia) – No membership fee payment for three consecutive years

5. Rassemblement des Jeunes Republicains (Côte d'Ivoire) – Suspended for 2015, however, positive contact

6. Young Democrats of America (USA) – Suspended for 2015, however, positive contact

7. Institute Politico para la Libertad (Peru) – Suspended for 2015, however, positive contact

8. Juventud Liberal Radical Auténtica (Paraguay)– Suspended for 2015, however, positive contact

9. Juventud Liberal de Honduras (Honduras) – Suspended for 2015, however, positive contact

10. Union Columbiana de Jovenes Democratas (Columbia) – Suspended for 2015, however, positive contact

11. Liberalno Demokratska Mladina (Macedonia) – Suspended for 2015, however, positive contact

12. Mladi Liberali Bosne i Hercegovine (Bosnia-Hercegovina) – Suspended for 2015, however, positive contact

Remarks are made about the disaffiliations and suspensions, that IFLRY should make sure that with leadership changes in MOs, good contact is kept.

1. **Any Other Business**
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2. **Date and place of the next meeting**The next GA will be in Istanbul, Turkey in March or April 2016.
3. **Closing**
The Extraordinary GA is closed at 16.05h on 14 November 2015.