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OF LIBERAL YOUTH

Dear member organizations,

Since this is my first bureau report I would like to start with taking the opportunity to once again thank you for electing me to the bureau. In this report I will give you a summary of what I have done in the 8 months since I was elected.

General notes

It has been 8 busy, but great, months. We have achieved a lot, and given the challenges global liberalism is facing it feels good to know that IFLRY is in good form. With that said, everything can always be better and it's important that we stay vigilant about the problems we have and keep moving forward.

Next year, this federation celebrates its 70th anniversary, and that gives us an opportunity to remember the victories of liberals who fought before us. The world is a better place than it was 70 years ago, there are more democracies, fewer people live in poverty and human rights are more widespread than it has been for most of our federations history. However, democracy has probably never been challenged in so many democracies at the same time. And in many countries where liberty was slowly prevailing, it is now in decline.

It's our responsibility to fight for liberty in dictatorships, but it is also our responsibility to fight to preserve liberty where it is now being challenged. For most of us, this might be the most demanding time of our political lives.

My responsibilities within the bureau

During our first bureau-meeting I was given responsibility for Facebook, our contact with ISEEL (The Balkan regional network), Nordic Center Youth organization, NCF, and the free trade programme. I am also part of the communications group who are managing our external communication.

Within the bureau, me and Ahmad have developed a communications plan to make sure we keep up to date with social media and to improve our communication.

On Facebook we have had a steady flow of diverse updates. The content is spread more than before and we have gone from 8773 likes to about 9500.

We are focusing on using Facebook more for campaigning and I look forward to develop that even further, we need to focus on how to adapt more to a more modern world and make sure



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to cooperate in spreading campaigns. There are several ways we can work to make IFLRY more digital and we will continue to focus on how to make that happen.

In regards to **ISEEL**, I have been to the region three times this year (which you can read more about below), have had meetings with ISEEL leadership, Stanislav who was previously responsible from IFLRY, and stay in contact with organizations in the region.

In regards to **NCF** there is no structured cooperation between us but I stay in contact with organizations as well as the leadership of NCF.

The **Free Trade Programme**, like all programmes, works independently but I stay in contact with the programme manager, Ekin, and make sure to support them as much as possible.

One of my goals as a candidate was to bring IFLRY closer to likeminded organizations in Sweden. I have met with both Swedish International Liberal Center and Swedish Centerparty foundation several times, and keep in constant contact with them, to get IFLRY closer to these key organizations. I have also initiated contact with Freidrich Neumann Foundation in The Balkans to further our cooperation.

Much of the work within the bureau is ad hoc and throughout these months I have taken much responsibility to start gathering information on best practices, I have assisted Ahmad in ideas for the website, planned the #libertadparaVenezuela campaign as well as other campaigns, started planning our 70th anniversary, reached out to possible members in order to expand IFLRY and worked on an expansion-plan together with Tone, to name a few. I have also attended, and executed, many events as can be seen below.

I will make sure to continue working with my responsibilities and also work even more intensive to gather best practice information, to make sure we reach interested organizations and to support our current member organizations.

Representation

I have represented IFLRY at several events since the General Assembly in April. Below you have a list and description. Besides these I have also held many lectures about IFLRY within my own organization and other organizations in Sweden.

Kiev. Less than a week after the General assembly I represented IFLRY (and SILC, the Swedish International Liberal Center) at a seminar organized by European Youth of Ukraine in Kiev.



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Kungsbacka. One of my first representations as IFLRY Vice President was to take the commute to a nearby city, perhaps not what you expect to be your first assignment but a great one nonetheless. I represented IFLRY at the congress of our Swedish member organization Center party Youth.

London. Together with Vice Presidents Ab and Sven, as well as 20 + members from LUF and JuLis, I was in London and campaigned ahead of their referendum this summer.

Skopje. Much of my time in the late spring/early summer went to planning and executing a seminar in Macedonia where participants from Macedonia, Bulgaria and Serbia discussed youth in the heart of decisionmaking in times of transition. We also took the opportunity to appear on TV to take a stance for freedom in Macedonia and I met with the Liberal party leader.

Hague. In the end of July I participated in the Council meeting between the Bureau, programme managers and regional representatives. It was a great opportunity for us to come together and discuss challenges and opportunities for our federation.

Sarajevo. By invitation of the Swedish Centerparty foundation I visited the bosnian capital of Sarajevo in October where I met with young liberals from all over the Balkans and talked about the importance of liberal cooperation.

Sofia. In November I visited the 18th Anniversary of our Bulgarian member Youth Movement for Rights and Freedoms, where I joined a panel discussion on the future of Europe and held a speech at their celebration. I also took the opportunity to meet with our partners Fredrich Neumann Stiftung in the area.

Warsaw. Between 1st and 3rd of December I will be visiting the ALDE (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats in Europe) congress on behalf of my party, but as always, I will also be representing IFLRY.

Don't hesitate to talk to me if you have any questions.

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