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# Minutes of the IFLRY Executive Committee and General Assembly in Amman 8-11 Dec 2016

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## Minutes of the IFLRY General Assembly in Amman 8-11 Dec 2016

1. Opening.
  - Meeting was opened by President Pauline Kastermans on 8 December at 20.40h.
2. Roll Call & Voting Rights.
  - Roll call was called by the General Secretary Tone Bjørndal.

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Netherlands	JOVD	4 votes	Not Present
Norway	NUV	3 votes	Present
Russia	YMD "Vesna"	1 vote	Present
Sweden	CUF	3 votes	Present
Sweden	LUF	3 votes	Present
Turkey	3H	1 vote	Present



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3. Election of the Chairs & Returning Officers.
  - Chairs: Daniel George (JuLis, Germany) and the pool of trainers manager. Duly elected by acclamation.
  - Returning Officers: Olle Johnsson (LUF, Sweden), Carlijn Olde Reuver (JD, Netherlands) and Pau Vico (JNC, Catalonia). Duly elected by acclamation.
4. Adoption of the Agenda.
  - The agenda accepted as proposed by acclamation.
5. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.
  - Moved to tomorrow.

EGA adjourned at Thursday 8 December 2016 at 21.00h.

EGA resumed at Friday 9 December 2016 at 16.00h.



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A roll call is performed:

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Netherlands	JOVD	4 votes	Present
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Russia	YMD "Vesna"	1 vote	Present
Sweden	CUF	3 votes	Present
Sweden	LUF	3 votes	Present
Turkey	3H	1 vote	Present

5. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

- The minutes of the GA in Istanbul 2016 were unanimously adopted.

6. Appointment Officers of the Standing Committee(s).

- There will be 3 standing committees: Finances, Statutes and Resolutions and MO Issues. (none on rules).



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- Finances: Chair Nickolay Artemenko (YDM “Vesna”, Russia), Vice Chair Christoffer Carl Gustav Ingo (SU, Finland) and Secretary Jan Willem de Bruin (JD, Netherlands).
- Resolutions: Chair Victor Bysen (RU, Denmark), Vice Chair Yanis Mallion (JRG, France) and secretary Amanda Kanange (LUF, Sweden).
- Membership Issues: Chair Laura Neijenhuis (JD, Netherlands), Vice Chair Beret Roots (JuLis, Germany) and Secretary Elin Engerbakk (NUV, Norway).

7. Presentation and Adoption of the Action Plan 2016-2018.

- Action plan was presented to the GA by Pauline Kastermans. She stated:
  - o IFLRY will celebrate our 70th anniversary next year, details of which will be presented at a later date. We also want to develop a way for alumni to get involved with this.
  - o The bureau will try to diversify funding, in order to create better funding stability.
  - o IFLRY will continue to look at membership and payment structure.
  - o IFLRY will continue with informal training.
  - o The bureau want to streamline our participation to LI and UN etc.
- Question raised by Victor Boysen (RU, Denmark), regarding how to keep the membership involved in IFLRY and what IFLRY is doing.
  - o Pauline: We have organised international events and become better at informing the membership on FB, Instagram etc. about what is going on.
- Action plan for 2016-2018 vote: adopted by acclamation.

8. Adoption of the Annual Report & Bureau Reports

- President Pauline Kastermans presented her submitted report.
- General Secretary Tone Bjørndal presenter her submitted report.
- Treasurer Danylo Korbabicz is not attending and did not produce a report.
- Vice President Ab Brightman is not attending and did not produce a report.
- Vice President Ahmad Al Rachwani presented his submitted report.
- Vice President Anders Rehnberg presented his submitted report.
- Vice President Sven Gerst presented his submitted report.

Questions for the bureau.

- Joris Zevenbergen (JOVD, Netherlands) for the VP: In terms of the free trade programme, what have you achieved last couple of months? Two members not present, why, what happened?



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- Laura Neijenhuis (JD, Netherlands) for the whole bureau: About two members not present, how have you dealt with them, how have you redistributed tasks?
- Victor Boysen (RU, Denmark) for Pauline: Have you felt there is more inclusion of Asian region with you living there? Have you been able to take advantage of the situation?

Answers.

- Anders Rehnberg: The program manager is the main person taking care of the free trade program, we support him and enable the program members to do their work, we only help. Free trade is an important but often overlooked issue. We need to unite our political stance, work on different subjects to do campaigns on. We have tried to do fundraising for potential events in African countries. However, we have not been successful in this yet. We hope to bring IFLRY into the WTO and for us be part of the discussion and the negotiations. Working hard to achieve this.
- Pauline Kastermans: Starting with the third question. I study in china, it is an ambition to reach out to Asian organisations, Sven is the contact person for the FNF Asia office in Bangkok, I have visited them as well. Still difficult due to limitations politically. I am part of new programme, but can't be as vocal as I wish in Hong Kong and Taiwan. Promise to not hold back when I move out end June. There is also funding limits, cannot travel frequently. All in all, it is an ambition, i.e. Bali event in August and more members applying.

Ab Brightman disappeared end of august, 30<sup>th</sup> last email of august. Since, we have tried to reach out in every conceivable way. Danylo Korbabicz has been gone since the 13<sup>th</sup> of October. Similarly, we have actively tried to get in touch with him unsuccessfully. In both cases, we know they alive and well, and we have been told they'd reach out soon by relations. This has however fail to happen. As they were democratically elected by the last GA we wanted to give them chance to reappear, during which time we reached out to their organisations. This rendered us with too little time before this conference to solve this issue before the GA.

Regarding the division of tasks, we had an open bureau discussion and divided task among each other. Tone took over relations with African members, Anders took over best practice sharing, and so on. This can be seen in the action plan as well. In



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terms of the absence of the treasurer, we have a very engaged former treasurer Daniel George. As a bureau, Andrea and Pauline took over treasurer tasks, with help from Daniel. Coordination among the bureau, divide between office, G2 and bureau. Lastly we didn't want to make a public statement as we waited for them to reappear, but their absence can be seen in the minutes published.

- Sven Gerst: We have tried including Asian members in conferences Philippines, Taiwan, Malaysia. Looking into their suitability, and currently their membership structure is complex.

Questions.

- Robert Landheer, Auditor: Stresses the difficulty of an absent treasurer, and asked whether the bureau had checked if the treasurer had taken any money?
- Christian Holm, Auditor: During audit process, we noticed Danylo was not present, he failed to do his task for our interim audit and ultimately failed to attend it. Could you establish how their work went prior to their disappearances?
- Laura Neijenhuis (JD, Netherlands): So we have a lost treasurer + VP. Is there any signs that the situation might improve? Or must we continue motion of non-confidence?

Answers.

- Pauline: First Question: There are financial guidelines which prevent treasurers from taking money. No money has disappeared; he is not yet registered with bank in London or Belgium. Hence, he cannot access the money. He may however have the capacity to act in the name of IFLRY to second parties.

Second question: Ab was in touch with African partners, attended 2 European youth forum events, she was in Barcelona for a congress although it in the end was cancelled and supported us in a lot of documents for social media as a native English speaker. She was an active member until council meeting end of July. Danylo attended several meetings and seminars + training as well as council meetings. He did review the plan of action, ordering business cards, but with help from other members of bureau. He did rewrite contracts given his background in law and being a native English speaker. He was generally involved. Stressful situation with deadlines where he was not very active nor present, fell on the office and we chased him. We faced a risk of getting fined due to the disappearance (due to financial reports deadlines). He was involved with Atlas applications, not successful but he put forward the application.



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Third question: It is not likely, we reached out to MO + relatives who were unable to help, sent email + texts and messages on their social media profiles, yet we have had no response before this meeting. We have updated their MOs on this matter and we heard back from MOs but not them. We tried everything we could but no success.

Questions.

- Joris Zevenbergen (JOVD, Netherlands): Any idea of why this happened (missing members)?
- Nikolay Artemenko (YMD "Vesna", Russia): For the website is it possible to have a small table with list of organisation, crucial to have separate page for organisations.

Answers.

- Pauline: Question one: We know that Ab started a new job and mentioned she said she'd be less available for 2 weeks at the end of august beginning of September, but later disappeared. Danylo also changes jobs but didn't say anything as concrete as Ab. He only told us he'd have more free time. But then disappeared.
- Ahmed: Question two: for website, we are still collecting all MO with their information, it is done but it is offline, we need to make sure the correct info is there before publishing, a lot of work, hence, we need time. It's in the process.

A vote of no confidence was called for by JD and JOVD (Netherlands).

Vote of no confidence.

- It was clarified that the term of any replacements for positions left vacant in the case of a successful non-confidence vote, would only last until the next ordinary GA.

Roll call was called and votes handed out accordingly.

Vote of no confidence is raised against Danylo Korbabicz.

- o Votes cast: 46.
- o Votes in favour: 40.
- o Votes against: 1.
- o Abstentions: 5.
- Danylo Korbabicz is formally expelled from his position as Treasurer, through a motion of no confidence carried by the General Assembly.

Vote of no confidence is raised against Ab Brightman.

- o Votes cast: 45.
- o Votes in favour: 44.
- o Votes against: 0.
- Abstentions: 1.





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- Ab Brightman is formally expelled from his position as Vice President, through a motion of no confidence carried by the General Assembly.

Nominations for the vacant positions of Treasurer and Vice President are now (17:50 Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December Eastern European Standard Time) formally opened and are closed Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December at 12 o'clock Eastern European Standard Time.

EGA adjourned at 18h the 9<sup>th</sup> of December.

EGA reopened at 16:15 the 10<sup>th</sup> of December

Agenda alteration proposed to add an agenda point 9 of electing a Vice President and Treasurer.

- Alteration accepted by acclamation.

## 9. Elections

- Roll call carried out.

### Treasurer election

- We have one submitted candidate, namely Robert Landheer (JD, Netherlands).
- Robert Landheer (JD, Netherlands) holds a candidacy speech of up to 5 minutes.
  - o Main focus: Transparency and financial stability. Such as adopting auditor proposal for budget structure. Need to expand buffer of IFLRY. Want to bring in past experience from budget work.
  - o Joris Zevenbergen (JOVD, Netherland) addresser a question to Robert Landheer (JD, Netherlands) regarding reforming MO fees.

Roll call carried out and votes are handed out.

- Votes cast: 46.
- Votes in favour: 46
- Votes in opposition: 0
- Abstentions: 0
- Robert Landheer (JD, Netherlands) is duly elected as treasurer.

### Vice President election

- We have two submitted candidates, namely Nickolas Pagonakis (RU, Denmark) and Nikolay Artemenko (Vesna, Russia).
- Nickolas Pagonakis (RU, Denmark) holds his candidacy speech of up to 5 minutes via Skype.



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- o Main focus: has experience from IFLRY. Position requires doing something with Africa and Libel, which he has experience with. Likes diversity in IFLRY, want to work with world.
- Nikolay Artemenko (Vesna, Russia) holds his candidacy speech of up to 5 minutes.
  - o Main focus: Told an anecdote of an airplane in Russia, and linked it to liberalism. Talked of starting Vesna, now biggest ind. Liberal movement. Proud of creating it from nothing. Experience of prisons and attack in protest. Argued that IFLRY has potential, which is sometimes wasted, need to be better.

Questions.

- Joris Zevenbergen (JOVD, Netherlands): Questions to Nikolay: What happened in prison, why there? Questions to both: What will be your focus in this role? Will you run for re-election?
  - o Nikolay: Has been detained for protesting multiple time, at most 3,5 days. Would want to focus on Russia, want to build stable relations between Russia and Europe. Want a campaign jointly between Europeans and Russians, for people young enough to travel visa free to the other nation etc. Will probably re-run.
  - Nickolas: Main focus on libel and reach out to African MOs. Want to run for re-election.
- Pau Vico (JNC, Catalonia). Questions to Nikolay: What do you want to do for IFLRY's presence in Africa? To both: What is your position of rights of self-determination of states?
  - o Nickolas: Regions which want to be independent should have that right. Want funds for Africa.
  - Nikolay: Regarding Africa, there are not so many organisations from Africa in IFLRY. Want to expand the IFLRY brand to reach new organisations in Africa, should be more flexible. Regarding self-determination, he is in favour of it but need to be done through free and fair elections.
- Katharina Schreiner (Julis, Germany). Question to both, how much time will you put on IFLRY?
  - Nikolay: Can't say exact amount, impossible to predict. Will put in a lot of work. IFLRY is not just good people from all over the world, is also a means for promoting Liberalism all over the world.



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- o Nickolas: Will work besides internship in European Parliament, will put in weekends and evenings into it.

Roll call carried out and votes are handed out.

- Votes cast: 46.
- Votes for Nickolas: 34.
- Votes for Nikolay: 12.
- Abstentions: 0.
- Votes against candidates: 0.
- Nickolas (RU, Denmark) is duly elected as Vice President.

Because of the election of Robert Landheer (JD, Netherlands) to the position of Treasurer, there is now an Audit position to fill. Candidacies for this position are opened now (17:30 10<sup>th</sup> of December EET) and will be closed 09:00 11<sup>th</sup> of December EET.

10. Adoption of the Financial Reports.

- Financial reports received a positive recommendation by the standing committee.
- Unanimously the reports were accepted.

11. Adoption of the Budget 2017 and Membership Fee Statute 2017.

Membership fee statute.

- The standing committee (represented by Nikolay) recommends the General Assembly to accept the adoption of the statute.
- Joris Zevenbergen (JOVD, Netherlands) stated: JOVD wants to lower membership fees. Pure comment, not a suggestion regarding the point.
- Unanimously the statute were accepted by the General Assembly.

Budget.

- The standing committee recommends the General Assembly to accept the adoption of the budget.
- Unanimously the budget were accepted by the General Assembly.

Membership fee.

- The standing committee (represented through Nikolay) gave a positive recommendation to lower the membership fee to €50 for Young Republicans of Georgia (Georgia) and (Paraguay).
- Unanimously the lowering of membership fee for Young Republicans of Georgia (Georgia) was accepted by the General Assembly.
- Unanimously the lowering of membership fee for (Paraguay) was accepted by the General Assembly.



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Solidarity fund.

- The standing committee recommended the solidarity fund to accept the request for €300 from Cairo Liberal Forum.
- Unanimously the application was accepted

12. Resolutions and Amendments to the Manifesto.

1. Resolution on UNHCR by Svensk Ungdom.
    - LUF and JD submitted amendments in the standing committee.
    - Standing committee gave a positive recommendation to resolution with amendment.
    - Vote on issue: unanimously the resolution is adopted with amendment.
  2. Resolution on Civil Society in Egypt by Cairo Liberal Forum.
    - Given a positive recommendation by standing committee.
    - Votes.
      - o Abstention: 1.
      - o Votes in favour: 35.
      - o Votes in opposition: 0.
    - Resolution was accepted.
  3. Resolution on Fair Trade through Free Trade by JuLis.
    - JuLis and JD submitted amendments in standing committee.
    - Standing committee gave a positive recommendation for amended resolution.
    - Votes.
      - o Abstention: 5.
      - o Votes in favour: 31.
      - o Votes in opposition: 0.
    - Resolution with amendment is accepted.
  4. Resolution on Palestinian Security by JD.
    - The standing committee gave the resolution a positive recommendation.
    - JuLis put forward a motion to postpone resolution and with JD urged to drop it.
    - Vice President Sven Gerst gave a comment suggesting to drop the motion in favour of creating a working group to work on this issue.
    - JNC Catalonia withdrew their motion.
    - Future Youth of Lebanon withdrew their motion
    - The resolution is thus formally withdrawn.
- Proposal is made to move motion to a special working group.
- Votes.
    - o Abstention: 8.
    - o Votes in favour: 28.
    - o Votes in opposition: 0.
  - Resolution is moved to a working group.



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5. Resolution on Circular Economy by YLN.
  - JD had submitted two amendments in the standing committee.
  - Standing committee gave a positive recommendation to the amended resolution.
  - Resolution was unanimously adopted.
6. Resolution 1 by LUF (on weapons export).
  - Standing committee gave a positive recommendation to the resolution.
  - Votes.
    - o Abstention: 1
    - o Votes in favour: 31
    - o Votes in opposition: 0
  - Resolution was adopted.
7. Resolution on Stopping the Outsourcing of Refugees to Turkey by LUF.
  - The resolution was withdrawn by LUF due to having been covered by previous motions.
8. Resolution on the Freedom of Speech and Prisoners in Russia by YDM "Vesna".
  - Standing committee gave a positive recommendation to the resolution.
  - Resolution was unanimously adopted.
9. IFLRY Gender Equality programme: Position paper
  - Standing committee gave a positive recommendation to the resolution.
  - Resolution was unanimously adopted.

### 13. Membership Issues.

#### Candidate memberships.

- Candidate membership application of Youth Forum of Nasa Stranka (Bosnia & Herzegovina).
  - o Received a positive recommendation from the standing committee.
  - o Membership was unanimously voted in favour of.
- Candidate membership application of LDLU (Ukraine).
  - o Received a positive recommendation from the standing committee.
  - o Membership was unanimously voted in favour of.
- Candidate membership application of Free Thought Forum (Jordan).
  - o Received a positive recommendation from the standing committee.
  - o Membership was unanimously voted in favour of.

#### Discontinued memberships.

- MLBiH (Bosnia & Herzegovina) and Young Democraten Luxembourg (Luxembourg) quit their membership in IFLRY.

#### Membership suspensions.

- The committee gave a positive recommendation to suspend all members on the following list.



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1. Union Columbiana des Jovenes Democratas, Columbia.
2. Juventud Libertaria/Partido Movimiento Libertario, Costa Rica.
3. Rassemblement es Jeunes Republicains, Cote D'Ivoire.
4. Cairo Liberal Forum, Egypt.
5. Juventud Liberal de Honduras, Honduras.
6. Mouvement des Étudiants et des Élèves Libéraux (MEEL), Senegal.
7. Mouvement des Jeunesses Travailleuses (MdJT) Senegal.
8. Musavat Youth Organization, Azerbaijan.
9. Mlada Liberalna Demokracija (MLD), Slovenia.
10. DA-Youth, South Africa.
11. Young Democrats of America (YDA), US.

- The suspensions were unanimously voted in favour of.

The General Assembly was adjourned at 18:20h 10<sup>th</sup> of December.

The General Assembly was re-opened at 09:50h 11<sup>th</sup> of December.

14. News from member organisation.

- Amanda Kanange (LUF, Sweden): Launched campaign of everyday liberalism.
- Ellen Wangdell (CUF, Sweden): Ellen is elected new IO. This year CUF have doubled their membership. Had a campaign about green liberalism and a campaign "Swedish dream".
- Saeb Ali (FYL, Lebanon): Have recently had a national board election for the national party, 3 young members elected. The youth have recommended 3 policy proposals. Preparing election for the board in the youth sector.
- Katharina Schreiner (JuLis, Germany): Had FNF future conference. Next year have federal elections and have important state elections coming up. If FDP doesn't get into parliament, FNF will have to be dissolved. Train members in tackling populism.
  - o Received question from Joris Zevenbergen (JOVD, Netherlands) "how many seats in parliament would you expect to receive"?
  - o Answer: "Don't know, just want a presence in parliament again".
- Laura Neijenhuis (JD, Netherlands): Laura is new international officer in the new national board. March election for parliament, both CUF and JuLis have announced that they are coming.
- Joris Zevenbergen (JOVD, Netherlands): Newly elected IO. Got through the party conference that VVD is in favour of legalising marijuana. In spring they will have a seminar on populism.



- Stefan Roy Frederiksen (LAU, Denmark): Happy to have obtained observatory membership in Istanbul. Is fastest growing youth party in Denmark, and is now third largest youth party in the country. Campaigned for the UK to leave the EU, and happy about victory. Been visiting Morocco and Egypt. Campaigned in the USA election. Liberal Alliance has now entered government this year for the first time in its eight-year history and their party leader got the foreign minister post. Have “freedom camp” this year, too which IFLRY is invited.
- Jawad AJA, Marocco: Want to congratulate new members of bureau and wish you well. Want to welcome the new member organisations. Working against the Islamic winds and fighting for liberalism. Have trained young politicians of how to conduct electoral campaigns. Want to create a liberal generation. Trying to reach out to the poor.
  - o Question from Joris Zevenbergen (JOVD, Netherlands): what is the greatest challenge ahead?
  - o Answer: Islamist parties are doing well, want to stop Islamist thoughts in politics. The monarchy is striking balance between the different sides. Liberals rank 3<sup>rd</sup> in terms of power and therefore has to be involved in any government.
- Christoffer SU, Finland: SU is growing a lot as an organisation, 20% this year alone. Lowered age limit for membership had previously reduced membership drastically earlier. The Swedish People's Party is for the first time in decades not in government, hence the opposition role is new. They are working to try to guard the rights of the Swedish in Finland against populist winds. Have local elections in April and has national congress in May, and invite IFLRY to both.
- Aballah Abdoh (Free Thought Forum, Jordan): Happy to be a candidate member. The organisation is working to promote liberalism, which is hard due to a lack of civil engagement.
- Pau Vico (JNC, Catalonia): Independence movement won regional elections, is co-operating with the far-left, which has gone well. Invite all of IFLRY to congress.

Chair announces that one nomination for the position of Auditor has been received, namely that of Marit van de Pol (JOVD, Netherlands) who was nominated by JD.

Subsequently she proposed for the agenda to be revised to include the point of Auditor election.

- The alteration was unanimously accepted through acclamation.



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15. Auditor Elections

- The candidate Marit van de Pol (JOVD, Netherlands) presented herself via skype.
  - o Victor Boysen (RU, Denmark) stated that they think Marit is a good candidate.
- Roll call carried out and votes are handed out.

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- o Votes cast: 40
- o Votes for candidate: 39
- o Abstentions: 1
- o Votes against candidates: 0
- Marit van de Pol (JOVD, Netherlands) is duly elected as Auditor.





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The General Assembly was adjourned at 10:55h 11th of December.

The General Assembly was re-opened at 12:15h 11<sup>th</sup> of December.

16. Any other business

- No other business was presented.

17. Date and place of next meeting

- The bureau had yet to decide on this and would in a timely manner return on this note.

18. Closing

- The General Assembly was formally closed by the General Secretary Tone Bjørndal 12:20h 11<sup>th</sup> of December.



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## Minutes of the IFLRY Executive Committee in Amman 10 Dec 2016

1. President Pauline Kastermans announces the candidacy of Nickolas Pagonakis (RU, Denmark) and Nickolay Artemenko (Vesna, Russia) for vice president and the candidacy of Robert Landheer (JD, Netherlands) for Treasurer.
2. Opening of meeting.
  - Meeting was opened by President Pauline Kastermans on 10 December at 16.30h



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3. Roll Call & Voting Rights initiated by Secretary General Tone Bjørndal.

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Sweden	CUF	3 votes	Present
Sweden	LUF	3 votes	Present
Turkey	3H	1 vote	Not Present

4. Adoption of the Agenda.

- Adopted by acclamation.

5. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous EC in Santo Domingo 2015.

- Adopted by vote.
  - In favour 9 votes.
  - Against 0 votes.
  - Abstentions 0 votes.



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6. Membership Issues.

- Egyptian Youth candidacy for observer membership in IFLRY.
  - Votes in favour: 9 votes.
  - Votes against: 0 votes.
  - Votes abstentions: 1 vote.
  - They have thus formally been adopted as observer members in IFLRY.
- Young independence of Ghana for observer membership in IFLRY.
  - Votes in favour: 10 votes.
  - Votes against: 0 votes.
  - Votes abstentions: 0 votes.
  - They have thus formally been adopted as observer members in IFLRY.

7. Closing of meeting.

- President Pauline Kastermans closes the EC on 10 Dec.



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## Appendix A: Minutes of the Standing Committee on Finance

All decisions in this section are recommendations subject to approval by the EC / GA.

Appointed Officers: Chair Nickolay Artemenko (YDM “Vesna”, Russia), Vice Chair Christoffer Carl Gustav Ingo (SU, Finland) and Secretary Jan Willem de Bruin (JD, Netherlands, minutes).

Start 21:29 on Dec 8 2016

### 2016 Interim financial report

Treasurer is absent this night and he will be presented by Pauline Kastermans from the bureau and Andrea, executive director.

Profit and Loss and balance statements are presented till the end of the quarter. The MO invoices were sent out late. The income is slightly later, because of that we are looking over to balance this with expenditures. 1/3 of the MO invoices are already received.

Andrea and Pauline are taking over the treasure tasks..

Victor: why is the treasurer not here?

Pauline: I would agree with you that it is unfortunate that he is not here. We haven't been in touch with him since October. We approached him via social media/telephone/relatives and he is not responding.

### 2016 Interim auditor's report

Auditors Robert and Christian are giving comments. We have quite some findings that we want to discuss, treasurer didn't participate in any audits and we didn't have any contact with him as well. If we look to only the financial report, Andrea did a good job with the handover. The auditors advise to evaluate this handover for a future handover. Our financial observations, we are happy with the new system. The MO invoice went out late because of the problems we discussed. We are very happy that it eventually went out. We are also very happy that the debt is falling as well on a very rapid pace. We are slightly concerned about the grants, the total reserve is not big enough to compensate when a grant is not granted. We don't want IFLRY to go bankrupt. Some programs are included in the budget, Latin America, it would be good to have a



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consistent way of accounting for all the programs. At last we have some other remarks, this was very last minute but we would like to thank to bur

We should look into the statutes of IFLRY what we should do with an treasurer that is not communicating and we should perhaps prepare some recommendations for how to put in this statutes.

Daniel George: I would like to clarify some things as former treasurer. We have some financial guidelines that were adopted by the GA. The financial regulations are quite strict, a treasurer can not leave with a lot of money, the rules are already strict. I would like to comment on the Latin America thing, it was an exception it was grant of the European Commission so that's why it was reported in this way.

The bureau is always presenting a rough budget, because there can be changes on grants for example. The bureau has possibilities to make changements on budgets .

Pauline: we would like into the point of putting in the budget of the previous year, but that is something we are going to discuss in audit meeting in the spring.

Daniel: 1 vote on organization. All voted in favour of the budget.

#### Reduced membership applications

Both MOs requested a reduction to EUR 50.

Young Republicans of Georgia:

- Georgians lost the elections and also on the financial side, but they want to be active within IFLRY. The Bureau has a positive recommendations on this one.
- All vote in favour.

Juventud Liberal Radical Auténtica, Paraguay

- Basically they are one of the most pro active organisations in south America, but they have a relatively low budget.
- Daniel George: we had a discussion at the EC in Santo Domingo in 2015, they don't have really members. In Santo Domingo was a decision to reduce their debt  
There was a special decision on santa domingo standing committee, they reduced it to 195 euro's per year and also 195 euro's per year. This is something you want to take in consideration.
- Pauline: as a bureau we also want to give a positive recommendation on this organization because we appreciate their involvement in Santo Domingo.



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- Beret Roots Julis: It seems to be weird that 50 euro's because their mother organization is so big. What is the reason that they can't pay 200 euro's for IFLRY.
- Pauline: As far as I know they are not fully in charge of the money they spent.
- Daniel George: they were in Santo Domingo, we found out that they paid too much for a lot of years, Santo Domingo was the first event in years where they appeared. What I can tell is that we agreed on the reduction and it was reasonable. I don't know about their member organization.
- A vote takes place
  - 5 in favour
  - 4 abstentions
- application accepted.

Solidarity Fund applications.

Two organisations

Cairo Liberal Forum

They are operating in Egypt, they can not take care of any funds out of the country. Some of the members moved to Norway out of Safety. We hope to have them active in IFLRY. So bureau gives positive recommendations.

Civil Forum

9 in favour for Egypt

1 abstention.

MO fee proposal for 2017:

We ask the same membership fees as last year. €0,14 per member and certain amount on the budget. Next year we are going to review it. We are going to discuss this more during the working group on MO fees.

There are two problems: some organizations are not able to pay.

9 vote in favour, accepted.

Pauline: this is a working budget. Structural budget is certain. CoE is not certain, IDI we are waiting for an update.

We made our workplan more political and we focused on the theme entrepreneurship and economic self-determination. We decided to do a train the trainer. We have an anniversary next year, we want to organize an alumni event and organize a fundraiser there. There appears to be a slight increase on the executive director, but it is not. It was the same as the realization last year.



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10 in favour of the budget

General closing remark by Robert Landheer:

We are concerned about the absence of the treasurer, thank you for asking the questions tomorrow during the board reports.





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## Appendix B: Minutes of the Standing Committee on resolutions

All decisions in this section are recommendations subject to approval by the EC / GA.

Appointed Officers: Chair Victor Bysen (RU, Denmark), Vice Chair Yanis Mallion (JRG, France) and Secretary Amanda Kanange (LUF, Sweden, minutes).

Start 10 Dec 2016, 9:15h.

### Welcome

- Discuss resolutions
- Give recommendation to the EC
- 1 vote per organisation
- 1 person at the table
- 1 minute for presentation of resolution
- 1 minute per comment
- Vote
- Amendments until now, unless we vote otherwise (urgency)

### Resolution 1: More money for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) by Svensk Ungdom

- Christoffer Ingo will present
- 1 amendment from Liberala Ungdomsförbundet and Jonge Demokraten
  - Add:
    - Noting that:
      - Today a significant amount of financial funds are paid to governments and companies not respecting human rights in order to limit the flow of refugees.
    - Considering that:
      - Financial funds targeting refugees should be paid to organizations respecting Human Rights.
    - IFLRY calls for:



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- Condemning any agreement on refugees which violates human Rights and current international law.
  
- 8 for, 0 against, 1 abstention
  - **Passed amendment**
  
- 8 for, 0 against, 1 abstention
  - **resolution carried**

**Resolution 2: Imminent Risk of Prosecution and Closure** by Civil Society in Egypt

- No amendments
  
- 9 for, 0 against, 1 abstention
  - **Resolution carried**

**Resolution 3: Fair trade through free trade – removal of agricultural protectionism**  
by JuLis

- 1 amendment from Jonge Democraten, NL and JuLis, DE (replace it all)
  - Replace by:
  - Noting that:
    - \* Free trade is one of the most essential elements of liberalism. Free trade encourages people all over the world to bring forward new ideas. They become entrepreneurs and create jobs. Free Trade promotes networking and results in peaceful collaboration between people in different countries. Interconnectedness of countries through free trade leads to innovation and development.
    - \* Unfortunately, many developed countries promote protectionism in their agriculture. This does not only inflict enormous financial losses to the developed countries, it also causes much more harm to the developing countries than the development aid of the developed countries helps them.
    - \* First, agricultural subsidies often lead to overproduction and distort world market prices. Consequently, farmers in developing countries have to sell their products for prices lower than those that would form via free and fair trade. Second, exports into developing country increase due to the subsidies. This results in destruction of local markets and jobs. Third, the European Union and developed



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countries promote one-directional free trade. They force developing countries to open their markets while keeping their heavily subsidized agricultural policies. A fair and free world market without agricultural protectionism could act as the most efficient development aid.

o Urges:

- \* The developed countries, particularly the US and the EU, to initiate the Doha Development Round for the second time. In doing so, they have to demonstrate their honest will to end their agricultural protectionism. Free trade agreements can serve only as a time-limited solution to the problem, therefore it is a necessary step. On this basis it is possible to re-establish the WTO as the most important institution to foster free trade and multilateral negotiations on free trade.
- \* The WTO to investigate the influence of transnational companies and NGOs (like the International Chamber of Commerce) and ensure the independence of its decision makers, if needed by reforms.
- \* WTO to use the sustainable Development Goals of the UN as the fundament for all decisions to be made.

o Calls upon IFLRY and its MOs to:

- \* Promote free trade in their respective countries, also in the agricultural sector.
- \* Stimulate governments to stop their agricultural subsidies, including those set out by the CAP in the countries of the European Union. Prevent the use of non-qualitative standards as pseudo-protectionism, especially by European states.
- \* Promote transparency by pushing for publication of all documents from the WTO instead of small selection as is done now.
- \* To push for changes to be made to the rules of the Uruguay Round in the WTO which allow agricultural subsidies and protectionism, including:
  - \* The decoupled payments have to be classified as amber-box subsidies, since there are good arguments to assume that they have a very distorting impact on prices.



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- \* The WTO must control subsidies for sustainability and renewable energy in agriculture and intervene when there are hints of masked protectionism and distorting impacts on international trade.
  - \* Define consequences for countries which reinstall export subsidies
  - \* Until the developed countries do not end their agricultural protectionism developing countries should be allowed to keep their tariffs in defined amounts.
- Alice will present
  - 6 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions
    - **Passed amendment**
  - 8 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions
    - **resolution carried**

**Resolution 4: Resolution on Palestinian Security** by Jonge Democraten, NL

- No amendments
- Laura will present
- Motion to postpone the resolution
  - JD wants to withdraw the resolution
    - Establish a working group
- Future youth wants to maintain the submission for the resolution
  - 7 for, 2 against, 3 abstained
    - **resolution carried**

**Resolution 5: Circular Economy is the future** by Young Liberals of Norway

- Elin will present
- 1 amendment from JuLis (email)
  - JuLis would like to delete the bullet point in the section Calls upon
    - "to follow the EU plan of action"
      - **withdrawn**
- 1 amendment from JD



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- Delete: "countries to follow up on the EU's plan of action"
  - Add: "each country to develop a long-term plan on achieving their NDC, including a detailed strategy on promoting circular economy."
- 11 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions
  - **Amendment passed**
- 11 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions
  - **Resolution carried**

**Resolution 6: Resolution 1 by Liberala Ungdomsförbundet (weapons)**

- No amendments
- 6 for, 2 against, 4 abstentions
  - **resolution carried**

**Resolution 7: Stop outsourcing refugees to Turkey by Liberala Ungdomsförbundet**

- **Has been withdrawn**

**Resolution 8: Resolution on the issue of freedom of speech and political prisoners in Russia by Vesna**

- No amendments
- Nikolaj will present
- 13 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions
  - **resolution carried**

**Resolution 9: Position paper on Gender Equality: by IFLRY Gender Equality Programme**

- No amendments
- Laura will present
- 12 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions
  - **resolution carried**



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## Appendix C: Minutes of the Standing Committee on Membership Issues

All decisions in this section are recommendations subject to approval by the EC / GA.

Appointed Officers: Chair Laura Neijenhuis (JD, Netherlands), Vice Chair Beret Roots (JuLis, Germany) and Secretary Elin Engerbakk (NUV, Norway, minutes).

Meeting opened at 10 Dec 2016, 11h.

### **Five membership applications**

#### Youth Forum of Nasha Stranka - Bosnia Herzegovina:

Applying for candidate membership

Not present and is presenting through Skype with follow up questions

Result of vote: Positive recommendation

#### Young independents of Ghana YIG:

Applying for observer membership

Not present and is presenting through Skype with follow up questions through Skype-chat

Result of vote: Positive recommendation

#### Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine (LDLU):

Not present and is presenting through Skype with follow up questions

Applying for Candidate membership

Result of vote: Positive recommendation

#### Free Egyptian Youth (FEP)

Applying for observer membership

Result of vote: Positive recommendation

#### Free thought Forum (FTF)

Applying for candidate membership

Result of vote: Positive recommendation



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**Proposals for Suspensions:**

Ghanese Liberal Youth are removed from the list.

Result of vote: Positive recommendation for the proposed list