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## Ahmad Al Rachwani | Bureau Report 2: December 2016 - May 2017

### *Liberal greetings,*

It has been a year into my current mandate as IFLRY Vice President and almost six months since our last statutory event and my previous address to you all and I am happily reporting once again on the progress we have made as a Bureau and my contributions to globalizing freedom and working with young people all over the globe.

In this half a year I have continued to work on the tasks and priorities within my mandate, largely focusing on the visuals and communication, MENA region, the Gender Equality Programme and strengthening ties between Member Organizations of IFLRY.

### *Within IFLRY*

As stressed earlier, I have continued to work on IFLRY's website to make it user-friendly and serving the needs to provide comprehensive good quality and easily manageable information about IFLRY and its member organizations. The website has got its new look and the mobile version is being developed for easier use and operation.

I have also encouraged the creation of the visual team to highlight and mainstream IFLRY's ideas in a most creative way across with all the modern graphic and visual tricks, and I look forward to working with the selected individuals for a more professional and coherent image of IFLRY, as I have stipulated in my election campaign and as I see one of my main directions of work as a whole.

I have been involved in the Working Group on Palestine and Israel established at the General Assembly and Executive Committee in Jordan, which has met online and is continuing its ongoing work.

And as I have mentioned, I continue to support the Gender Equality Programme from the Bureau side, and happy to see boosted online activity of the Programme and hoping for even a more productive year.



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### ***MO Cooperation***

Following a successful General Assembly and Executive Committee in Amman Jordan, where the participation, visibility and engagement of the representatives from the MENA region was evidently on the peak, I have continued to coordinate and foster the activities of the Arab Youth Union for Freedom and Democracy (AYUFD) including collaborating on the preparation and implementation of their annual work plan and events calendar.

I have lobbied to include the representative of the AYUFD to participate in the Liberal International Congress in Andorra as part of the IFLRY delegation, as well several people to attend the General Assembly in Thessaloniki, Greece.

I have been working with AYUFD on the international training in partnership with D66 on elections and election campaigning planned for August/September 2017. And we have been also exploring the possibility to organize further statutory event(s) in the MENA region alongside with the General Assembly of AYUFD.

In the footsteps of successful best practices of regional cooperation, I am happy we have managed to launch our IFLRY French Liberal Network uniting the francophone countries and organizations and providing an open platform for collaboration of organizations and individuals strengthening regional ties and empowering countries in Europe, Africa, MENA region etc. to be active in IFLRY. I hope for a very productive and long-term functioning of the Network.

### ***Representation***

As Vice President of IFLRY I have visited several events, including virtual presence - which is wonderfully possible through technology and our advancement as an aware Federation. I have spoken at the JNC Congress via Skype and conducted a visit to them in May. I will be happy to continue fostering MOs involvement and visiting congress and other events of our MOs to the best of my ability in the months to come, as I believe it is very important to see things on the ground and the real picture of what is happening in our MOs bringing the Federation closer to our members as an entity, and we as a Bureau have been trying to do so in the past year.

I have also represented IFLRY as part of our delegation to the Liberal International 70<sup>th</sup> Congress in Andorra, also facilitated a side event organized by IFLRY on Millennials and Work: the Future of Employment.



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I am joining my colleagues in the Bureau in celebration of the election of our Executive Director Andrea Ugrinoska into the Advisory Council on Youth for 2017-2018 and salute joint efforts in lobbying for IFLRY, for which I have also contributed by fostering agreements with IYDU and other colleagues in the international youth arena.

### ***Non-Formal Education***

I have been gladly continuing to be involved in IFLRY's NFE activities, both as a trainer and as an advisor to the Pool of Trainers, the latter especially in relation to involvement of young people from the MENA region both as trainers and participants, including recent events such as the Study Session on Migration in Strasbourg and the Seminar on Youth Autonomy in Thessaloniki.

For the Seminar in Greece I have also had a pleasure to work as part of the training team together with my colleagues preparing and delivering a training for young liberals which was organized in partnership with D66.

To continue IFLRY's active investment in strengthening the NFE within the Federation and building capacities of our trainers in the Pool, we are organizing a Training of Trainers 2.0 - an advanced week's long event in September, for which I am working together with the Pool of Trainers Manager as part of the Team.

### ***And finally...***

I would like to extend sincerest thanks to my wonderful Bureau for an exciting journey we have been embarking on in the past year. Many thanks to our Member Organizations all over the globe, and of course to our Office, our Programme Managers, and to everyone who works day in day out for the good of this organization. Trying to change the world is not an easy mission; it requires tremendous efforts and firm commitments. Together we can bring this change. Together we can globalize freedom.