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Dear friends,

The time has come to reflect on the last six months as IFLRY Vice President since the IFLRY Executive Committee in Amman, Jordan in December 2016. In order to be able to assess my work and to hold me accountable, let me remind you of the three pillars that I was running on:

- sharpening IFLRY's role as political platform
- involvement of membership & feedback mechanism
- improvement of seminars/trainings/events

IFLRY as Political Platform

- i. IFLRY has just launched two more working groups on (a) the Israeli—Palestine Conflict and (b) Bleeding Heart Liberalism. These two topics are catering to our goal to use IFLRY as a **distinctive platform** to discuss not only global issues but also the **future shape of political liberalism**.
- ii. In my role as IFLRY Vice President I have provided substantive feedback to the Liberal International manifesto reflecting IFLRY's commitment to **progressive liberal pluralism**. During this process, IFLRY has shown to be a constructive partner of its liberal partners as well as to be a rich source of input on the outlook of liberal thinking.

Membership Involvement & Feedback

- i. The feedback that has been generated through a widespread survey to our member organizations has been presented at the Executive Committee in Amman—where we dedicated one session to the **discussion of the survey outcomes with the membership** directly.
- ii. This feedback (e.g. more interactive sessions) has been directly implemented at the Conference in Amman. Non-formal education will be the **guiding framework** for all IFLRY activities.



Quality of Seminar Offer

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- i. Together with our "Pool of Trainers" Programme Manager, Tanya Lyubimova, I was working on an application to bolster our profile as leading organization in non-formal educational methods. This "**Training for Trainers 2.0**" has been approved by the EYF and will be carried out in Fall 2017.
- ii. I have been a team member at the **IFLRY Study Session** on Youth and Migration in Strasbourg that we carried out in cooperation with the Council of Europe. My tasks did not only reach to ensuring a high quality of content and coherence with the goals of IFLRY but also further improve our internal capacity in methods of **non-formal education**.
- iii. As a next step, we will review our own **internal feedback mechanism** for trainers of our Pool of Trainers. Tanya Lyubimova has been include in the Council of Europe Pool of Trainers; thus, we will generate even more capacities on securing a high quality of seminar facilitation.

Events

- Executive Committee, December 2017, Amman, Jordan.
- Programme Managers Meeting, December 2017, Warsaw, Poland.
- Regional Team Meeting, December 2017, Warsaw, Poland.
- Preparatory Meeting Study Session, March 2017, Strasbourg, France.
- IFLRY Study Session on Youth and Migration, May 2017, Strasbourg, France.
- Liberal International General Assembly, May 2017, Andorra.

Despite the sometimes incredibly hard work (much of it unmentioned here), it has been a great pleasure and huge honor to work for IFLRY. More to come. Onwards and upwards!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Gerst".