

Minutes of the 44th IFLRY General Assembly

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1. Opening

The General Assembly was opened at 19.23 on 23 November, 2018 by the President

2. Roll Call & Voting Rights

The roll call was performed by the Secretary General who introduced logos as a visual to support the roll call. If any organization's logo is not correct or not up-to-date, please inform the bureau after GA to get it updated.

Country	Organization	Present	Votes
Andorra	Joves Liberals D'Andorra	Present	3 Votes
Austria	JUNOS		Present 3 Votes
Belarus	Civil Forum	Present	3 Votes
Belgium	FEL	Present	1 Vote
Bulgaria	YMRF	Present	8 Votes
Catalunya	Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya	Present	5 Votes
Denmark	Radikal Ungdom	Present	4 Votes
Denmark	Venstres Ungdom	Present	5 Votes
Finland	Svensk Ungdom	Present	5 Votes

Finland	Finnish Centre Youth	Present	7 Votes
France	Jeunes Radicaux	Not present	3 Votes
Germany	Junge Liberale	Present	8 Votes
Ghana	Progressive Youth Movement	Present	6 Votes
Ghana	Young Liberals of Ghana	Not present	1 Vote
Hong Kong	DPHK	Present	0 Votes
Jordan	Free Thought Forum	Present	3 Votes
Lebanon	Future Youth	Present	8 Votes
Lithuania	Lithuanian Liberal Youth	Present	5 Votes
Morocco	AJA	Present	not issued
Netherlands	Jonge Democraten	Present	7 Votes
Netherlands	JOVD	Present	6 Votes
Norway	Young Liberals of Norway	Present	5 Votes
Romania	TLDE	Present	1 Vote
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Sweden	Liberala Ungdomsförbundet	Present	6 Votes
Sweden	Centre Party Youth	Present	6 Votes
Turkey	3H Movement	Present	not issued
Ukraine	LDLU	Present	3 Votes
UK	Young Liberals	Present	6 Votes
USA	Young Democrats of America	Present	8 Votes
Venezuela	Vente Joven	Present	0 Votes

Sven looks if Quorum is reached. Votes in Good Standing are: 190 The quorum is 63 votes. 122 votes are issued, so the quorum is reached.

3. Election of the Chairs & Returning Officers

On behalf of the bureau the Secretary-General proposed the following chairs from the Council: Tanya Lyubimova, Lidia Rauch, Krijn van Eeden, Benedikte Kloth and Bram Roodhart.

The Secretary General asks the General Assembly if there are any objections, there are non-received and he invites the General Assembly to vote by

acclamation to the proposed chairs. The General Assembly accepts the appointment of Chairs.

The Chairs take their place at the table.

Tanya proposes the following scrutineers for counting the votes:

- Badreddine Bouchourab, AJA
- Ranine Safadi – Future Youth
- Johannes Dallheimer – JuLis

The proposal for the scrutineers are accepted by acclamation.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

The Chairs gives the floor to Reender Reenders who puts forward a motion on behalf of the Auditors to make audio recordings of the General Assemblies. However, they state that they want to withdraw their proposal if anyone feels uncomfortable with recording the GA. He stresses that recording will be saved on a low-tech recording device that only the auditors have access to.

The Chairs open the floor for comments/questions from the membership:

Marten Porte, Jonge Democraten wants to know how long the recordings will be saved

Reender Reenders responds that they will be saved until the adoption of the minutes at the next General Assembly.

Daniel George, IFLRY Belarus and Ukraine Programme, thinks it is not necessary. It has never been never done before and that there were never problems. In addition, he asked the Chairs and Bureau if they can guarantee that all the speakers speak in the microphone, otherwise the recording process is useless.

Tanya responds on behalf of the Chairs stating that they will definitely speak in the microphone but that there is no guarantee that everyone else would, as there is only one microphone for the whole General Assembly.

Tanya explains the procedure – the General Assembly is welcome to vote to accept the proposal as stated in the motion, unless there are any clear objections to veto.

Future Youth (Lebanon) puts a veto on the motion. The motion is declined.

Tanya presents the Agenda for the 44th General Assembly and asks if anyone would like to propose any amendments, has any comments or objections. No one comes forward. Tanya asks the General Assembly to proceed to voting by acclamation. The Agenda as presented by the Chairs and published online is adopted.

5. Decision on the Urgency Resolutions

Benedikte takes the floor to state that no urgency resolutions are submitted.

Regarding the Prioritization of Resolutions, she asks that every organization fills in the form ranking the resolutions according to their priority.

Daan Jan Looij, JOVD asks where the form can be found.

The Chairs explain that the link to a google form has been posted online (Facebook group for the General Assembly). The deadline for the prioritization is stated in the group as well.

6. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Tanya reminds the General Assembly that the minutes of the 43rd General Assembly have been published and asks if there are any amendments or questions concerning the minutes of the previous GA. With no questions from the membership, the General Assembly is invited to adopt the minutes of the 43rd General Assembly in Ghana by acclamation. The minutes are adopted.

7. Appointment Officers of the Standing Committees

The following proposal for the officers for the standing committees is read aloud by the chairs:

FINANCE

Chair: Lidia Rauch, ALY

Vice Chair: Katrine Isabella Müller Lund, VU

Minute Taker: Daan Jan Looij, JOVD

STATUTES & RULES OF PROCEDURE

Chair: Krijn Van Eeden, JD

Vice Chair: David De La Fuente, YDA

Minute Taker: Ulla Lovcalic, LUF

RESOLUTIONS

Chair: Benedikte Kloth, RU

Vice Chair: Sven Hilgers, JuLis

Minute Taker: Jillian Cardillo, YDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Bram Roodhart, JOVD

Vice Chair: Teresė Škutaitė, LLY

Minute Taker: Mohamad Saad, Future Youth

Tanya asks if there are any objections to this proposal. There are no objections and the Chair invites the General Assembly to accept the Chairs and Minute-Takers of the Standing Committees as a list by acclamation. The list is accepted.

Tanya makes two remarks:

1: She states that a change in returning officers is proposed. Amanda Kanange, LUF instead of Badreddine Bouchourab , AJA. The change was accepted by acclamation.

2: As a reminder of the programme for the weekend, the finance standing committee takes place tonight, tomorrow the other standing committees will follow.

The General Assembly was adjourned for the day,

Agenda was re-opened by Bram at 1.10 Saturday, 24 November 2018

The Secretary General checked the room for the newly joined organizations in order to issue a roll call if necessary. This was not the case.

8. Adoption of Action Plan 2018—2020

The Secretary General Sven Gerst introduces the Bureau Action Plan 2018-2020. The Chairs open the floor for comments/ questions.

Marten Porte, Jonge Democraten points out that the Action Plan gives a quota of 10 new MOs every year. He doubts if it is good to have a quantitative quota, because a quantitative focus could have the result that IFLRY accepts members that do not fully support the Manifesto.

The Secretary General replies that he does not share the concerns to the same extent, because he thinks there are more than enough liberal organizations in the world that are not yet part of IFLRY. We should keep in mind that member organizations do not necessarily have to be political parties. However, it is important to not undermine the quality of potential new members.

Téresá, Lithuanian Liberal Youth asks about the replacement of the old format of a policy book and if there are new ways and methods of policies envisaged.

The Secretary General responds that he wants to use more online platforms instead. He stresses that resolutions are not at the core of IFLRY, because IFLRY has limited possibilities to lobby, resulting from the fact that they do not have a body to address.

Bram ask if there are any additional questions to the Bureau about the Action Plan. With no further questions or objections received, Bram invites the General Assembly to adopt the Bureau Action Plan 2018-2020 by acclamation. The action plan is adopted per acclamation.

9. Adoption of the Financial Report and Audit Report

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance, Lidia Rauch, presents the results of the discussions and recommendations of the Standing Committee.

2017 Financial Report

The Chair informs the GA that the standing committee on finance gave a positive advice for adopting the financial report, asks if there are any urgent comments and invites the General Assembly to vote. However, two returning officers are not present in the room so the Chair proposes to add Stefan Triteu, TLDE and Mohammed Saad, Future Youth as temporary returning officers. There are no objections and the proposal is accepted by acclamation.

The General Assembly then proceeds to vote on the adoption of the 2017 financial report (2/3 majority)

in favor: 98

against: 0

abstain: 0

The 2017 Financial Report is adopted

The Chair presents the application for the reduction of the membership fee for the Lithuanian Liberal Youth and informs the General Assembly of a positive recommendation by the Standing Committee. With no urgent motions in place, the Chair asks the representatives of the organization to leave the room and invites the General Assembly to proceed with voting:

in favor: 96

against: 0

abstain: 5.

The General Assembly, therefore, approves the reduced membership fee for the Lithuanian Liberal Youth and welcomes the representatives of the organization back in the room.

The Chair presents the application of European Youth of Ukraine for the solidarity fund and informs the General Assembly of the positive recommendation to accept this application. European Youth of Ukraine is applying in Absentia. An internal discussion follows.

The chair invites the General Assembly to proceed with voting

In favour: 98

against: 6

abstain: 3

Thus, European Youth of Ukraine is granted the Solidarity Fund.

The Chair presents the proposal for the 2019 Membership Fees Guidelines as discussed at the Standing Committee with a positive recommendation for adoption and with no urgent motions or comments in the room invites the General Assembly to proceed to voting.

In favour: 111

against: 0

abstain: 0

The proposal for the 2019 Membership Fee Guidelines is accepted.

The Chair reminds the General Assembly that an Interim auditor report is send to all member organizations for information.

10. Adoption of the Revised Budget 2018 & Draft Budget 2019

Revised budget 2018

The Chair presents the positive recommendation of the Standing Committee to adopt the revised budget. There are no urgent questions regarding the revised budget and the General Assembly proceeds to voting.

In favour: 111

against: 0

abstain: 0

The revised 2018 budget is adopted.

Draft budget 2019

The presents the positive recommendation of the Standing Committee to adopt the budget. There are no questions regarding the draft 2019 budget and the Chair invites the General Assembly to proceed to voting

In favour: 111

against: 0

abstain: 0

The draft budget for 2019 is adopted.

The session of the General Assembly is adjourned to be resumed at 13:43.

11. Presentation and Adoption of the Bureau Reports (incl. update from Office, Regional Bureau Members, and Program Managers)

The Secretary General does a roll call because some organizations are not present anymore.

Andorra	Joves Liberals D'Andorra	Present	3 Votes
Austria	JUNOS	Present	3 Votes
Belarus	Civil Forum	Present	3 Votes
Belgium	FEL	Present	1 Vote
Bulgaria	YMRF	Present	8 Votes
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Sven also notes that the votes of two organizations – Vremya/Vesna and AJA – are temporarily on hold until the results of the Standing Committee on Membership.

122 of the 190 votes are present in the room. The quorum of 63 votes is, therefore, reached.

The Chair and Secretary General inform the General Assembly of the name change from “Jeunes Radicaux de Gauche” to “Jeunes Radicaux” and invite the General Assembly to accept it by acclamation. Moreover, votes are issued to new member organisation in the room: Jong VLD.

France	Jeunes Radicaux	Present	3
Votes			
Belgium	Jong VLD	Present	1 Vote

The total of 126 Votes have been issued.

Sven states that all the bureau reports have been made available in due time according to the deadlines. The Secretary General also takes the opportunity to inform the General Assembly of the recent recruitment process results and introduce Hussam Erhayel of Jordan as the newly selected Executive Director of IFLRY. Sven also notes that the office has been relocated to Berlin and that the registration in Germany is in process. He proceeds to taking the questions from the floor

Marten Porte, Jonge Democraten asks about the GDPR breach that was mentioned in the reports - how it happened and how IFLRY intends to prevent such a breach in the future?

Nazlican Kanmaz, interim Executive Director, ensured the membership that it was a one-time oversight of her and that will not happen again.

The Chairs invited the General Assembly to adopt all reports together by acclamation. The reports are adopted.

12. Adoption of Amendments to Statutes and Rules of Procedure

The Chair of the Standing Committee, Krijn van Eeden informs the General Assembly on the positive recommendation for all amendments to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure as proposed by the Bureau and unless any urgent comments or motions are raised invites the General Assembly to vote for each amendment. The voting ensues beginning with Statutes.

Statutory amendment number 1:

In favour: 109

against: 0

abstain: 0

The chair chooses to only count against and abstain in the voting for the amendment and assumes the others to be in favor. There are no objections to this.

Voting on statutory amendment 2: all in favor.

Voting on statutory amendment 3: all in favor.

Voting on statutory amendment 4: all in favor.

Voting on statutory amendment 5: all in favor.

Voting on statutory amendment 6: all in favor.

Voting on statutory amendment 7: all in favor.

Voting on statutory amendment 8: all in favor.

Amendment 1 to the Rules of Procedure: All in favor

13. Membership Issues

For this agenda point the two Chairs – Tanya Lyubimova and Bram Roodhart – step down as chairs, due to a conflict of interest – being either the relevant representatives of their organizations and in order participate in the discussion. Benedikte Kloth takes over to chair this agenda point.

The Chair introduces the results and recommendations of the Standing Committee.

International Organization for Youth in Politics (I.O.Y.P) from Zimbabwe applying for associate membership.

The application received a positive recommendation from the Standing Committee. The organization is not present in the room applying in absentia. The Chair calls for anyone to abstain or be against, with none indicated. As a result, the Chairs conclude that the General Assembly has accepted the application.

Young Flemish Liberals and Democrats (Jong VLD) from Belgium applying for associate membership.

The Chair asks the representatives of the organization to leave the room.

The application received a positive recommendation From the Standing Committee. The General Assembly has no voices against or abstaining and the Chairs conclude that Jong VLD is accepted as an associate member. The representatives of the organization are welcomed back in the room with applause.

There was a mix up in the notes and it was concluded that the application of I.O.Y.P. from Zimbabwe should have been the application of Convergence of the Republican Youth (COJER) from Senegal. As a result, the Chair proposes to vote on the applications again in the correct order.

1. African Children and Youth Development Network (ACYDN) from Liberia

The Standing Committee decided to postpone the decision on the application for associate membership of the. There are no objections, so the General Assembly postpones voting on this application.

2. Juventud Evolucion Politica (EVOPOLI) from Chile applying for associate membership

The application received a positive recommendation From the Standing Committee. The Organization is not present in the room applying in absentia. The Chair calls for anyone to abstain or be against, with none indicated. As a result, the Chairs conclude that the General Assembly has accepted EVOPOLI as associate member.

3. Open Russia Youth Department from Russia applying for Observer membership status. The Chair asks the representatives of the organization to leave the room. The application received a positive recommendation from the Standing

Committee. The General Assembly proceeds to voting. No votes against, but 8 abstentions, however the majority is in favour, therefore the Chairs conclude that Open Russia Youth Department has been granted an observer status. The representative of the organization is welcomed back in the room with applause.

4. Organization for Youth in Politics from Zimbabwe applying for associate membership. The application received a positive recommendation from the Standing Committee. The Organization is not present in the room applying in absentia. The General Assembly proceeds to voting. No votes against, but 3 abstentions, however the majority is in favour, therefore the Chairs conclude that Organization for Youth in Politics is granted the associate membership status.

5. Tineretul Aliantei Liberalilor Si Democratilor (TLDE) from Romania applying for full membership.

Stefan Tiriteu of TLDE asks if he could make a statement to the General Assembly before his application is voted upon. He explains that they have learned the lessons from their membership application at the LYMEC conference in Vilnius and state that they have complied with the recommendations that were made there, because they really think it is important for them to become a member of IFLRY. He states that concerning LGTB rights their tactic of boycotting the referendum worked with the result that the referendum did not reach the necessary turnout.

The Chair asks TLDE to leave the room.

The Chair informs the General Assembly that the application received a positive recommendation from the Standing Committee. The Chair opens the floor for urgent comments/ questions and the internal discussion follows.

The General Assembly proceeds to voting:

In favor: 55

against: 33

abstain: 11

The necessary $\frac{2}{3}$ majority for accepting TLDE as a full member is not reached. As a result, they remain an associate member.

TLDE representatives are welcomed back in the room.

6. Convergence of the Republican youth (COJER) from Senegal applying for associate membership.

The Standing Committee gave a positive recommendation on this application to the General Assembly and the General Assembly proceeds to voting.

in favor: 114

against: 0

abstain: 0.

COJER is accepted as associate member.

7. Liberal Youth Movement from Sudan applying for associate membership.

The chair states informs the General Assembly that the Standing Committee recommends to postpone voting on this application to the next General Assembly. There are no objections and the application is postponed.

The Chair now informs the General Assembly of the discussion that took place at the Standing Committee regarding the membership dispute of two organizations.

Vremya Youth Movement / Vesna Youth Democratic Movement

The request to change the name of *Vesna Youth Democratic Movement* to *Vremya Youth Movement* is discussed. The problem is that there are two organizations that claim to be the legal representative of the IFLRY member. These are *Vesna Youth Democratic Movement* and *Vremya Youth Movement*. The Standing Committee advised to postpone the vote on the name change until next GA. In the meantime the organization should be treated as suspended. In the period before the next GA the bureau wants to find a way in the statutes in which the organization can be expelled, so that both organizations can reapply.

The representatives of both organizations are asked to leave the room. An internal discussion follows. A motion has been put forward co-signed by JOVD, Future Youth and Civil Forum and states as follows: "To call the General Assembly to give the right to execute the name change of an IFLRY member organization in accordance with the Statutes/RoPs, namely: the change of the name of a full IFLRY MO since 2016 "Vesna Youth Democratic Movement" to "Vremya Youth Movement" (thus recognizing Vremya Youth Movement as the rightful successor

and full IFLRY member organization); To call the General Assembly to urge the organization currently claiming the name "Vesna Youth Democratic Movement" to apply for IFLRY membership."

After further internal discussion the General Assembly proceeds to voting on whether to vote on the motion prior to the Recommendation of the Standing Committee.

in favor: 33

against: 46

abstain: 18.

The motion will not be voted on.

The General Assembly proceeds with voting on the recommendation of the Standing Committee to postpone the decision on the name change.

in favor: 81

against: 12

abstain: 17

The decision and voting on the name change are postponed until the next General Assembly.

The Representatives of the both organizations are asked to return to the room.

Nikolay Artemenko, Vremya asks if he can make a statement.

Nikolay takes the floor and states that the decision of the General Assembly unacceptable for them and although still to be discussed with the board, it is very likely that Vremya will leave the Federation and announce their decision shortly.

AJA Morocco

The Chair informs the General Assembly that in this case there is also a disagreement about who is the legal representative of the organization. The Standing Committee recommends postponing the decision to the next General Assembly

The representatives of AJA are asked to leave the room. An internal discussion follows.

The General Assembly proceeds to voting on the postponing of the decision

In favor: 99

Against: 8

Abstentions: 0

The decision is postponed until the next General Assembly

14. Resolutions and Amendments to the Manifesto

The Chair of the Standing Committee, Benedikte Kloth, presents the results and recommendations of the Standing Committee in accordance with the prioritized list of resolutions.

1. Human Rights are Non Negotiable: Embargo on arms to Saudi Arabia Now

The resolution has a positive recommendation of the Standing Committee.

There is no further discussion and the Chair invites the General Assembly to proceed to voting:

In favor: 93

Against: 0

Abstained: 6

The resolution has been passed.

2. Expanding Freedom of Speech

The resolution has a positive recommendation of the Standing Committee.

There is no further discussion and the Chair invites the General Assembly to proceed to voting:

in favor: 93

against: 0

Abstained: 6

The resolution has been passed.

3. No one shall force LGBTQ+ asylum seekers back into the closet.

The resolution has a positive recommendation of the Standing Committee.

There is no further discussion and the Chair invites the General Assembly to proceed to voting:

In favor: 99

against: 0

abstentions: 0

The resolution has been passed.

4. Cutting spending on foreign development aid

The resolution has a negative recommendation of the Standing Committee.

There is no further discussion and the Chair invites the General Assembly to proceed to voting:

In favor: 31

against: 67

abstentions: 9

The resolution has not been passed.

5. Support sustainability and democracy in Tunisia

The resolution has a positive recommendation of the Standing Committee.

There is no further discussion and the Chair invites the General Assembly to proceed to voting:

In favor: 94

against: 12

abstentions: 4

The resolution has been passed.

6. Stop Organ Harvesting in China

The resolution has been amended by the Standing Committee and has received a positive recommendation of the Standing Committee as amended.

There is no further discussion and the Chair invites the General Assembly to proceed to voting:

In favor: 96

against: 0

abstentions: 0

The resolution has been passed.

7. '70 years Israel – Responsibility for the liberal world order'

The resolution was withdrawn by the submitter of the resolution (Junge Liberale) at the Standing Committee

15. News from Member Organizations

The Chairs ask everyone who would like to address the General Assembly to line up in the middle of the room.

Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya shares that they have their biannual assembly. They state that Victor Sole steps down as an international officer and that they will get a new board. They want to thank IFLRY on behalf of JNC for the General Assembly.

Jonge Democraten International Officer shares about their current political focus on the topic pensions in the Netherlands and invites other Member Organizations to reach out if they have interest in this as well.

Youth Movement for Rights and Freedom representative thanks everyone and informs the General Assembly that they have sent a letter to the Bureau concerning hosting the next Spring General Assembly of IFLRY.

Junge Liberale International Officer informs the General Assembly that they are preparing for European Elections and one of their members – Svenja Hahn, President of LYMEC – is running as a candidate. They also extend the invitation to the membership to attend their congress with more information to follow.

Liberala ungdomsförbundet representative Amanda Kanange gives an on the successful elections in Sweden where she herself also participated. She also informs the General Assembly that Anders Rehnberg, former IFLRY Vice President, is running for the European Elections and invites the membership to join the campaign.

Svensk Ungdom shares the information that they will participate in the parliamentary elections in the coming April.

JOVD representative shares the news that their organization is turning 70 years old and will be celebrating their 14th lustrum. Invitations to the membership to participate will be sent out in due time.

Young Democrats of America International Officer gives an update on the mid-term elections in which the democrats had displayed good results taking back the House. They also inform the General Assembly about their upcoming Convention in July 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana and invite other organizations to attend.

Radikal Ungdom share the information about the three elections in Denmark: school elections, parliament elections and European elections,

16. Any other business

The Secretary General takes the floor to state that the Bureau will suggest a GDPR officer in the light with the recently introduced legislation. The incoming Executive Director will take the lead on this.

Benedicte Kloth also serving as the Free Trade Programme Manager reminds the membership to disseminate the survey link which was shared previously by the Programme. Tanya adds that since the Bureau and Council Fair did not take place any member organizations are welcome to ask about the programmes and the Council will post any information there may be.

The Bureau also will share the folder with relevant General Assembly documents with Nickolas Pagonakis as the focal point.

Bram Roodhart as the Human Rights Programme Manager shares a possibility to contribute to the upcoming Human Rights Day by shooting a video or doing any other promotion of Human Rights in the line of "what Human Rights for me are" and invites interested people to join.

17. Date and place of next meeting

The Secretary General announces the place of the spring General Assembly as Sofia in tentatively March 2019. The 45th General Assembly will also feature elections of the Vice Presidents.

18. Closing

The President Ahmad Al Rachwani takes the floor to thank everyone and officially closes the 44th General Assembly of the International Federation of Liberal Youth.

Appendices

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Appendix B: Statutory Changes as proposed by the Bureau prior to the 44th IFLRY General Assembly

AM 01	Statues
Signatories	IFLRY Bureau, represented by: Secretary General
Spokesperson	Sven Gerst, sven.gerst@iflry.org
Lines	n/a
Delete	<p>1.1 Name</p> <p>The organisation is established as an international association under the name International Federation of Liberal Youth (abbreviated as IFLRY).</p>
Replace by	<p>1.1 Name</p> <p>The organisation is established as an association under German law with the name International Federation of Liberal Youth (abbreviated as IFLRY). It shall be formally registered in the register of associations. With the registration the affix e.V. will be added to its name.</p>
(Further Explanation)	<p>German:</p> <p>1.1 Name</p> <p>Der Verein deutschen Rechts führt den Namen: International Federation of Liberal Youth (abgekürzt als IFLRY). Er soll in das Vereinsregister eingetragen werden. Mit Eintragung führt er den Namenszusatz e.V..</p>

AM 02	Statues
Signatories	IFLRY Bureau, represented by: Secretary General
Spokesperson	Sven Gerst, sven.gerst@iflry.org
Lines	n/a
Delete	<p>1.2 Place</p> <p>The office of the association is located at 1 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HD, UNITED KINGDOM.</p>
Replace by	<p>1.2 Place</p> <p>The office of the association is located in Berlin, Germany.</p>
(Further Explanation)	<p>German:</p> <p>1.2 Ort</p> <p>Der Sitz des Vereins ist Berlin (Deutschland).</p>

AM 03	Statues
Signatories	IFLRY Bureau, represented by: Secretary General
Spokesperson	Sven Gerst, sven.gerst@iflry.org
Lines	n/a
Delete	<p>2.2 Criteria</p> <p>All national and student organisations, having legal personality, that are in agreement with the aims of IFLRY and the principles expressed in the Manifesto are welcome to apply for associate or observer membership status within IFLRY if they have a legal status. Only associate members may apply for full membership.</p> <p>An organisation coming from a country where it is unable to obtain legal personality due to the nature of its activities, may also apply for membership. Organisations that do not fit the above criteria may also apply for observer membership in the Federation.</p> <p>Every regional organisation being in agreement with the aims of IFLRY and with the principles expressed in the Manifesto shall have the right to apply for regional membership of IFLRY.</p>

Replace by	<p>2.2 Criteria</p> <p>All national and student organisations, having legal personality, that are in agreement with the aims of IFLRY and the principles expressed in the Manifesto are welcome to apply for associate or observer membership status within IFLRY if they have a legal status.</p> <p>Organisations that do not fit the above criteria may also apply for associate or observer membership in the Federation. Regional organisations being in agreement with the aims of IFLRY and with the principles expressed in the Manifesto shall have the right to apply for regional membership of IFLRY.</p>
(Further Explanation)	<p>German:</p> <p>2.2 Kriterien</p> <p>Jede nationale Jugend – und/oder Studentenorganisation mit eigener Rechtspersönlichkeit (juristische Person), die mit den Zielen von IFLRY und mit den Richtlinien des Programms übereinstimmt, hat das Recht, sich um die Mitgliedschaft in IFLRY zu bewerben.</p> <p>Organisationen, die diese Kriterien nicht erfüllen, können eine Partnerschaft (Partnerorganisation) oder Beobachterstatus (Beobachterorganisation) beantragen. Regionale Organisationen (juristische Personen), die mit den Zielen und Richtlinien des Grundsatzprogramms von IFLRY übereinstimmen, haben überdies das Recht, eine regionale Mitgliedschaft in IFLRY zu beantragen.</p>

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Lines	n/a
Delete	<p>2.3 Membership Rights</p> <p>Members have the right of information within the Federation, with potential restrictions for non-Full Members at the discretion of the Bureau.</p> <p>Regional members have the right to appoint a representative to the Bureau as Regional Bureau Member, but do not have voting rights at a General Assembly, or in the Bureau.</p> <p>The rights of Members on the decision-making procedures, as well as the nomination procedures within the Federation are stipulated in the Rules of Procedure.</p>
Replace by	<p>2.3 Membership Rights</p> <p>Members have the right of information within the federation.</p> <p>Regional members have the right to appoint a representative to the Bureau as Regional Bureau Member, but do not have voting rights in the Bureau.</p> <p>The rights of Members on the decision-making procedures, as well as the nomination procedures within the federation are stipulated in the Rules of Procedure.</p>

(Further Explanation)	<p>German:</p> <p>2.3. Mitgliedsrechte</p> <p>Mitglieder haben das Recht auf Information innerhalb des Verbandes.</p> <p>Regionale Mitglieder haben das Recht, einen Beobachter in den Vorstand zu entsenden, welcher jedoch kein Stimmrecht besitzt.</p> <p>Die Rechte der Mitglieder in den Entscheidungsprozessen sowie das Vorschlagsverfahren innerhalb des Verbandes sind in der Geschäftsordnung festgelegt.</p>
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Lines	n/a

<p>Delete</p>	<p>3.2.1 General</p> <p>The IFLRY Bureau consists of seven (7) Bureau members elected by a General Assembly; President, Secretary General, Treasurer and four (4) Vice Presidents; as well as Regional Bureau Members, as appointed by the federation’s Regional Member Organisations, or where there are no Regional Member Organisations, as appointed by the IFLRY Bureau. The President, Secretary General, and Treasurer will be elected for a period of two (2) years; the Vice-Presidents will be elected for a period of one (1) year. Regional Bureau Members do not have voting rights in the Bureau.</p> <p>The Bureau is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Federation and for the control of all its resources .</p> <p>The election and responsibilities of the Bureau is described further in the Rules of Procedure.</p>
<p>Replace by</p>	<p>1.2 Place</p> <p>The IFLRY Bureau consists of seven (7) Bureau members elected by a General Assembly. According to §26 of German Civil Code (“BürgerlichesGesetzbuch”, BGB), the managing Bureau consists of three Bureau members: President, Secretary General, and Treasurer. The extended Bureau consist of up to four (4) Vice Presidents. The managing Bureau will be elected for a period of two (2) years; the Vice-Presidents will be elected for a period of one (1) year. The election and responsibilities of the Bureau is described further in the Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>The Bureau is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Federation and for the control of all its resources .The Bureau has to report to the General Assembly. Regional Member Organizations can appoint Regional Bureau Members. Regional Bureau Members do not have voting rights in the Bureau.</p>

(Further Explanation)

German:

Die 7 Mitglieder des Vorstandes werden durch die Hauptversammlung gewählt.

Der Vorstand gemäß § 26 BGB besteht aus 3 Mitgliedern, dem Präsidenten, dem Generalsekretär und dem Schatzmeister. Der erweiterte Vorstand besteht aus bis zu vier Vizepräsidenten.

Die Mitglieder des BGB Vorstandes werden von der Hauptversammlung für zwei (2) Jahre gewählt, die Mitglieder des erweiterten Vorstandes für die Dauer von einem (1) Jahr. Die Wahl und die Aufgaben des Büros werden näher in der Geschäftsordnung beschrieben.

Der Vorstand ist verantwortlich für die laufende Verwaltung des Verbands und für die Kontrolle aller Vermögenswerte. Der Vorstand hat Rechenschaftspflicht für alle seine Aktivitäten gegenüber der Hauptversammlung. Jedes regionale Mitglied ist berechtigt, in den Vorstand einen Beobachter zu entsenden. Die Beobachter dürfen an den Vorstandssitzungen beratend teilnehmen, haben jedoch kein eigenes Stimm- oder Antragsrecht.

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Lines	n/a
Delete	<p>3.2.4 Legal Status</p> <p>Except in the case of special mandates, all deeds that bind the Federation shall be signed by the President either Secretary General or Treasurer who are not obliged to show powers to third parties.</p> <p>All legal action, be it as claimant or a defendant, shall be taken, continued and expedited by the Bureau, represented by its President or a member of the Bureau appointed by the President.</p>
Replace by	<p>3.2.4 Legal Status</p> <p>The association under German Law shall be jointly represented extrajudicially by two members of the managing Bureau.</p>
(Further Explanation)	<p>German:</p> <p>3.2.4 Rechtliche Stellung</p> <p>Der Verein wird gerichtlich und außergerichtlich durch zwei Mitglieder des BGB Vorstandsgemeinsam vertreten.</p>

AM 07	Statues
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Lines	n/a
Delete	<p>5.1 The financial year</p> <p>The financial year of IFLRY shall end on December 31st of every year.</p>
Replace by	<p>5.1 The financial year</p> <p>The financial year of IFLRY is the calendar year.</p>
(Further Explanation)	<p>German:</p> <p>5.1 Geschäftsjahr</p> <p>Das Geschäftsjahr von IFLRY ist das Kalenderjahr.</p>

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Spokesperson	Sven Gerst, sven.gerst@iflry.org
Lines	n/a
Delete	<p>6.1 Interpretation</p> <p>The interpretation of these Statutes are subject to the decision of the General Assembly. The General Assembly can arrange further matters in the Rules of Procedure, as long as these matters do not contradict the Statutes. Where the Statutes are not applicable, the Rules of Procedure shall apply. When these are not applicable, the General Assembly shall decide in accordance with the provisions of the law.</p>
(Further Explanation)	Not in accordance with German Civil Code.

2: Amendments Rules of Procedure

AM 01	Rules of Procedure
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Lines	n/a
Add	<p>1.1. Languages</p> <p>[...] The mandatory language of the Statues is German.</p>
(Further Explanation)	<p>German:</p> <p>1.1. Sprache</p> <p>Die offiziellen Verbandssprachen sind Englisch, Französisch und Spanisch. In Fällen, in denen keine Übersetzungsmöglichkeit ist, soll Englisch als Arbeitssprache verwendet werden. Die verbindliche Sprache der Satzung ist Deutsch.</p>