



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
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Dear liberal family,

Nine months have passed since the election of the Bureau 2018-2019 in Ghana. Being Vice President of IFLRY has been a huge challenge, but also one of the greatest satisfactions. Of course, this task, while fighting a dictatorship like the Venezuelan one, has been inspiring, but also difficult, although it always leaves great lessons.

The focus has been Latin America, a difficult region, but full of opportunities and with many liberals. Therefore, the main task has been to bring order, evaluate the status of IFLRY in the region and explore opportunities to improve our presence there and have new members.

These months have served to **initiate approaches with organizations from Mexico, Ecuador, Brazil, Colombia and Chile** who will soon be more involved with our work. We have also clarified the situation in Paraguay, with a historic presence in IFLRY. We have also **resumed contact with Argentina, Peru, Honduras and Costa Rica**, with a pending issue having more presence in the Central American region. The idea is to strengthen our memberships in the region and grow more. Another task carried out in the region has been **to talk with former members of other IFLRY Bureaus in the past**, in order to integrate them and offer advice from their experience years ago, as a way to approach to Latin America.

We also appointed a new Latin America Programme Manager and a regional member in the Bureau, precisely so that the region has a better presence in IFLRY's decision-making. With the regional representation we have had some problems, mainly due to the political situation in Mexico, however, with the PM, we have made progress and **it is expected to relaunch the Latin America Programme in January 2019.**

We renewed the **relationship with the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations (ICMYO)** and began to work with its Task Force, integrating youth organizations from around the world and supported the launch of the United Nations Youth Strategy, during its last General Assembly in September..

Similarly, **we have strengthened our political work with the Liberal Network of Latin America (RELIAL)**, an initiative promoted by the **Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF)** in the region (Mexico office) that has allowed us to bring together most of the Latin American liberal organizations. We have had important support from the FNF in the region, which has allowed us to attend events representing IFLRY. **We have had a sustained work with the Swedish International Liberal Center (SILC)**, who has been fundamental, especially in logistical and political issues, to be able to guarantee my the attendance of events in Europe.



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This year I was present at the **Bureau Meeting held in Budapest, Hungary, in May 2018.** Likewise, I represented IFLRY at the **Oslo Freedom Forum 2018, in May 2018,** and at the **General Assembly and Congress on Free Trade of the Liberal Network of Latin America (RELIAL), in October 2018, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic,** where we had an intra-network panel with the Liberal International, ALDE, Atlas Network, among others, as well as **I attended the first National Convention of Vente Joven (Venezuela),** as a speaker on behalf of IFLRY, and the **IFLRY General Assembly in Barcelona, in November 2018.**

In addition, **I have attended 11 of 12 Online Bureau Meetings.** The communication has been quite fluid, although sometimes due to safety and technological issues /risk of living in Venezuela, I could not be at the moment about the issues that are discussed, however, there is always the best disposition and desire to do a good work.

These have been wonderful months and want to thank the entire Bureau for their support in hard moments. I hope to continue working for freedom and continue having the honor of work for IFLRY.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pedro Urruchurtu".

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