



International Federation of Liberal Youth

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STATUTES

OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBERAL YOUTH (IFLRY)

as adopted by the IFLRY Extraordinary General Assembly in Madrid, Spain, April 6th, 1990 (translated from original text in Dutch) and last amended at the 35th General Assembly in Chisinau, Moldova, 1st December 2012.

A. General

Article (Statutes) I. Name

The organisation is established as an international association under the name International Federation of Liberal Youth (abbreviated as IFLRY).

Article (Statutes) II. Place

The secretariat of the association is at 1 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HD, UNITED KINGDOM.

Article (Statutes) III. Aims

The aim of IFLRY shall be to promote liberal thoughts, and contribute to the development and promotion of human rights, democracy, free trade and cooperation on global level through political education and networking of young people. To this end IFLRY organises publications, seminars, group travel, symposia, courses and meetings with other organisations where the above themes are discussed and where an exchange of information takes place.

B. Relationship with Liberal International and other organisations

Article (Statutes) IV. Liberal International

In order to achieve its aims, IFLRY shall co-operate with Liberal International. IFLRY is a full member organisation of Liberal International and it is independent in all decisions.

C. Membership

Article (Statutes) V. Composition

IFLRY consists of member organisations and observer organizations. IFLRY has three types of member organisations: full members, candidate members and regional members.

Article (Statutes) VI. Criteria

Every national youth or student organisation having legal personality (or coming from a country where it is unable to obtain legal personality because of the nature of its activities) and being in agreement with the aims of IFLRY and with the principles expressed in the Manifesto shall have the right to apply for candidate membership of IFLRY.

Organizations that do not fit these criteria may apply for observer status in the Federation.

Only candidate members may apply for full membership.



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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.

Article VII. Membership Accession & Termination

Members shall be admitted to the association by a vote of the Executive Committee or General Assembly, depending on the type of membership.

Members can resign from the association voluntarily, or be expelled by a vote of the General Assembly.

Article VIII. Membership Rights

Members have the right of information within the association, with potential restrictions for non-Full Members at the discretion of the Bureau. All members have the right to nominate persons for non-official positions contributing to the aims of the Federation.

Regional members have the right to appoint a representative to the Bureau as Regional Bureau Member.

The rights of Members in the decision-making procedures within the association are stipulated in the Rules of Procedure.

Article IX. Membership Obligations

All members commit themselves to fulfil the membership obligations, which are:

- a) To adhere to the financial obligations as stated in the Membership Fee Statute. Organizations which have fulfilled these obligations are considered in good standing.
- b) To uphold the values as stated in the Manifesto.
- c) To support the work being done by the statutory bodies of the association.

D. Statutory Bodies

Article X. General

The statutory bodies of the association are the General Assembly, the Executive Committee and the Bureau. The General Assembly and Executive Committee are also referred to as statutory events.

Only organisations in good standing shall be accorded voting rights at statutory events.

Article XI. General Assembly

The General Assembly is the highest decision making body of IFLRY and has full powers to accomplish the aims of the association. The General Assembly is made up of all members of the association. Voting rights in the General Assembly are to be distributed according to the size of the member organisation by a formula set out in the Rules of Procedure. The General Assembly shall meet at least once every two (2) years, at a date and place it determines.

Article XII. Extraordinary General Assembly



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An Extraordinary General Assembly can be called by a simple majority in the Bureau, a simple majority in the Executive Committee or by (a group of) full member organisations representing at least one-fifth (1/5) of the votes that could have been cast at the most recent General Assembly or one-fourth (1/4) of the full member organisations.

Article XIII. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is the highest decision making body in between General Assemblies. The Executive Committee shall consist of a representative of each member organisation and a representative of the Bureau. The Executive Committee meets at least once a year.

Article XIV. Bureau

The Bureau is responsible for the day-to-day management of the association and for the control of all assets. The Bureau is accountable for all its activities to the General Assembly and the Executive Committee. The Bureau shall consist of a President, a Secretary General, a Treasurer, and four (4) Vice-Presidents, who will be elected at a General Assembly for a period of two (2) years.

In addition, the Bureau shall consist of one (1) Regional Bureau Member per regional member organisation of IFLRY. The Bureau will have the right to appoint a Regional Bureau Member from regions that are not represented by regional organizations. Regional Bureau Members do not have voting rights in the Bureau.

Individual Bureau Members can be forced to resign by a General Assembly or Executive Committee.

Article XV. Legal Status

Except in the case of special mandates all deeds that bind the association shall be signed by the President and Secretary-General or Treasurer who are not obliged to show powers to third parties.

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.

Article XVI. Standing Committees

There shall be standing committees which shall meet at each Executive Committee Meeting and General Assembly. Each committee shall consist of one (1) delegate from each full member organisation, selected pursuant to each organisation's own procedures.

The Bureau shall be represented in each standing committee in a non-voting capacity.

D. Auditors

Article XVII. Composition & Purpose

There shall be two (2) auditors, who shall be elected at a General Assembly for a period of two (2) years. The auditors shall examine the accounts and general finances of the association and give a report thereon to the General Assembly. The report to the General Assembly shall also include an assessment on how the Bureau has carried out the decisions taken by the General Assembly and the Executive



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Committee. The auditors shall additionally be responsible for the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings and General Assemblies.

None of the auditors shall have been a member of the previous Bureau or have been employed by IFLRY during the previous Bureau term.

E. Administration

Article XVIII. Financial Year

The financial year of IFLRY shall end on December 31st of every year.

Article XIX. Secretariat

A decision to change the secretariat is taken by simple majority vote by the Executive Committee or if so charged by a simple majority vote by the Bureau.

F. Statutes and Dissolution

Article XX. Statutory amendments

Every proposal that aims to change these statutes must be submitted to the Secretariat by the Bureau, a simple majority in the Executive Committee, or by a group of no less than two (2) full member organisations at least six (6) weeks prior to the General Assembly, or one (1) week after the announcement of an Extraordinary General Assembly. The proposal is adopted, if so decided by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

All changes to the Statutes take effect immediately after the adjournment of the General Assembly where they are adopted.

Article XXI. Dissolution

Every proposal that aims to dissolve the association must be put forward by the Bureau, a simple majority in the Executive Committee or by (a group of) full member organisations representing at least one-fifth (1/5) of the votes that could have been cast at the most recent General Assembly or by one-fourth (1/4) of the full member organisations. Any proposal for dissolution of the association must be carried by two (2) consecutive General Assemblies. At the first General Assembly, the proposal must be supported by at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

At the second General Assembly, the same proposal must have a simple majority in order to take effect.

The General Assembly will determine in which manner the association is dissolved and settled.

Article (Statutes) XXII.

The interpretation of these Statutes is 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, Rules of Procedure shall apply. When these are not applicable, the General Assembly shall decide in accordance with the provisions of the law.