

## **Minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> IFLRY General Assembly Accra, Ghana 2-4 March 2018**

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## 1. Opening.

The general Assembly was opened at 17:40 on 2 March 2018 by President Pauline Kastermans on . She passed the floor on to the Secretary General Tone Bjørndal

## 2. Roll Call & Voting Rights

The President proposed to appoint the minute takers in view of the inability of the both auditors who traditionally have been taking the minutes to be present in Accra and suggested Daniel George and Tanya Lyubimova for the role. The President's proposal approved by acclamation. The minute takers assumed their duty.

The Secretary General Tone Bjørndal proceeded with the roll call for the organizations present in the room

<b>Country</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Present</b>
Belarus	Civil Forum	3	+
Bulgaria	Youth Movement for Rights and Freedoms	8	+
Denmark	Radikal Ungdom	4	+
Denmark	Venstres Ungdom	6	+
Egypt	Cairo Liberal Forum	0	-
Egypt	The Egyptian Center for Public Policy Studies	0	-
Egypt	Free Egyptian Party	0	-
Finland	Svensk Ungdom	5	+
Germany	Junge Liberale JuLis	8	+
Ghana	Progressive Youth Movement	0	+
Ghana	Young Liberals of Ghana	0	+
Jordan	Free Thought Forum	0	+
Lebanon	Future Youth	8	+
Morocco	AJA	3	+
Morocco	Jeunesse Haraki	0	+
Nepal	Youth Initiative	3	-
The Netherlands	Jonge Democraten	7	+
The Netherlands	JOVD	6	+
Norway	Young Liberals of Norway	5	+
Senegal	Coordination des Eleves et Etudiants Patriotes	0	-
Sweden	Centre Party Youth	6	+
Sweden	Liberala Ungdomsförbundet	5	+
Tanzania	JUVICUF	0	+
Ukraine	Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine	3	-
USA	Young Democrats of America	0	+
Venezuela	Vente Joven	0	+

Total votes present: 80 (quorum 37)

### **3. Election of the Chairs & Returning Officers**

The Bureau proposed the following 4 people to chair the General Assembly and the Standing Committees: Richard Nii Amah, Amanda Kanange, Bram Roodhart, May El Masri and suggested if there are no objections to vote for all four by acclamation.

The General Assembly approved the nomination of the four chairs by acclamation

The chairs took their places and the table. The chairs put forward the following scrutineers: Alice Schmid, Charity Enny, Ulle LUF and suggested if there are no objections to vote for all four by acclamation.

he General Assembly approved the nomination of the returning officers by acclamation

LDLU representative arrived in the room and received 3 votes.

### **4. Adoption of the Agenda**

May read out the agenda point by point

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And proposed if there are no objections to vote for its adoption by acclamation.  
The General Assembly adopted the agenda by acclamation.

### **5. Decision on the Urgency Resolutions**

Amanda has announced that no urgency resolutions have been submitted.

### **6. Prioritization of Resolutions**

The President Pauline Kasternans took the floor and informed the General Assembly that due to loss of the luggage of the Executive Director and the ensuing issue with finding a printing source around the venue there are currently no ballots for the urgency resolutions and propose to move this agenda point to Saturday morning. No objections were raised and the

General Assembly approved moving Agenda point 6 “Prioritization of Resolutions” to Saturday, 3 March 2018 morning.

### **7. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Bram has reminded the General Assembly that the minutes from the previous meeting have been made available on the website and asked for comments or objections before proceeding to adopt them by acclamation.

The minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly in Beirut 2017 have been adopted.

### **8. Appointment Officers of the Standing Committee(s)**

Richard has proposed the following division of chairs for the respective standing committees:

- Standing Committee on Resolutions: Bram Roodhart
- Standing Committee on Finances: Amanda Kanange
- Standing Committee on Membership: May El Masri
- Standing Committee on Statutes and Rules of Procedures: Richard Nii Amah

No comments or objections have been raised by the General Assembly. The appointment of chairs for the standing committees have been voted for by acclamation.

The General Assembly adjourned for the day to be reopened on Saturday at 9:00 and the delegates were invited to the Standing Committee on Statutes and Rules of Procedure.

The General Assembly reopened by the Chairs on at 09:30 on Saturday 3 March 2018.

The roll call was done by the Secretary General Tone Bjørndal – the lost luggage has arrived, therefore she has asked the delegations to return the previously received votes in exchange of envelopes having been prepared for each delegation in good standing.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Present</b>
Belarus	Civil Forum	3	+
Bulgaria	Youth Movement for Rights and Freedoms	8	+
Denmark	Radikal Ungdom	4	+
Denmark	Venstres Ungdom	6	+
Egypt	Cairo Liberal Forum	0	-
Egypt	The Egyptian Center for Public Policy Studies	0	-
Egypt	Free Egyptian Party	0	+
Finland	Svensk Ungdom	5	+
Germany	Junge Liberale JuLis	8	+
Ghana	Progressive Youth Movement	0	+
Ghana	Young Liberals of Ghana	0	-
Jordan	Free Thought Forum	0	-
Lebanon	Future Youth	8	+
Morocco	AJA	3	+

Morocco	Jeunesse Haraki	0	-
The Netherlands	Jonge Democraten	7	+
The Netherlands	JOVD	6	+
Norway	Young Liberals of Norway	5	+
Senegal	Coordination des Eleves et Etudiants Patriotes	0	-
Sweden	Centre Party Youth	6	+
Sweden	Liberala Ungdomsförbundet	5	+
Tanzania	JUVICUF	0	+
Ukraine	Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine	3	+
USA	Young Democrats of America	0	+
Venezuela	Vente Joven	0	+

AJA representative has joined the room during the roll call and received the votes making it 77 votes in the room.

The scrutineers proposed the deadline for auditor nominations as 15:00 local time to be sent in writing by the Member Organization the Secretary General and Office by email.

#### **Agenda point 6 (cont.). Prioritization of resolutions.**

Bram explained the rules of prioritization of the resolutions in the list found in the envelopes received by each delegation. Each organisation prioritize top 5 resolutions per ballot. Voting procedure by secret ballot was carried out.

#### **9. Membership issues**

May noted that several organizations were applying for membership:

She proposed to vote for them all together, but the point of order came from minute takers to proceed with voting one by one.

May has informed the General Assembly that each organization will be asked to leave the room when the vote on their application would take place.

##### **1. Young Liberals of Ghana/ Ghana.**

The chairs reported to the General Comm received a positive recommendation from the Standing committee and proposed to proceed to voting asking the scrutineers to count the votes.

78 in favour – 0 against – 0 abstentions

##### **2. FEL/ Belgium**

The chairs reported to the General Comm received a positive recommendation from the Standing committee and proposed to proceed to voting asking the scrutineers to count the votes.

78 in favour – 0 against – 0 abstentions

##### **3. TLDE Romania**

The chairs reported to the General Comm received a positive recommendation from the Standing committee with 14 votes and proposed to proceed to voting asking the scrutineers to count the votes.

78 in favour – 0 against – 0 abstentions

4. DPHK Hong Kong applying for observer membership,

The chairs reported to the General Comm received a positive recommendation from the Standing committee and proposed to proceed to voting asking the scrutineers to count the votes.

78 in favour – 0 against – 0 abstentions

5. Progressive Youth Movement/ Ghana applying for full membership

The chairs reported to the General Comm received a positive recommendation from the Standing committee and proposed to proceed to voting asking the scrutineers to count the votes.

78 in favour – 0 against – 0 abstentions

6. Free Thought Forum from Jordan applying for full membership

The chairs reported to the General Comm received a positive recommendation from the Standing committee and proposed to proceed to voting asking the scrutineers to count the votes.

78 in favour – 0 against – 0 abstentions

7. The Youth Wing of Civic United Front (JUVICUF) Tanzania

The chairs reported to the General Comm received a positive recommendation from the Standing committee and proposed to proceed to voting asking the scrutineers to count the votes.

78 in favour – 0 against – 0 abstentions

All delegations were welcomed in the room with applause upon the positive vote respectively. The new organizations to get voting rights are therefore – Progressive Youth Movement with 8 votes, Free Thought Forum with 3 votes, Young Liberals of Ghana with 1 vote and JUVICUF Tanzania with 1 vote.

Vice-President Sven Gerst took the floor for the intervention to present this year's approved work plan "Balancing on a Tight Rope – The Tensions of Migration"

The General Assembly adjourned for the lunch break.

## 10. Presentation and Adoption of Bureau Reports

The General Assembly resumed at 14:52 with the roll call by the Secretary General Tone Bjørndal

Country	Organization	Votes	Present
Belarus	Civil Forum	3	+
Bulgaria	Youth Movement for Rights and Freedoms	8	+
Denmark	Radikal Ungdom	4	+
Denmark	Venstres Ungdom	6	+
Finland	Svensk Ungdom	5	+
Germany	Junge Liberale JuLis	8	+
Ghana	Progressive Youth Movement	8	+
Ghana	Young Liberals of Ghana	1	+

Jordan	Free Thought Forum	3	+
Lebanon	Future Youth	8	-
Morocco	AJA	3	+
Morocco	Jeunesse Haraki	0	-
The Netherlands	Jonge Democraten	7	+
The Netherlands	JOVD	6	+
Norway	Young Liberals of Norway	5	+
Sweden	Centre Party Youth	6	+
Sweden	Liberala Ungdomsförbundet	5	+
Tanzania	JUVICUF	1	-
Ukraine	Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine	3	+
USA	Young Democrats of America	0	+
Venezuela	Vente Joven	0	+

Total number of votes in the room: 81 (excluding, JUVICUF, and the Future Youth who were not present during the roll call but reappeared in the room later)

All Bureau members were welcomed to take the floor in front of the General Assembly. The President Pauline Kastermans summarized the annual report. Questions were welcomed from the General Assembly.

Dennis, JD raised the question on Office Relocation.

Pauline explained that the decision had not been taken decision so far. There are Berlin, Germany and The Hague, The Netherlands on the Shortlist. Dennis followed up and asked for clarity from the Bureau.

Katharina, Julis complimented the bureau for the good work, especially Tone.

Dennis, JD noted that the Bureau Report of Robert was late. He asked how Robert could make sure that successor will be on time with that. Robert explained that some stuff could not be done in time and that he is sorry for that.

Dennis, JD also noted that the amendments on resolutions were a bit chaotic.

Tone explained that new system is already in place and that the Google Form is more convenient to be used for this.

The Chairs proposed to vote for all bureau reports at once by acclamation.

The General assembly adopted the bureau reports by acclamation.

The Office Report raised no questions. The General Assembly proceeded to adopt it by acclamation.

### **11. Adoption of the Financial Report and Audit Report**

The Chairs reported to the General Assembly the positive recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance to adopt the Financial Report and Audit Report and proposed to proceed for voting for both separately.

Voting Financial Report: All in favour – 0 against – 0 abstentions

Voting Audit Report: All in favour – 0 against – 0 abstentions

The Chairs reported to the General Assembly the positive recommendations of the Standing Committee to grant all applying organizations the Solidarity Fund and proposed to proceed to voting for each organization.

Dalga (Azerbaijan): All in favour – 0 against – 0 abstentions

ANC Youth (Armenia) All in favour – 0 against – 0 abstentions

The Chairs reported to the General Assembly the positive recommendations of the Standing Committee to grant reduced membership fee to the applying organizations.

Youth Forum Nasa Stranka (Bosnia): All in favour – 0 against – 0 abstentions

ANC Youth (Armenia): All in favour – 0 against – 0 abstentions

### **12. Adoption of the amended Budget 2018**

The budget was already adopted during the previous general Assembly in Beirut. The treasurer mentioned no changes

### **13. Resolutions and Amendments to the Manifesto**

No amendments to the Manifesto.

Bram informed the General Assembly the following ten resolutions (all from the list) have received positive recommendations from the Standing Committee, with appropriate amendments where necessary to be voted upon at the General Assembly (order of priority as decided by the General Assembly)

1. Persons displaced in the context of climate change need international protection! (adopted)
2. Time's Up! Women rights are human rights (adopted)
3. A balanced and more effective United Nations Security Council (adopted)
4. COP-conferences on Migration and Refugees (adopted)
5. Youth, peace and security (adopted)
6. The Requirement for democratic and competitive presidential elections in Russia (adopted)
7. Break the Turkish Olive Branch in Afrin (adopted)
8. We hear you Iran! (adopted)
9. The Future Is Nuclear (adopted)
10. The Need to Support the Jangmadang Generation as the Driving Force behind the Capitalism and Liberal Democracy Development in the Democratic People Republic of Korea (adopted)

### **14. Amendments to Statutes and Rules of Procedure**

One amendment to the statutes was proposed. The chairs invited the General Assembly to vote on the 4-Years Sunset Clause



66 in favour - 13 against - 8 abstentions

The amendment was accepted.

### **15. Election of Bureau and Auditors**

May explained the procedure of the elections and voting. The first elections will be for the G3 - President, Secretary General, Treasurer, while the votes for these are counted the speeches and Q&A for the Vice Presidents will take place.

Ahmad Al Rachwani takes the floor to deliver candidate speech for the position of Presidency. No Questions to the candidate.

Sven Gerst holds his candidate speech for the position of Secretary-General. Carlijn Oude-Reuver of Briel holds her candidate speech for the position of Secretary General. The Chairs open the floor to the questions for the candidates.

Sofie, RU asked the candidate to specify for one thing that makes the other person qualified.

Carlijn: Sven did a good job. He is good.

Sven: You can see spirit of IFLRY in Carlijn.

Elizabeth Radtke holds her candidate speech for the position of Treasurer. Olha Tsurkan holds her candidate speech for the position of Treasurer.

Katharina, RU asked each candidate to mention one thing that makes the other person qualified.

Olha: Liz has very good experience.

Liz: Olha brings new experience from a different region and would be a very good treasurer.

Sam, YDA asked about payment structures and how fees can be paid.

Olha: Mentions Western Union and Paypal.

Liz: New technologies can be used in case they are fine with legal framework, including a number of platforms.

The chairs called upon the General Assembly to proceed to voting by secret ballot. The returning officers collected the ballots with the Secretary General checking the number of votes to confirm with the number of ballots cast.

The total number of votes (ballots) cast - 88.

The returning officers went away to count the votes.

The chairs proceeded with the election speeches of Vice-Presidents with the election speeches first.

Akilah held her speech via Skype .

Alexander held his speech via Skype.

Elin held her speech.

Gyulfie held her speech.

Nikolas held his speech.

Nicolay held his speech via Skype.

Pedro held his speech.

The chairs opened the floor for questions.

Hamidou, JOVICUF asked a question why there are only few African organization and how IFLRY can be more inclusive for Africans.

Gyulfie suggested more inclusiveness is still a very strong priority.

Nikolas said that Africa will be a priority for any bureau. IFLRY online is a good example.

Elin proposed a solution to go out and meet the organizations.

Pedro said that African organizations can always reach out for support and this should be clear.

Ali Dabuo Mohammad, Young Liberals of Ghana made a comment on the former question and importance of inclusion.

Katharina Schreiner, JuLis wanted to know also from online candidates about their response to the first question.

Nikolay elaborated that he knows the experience from their own situation in Russia – how inclusion is important, especially for small or underrepresented organizations. He suggested as a possibility of creating a space through online platforms (websites) where MOs could share their news and what is going on in their organizations as an example.

Akilah: Wants to build an diversity training program. Also wants to talk to all the members and understand their needs.

Marina, Julis asked all candidates to state one good and one bad adjective about themselves.

Elin: nervous, considerate.

Pedro: anxious but also patient at the same time.

Nikolas: wants to do everything at same time but is also trying to do his utmost best. Gyulfie: impatient, responsible.

Alexander: Talks a lot, started activism at young age.

Nikolay: liberal, lazy.

Akilah: strong leader, stubborn.

Tanya, Civil Forum asked how the candidates envisage teamwork in IFLRY. And how they will tackle the issue that you sometimes have to do boring basic work.

Gyulfie said she has great team-work abilities.

Nikolas said he is an optimistic person and will always try to see the positive side.

Elin said she likes mundane tasks, has leadership skills.

Pedro said he is sure that he can react accordingly in most situations.

Nikolay said he had always been always a team-player and IFLRY was his best team so far. Has long experience in ground-work.

Alexander said he also had always been working in teams. His experience helps him to contribute to the greater good.

The chairs closed the floor for questions closed and asked the General Assembly to proceed to voting by secret ballot.

The chairs informed the General Assembly that there had been two nominations for the position of Auditors: Emanuel Osei of the Youth Progressive Movement of Ghana and Reender Reenders of JOVD and invited both to take the floor to deliver the speeches.

Emanuel Osei held his speech first, followed by Reender Reenders/

The President Pauline Kastermans introduced a special guest – Lena Hoglund of LYMEC  
Lena Hoglund holds a speech for.

The Bureau invites representatives of Member organizations to the presentations of the Organizational Mood-Boards. Several organizations present their mood-boards in an informal manner.

The scrutineers return with the results of the elections and announce them in the following order:

President:

Ahmad Al Rachwani 88 in favour - 0 against - 0 abstentions.

Secretary General:

Sven Gerst 55 votes;

Carlijn Olde Reuver of Briel 33 votes.

Treasurer:

Elizabeth Radtke 34 votes;

Olga Tsurkan 53 votes;

1 abstention

Vice-Presidents:

Gyulfie Arnaudova 85 votes;

Pedro Alejandro Urruchurtu Noselli 74 votes;

Nickolas Pagonakis 74 votes;

Elin Engerbakk 43 votes;

Nikolay Artemenko: 32 votes

Akilah Ensley: 7 votes

Alexander Cohen: 3 votes

Auditors:

Emanuel Osei: 80 votes

Reender Reenders: 59 votes

The new Bureau is therefore comprised of:

Ahmad Al Rachwani – President

Sven Gerst – Secretary General

Olha Tsurkan – Treasurer

Pedro Alejandro Urruchurtu Noselli – Vice President

Nickolas Pagonakis – Vice President

Gyulfie Arnaudova – Vice President

Elin Engerbakk – Vice President

The newly elected President Ahmad Al Rachwani took the floor to give his acceptance speech.

**16. Any other business**

No other business.

**17. Date and place of next meeting**

The Secretary General Sven Gerst announced the next General Assembly to be held in Barcelona preliminary on the first weekend of December

**18. Closing**

Sven Gerst thanked the host organization, the outgoing bureau, the office, the chairs and scrutineers, the minute-takers and all the participants and closed the General Assembly and thanked everyone for active participation.

## **Appendix A: Agenda of the 43<sup>rd</sup> IFLRY General Assembly**

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11. Adoption of the Financial Report and Audit Report
12. Adoption on the Updated Budget 2018
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## **Appendix B: Minutes of the Standing Committee on Finances**

Chair: Amanda Kanange

Minute-taker: Daniel George

14:37 Amanda Opens Meeting

Amanda introduces the agenda and asks for objections. No objections.

### **Financial Report**

Robert elaborates on the documents. He points out that the financial administration at the office is going well and that the finances are stable. He also comments about the bad debts as well as reserves.

### **Auditors Report**

Christian compliments Roberts work and points out that the financial situation improved. He points out certain points in the auditor's report. He also talks about the financial capabilities of the office and the possible office relocation. He criticises that there are sometimes high transaction fees for refunds. This can be changed by the office relocation.

Questions are taken for both points:

Question JOVD: Is the calculation on the balance sheet correct? It doesn't add up correctly.

Robert proves that the figures are correct by calculating them.

Voting: 12/0/0

### **Reduced Membership Fee Applications**

1. Youth Forum of Nasa Stranka (Bosnia Herzegovina)

They are applying for minimum fee (50 Euros). Robert explains their situation. Positive recommendation.

Youth MRF: Supports the application, and states that they want to stay active.

Voting: 12/0/0

2. ANC Youth (Armenia)

They are applying for minimum fee (50 Euros). Positive recommendation.

Julis: Ask some questions on their capabilities to pay the 50 Euros.

Voting 12/0/0

### **Solidarity Fund Applications**

1. Dalga Youth Movement (Azerbaijan)

They are applying for 456 Euros. Positive recommendation.

Voting 12/0/0

2. ANC Youth (Armenia)

They are applying for 150 Euros. Positive recommendation.

Voting 12/0/0

### **Any other business**

Robert states that there is no need to update the budget. He also reflects on ongoing grant-application.

15:13 Closing



## **Appendix C: Minutes of the Standing Committee on Membership**

May El Masri, Future Youth (Chair)  
Anders Rehnberg, IFLRY (Bureau representative)  
Benedikte Kloth, Radikal Ungdom (Secretary)

MOs present: RU, JD, SU, JOVD, NUV, VU, LUF, JuLis, LDLU, CUF, YMA, AJA, Future Youth, Civil Forum

### DPHK Hong Kong

Currently non-member, applying for observer.

Skype meeting with Ted Hui from DPHK

Anders introduces and Ted Hui presents:

DPHK has the longest history in Hong Kong with being active for over twenty years. Ted Hui is in the Hong Kong parliament as a young member. Goal to attract new members e.g. through internship programs and recruiting new member from universities of Hong Kong.

Marina, JuLis asks how independent DPHK is from the mother party.

Hui: They transformed into Young Democrats to give them more options for funding and free elections. Those under 40 in the mother party is automatically eligible for applying for membership of the youth organisation. The DPHK GA elects a standing committee each year. End of skype call with Hui.

Bureau recommendation by Anders: Very positive to the application. The organisation is very active and Hui a member of the parliament. The liberal parties are struggling and the bureau thinks that they should be a member of the IFLRY family.

Olga, LDLU: Supports DPHK and Asian participation. Supports Hui's talk on the struggles and their activities in Hong Kong.

Vote: All in favour – Recommendation to GA - approved.

### FTF Jordan

Currently candidate, applying for full membership

Hussam presents:

FTF was established in 2017 and are the only liberal youth party in Jordan. The political structure in Jordan depends on tribalism with many small parties. FTF has 220 members – hereof 40-50 active members. FTF's activities has included workshops on liberalism and open discussions of the economy. They are part of the Arab Liberal Federation for freedom and democracy. FTF would like to be a member to strengthen their work and get inspiration and ideas from IFLRY's MOs.

Elin, NUV asks: Who are your presidents?

Hassan: Bureau was elected three months ago. The President is Saed. The international officer, Farah, is responsible for the youth wing and for communication with IFLRY.

Bureau recommendation by Anders: Bureau recommends strongly. Has worked with FTF with great success. Believes that they are doing a great job in Jordan and in their region.

Sven, IFLRY adds: Recommends. FTF has taken part in many IFLRY events and has been very participants.

Tanya, Civil Forum: At IFLRY GA in Amman, FTF showed that they are very organised. Has shown great interest in IFLRY problems and work. Recommends.



Votes: All in favour. Recommendation to GA – Approved.

#### TLDE Romania

Currently non-members, applying for associate membership  
Skype meeting with Tim Ionescu.

Tim presents:

He is VP of TLDE (Young alliance of liberal democrats). TLDE was founded 2 years ago. Most members came from the former Romanian Liberal Party when the Romanian Liberal Party decided to leave the ALDE group. The former prime minister who worked with integrating Romania in EU was the founding leader.

TLDE works towards building up the organisation and they recruit many young people who wants to get involved in politics. They participate actively in debates mostly online. TLDE still have work to do on this area as they have limited resources compared with the bigger parties. More then 200 representatives for the youth wing is represented in local councils. 4 out of 55 councillors are represented in the council of the capital. TLDE has an alliance with the social democrats both on local and national level.

No questions from the SC and end of skype call.

Bureau recommendation by Anders: Highly active organization doing lots of campaigns. The bureau believes that the organisation has done a great job in a vocal about corruption and LGBT rights in a difficult political setting.

Gyulfie, YMA: Has been working with them. They are the most fast growing organization in Romania. Recommends.

Votes: All in favour. Recommendation to GA – Approved.

#### JUVICUF Tanzania

Currently observers, applying for associate membership  
Anders introduces Hamidu, MP in the Tanzanian parliament.

Hamidu presents:

CUF is one of three political parties in Tanzania; JUVICUF is their youth organisation. The political situation is difficult due to the president working against the constitution.

JUVICUF was established with the main project of reaching out to young voters who couldn't understand why CUF lost the election and inform them what the next steps were and how they could continue to do political work.

No questions.

Bureau recommendation by Anders: Anders has had a lot of contact with the organization and has been visiting them in Tanzania. Very good impression of their work. Most strong in the area of Zanzibar. Growing and working hard in a tough political situation. Clear recommendation.

Sofie, RU: RUs mothers party have had collaborations with CUF for several years and clearly supports. Recommends.

Votes: All in favour. Recommendation to GA – Approved.

#### PYM Ghana

Currently candidates, applying for full membership

Emmanuel presents:

PYM's mother party was founded in 2003 and is now the second largest opposition party in Ghana. They have a focus on youth development and supports PYM. Independent from the mother party and they have autonomy to raise funds and manage budget. Hosting IFLRY GA in Ghana and PYM will go to great length to support IFLRY. PYM is active on radio and video to discuss issues. One of the most disciplined parties in Ghana.

Marina, JuLis asks if PYM will be able to pay the fee to IFLRY given that PYM receives their members fee "from time to time"

Emmanuel: Members pay what they are able to as a sign of commitment. Will be able to pay IFLRY.

Bureau recommendation by Anders: Positive recommendation. Their hospitality and efficiency with the GA as been out standing. Well functioning organization in Ghana and the bureau are happy bring them close in the IFLRY family.

Sven, IFLRY: Has worked closely with PYM on e.g. training of trainers. Received large amount of applications from PYM. Very reliable. Recommends.

Tanya, Civil Forum: Recommends.

Tone, IFLRY: Both Richard and Emmanuel are a part of the board of African Youth (Richard is president). PYM's dedication and support in the organisation of the GA has been extraordinary. Recommends.

Votes: All in favour. Recommendation to GA – Approved.

### YLG Ghana

Currently observer, applying for associate.

Clement presents:

Young Liberals for Ghana came out of IPP. Was first called IPP, but changed their name to include 'liberal' hence two names may appear in the application. Wants to promote liberalism in Ghana.

Marina, JuLis asks how old you have to be a member of the party.

Clement: You can be a member from any age, but 18 is the voting age. You can be a party member at any age.

Bureau recommendation by Anders: YLG has been an observer member for some time. They are a well functioning, smaller youth organization. Positive recommendation.

Votes: All in favour. Recommendation to GA – Approved.

### FEL Belgium

Currently non-member, applying for associate.

No representative present or available on skype. Anders introduces FEL as they were not able to be present. Questions can be asked to FEL on skype on GA Saturday.

Video presentation by Laura (French) and Laurent (English):

FEL believes IFLRY is lacking a tiny key country – Belgium and what IFLRY to be represented in Belgium as well. Involved in LYMEC. Find it important to bring young peoples voice to the international scene.

Bureau recommendation by Anders: Anders elaborates that Laura in French said that they're a French speaking organisation. The Bureau perceives them as hard working and very active on the universities around Belgium. FEL has been members before. Positive recommendation.

Dennis, JD: Very positive recommendation. Has been working together with them in LYMEC and they are strong organisers.

Bram, JOVD Are they active in Flandern? What party/parties are they connected to.

Response by Anders: FEL is mainly active in Brussels and French speaking area. Share offices in Brussels with JENUE MR (youth party). FEL is the student organization connected to the party.

Katarina, JuLis ask why FEL left IFLRY 10 years ago.

Anders: We don't know, but we believe that why didn't feel that they got enough out of their IFLRY membership.

Votes: All in favour. Recommendation to GA – Approved.

## **Appendix D: Minutes of the Standing Committee on Statutes and Rules of Procedure**

Chairperson: Richard Nii Amah

Minute taker: Carlo Weigel

Bureau present: Nickolas Pagonakis

The chair presented the proposal from the current Bureau to amend the Rules of Procedure by adding to section 3.7.2:

*Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly will be the official policy of IFLRY for four (4) years. After this period the resolution will expire unless it is re-submitted before the end of those four (4) years.*

The chairs opened the floor for comments.

Dennis of the JD delegation voiced an opinion that the model for validity of resolutions currently used in LYMEC when the MOs proposing any given resolution also propose the expiry date therefor.

Lex from JOVD commented that the proposed model by the Bureau would be better for IFLRY.

The chair proposed to the delegates at the table to proceed to voting.

The proposal received a positive recommendations for the General Assembly with 11 votes in favour - 2 against - 0 abstentions.

With no further issues of concern the Standing Committee was closed.

## **Appendix E: Minutes of the Standing Committee on Resolutions and Amendments to the Manifesto**

Chair: Bram Roodhart (JOVD)

Vice-chair: Sven Gerst (JuLis)

Minute-taker: Marcus Nilsen (LUF)

A point of order was made to propose to change the rules for the committee's work. The proposal was that the new proposals could also be submitted during the meeting.

Proposed by Alice Schmidt (JuLis)

Vote: in favour 12, against 0, abstain 0

Recommendation to GA - approved

RESOLUTIONS, as prioritized by the General Assembly

### 1. Persons displaced in the context of climate change need international protection!

No questions

No comments

No amendments

Vote: in favour 11, against 1, abstain 0

Recommendation to GA - approved

### 2. Time's Up! Women rights are human rights

May El Masri (Future Youth) reported on the content of the resolution to the committee.

No questions

No comments

No amendment

Vote: in favour 13, against 0, abstain 0

Recommendation to GA - approved

### 3. A balanced and more effective United Nations Security Council

Olle Jonsson (LUF) reported on the content of the resolution to the committee.

Questions:

Eric Lundvall (CUF) asked a question about the content of the result. It was about the part of the result that deals with two vetos in the Security Council. The question was that today there are usually two vetos used at the same time. Olle Jonsson (LUF) answered the question and found that it is usually the case that more than one veto often is used at the same time.

Comments:

Reender Reenders (JOVD), comments on the writing about veto. Reender commented that if you remove veto as it is designed today, the UN system will not work. This is because the major countries that today hold a veto probably will not follow future decisions, then the UN system will instead fall.

Dennis van Driel(JD), does not share Reendeer Reenders opinions, he think it is good that the Security Council actually reflect the real balance of power and therefore we must reform the Security Council.

No amendments

Vote: in favour 8, against 2, abstain 2

Recommendation to GA - approved

#### 4. COP-conferences on Migration and Refugees

No questions

No comments

Amendment: Alice Schmidt (JuLis) proposed two amendments.

1) Proposal to delete the first bullet point in the resolution. secure a fair distribution of political, economic and climate refugees around the world and.

2) Proposal to add a sentence to the second bullet point: *To reach this goal, the UN shall develop a strategy together with the G8, G10 and G20 countries.*

Vote on proposal nr 1 : in favour 12, against 0, abstain 0

Vote on proposal nr 2 : in favour 11, against 1, abstain 0

Vote on the resolution with amendments: in favour 11, against 1, abstain 0

Recommendation to GA - approved with amendment nr 1 and 2

#### 5. Youth, peace and security

Questions: Dennis van Driel(JD) does not understand the resolution and wants the authors to describe it briefly. Laura Fagerlund (Svensk ungdom) answers briefly on that question and describes the purpose of the results. The arge says they will vote against because they want to redo it from the basics.

Comments: Reendeer Reenders (JOVD), will vote against, but say that they want to write one on the same topic in the future but in a clearer way.

Amendment: Radikal Ungdom submit two amendments.

1) Change of p. 1, l. 32-33 to

*Young people in conflict areas are exposed to numerous risks such as losing years of education, being recruited for armies, being exposed to radicalisation and being politically marginalised and not included in decision making processes, and hence young people should be seen as a vulnerable group that is in need of special protection in all stages of conflicts and post-conflict situations.*

2) Delete p. 2, l. 18-20 : *Especially the goal number sixteen “Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels”.*

Vote nr 1: in favour 9, against 0, abstain 2

Vote nr 2.1: in favour 4, against 2, abstain 5 - Vote nr 2.2: in favour 6, against 6.

Vote on the resolution with amendments: in favour 10, against 2, abstain 0

Recommendation to GA - approved with amendment nr 1

#### 6.The Requirement for democratic and competitive presidential elections in Russia

No questions

Comments:

Katharina Schreiner (JuLis) want us to vote no. She does not think that one can condemn a election before it is completed.

Tanya Lyubimova (Civil Forum) shares JuLis opinion on this issue and called for negative vote.

Reender Reenders (JOVD) and Dennis van Driel(JD), do not think that you can refer to Russian law to legitimize the election . They support the resolution.

No amendment

Vote: in favour 6, against 4, abstain 3

Recommendation to GA - approved

#### 7. Break the Turkish Olive Branch in Afrin

No questions

No comments

No amendment

Vote: in favour 10, against 0, abstain 1

Recommendation to GA - approved.

#### 8. We hear you Iran!

No questions

Comments from UV they want to appoint a working group on the topic because it is such a comprehensive issue. JD supports this.

No amendment

Vote: in favour 11, against 0, abstain 0

Recommendation to GA - approved.

#### 9.The future is nuclear

Questions

Alice Schmidt (JuLis) asked a question about point nr 1. UV answered the question about the point.

Comments

Amendment:

JD submit two amendments

1) Change to: Other energy sources, like wind energy, can be more harmful for people's' lives than nuclear energy. Instead of "More people died from wind energy than nuclear energy."  
(line 10)

2) Change to: The removing of legislation that is restricts the scientific investigations in nuclear energy beyond reasonable. (line 24 instead of "Removing, by law, any barriers to science in nuclear energy all over the world")

JuLis submitted one amendment

3) Add to bullet point nr 1: Simultaneously, we want to introduce security laws which ensure that the science about nuclear energy does not produce knowledge for nuclear weapons.

Vote nr 1: in favour 8, against 2, abstain 1

Vote nr 2: in favour 9, against 0, abstain 2

Vote nr 3: in favour 9, against 1, abstain 1

Vote on the resolution with amendments: in favour 8 , against 2, abstain 1

Recommendation to GA - approved with amendment nr 1, 2 and 3

10. The Need to Support the Jangmadang Generation as the Driving Force behind the Capitalism and Liberal Democracy Development in the Democratic People Republic of Korea

Olha Tsurkan (Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine) reported on the content of the resolution to the committee.

No questions

No comments

No amendment

Vote: in favour 10, against 0, abstain 1

Recommendation to GA - approved.