



1 **Minutes**

2 **of the**

3 **Executive Committee and 31st Extraordinary General**
4 **Assembly**

5 **December 5th-6th, Kiev, Ukraine**

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7 IFLRY Executive Committee meeting
8 December 5th 2008, Kiev, Ukraine

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10 0910

11 **1. Opening**

12 *Paola(BUREAU)* opens the EC

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14 0911

15 **2. Roll call and voting rights**

16 *Frederik(BUREAU)* reads the names of the organizations. 17 out of 19 paying
17 organizations are present, quorum is met.

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19 0921

20 **3. Election of Returning Officers**

21 *Ksenia(Yabloko)* and *Martin(JULIS)* are appointed as Returning Officers.

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23 0922

24 **4. Adoption of the agenda**

25 One extra point is put in as point 6a: Proposed Accounting and Control Policies

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27 0926

28 **5. Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting**

29 The minutes are accepted without amendments.

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31 0927

32 **6. Applications for reduced membership fee**

33 11 applications got in.



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1 *Chris(BUREAU)* stresses that IFLRY usually uses a minimum of 150 Euros.

2 Questions are asked about the request for reduced fees to FEL, KALIPI and Juventude
3 Democrates(not present). Those organizations present explain why they can't pay the
4 regular fees.

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6 Juventudes Democrates got a reduced membership fee of 1096 euro, as amended by the EC,
7 proposed by *Lukas* (LUF).

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9 *Lukas*(LUF) also puts forward a motion to accept the KALIPI request but to raise the amount
10 to 929, 50 euro.

11 *Thomas*(L2) argues in favour of the original amount.

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13 *Johnna*(LUF) argues in favour of the amended amount.

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15 *Leo*(CUF) argues in favour of supporting Kalipi, mostly because they know their organization
16 better than the others present do.

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18 The amendment is voted down.

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20 Kalipi gets granted the original 150 euro application.

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22 *YPD*(not present during the discussion)

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24 LVSV asks to keep up the original amount. LVSV doesn't have a mother party either, even
25 though they still pay.

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27 *Paul*(YLC) pleads in favour of accepting a lower amount.

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29 *Lukas*(LUF) asks for leniency towards YPD since they don't have a mother party.

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31 *Naomi*(NUV) proposes an amendment to make the amount 50 euro, same as the Austrians.

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33 The amendment is carried unanimously.

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35 YPD gets granted a 50 euro reduced membership fee.

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37 LSC, FEL, JULIS Austria, MLD, MHL, MLBIH, YLS, KALIPI, YMRF get granted their requested
38 amounts.

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40 10.00

41 **6a. Proposed Accounting and Control Policies**

42 *Anniita* (SU) thank *CG* for his work and proposes to adopt them.



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1 The policies are carried unanimously.

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3 1003

4 **7. Urgency resolutions**

5 The urgency of the resolutions is discussed

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7 KALIPI: resolution on Mumbai violence, proposed because the violence occurred after the
8 deadline for resolutions.

9 Urgency is granted

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11 KALIPI: Resolution on Thailand

12 Urgency is granted

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14 BUREAU, SU, LUF and KALIPI: Resolution on financial crisis

15 Urgency is granted

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17 FEL: resolution on Congo

18 Urgency is granted

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20 YABLOKO: resolution on the Russian constitution

21 Urgency is granted

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23 BUREAU: motion on the manifesto

24 Urgency is granted

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26 1021

27 **8. Any other business**

28 No other business

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30 1021

31 **9. Date and place of next meeting**

32 Point is adjourned until Saturday as is the EC.

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34 1024 session adjourned

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36 Saturday December 6, session reconvened at 1328

37 The next meeting will be held in Lebanon in either June or July, depending on when the
38 elections will be held, as they will be probably in May.

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40 1329

41 **10. Closing**

42 1330 Paola(BUREAU) closes the EC



1 **IFLRY 31st Extraordinary General Assembly**

2 December 5th -6th 2008, Kiev, Ukraine

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4 1100

5 **1. Opening**

6 Several speakers welcome IFLRY to Ukraine, followed by a panel debate on Ukraine's
7 course: East and West?

8 Afterwards lunch

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10 Reopened at 1450

11 **2. Roll call and voting rights**

12 22 organizations paid, 18 present.

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14 1507

15 **3. Election of congress chairs and congress secretaries**

16 *Thomas* (L2), *Stephan* (JULIS), *Ivo* (JD), *Casper* (VU) are elected unanimously,

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18 1509

19 **4. Election of returning officers**

20 *Christina* (RU)

21 *Martin* (JULIS)

22 *Reynaldo* (KALIP)I

23 Elected unanimously

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25 1510

26 **5. Adoption of agenda**

27 No changes

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29 1511

30 **6. Adoption of the minutes of the 30th General Assembly 2008(Sarajevo)**

31 Adopted unanimously

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33 1511

34 **7. Resolution on validation of Executive Committee meeting July 2008 (Manila)**

35 The chairs explain the reason for this resolution.

36 Adopted with few votes against

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38 1513

39 **8. Bureau report of activities**

40 1513



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- 1 *Jelena Spasovic*
- 2 *JS* presents her bureau report
- 3 1521
- 4 *Frederik Ferie*
- 5 *FF* presents his bureau report
- 6 1533
- 7 *Jan Argy Tolentino*
- 8 *JA* presents his bureau report
- 9 1538
- 10 *Chris Gallaway*
- 11 *CG* presents his bureau report
- 12 1542
- 13 *Bart Woord*
- 14 *BW* presents his bureau report
- 15 1548
- 16 *Paola Silva*
- 17 *PS* presents her bureau report and explains that due to visa problems VP Ahissata Camara wasn't able to attend the meeting and present her report
- 18
- 19 1553
- 20 Questions
- 21 *Lukas(LUF)*
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- 23 For *Jelena*, LGBT right seminar, why again in such a short time?
- 24 *JS*: the first seminar was on Islamophobia, not Homophobia.
- 25
- 26 For *Frederik*, can you tell more about the middle east/Israeli situation?
- 27 *Frederik* it's very difficult to get funding to organize stuff.
- 28
- 29 For *Chris*, who pays for the payment fees of PayPal or credit card for paying online?
- 30 The fee is paid by IFLRY because he prefers slightly less money than no money at all.
- 31
- 32 *Lisalotte(JD)*
- 33
- 34 For *Jan*, how much time will YLDA cost, how will you handle both organizations time wise?
- 35 *Martin (JULIS)* feels a bit of lack of commitment, how come?
- 36 *Jan* explains the situation YLDA is in and explains that it's a matter of planning to get jobs done.
- 37
- 38 In YLDA there was a candidate for president but he had to withdraw at the last moment so people had to look for a solution on the spot. YLDA and IFLRY overlap a lot so where it comes to time, that's not a problem. *Jan* is still very committed and working hard.
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- 41 *Dries (LYMEC)* has a problem with having two positions in YLDA and IFLRY, when and how will this be solved?
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- 1 *Thomas* (L2) it is legal according to the statutes. But do you see the possible problems?
2 *JA* will continue in YLDA and IFLRY and resigns from his work in the liberal party in the
3 Philippines.
4 *Paola* and *Bart* stress that they don't know the impact on IFLRY yet but they will discuss it at
5 the next bureau meeting after the Kiev GA.
6
7 For *Bart/Aicha*, how are things going with an African seminar/GA?
8 The planned seminar in Cote d'Ivoire was canceled, FNF withdrew their support
9 unfortunately.
10
11 *Thomas* (L2)
12 PoA needs to be made more public, well put by *Paola*.
13 Question for *JS*: can you explain about the position you got in the Council of Europe?
14 *Jelena*: it's very important, we've been in for quite some mandates but now again. Scouts are
15 more political than the political parties...
16 Advisory status gives the possibility to influence decisions on youth policies.
17
18 *Alliina* (SU)
19 Can you tell more about the online academy?
20 *Bart* One of *BWs*' naughty IFLRY dreams. Looking into the possibilities, if anyone has
21 experience, please share!
22 1633
23 Coffee break
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25 1656
26 **9. Annual financial report 2007**
27 *Chris* (BUREAU) presents the financial report.
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29 1705
30 **10. Auditors report**
31 *Jan* (auditor) presents the auditors report.
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33 1709
34 **11. Adoption of the financial report 2007**
35 The report is adopted unanimously.
36 1709
37 **12. adoption of membership fee proposal 2009**
38 *Chris* (BUREAU) presents the proposal
39 The proposal is adopted after a short discussion on the minimum amount to be paid as a
40 membership fee.
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42 1718



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1 **13. adoption budget proposal 2009**

2 *Chris (BUREAU)* presents the budget proposal

3 *Paul (YLC)* why the bigger extraordinary revenues? *Chris (BUREAU)*: That's due to
4 diversification of grants.

5 *Paul (YLC)*: why the lower interest? *Chris (BUREAU)*: just being realistic

6 *Martin (Liberal Youth)* how will we handle possible coming problems? Also in combination
7 with LYMEC?

8 *Chris (BUREAU)*: We should have 40000 euro as a backup after this year.

9 *Nesrin (YMRF)* what is included in infrastructure? And why the higher amount?

10 *Chris (BUREAU)* mostly new computer, office furniture, can of paint.

11 The budget is adopted unanimously.

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13 1729

14 **14. membership issues: affiliations and disaffiliations**

15 Full membership:

16 Future youth gives its presentation

17 *Juan (YDA)*: is your party diverse like your country?

18 All faiths are covered, very divers. Christians, Muslims.

19 *Alliina (SU)* what does your party think about women's rights?

20 There are several women active in all levels of the parties. There is even a women
21 subcommittee in the party.

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23 The GA is unanimously in favour

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25 Candidate membership:

26 EULY gives its presentation.

27 *Jasper (jong VLD)* are you aware of the famous blogger Kareem? And are you going to do
28 something about it?

29 Yes I know about Kareem but we are aiming at the general situation.

30

31 *Jeremy (FEL)* Please elaborate on current activities.

32 EULY shows a slide with activities.

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34 *Ana (LIDEM)* how many members do you have?

35 EULY we have 30-60 members now

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37 *David (YDA)* what does EULY say about gay rights?

38 EULY, we believe in gay rights, didn't do a project with it yet.

39

40 *Christina (RU)* Are there any concrete plans on getting more members?

41 EULY Everywhere we go people want to become a member, we are strict though, people
42 should fully support the ideas of the organization, in Egypt people sign up for things at



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1 random so we want complete devotion.

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3 *Nicolaas* (jong vld) it's a strong/good organization, size doesn't matter!

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5 EULY is accepted unanimously

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7 IDY gives its presentation

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9 *Ana* (LIDEM) what can you offer over HNS?

10 IDY we only do one region, not the rest, it's about regionalist liberalism. On a national level
11 we cooperate.

12

13 *Jeremy* (FEL) what is your regions agenda?

14 IDY we step in a deficit and believe in more autonomy and subsidiarity.

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16 *Maria* (SU) we only represent 4 areas in Finland.

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18 IDY is accepted unanimously

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20 YOLDP gives its presentation

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22 *Nicolas* (jong-vld) april 4th voted in favour of communist president, why?

23 YOLDP:1. voted with party 2. President already had majority, this made it easier to keep on
24 working/not get into a crisis.

25 *Lukas* (LUF) we already have a Moldovan organization. What are the differences with them
26 and how is your relationship?

27 We have the best relationship with them out of all of the parties, no conflicts there at all,
28 aiming for government with them. Politically we are more rightwing whereas Moldova
29 Nostra is more centrist. We're also younger and have people without political history.

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31 Clear majority in favour

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33 **Saturday December 6 1330**

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35 Reopening and continuing with the presentation by DALGA, applying for Candidate
36 Membership

37 *Jeroen* (JOVD), how is your cooperation with the other liberal youth organizations?

38 DALGA: We work with all the Azerbaijan organizations, Europe, French and US embassy.

39 *Jeremy* (FEL) what is your stand on religion?

40 DALGA: We have all religions present in our organization, we tolerate every religion.

41 *Martin* (JULIS) What is your opinion on the Armenian genocide and why do you get money
42 from a German leftwing party?



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- 1 DALGA: We don't have a point of view because it should be left to historians, not politicians.
2 In my organization we have different opinions on this.
3 We had one project paid for by this organization, it was on joining Europe.
4 *Jeremy* (FEL) Are you free market liberals?
5 DALGA: of course! Government has a monopoly, so a lot of bribes and corruption. We can
6 only get Government products; oil is getting cheaper everywhere but not in Azerbaijan!
7 *Alliina* (SU): are the views different on the genocide happening or on the name of the
8 genocide?
9 DALGA: We don't speak about the Armenian genocide. It's impossible at the moment to
10 debate this in Azerbaijan.
11 *Paddy* (YPD): So, you guys don't discuss this internally? Did I understand that correctly?
12 DALGA: In our organization we don't discuss it to keep the peace. We are independent, so
13 no mother party.
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15 DALGA is accepted unanimously
16
17 JEUNES MR presents its application for full membership.
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19 *Dries* (LYMEC) what do you think about Flemish feelings?
20 JEUNES MR: I think in 2008 nationalist feelings aren't very important or at least shouldn't be
21 *Martin* (LIBERAL YOUTH) there's a lot of Belgian organizations, what do you think about
22 that?
23 JEUNES MR: well, two of them are student organizations, the others are divided by lingual
24 lines,
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26 JEUNES MR is accepted unanimously
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28 1513
29 **15. amendments to the statutes and rules of procedure**
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31 Cluster 1 accepted unanimously
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33 Cluster 2
34 am 2.1 first paragraph
35 *Lukas* (LUF) 50 percent is a proper representation. 25 is too low.
36 Bart (BUREAU) in order to make it easier to have events outside of Europe, we need a lower
37 quorum.
38 *Paddy* (YPD) considering that we can ratify ECs afterwards anyway, we don't need to lower
39 the quorum.
40 *Martin* (LIBERAL YOUTH) we should always have 50 percent to ratify anything.
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42 Clear minority. The amendment fails.



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- 2 am 2.1 second paragraph
- 3 Clear majority amendment passes
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- 5 *Alliina* (SU) proxy voting should not be allowed.
- 6 am 2.2
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- 8 Clear minority the amendment fails
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- 10 am 2.3
- 11
- 12 Clear majority the amendment is carried
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- 14 cluster 3
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- 16 Clear majority the amendment is carried
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- 18 Cluster 4
- 19 Voting on the cluster minus lines 21-23
- 20 Clear majority, the cluster is carried
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- 22 Lines 21-23
- 23 *Alliina* (SU) If only one representative is available and have the honour of being chair, they
- 24 should still be able to vote.
- 25
- 26 Clear minority, the lines fail
- 27
- 28 Cluster 5
- 29 The cluster minus am 5.3 is being put to a vote.
- 30
- 31 Clear majority, the cluster minus 5.3 are carried
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- 33 Am 5.3
- 34 *Alliina* (SU) two weeks is more than enough.
- 35 *Martin* (LIBERAL YOUTH) in favour of longer deadlines
- 36
- 37 Clear minority, the amendment fails.
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- 39 Cluster 6
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- 41 Clear majority, cluster is carried
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- 1 Amendments 7-11
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3 Clear majority, amendments are carried
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5 1555
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7 **16. amendments to the manifesto**
8 None are handed in
9 Vote on the urgent motion concerning the manifesto
10 *Bart* (BUREAU) explains that a committee on the manifesto will be online soon.
11 Clear majority, motion is carried.
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13 1616
14 *17. adoption of resolutions and documents*
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16 Resolution on Thailand.
17 Clear majority, resolution carried as amended
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19 Resolution India
20 Clear majority, resolution carried as amended
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22 Resolution on Congo
23 Clear majority resolution is carried as amended
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25 Resolution on the financial crisis
26 Clear majority resolution is carried as amended
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28 Resolution on US
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30 *Dries* (LYMEC) Why pick one country, especially in a transition period?
31 *Leo* (CUF) USA is leader of the world. I can not believe they do things against human rights.
32 *Christina* (RU) vote in favour, don't vote against it just because it's just about one country.
33 *David* (YDA) The tone of the resolution sounds very much like bashing, we agree with the
34 points in the resolution, The election of Obama is a clear sign of this. So please withdraw
35 the resolution and put it forward again if Obama doesn't improve the situation.
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37 Clear minority, the resolution fails.
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39 Resolution on Russia
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41 *Jasper* (JONG-VLD) it's an internal affair. Its a democratic decision, normal regular
42 constitutional change. Six years isn't a strange term either. So I'll vote against. Another



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1 point is that there are other ways of changing. A resolution on core freedoms would have
2 been better.

3 *Vincent* (LVSV) we have a lot of constitutional reform as well, it would be a pity if we change
4 in a constitutional reform investigating organization.

5 *Martin* (JULIS) I think we should be able to talk about internal problems if shocking. But in
6 this case its not a core issue. We need a discussion on core issues.

7 *Martin* (LIBERAL YOUTH) Sometimes we need very specific solutions. We need to change the
8 Russian situation.

9 *Paul* (YLC) I'm a little bit disappointed that countries dependant on oil vote against this.
10 Russians came all this way, we should support them. By voting for this resolution.

11 *BW* We should deal with national items Borders are fading. The longer terms are a small
12 step towards a more totalitarian state.

13 *Jeremy* (FEL) almost fainted when someone said we don't care about constitutional issues. 4
14 to 6 years is a long time.

15 *Adrian* (YOLDP) How many think constitutional changes accepted by totalitarian parliaments
16 are legitimate? The Russian situation affects a lot of countries in the region.

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18 37 in favour

19 41 against

20 12 abstentions

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22 Not carried

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24 1709

25 **18. any other business**

26 *Vincent* (LVSV) there is an organization member of IFLRY denying the Armenian genocide.
27 Multiple organizations would want a stance on genocides. To decide whether we keep them
28 as members or disaffiliate them. I would like to mandate the bureau to investigate the
29 matter.

30 *Martin* (JULIS) I'm against laws politicizing history. I would like to have more info on their
31 exact statements though.

32 *Maurits* (MLS) Opinions can not be wrong. Do we have a list of forbidden topics?

33 *Lukas* (LUF) The issue is historical, not scientific; we want that never to happen again. The
34 organization called the genocide a soap opera.

35 *Christina* (RU) we can't give the bureau a mandate at this point. If people want to get an
36 organization out, they should propose them for expulsion.

37 *Aloys* (LYMEC) There were more people in favour of the MO than against. LYMEC will
38 investigate the matter more closely.

39 *Niclaas* (JONG VLD) people have the right to be stupid but do we allow genocide deniers in
40 our liberal organization?

41 *Matts* (SU) I hope the bureau can and will investigate the situation.

42 *Momat* (DALGA) this is a historical debate not a political debate.



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2 On a different point:
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4 *Adrian* (YOLDP) I'm sorry for not telling more about what we stand for. We don't just follow a
5 leader blindly. We agree with every point of the IFLRY manifesto! We have our own ideas and
6 our own perspectives!
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8 1728
9 **19. news from member organizations**
10 LUF, JD, YDA, JULIS, RU, JOVD, Liberal youth Lithuania, JNC, Project Polska, YPD, MLS
11 and SU give a short presentation.
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13 1746
14 **20. date and place of next meeting**
15 Will be held in November or December 2009
16 People can apply before February first.
17 Future Generation gives a short presentation about the next EC.
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19 1748
20 **21. closing of the general assembly**
21 Special thanks to SOBOR, especially Ana, also Sarah and Lena are thanked. All
22 speakers, chairs etc are thanked as well.
23
24 Paola (BUREAU) closes the GA at 1755.



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1. Resolution Expressing Concern to the State of Democracy and Rule of Law in Thailand

Worried of the current political crisis in Thailand that caught the attention of international media for its severity in which according to the Asian Commission on Human Rights has already undermined democratic processes and the rule of law;

Anxious that the current situation will continue to result to more political violence and anarchy despite the ousting of Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat,

Noting with deep disapproval that according to the Asian Commission on Human rights report “members of the contesting Alliance of Democratic Party have since August gone from merely occupying spaces like roads and parks to occupying public buildings, in particular, the Government House, they also organized armed "guards" that have defended their positions both from opponents and from state security personnel. They have also illegally obtained and openly carried an array of manufactured and homemade weapons, including guns from caches that had reportedly been kept in the government premises, they have illegally detained other citizens and they have vandalized, destroyed and stolen public and private property.”

Deeply disturbed to the observation of the Asian Commission on Human Rights on the state of the rule of law in Thailand, which states that “the criminal justice system of Thailand has been reduced to an utter joke, its agencies and personnel either unable or unwilling to intervene effectively to protect public property and people's lives, or even prosecute wrongdoers,”

Believing that the political crisis would had been best solved by peaceful, rightful and judicial means without resulting to drastic and aggressive method such as the blockage of an international airport which jeopardized people of different nationalities and needless to say their own tourism-dependent economy,

Noting that Thailand has already changed its leadership three times in less than a year,

The International Federation of Liberal Youth hereby,

Expresses its concern to the state of democracy and the rule of law in Thailand;

Emphasizes that peaceful, rightful and legal means of citizens protest will always be the best means to dispute to the government than to result in a violent and aggressive citizens actions that may result to anarchy;

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- 1 **Supports** the call of the Asian Commission on Human Rights for a “far greater global
- 2 attention on events in Thailand, which have passed for these few months without any
- 3 discernible reaction from international bodies, especially the United Nations and the
- 4 Association of South East Asian Nations”;
- 5
- 6 **Calls upon** the Alliance of Democratic Party to adhere and act according to the fundamental
- 7 principles of the rule of law, democracy and freedom;
- 8
- 9 **Encourages** a non-politicized, civilian directed military with democratic oversight and;
- 10
- 11 **Discourages** any forms and acts of military political interventions including coup d’etat and
- 12 establishment of military junta;
- 13
- 14 **Expresses its hope** that Thailand will retain its adherence to democratic and liberal
- 15 principles which include the observance of the rule of law, human rights, maintaining an
- 16 independent and strong judiciary, and credible and peaceful national elections.



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2. Resolution Condemning the Acts of Terrorism in Mumbai, India

Deeply concerned to the peace and security situation in India after the ruthless and unprecedented terrorist attacks in its financial capital, the metropolis city of Mumbai;

Deeply regrets the killing of more than 150 people in machine-gun and grenade assaults on several five-star hotels, the city's largest train station, a Jewish centre, a cinema and a hospital;

Alarmed that the terrorist act may lead to another series of attacks on India's neighboring South Asian states and in other parts of the world;

Noting that US President-elect Barack Obama has condemned the terrorist attacks and vowed to work "with India and nations around the world to root out and destroy terrorist networks",

Emphasizing that religious leaders and intellectuals from different nations have likewise condemned the terrorist attacks which according to them besmirches and harms the sacred tenets of Islam;

Noting with approval the call of religious leaders and intellectuals for a greater effort to fight religious fanaticism;

Convinced that the terrorist attack is an assault to all freedom and peace loving nations in the world;

Understands that the fight against terrorism is very challenging however we strongly emphasize that these events cannot be used to undermine the rule of law, and human rights by adopting exceptional legal measures;

The International Federation of Liberal Youth hereby,

Expresses solidarity with the people of India in the unfortunate terrorist attack in the city of Mumbai;

Condemns the devastating terrorist acts in Mumbai India and considers it as an assault to the peace and security everywhere,

Condemns further any acts and forms of terrorism which enslave people in fear, insecurity and panic;

Calls the attention of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to confront this terrorist crisis with strong political will but caution that the governmental response must not escalate violence in the already volatile region of South Asia;

Calls all nations including the United Nation and other stakeholders to intensify the unified global initiative in combating all acts and forms of terrorism;



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- 1 **Endorses** a creation of a strong coalition against terrorism which includes Islamic Nations;
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- 3 **Supports** all religious leaders and intellectuals from all over the world who had already condemned
- 4 all forms and acts of terrorism which draw on the name of Islam as a justifying element of brutal
- 5 killing and suicide attacks;
- 6
- 7 **Further supports** the call of our religious brethren for a global effort to fight religious extremism;



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1 3. Resolution on the Financial Crisis

2 Deeply concerned about the current financial crisis that has caused recessions and market
3 breakdowns in the economies of both developed and developing nations;

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5 Deeply worried that the financial crisis will transform into a social dilemma, adversely
6 affecting the world's entire population regardless of class and social status;

7
8 Understanding that the responsibility of the governments and international organizations
9 should be focused on avoiding that this financial crisis will become a humanitarian crisis.

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11 Troubled by the prospect that the financial crisis will lead governments to react by imposing
12 severe market regulations, trade restrictions, protectionism, the abolishment of market and
13 financial freedom, and competition among liberal and democratic states;

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15 At the same time being reminiscent that the core of liberal democratic nation-states is a
16 commitment to free market principles, the rule of law, respect for private property, free
17 trade, and adequately regulated financial systems;

18 Observing in the light of the above that state interventions as a reaction to the financial
19 crisis, especially the bailout of banks, but also the bailout of other companies or whole
20 industries, have not only produced an undesired effect but have produced unjustifiable
21 costs and might ultimately prolong the recession.

22 Believing that although the causes for the current financial crisis are almost innumerable, it
23 is the practice of the artificial creation of money and credit by governments and central
24 banks, who have set interests rates rather arbitrarily and artificially low and have increased
25 the supply of fiat money, that have made inflation and damagingly cheap credit possible.
26 Inflation and cheap credit is ultimately a duty, similar to a tax, that affects young people
27 and low-income-earners the worst;

28 Noting that the Group of 20 (G-20) convened to craft a strategic plan and program of actions
29 which aims to solve the flaws of the current world's financial systems which includes the
30 establishment of a sound and just financial regulatory system, macroeconomic
31 cooperation, rebound of the Bretton Woods financial institutions, and the stabilization of
32 global economy,

33 The International Federation of Liberal Youth hereby,



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- 1 1. Calls upon liberal democratic nations to uphold, protect and carry on to the
2 fundamental principles of the free market, private property and the rule of law,
3 which are the bedrock of democracy and freedom and which are essential for
4 economic growth;

- 5 2. Supports the G-20 Summits on Financial Markets and the World Economy, its
6 program of actions and purposes therein given that the aforementioned principles
7 are being upheld; especially supporting the decision taken by the G-20 summit of
8 rejecting protectionism as main strategy to overcome the crisis.

- 9 3. Calls upon the G-20 Summits, the European Union and national governments to
10 evaluate the possibility of an implementation of full-reserve banking as a possible
11 way to create confidence in the financial system through a stable money supply.
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- 13 4. Urges central banks to take asset price inflation, not just consumer price inflation,
14 into account when setting interest rates, so that excessively cheap credit as one
15 factor creating asset price bubbles will be largely eliminated.
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- 17 5. Emphasizes to always be reminiscent of the fact that personal and economic
18 freedom are inseparable and that freedom will therefore only be realized in the
19 presence of free, competitive financial markets.

- 20 Discourages the notion that the current financial crisis signals the downfall of capitalism. In
21 contrary, the principles of the free market have never been fully realized in the now failing
22 financial system which is why now is a better time than ever to make the case for liberalism.



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1 4b. Resolution on the Crisis in Democratic Republic of Congo

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3 **Considering that:**

4 - The tensions between Congolese authorities and the rebels led by Laurent Nkunda have
5 restarted since the end of August 2008; the rebellion has spread to the region of North-Kivu
6 in the east of DRC;

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8 - The humanitarian crisis linked to the displacement of population is worsening in the east of
9 the country, in part because of the crimes perpetuated by the rebels in their sway across
10 the east of the country;

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12 - The mandate of the UN force, the Monuc (present since 1999) is to dissuade any forceful
13 attempt aiming to disrupt the political process, by any armed group, foreign or Congolese,
14 and to ensure the protection of civilians under the direct threat of physical violence, thus
15 assisting the Congolese army;

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17 - The resolution of the UN General Assembly aiming to increase the troop level of the Monuc
18 by 3000, bringing it to 20,000;

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20 - The request of UN secretary general Ban Ki Moon urging European countries to take part in
21 the reinforcement of Monuc.

22 **Regretting:**

23 - The refusal from European countries to send troops to North Kivu;

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25 - That the MONUC mandate doesn't allow it to effectively protect civilian populations;

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27 - The near total absence of any state authority in DRC, and the crimes perpetrated by the
28 Congolese army.

29 **The International Federation of Liberal Youth:**

30 - Reaffirms the priority of civilian protection and calls for a clarification of the relations
31 between MONUC and the DRC army;

32 - Requests the intervention of European countries in the reinforcement of MONUC.

33 - Calls on donor countries to reconsider their financial, especially budgetary support to the
34 government of Ruanda and Congo



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5. Motion on the IFLRY Manifesto

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3 The International Federation of Liberal Youth,

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5 Convening at its 31st Extraordinary General Assembly in Kyiv, Ukraine, in December 2008,

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7 **Considering** that the current IFLRY manifesto is severely outdated,

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9 **Observing** that the pivotal role of the IFLRY manifesto in the Federation's work seems to be
10 eroding, for example by the scarcity of references to the manifesto throughout its statutory
11 events over the years,

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13 **Noting** that the IFLRY manifesto hasn't been thoroughly reviewed for many years,

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15 **Concludes** that the current IFLRY manifesto needs to be revised and that a proposal for a
16 new manifesto should be presented at the IFLRY General Assembly in 2009;

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18 **Sets out**, for this purpose, that:

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20 - the writing process shall be coordinated by a Core Committee that should not
21 include more than 10 representatives of member organizations, appointed by the
22 Bureau, which shall also be represented in the committee;

23 - this Core Committee shall facilitate the process through providing a digital
24 environment for discussion, the proposing of draft texts, overall inclusion of member
25 organizations throughout the process, as well as spurring the member organizations
26 to actively participate in the rewriting process;

27 - the Core Committee and the IFLRY bureau shall ensure transparency and
28 multilingual access throughout the writing process.

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