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IFLRY Statement

On the Anniversary of the Founding of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic

The International Federation of Liberal Youth congratulates the young citizens of Azerbaijan with today's anniversary of the founding of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic (ADR) in 1918. The ADR was the first democratic republic in the Muslim world, including full voting rights for women and a secular constitution, earlier also than many countries in the West.

Paola Silva, IFLRY President, comments: *“It is ironic that a country with such a historic legacy is now consistently at the bottom of many global rankings, whether we speak of democracy, media freedom or corruption. It is time that the international community starts speaking openly about the question of democracy and human rights in Azerbaijan and condemning the Azerbaijani government for its record.”*

IFLRY is committed to supporting the liberal and democratic young people of Azerbaijan in their struggle for a more free and just society, as they are the rightful heirs of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic.

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