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Dear members, friends and supporters of IFLRY,

I write to inform all of you that, after reflecting thoroughly on the current situation in our organization, I have reached the conclusion that I will resign from my position as Secretary General of the International Federation of Liberal Youth, to take effect at the Executive Committee and General Assembly in Beirut.

The road leading to this choice has not been easy and I would like to share with you how I've arrived at the decision.

When I ran for Secretary General about a year ago, my only other commitment aside from IFLRY was to my PhD studies in Berlin. In March 2010, however, I was unexpectedly offered the position of Foreign Affairs Advisor of the Chairwoman of the FDP Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag. In effect, since then I have held three full-time, demanding roles: PhD student at my university, Advisor in the German Parliament, and Secretary General of IFLRY.

When Bart informed me that he will step down from his position, this development made me contemplate on what is best for our Federation in this situation and in the long run.

I have realized that I am unable to allocate more time and effort to IFLRY than what I am currently giving. I could have seen myself carrying on until November 2011, but with the departure of the president, IFLRY is entering a more demanding period. Now more than before, it is absolutely necessary for the IFLRY leadership to be available to step up to the challenges at any time and with unlimited effort. Regretfully, my current professional obligations make it impossible for me to guarantee that I will be able to give what is needed at all times.

As difficult as it is for me personally to step away from an organization that has meant so much to me in the last five years, I have come to terms with my limitations and believe that resigning is the only logical decision I can make. Any other decision would be grounded on hubris and not on reason.

I also believe that it will be beneficial to IFLRY if the top two positions are changed at one time in order to limit the interruption in the work of the Bureau and give the members the opportunity to adjust to the changes.

In the course of this year, together with the Bureau and the Office, I have done my best to get IFLRY into a more stable and secure position. There have been marked improvements; however, there is still a lot that remains to be done. I sincerely look forward to assisting in the transition of the next IFLRY leadership as they take on the challenge to steer our Federation.



Finally, I would like to express my deep gratitude. I thank everyone with whom I've had the great opportunity to work, travel and strive for freedom in so many places around the world. My five years as Vice President and as Secretary General have given me tremendous opportunities, incredible experiences, inspiring lessons and, most of all, lasting friendships. It is not an overstatement to say that IFLRY has contributed a lot to the person and the liberal that I am today.

Thank you all very much for the chance to serve in the IFLRY Bureau.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frederic".