



## Executive Committee Meeting

June 9-11, 2006  
Niagara Falls, Canada

### MINUTES

#### *FIRST DAY*

##### 1. Opening

Jacob Rasmussen (JR) gives an opening speech and explains the reasons why the other Bureau members did not appear. Tafsir Thoiye (TT) and Paola Silva (PS) didn't receive their visas on time, and Frosina Kostovska (FK) is sick. JR continues by explaining the importance of having the event in Canada, as it shows that IFLRY goes beyond the borders of Europe.

##### 2. Roll call and voting rights

Bart Woord (BW) presents the agenda, the procedures that will be followed during the meeting, and distributes the votes.

JR confirms that there are **13 votes** distributed.

Organisations present and number of votes:

| MO     | Country          | Status           | Votes |
|--------|------------------|------------------|-------|
| JD     | Netherlands      | Full member      | 1     |
| JLA    | Andorra          | Full member      | 1     |
| JNC    | Catalonia, Spain | Full member      | 1     |
| JOVD   | Netherlands      | Full member      | 1     |
| JuLis  | Germany          | Full member      | 1     |
| LHG    | Germany          | Full member      | 1     |
| NUV    | Norway           | Full member      | 1     |
| Prego  | Belgium          | Full member      | 1     |
| RU 94  | Denmark          | Full member      | 1     |
| VU     | Denmark          | Full member      | 1     |
| YAECF  | Estonia          | Full member      | 1     |
| YLC    | Canada           | Full member      | 1     |
| BUREAU |                  |                  | 1     |
| DPP    | Taiwan           | Observer member  | 0     |
| YDA    | United States    | Applicant member | 0     |
| LYMEC  | Belgium          | Non member       | 0     |



### **3. Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the EC 2005 in Skopje, Macedonia, were adopted.

### **4. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted, with the inclusion of an agenda point on urgency resolutions as a new agenda point number 5.

### **5. Urgency resolutions**

2 urgency resolutions have been submitted as a result of the IFLRY seminar in Canada, 2006:

- Urgency resolution "We love WTO" (JOVD and the "Free and Fair Trade" seminar participants in Canada)
- Urgency resolution "Pimp their jobs" (RU94 and the "Free and Fair Trade" seminar participants in Canada)

JR asks for the submitters to explain the urgency of the resolutions.

Jan Van Run from JOVD explains the reasons on drafting the first urgency resolution that was written in the IFLRY seminar on "Free and Fair Trade" in Toronto, Canada.

- The Executive Committee (EC) unanimously agreed on accepting the resolution as urgency.

Christine Gyldenhof (CG) from RU94 explains the reasons for the second urgency resolution that was presented by the seminar's "Free and Fair Trade" participants in Canada, 2006.

- The Executive Committee (EC) unanimously agreed on accepting the resolution as urgency.

### **6. Reports from the Bureau**

JR continues with the Bureau Reports. He explains that Frosina Kostovska's and Marc-André Gendron's report were late, therefore, they are not printed out. As Frosina has sent her report just two ours before the EC meeting, her report is not printed so it is displayed on the screen. JR reads out Frosina's report.

JR presents, how the Bureau reports were usually discussed. Previous times they were analyzed one by one, but this time it is planned to have interactive way of getting to know these reports. Thus, "Café method" will be used for the presentation of the Bureau reports: for a half an hour everybody will approach a certain Bureau member concerning his/her report.

Jürgen Metzger from JULIS asks the Bureau members to present their responsibilities in the Bureau.



Marc-André Gendron (MG) is responsible for the North America, Asia and the communications of IFLRY.

Frederik Ferié (FF) is responsible for Middle East, Caucasus, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and the communications of IFLRY.

BW is Secretary General; therefore he is responsible for contacts with the members, finance, and office.

JR is responsible for Nordic and Baltic countries, but he is involved in a bit of everything.

Tafsir Thioye is responsible for the liberal youth organizations in Africa.

Frosina Kostovska is dealing with the organizations in South Eastern part of Europe, and Mediterranean Area except Turkey.

Paola Silva is responsible for the organizations in Latin America.

JR asks if everybody agrees on the "Café method" in which the reports are going to be presented.

Gesine Röder from JULIS does not see the advantage of the "Café method" and asks for the clarification.

JR explains that the advantage of the method is for the Bureau members to get closer to the member organizations. Usually, a lot of people do not gain a lot of the Bureau reports, therefore, the changes are introduced.

Monika Jankauskaite presents the practical details for this method (the places, where the members will be located).

*For 30 min. the EC participants ask various questions of the Bureau members.*

JR explains the results of the "Café method" discussions. Every bureau member just shortly summarizes his work:

MG was on a study trip to Taiwan in which he gained very valuable experiences, and learned the way of communication with the politics there. He worked with the IFLRY's website and Libel. The new IFLRY internet site will be launched in the nearest future. He was working a lot in the region he's responsible for.

FF worked with his regions and organized the seminar in Israel, which was a valuable experience. He also worked in the field of IFLRY communications. FF admits that he worked a lot with regions, but not enough with IFLRY strategic point – communications. He says that he liked a lot the "Cafe method" to present the reports and even got some pieces of valuable advice.

BW focused on the basic work of the organization: i.e. the office working efficiently, member list being updated, finances under control. The budget has to be balanced again after the denial of



an important administrative grant. He thanks IFLRY ED Monika for her valuable work. He is happy that PREGO from Belgium is here again, and that YPD from Ireland is applying for the membership in IFLRY. It is good that new organizations are applying for membership.

JR presents a general IFLRY strategy paper and his work. He explains the present changes and a new way of looking to the organization. He prioritizes the list of works to be done, as the human resources are very limited. The less important work has to be done with fewer efforts or completed by the help of the member organizations. The efforts of the members are appreciated. JR explains that now it is different way of working, as the Bureau is more focused than before. This year IFLRY lost very important grant, although the bureau tried to do some lobbying. The Bureau works on balancing the budget again. As a result, the office might move to London. IFLRY wants to focus outside the borders of Europe, not just being considered as European organization. Since the bureau elections in 2005 IFLRY held the seminars in Taiwan, Israel, Canada, Georgia. Although funds are limited now, the Bureau is trying to continue with this worldwide approach.

Tjeerd Dierckxsens from JD asks what is the Bureau's political output and input concerning the WTO, UN and so on.

JR says that IFLRY's political life was not so strong in the past 6 month, but it will be worked out in the future.

BW got in touch with those organizations that submitted resolutions in the last EC/GA and discussed with them possible follow-ups. However, the Bureau should do more work on the resolutions. He will work on them after they will be adopted.

JR says that a lot of political work is done in South America; the Bureau works in Latin America, however, not so much in Europe, as we have a very strong regional platform in LYMEC.

MG says that they worked more concerning the general activities.

Tjeerd Dierckxsens from JD asks for the political prospects in the future.

BW is responsible for human rights committee and works on this a lot.

FF asks the members following questions: how effective the Bureau should be concerning the political role of the organization, what the Bureau should do with the resolution after they are adopted in EC and in what way they should work with them. Therefore, he asks the organizations to be more active and say, what they want to achieve with resolutions.

JR asks organizations to be more involved in the IFLRY's work. The human resources are very important for the organization.

Tjeerd Dierckxsens (TD) asks to elaborate on the relations of Liberal International and IFLRY.

FF says that most probably the relations will be improved with Liberal International if IFLRY will move the office to London. Furthermore, it is important to know in what way the communications of IFLRY should continue.



Alex Armengol from Juventut Liberal d'Andora proposes the video conference for the future ECs, which will increase the number of the participants from the regions.

FF sees the problem that some organizations cannot afford travelling to the EC due to the cost problems. The Bureau is open for similar suggestions.

JR agrees that it is a good idea to involve the organizations via internet and the option should be explored further.

Roger Albinyana from LYMEC greets the great work of IFLRY Bureau as a lot of events were organized. Roger says that LYMEC supports the work of IFLRY. He congratulates

FF for the good seminar in Israel, as it was one of the best organized. He asks about the Kadima involvement in the seminar in Israel.

FF says that the Friedrich Naumann Foundation and other organizations did big job in organizing the seminar. Kadima is a center party; they are between the left and right parties. Furthermore, the central view is not necessarily liberal. Kadima youth does not exist and IFLRY is in the dialogue with some people from the Kadima.

JR asks for the last questions in this part of agenda.

Justin Kwinter from YLC suggests that there should be more sharing of best-practices in IFLRY.

JR tells that the Bureau would like the organization to share the information outside just them. The continuity is very important and the experience sharing is a part of it.

TD asks how people work in the committees.

BW has problems with getting people active in the financial committee. Human rights committee is a way to involve more people in IFLRY's activities. The new website is expected to help in getting more interested people.

JR comments that it is indeed correct that the committees have had some starting problems, but expressed the hoped for improvements in the future, with the help of the MO's

FF says that communication committee is hardly working and the structure should be improved. FF admits that LIBEL should be released more often.

TD proposes to involve people from the member organizations in the organization of the seminars.

JR says that the responsibility of involving people from the member organizations in the work of the seminars are within the work of the seminar committee, which Frosina and Paola has been in charged of

Roger Albinyana explains that some organizations in Europe that are not active are so because they nowadays belong to different, non-liberal political movements. He asks, if IFLRY plans to change the situation.



BW says that IFLRY communicates with LYMEC people responsible for specific regions to ensure more harmonization on the membership of both organizations. As well, in the next EC/GA a lot of membership issues will be discussed.

JR makes a comment that IFLRY is addressing this issue, not only in Europe, but all around the world.

*Coffee break 15 min.*

## **7. Financial Status of 2005**

BW presents the financial report, which will be adopted in GA 2006.

TD asks why the administrative expenses have increased.

As JR explains, administrative expenses increased in 2005, because some of the expenses were allocated in 2005 instead of 2006, as IFLRY is preparing to move the office.

## **8. Membership fees 2007.**

BW proposed to keep the same membership fee and asks for the acceptance of the current system of the membership fees to be applied to 2007 as well.

- The EC agrees.

## **9. Applications for a reduced membership fee for 2007**

The consideration of three membership reduction applications: YLS (Serbia), CPPY (Croatia), YMRF (Bulgaria). The application of YMRF was submitted not on time. The Bureau suggests considering all the membership reduction application, but EC may object the application.

The EC did not object the membership reduction applications.

TD asks, why there are so few members asking to reduce the membership fees.

BW says that there are no trends in this issue: there has always been about 3 organizations applying for reduced membership fee.

### **CPPY membership fee's reduction application**

CPPY asks for a membership fee reduction down to a membership fee of 200 EUR per year

Jan Van Run from JOVD is against accepting the CPPY offer; as the other organizations have the same duties and the same problems.

BW says that it is hard to raise money in the Balkan countries and the organizations have different accounting system there. In principle he suggests to accept and support these kinds of applications.



TD asks, if EC can accept, but with strong suggestions. He suggests that the EC accepts the application, but to discuss the membership fee reduction for this organization in the next EC.

FF says the Bureau will forward the opinion of EC to CPPY. The problem is that CPPY is not present and cannot defend.

The Bureau should raise the issue for CPPY why they can't pay and ask them to look for ways of raising the money. The reasons for accepting or declining the application should be cleared out.

The reduced fee will come into power just in 2007 therefore it will not affect the GA.

Voting for the reduction of the membership fee:

- Votes: for - 11, against - 2. The application was accepted.

#### **YLS membership fee's reduction application**

BW says that YLS is one of our more reliable and active organizations. They have never applied for the reduction of the membership fee before. They ask for a reduction down to a membership fee of 300 EUR per year.

Justin Kwinter says that YLS doesn't seem to have an annual budget and that is very weird. It is hard to know, where the reduced money go. If they don't have money, how do they pay at all?

BW says that YLS did not ask for this specific amount of reduction. The amount of how much to reduce the fee came from the discussions with the organization.

Voting for the reduction of the membership fee:

- Votes: for -12, against – 1. The application was accepted.

#### **YMRF membership fee's reduction application**

BW says that YMRF is a new member, they ask for reducing the membership fee till 1000 EUR..

Voting for the reduction of the membership fee:

- Votes: for – 10, against 3. The application was accepted.

### **10. Membership issues and applications for candidate and observer membership**

**Estonian organization ERPY** has disaffiliated itself from its membership of IFLRY. They do not want to work internationally through IFLRY and have not enough money.

#### **Young Democrats of America (YDA) candidate membership application**

Clinton Bench makes a presentation of YDA. YDA unanimously voted for the application of membership in IFLRY.

Alex asks what they think of changing the name to Y D or Liberals of A.



YDA are much in line of this. However, word "liberal" means different thing in the United States, than in Europe. It would also be a problem to accept the word "liberal" in US.

Thomas Leys from Prego asks IFLRY's benefits from YDA being a member.

Clinton Bench explains the advantages: i.e. IFLRY's expansion, brain power, perceptions via nations, business, and individual constituencies. YDA needs the rest of the world for showing that US is an example of democracy. They need window to the world.

YDA believes in free and fair trade. It supports improving labour, environmental, and working conditions.

Roger Albinyana says that sometime ago it was an initiative to create international democrats, but it was stopped. Roger makes a statement that he appreciates YDA being a part of IFLRY. JR asks about YDA's relation to IUSY.

Clinton Bench explains the considerations of YDA and their conscious choice to apply for membership of IFLRY

- EC unanimously accepts YDA membership.

#### **Young Progressing Democrats (YPD-Ireland) candidate membership application**

BW questions if it is possible to consider their application, as YPD are not present in EC. He asks of making the exception in this case.

Jan Van Run suggests of following the regular procedure.

BW states that YPD did not attend any previous IFLRY events, which is required in the IFLRY statutes.

Bureau is thinking it would be a point to discuss the candidature if they will be there. They are also involved in LYMEC they wanted to be part of IFLRY.

- Unanimously was agreed to put forward the consideration of YPD membership application for the next GA.



### **Other issues: news from the member organizations**

Marianne Tremblay is giving the presentation of YLC. She explains that it is going on the leadership elections in the party. They had some scandals in the past. The change in the Canadian government raises some worries. YLC has to work very strong to promote the liberal values in Canada.

Thomas Leys from Prego talks about the aging population, solidarity of the organization.

Ellen Kuo says that DPP Youth Commission (Joyce Huang) plans to apply for IFLRYs membership. Recently, they had the seminar about China. It is hard to promote democracy in China. It is important to raise the issue of China in liberal, democratic, human rights terms. She asks how we should look to the situation.

VU (Denmark) work a lot on the international level. They started to work in Asia.

JR presents second day's programme and working groups.

- Nick Colosimo (NC) from YLC will be chairing the resolution group.
- MG will be chairing the communication group.
- FF will work with cooperation with Asia group.
- BW will be chairing the group on the political and financial committee.

NC explaining the first day's evening plan.

The end of the first EC Day



## SECOND DAY

FF starts the new day and announces the beginning of new days work. He presents the second day agenda. Due to the illness of MG, the communication working group will be chaired by FF.

Work in the working groups

Due to some other issues a planned speaker, Member of the Canadian Parliament Albina Guarnieri, could not come. As a result, NC read the prepared speech on behalf of her.

### 11. Preparations General Assembly 2006

Roger and Alex give a presentation of their proposal for the upcoming GA and seminar in Barcelona – Andorra, autumn/winter 2006.

- It was unanimously agreed to have the GA in Andorra.

### 12. Resolutions

NC chairs the discussions on resolutions.

- **1<sup>st</sup> resolution on Palestine and Israel.**

Frederik Roikjer from VU talks in favour of this resolution; nobody talks against.

NC says that working group that worked on resolutions has passed this resolution.

- EC unanimously voted in favour of this resolution.  
(There were 11 votes in favour.)

- **2<sup>nd</sup> resolution on Belarus**

NC presents the working group opinion that it was in favour of the resolution.

- Unanimously was voted in favour of the resolution.  
(There were 11 votes in favour.)

- **3<sup>rd</sup> resolution on Iran**

The working group has passed it unanimously.

JR talks in favour of this resolution.

- EC votes: for – 8, against - 3.  
Resolution was passed.

- **4<sup>th</sup> resolution - on Guantanamo base**

There were 3 amendments proposed by the working group. NC says that the resolution was carried on by the working group.

Heinrich Pedersen from VU talks in favour of the resolution.



Scott Shelton from YDA talks against the resolution.  
Jason Cherniak from YLC talks against the resolution, as it is a bit insulting as it attacks the United States.

Frederik Roikjer talks in favour of the resolution and presents European point of view on the issue.

Roger Albinyana talks in favour of the resolution. The resolution is very important in Europe,

Jan Van Run talks in favour of the resolution and suggests drafting a policy paper with the North America's point of view. He once again confirms that the issue is very important for Europe.

JR states that the resolution is about Guantanamo and that IFLRY is in need of this kind of resolution. IFLRY needs to speak out on this theme and present its opinion.

Voting on the amendments:

- Amendment on deleting 'amnesty international': in favour - 8, against - 2, abstentions - 1. The amendment was passed.

Voting on the resolution:

- In favour - 7, against - 2, abstentions - 2. Resolution was passed.

- **5<sup>th</sup> resolution on Kyoto**

BW continues with the resolution and presents the amendments. The WG passed the resolution.

- It was unanimously agreed on amendments.

Canadians speak in favour of the resolution and stress the importance of the resolution. Nobody spoke against the resolution.

Voting on the resolution:

- Unanimously agreed to pass the resolution (In favour – 12)

- **6<sup>th</sup> resolution on UN human rights**

BW presents the resolution; the WG has passed the resolution. He presents the reasons for the resolution, stress the importance of the human rights issue for IFLRY and the elections in certain countries ignores human rights, are too corrupted. Therefore, IFLRY should have a word on this.

Nobody has spoken in favour or against the resolution.

Voting on the resolution:

- Unanimously agreed to pass the resolution (In favour – 12)



- **7<sup>th</sup> resolution - We love WTO.**

No amendments were proposed by WG. However, "Free and Fair Trade" seminar's participants proposed several amendments that were supported by JD (the Netherlands).

It was proposed to amend the name of the resolution, to make it more professional.

Jan Van Run talks in favour of the present name.

Roger Albinyana talks of leaving the 2 lines that was amended to delete, as in that case the resolution will lose the weight. He strongly suggest to vote against the amendments.

JR talks against the second amendment. He believes, in case of leaving the amendment, the resolution will lose the power. IFLRY should have stronger voice on WTO.

Voting on the amendments:

- Voting on the 1st amendment: in favour - 11, against 2  
The amendment was passed
- Voting on the 2nd amendment: in favour - 1, against – 11  
The amendment was not passed.

Voting on the resolution:

- It was unanimously voted in favour of resolution.

- **8<sup>th</sup> resolution - Pimp their jobs**

CG talks in favour of the resolution.

TD talks in favour of the name of the resolution.

NC presents the second amendment.

TD, FF, CG talks for the amendment.

JR opposes the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment, as the wording is not good, just the idea behind is fine. 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment is defended by Scott.

Voting on the amendments:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment: in favour- 4, against – 6, the amendment has not passed
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment: in favour - 5, against - 5, abstains -1. Rejected
- 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment was decided to withdraw
- A amendment: in favour - 2, against - 7, abstains - 1. Not passed
- B amendment: in favour - 1, against – 6, abstains – 4. Not passed
- C amendment: in favour - 8, against 2, abstains 1. Passed

Thomas Leys and Jan Van Run talk against the resolution, as it does not carry long term strategy.



TD talks in favour of the resolution, as it is too detailed.

Voting for the resolution:

- In favour - 6, against 5, abstentions 2.
- The resolution was passed.

### 13. Any other businesses

#### a) Speech by Roger Albinyana I Saigi (LYMEC President)

Roger expresses the gratitude for the YLC for the nice event. He introduces LYMEC duties. Europe is moving all around, but it is not clear which exit to take. It is time to move, the Europe is too depend on the national levels. The new actions needed. Europe needs a more proactive view. The European constitution would be the step towards this.

LYMEC is launching the new campaign on free people movement in Europe and on behalf of LYMEC he is asking for support from international organizations.

EU Budget 2007-2013 is not acceptable for young liberals, as this budget is not reflecting the young people needs.

The new Bureau of LYMEC was elected in April, 2006. Roger is very happy that LYMEC and IFLRY strategies converge for the first time after the elections in Skopje. He sees the importance of the existence of IFLRY (ex. Guantanamo Base)

- b) JR addresses the issue of IFLRY and LYMEC relations. JR develops a new strategy for IFLRY. He stresses the importance of global perspective for IFLRY.
- c) BW gives a presentation on "One Mobile, One Vote", a Dutch initiative to organize open elections of party leaderships ('primaries').

### 14. Date and place of next meeting

The next EC will take place in **Andorra** on the **14<sup>th</sup> of December, 2006**.

### 15. Closing

JR closes the meeting.



Attachment No. 1

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**June 2006**

**RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

*Submitted by the "Economics group" at Talitha Kumi; Monday, April 24th, 2006*

Economic Outlook for Israel and Palestine

Whereas we consider the present situation, which

- consists of insecurity and political instability
- does not provide fruitful economic incentives for investments
- can change fast and does not allow probable long-term predictions and forecasts

Whereas we take into account the current economic situation, that

- does not allow for a completely free movement of persons; hence, there are higher labour costs and specialized workforce is not used efficiently, causing unemployment
- leads to very high transactional costs and a waste of resources (e.g. expired food because of security controls, mistrust and negligence)
- distorts markets and mismatches demand and supply preferences due to controlled/restricted flow of goods
- hurts the common goal of achieving sustainable wealth and economic stability
- neglects to address common environmental problems
- lacks venture capital and credit loans to built up businesses

Taking into account the today's vast economic potential of Israel and Palestine such as

- producing efficiently agricultural products (e.g. fruits, vegetables, flowers, dairy products etc.) and exporting them
- a thriving and competitive textile industry in Palestinian territories
- a modern IT and Communication sector in Israel
- a huge tourism sector

Hence, the IFLRY EC believes that a raised awareness of economic issues by Israelis and Palestinians will strengthen their readiness for a sustainable solution and hence concludes the following points to improve the situation in which both Israel and Palestine should

- open their economies and improve their access to the world market through sufficient infrastructure
- establish stronger economic ties with their neighbouring countries, which smoothes their relations and promotes trade
- attract fervently foreign direct investment in both states to increase their economic strength and competitiveness



Attachment No. 2

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**June 2006**

**RESOLUTION ON BELARUS**

*Submitted by Venstres Ungdom (Denmark)*

The Executive Committee of IFLRY, is deeply concerned about the recent development in Belarus with the re-election of President Lukashenko.

**Whereas:**

- The International Society has expressed their concern about massive voting irregularities during the presidential election in March 2006.
- The constitution has been changed so there are no longer any limits to the number of terms Lukashenko can be president.
- One of the candidates of the opposition was taken into custody during the election campaign without any substantiated reasons.

**Considering that:**

- Young election observers from IFLRY member organisations were expelled from Belarus and others were refused entry to the country.

**Condemns:**

- The Belarusian regime's decision to expel young election observers and deny entry to half of its election team.
- The possible fraud from Lukashenko's regime during the election.

**IFLRY believes that:**

- Support to the opposition in Belarus is more central than ever in order to keep up the hope for the population and be ready for the next election.
- The UN should take action against the Lukashenko regime



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***June 2006***

**RESOLUTION ON IRAN**

*Submitted by Venstres Ungdom (Denmark)*

The Executive Committee of IFLRY is worried about the current situation in Iran, where the Iranian government is refusing to cooperate with the IAEA.

Considering that:

- Iran has already broken several agreements with both western countries and the United Nations
- Iran as a nuclear-power would cause great instability in the Middle East

Condemns that:

- Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is refusing to stop Iran's nuclear program
- Iran is continually refusing to acknowledge UN Security Council resolutions

IFLRY believes that:

- The international community must stand united against Iran's refusal to cooperate with the IAEA
- The United Nations is the appropriate venue to pursue a diplomatic resolution to the current situation in Iran.



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**June 2006**

**RESOLUTION ON THE ON THE GUANTANAMO BASE**

*Submitted by Venstres Ungdom (Denmark)*

The Executive Committee of IFLRY is deeply dissatisfied with the American treatment of the prisoners on the Guantanamo Base.

Considerations:

- The USA has detained ~~500~~ enemy combatants in the prison camp without putting them on trial although the Geneva Convention dictates this.
- The USA has not yet been willing to announce the prisoner's legal status.
- Human rights organisations such as Amnesty International have ~~often~~ criticised the conditions on the camp.
- Many of the Guantanamo Base prisoners have been arrested outside the USA, and subsequently deported to the camp, although, this is contrary to the Geneva Convention.

IFLRY believes that:

- The USA must determine the legal status of the Guantanamo Base prisoners.
- The USA must stop the illegal detainment of prisoners.
- The USA must put the prisoners on trial.
- The international society must impose the maximal pressure on the USA to secure they will not construct new camps similar the Guantanamo Base.



Attachment No. 5

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**RESOLUTION ON KYOTO**

*Submitted by Jonge Democraten (The Netherlands)*

The IFLRY Executive Committee, coming together from the 9th to the 11th of June, in Niagara Falls, Canada,

Noting that on the 17th of December 2002 the Canadian government announced that it had ratified the Kyoto protocol.

Further noting that on the 7th of April 2006 the honourable Rona Ambrose, Canadian minister for the environment stated that "My departmental officials and the department officials from natural resources have indicated that it is impossible, impossible for Canada to reach its Kyoto target."

Further noting that the current Conservative government cancelled almost all greenhouse gas emission programs implemented by the previous Liberal government

Recalling that the Kyoto protocol came into force on the 16th of February 2005.

Concerned, however, by apparent lack of will shown by the new Canadian minority government when it comes to achieving the emissions reductions targets for greenhouse gases agreed to under the Kyoto protocol.

Presuming the negative effects for the efficacy of climate change mitigation policy as a result of the Canadian government not taking seriously the targets it has agreed to under the Kyoto protocol.

Considering that developed nations must show leadership on the global issue of fighting climate change.

Calling for the Canadian government to commit itself strongly to achieving it's emissions reduction targets as agreed under the Kyoto protocol.

Reaffirming IFLRY's strong commitment to the Kyoto protocol and further action to combat climate change.



Attachment No. 6

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***June 2006***

**RESOLUTION ON UN NEW HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

*Submitted by IFLRY Bureau*

Recalling that this former committee was largely discredited because it had a history of electing abusive governments as members and failing to criticize the actions of serious human rights offenders like Sudan, Saudi-Arabia and Zimbabwe;

Appreciating the various improvements that the human rights committee has in comparison to its predecessor:

- the committee will assemble at least three times a year for a total period of a minimum of ten weeks;
- the committee can easily call for special sessions;
- new membership standards and election procedures deter countries with very poor human rights records from running;
- these new standards and procedures stimulate countries to campaign by highlighting the contribution they would make to the promotion and protection of human rights;
- all the new council members are required to cooperate with the human right investigators;
- the new members will be scrutinized under a new universal review procedure;

Concerned, however, by the election of the notorious human rights offending countries China, Russia, Cuba, Saudi-Arabia, Azerbaijan and Pakistan;

Presuming the hardship that will be brought upon the council to seriously and effectively take a stance against human rights abuses of the world's big powers, like those of China, Russia and the United States, but as well to effectuate human rights protection in conflict areas like Darfur;

Considering that the new Human Rights Council will meet for the first time on 19 June 2006 in Geneva;

Calling for a strong and resolute first opening of the meetings in which the newly elected members will take fundamental, drastic and needed steps in order to improve the monitoring, technical assistance and capacity building in the field of human rights;

Strongly supports the new universal periodic review (UPR) mechanism to monitor government's treatment of human rights, which will allow for more insight and information on a specific government's status regarding human rights'

Suggests that for review of special procedures given to the Human Rights Council to be effective, all mandates of these procedures should be extended until 2007, as currently most of them expire in 2006, so that the assessment can be adequate and thorough;



Reaffirming IFLRY's strong commitment to the defence and proliferation of human rights, as for example laid down in the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

Urges, thereupon, the new Human Rights Council members to keep a firm commitment to the defence of human rights and to the further development of international law in the field of human rights.



Attachment No. 7

**International Federation of Liberal Youth  
Executive Committee, Niagara Falls, Canada**

**June 2006**

**URGENCY RESOLUTION "YES TO WTO, YES TO CONCESSIONS"**

*Submitted by JOVD and the "Free and Fair Trade" seminar participants in Canada; Friday, 8th June 2006*

WHEREAS WTO is a multilateral organisation, which is currently based on consensus and tries to keep setting rules and regulation on international trade;

WHEREAS the WTO is moreover a platform where trade is regulated. Issues related to trade, like for example the environmental ones, are resolved on other platforms;

WHEREAS bilateral agreements can regulate trade between nations, but cannot solve the worldwide problem of making a free and fair deal on trade for all members of the WTO;

WHEREAS the DOHA round is about development;

WHEREAS the DOHA round is currently in a stalemate, mainly on agricultural reforms;

WHEREAS concessions and reform are needed from all WTO members to get a deal which will help international trade to take a step forward, thus leading to more prosperity within the world;

WHEREAS the least developed countries will need to be compensated in the form of structural aid for their preference erosion;

WHEREAS political elected officials have to defend concessions and reforms which were made to strike a deal on a multilateral level, back home on the local level where they were elected.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT political elected officials, who are working with the WTO to get a new trade agreement should be bold and determined to promote among their constituency back home that reform and loss of jobs for the few on a local level is necessary and will not only help their own economic growth in the future but will also help battle poverty for many in the other countries in the world;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the WTO should change the consensus based voting system into a double majority based system.

IFLRY sees the importance of the WTO in our global village and will keep on struggling to make it more popular and known throughout the world.



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**URGENCY RESOLUTION "PIMP THEIR JOBS"**

*Submitted by RU94 and the "Free and Fair Trade" seminar participants in Canada; Friday, 8th June 2006*

WHEREAS no employer should exploit children;

WHEREAS child labour in developing countries is often a necessary evil, though we wish it were unnecessary;

WHEREAS children should receive an education so as to become productive adult members of society; and

WHEREAS child labourers should not be removed from employment when they are supporting their families!

BE IT RESOLVED THAT governments ban the importation of all products that do not meet the following standards:

Child labourers are paid according to the local wage market,

Child labourers do not work in hazardous environments,

Child labourers receive an education of at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the working day,

Child labourers are given the opportunity to live with their family,

Child labourers are treated in accordance with the universal declaration of human rights.

IFLRY calls on employers to conform to the standards set down above.