

**Amnesty International UK
NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND AGM 2020**

DECISIONS

RESOLUTIONS CARRIED

Financial Resolutions

F1 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2019

Summary: A routine resolution to receive the financial statements and reports.

Proposer: AIUK Section Board

Resolution text:

This AGM to receive the Report of the Directors and the audited accounts of AIUK Section for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Votes for 1062

Votes against: 6

The resolutions was **carried**.

F2 - APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Summary: A routine resolution to reappoint BDO LLP as auditors and to authorise the Board to determine their remuneration.

Proposer: AIUK Section Board

Resolution Text:

This AGM to reappoint BDO LLP as Auditor of the Company, to hold office until the conclusion of the next General Meeting at which accounts are laid before the Company, and to authorise the Directors to approve the Auditor's remuneration.

Special Resolutions

S1 - SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO CREATE TWO RESERVED SEATS FOR YOUTH MEMBERS ON THE BOARD.

Summary: To amend the Articles of Association to create two reserved seats on the Board of Directors for members aged 16 to 25 years old, to ensure the representation of young people.

Proposer: Glasgow University Amnesty International Society

Resolution Text:

The AGM hereby resolves by way of Special Resolution that the Articles of Association of AIUK are altered by:

Deleting Article 36.1 and replacing with the following wording 'Up to 12 Elected Directors of which two shall be persons nominated by Local Groups, two shall be persons nominated by Networks, one shall be a Country Co-Ordinator, one shall be aged between 16 to 17 years on the Declaration Date and one shall be aged between 18 to 23 years on the Declaration Date provided always that no person may fill a place in more than one capacity';

Deleting the number '18' and replaced with the number '16' in Article 37.1 so that the article reads: 'unless they have attained the age of 16 years; or'

Votes for: 1,171

Votes against: 72

The resolution was **carried**.

Ordinary resolutions

01 - DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MINORITY GROUPS IN THE UK

Summary: In partnership with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK, AIUK should campaign against practices which discriminate against Ahmadi Muslims and other religious minority groups in the UK

Proposer: Glasgow Day-time Group

Resolution Text:

This AGM instructs the Board to raise awareness of practices which discriminate and denigrate Ahmadiyya Muslims and other minority groups in the UK, in particular to:

- Reaffirm the core values of freedom of religion and belief
- Take action against UK funding of anything that encourages hatred and religious discrimination.
- Work with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK and other faith groups
- to run a mixture of programmes and events including awareness raising and lobbying of relevant government departments.

Votes for: 748

Votes against: 116

The resolution was **carried**.

O2 - THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN THE SYRIAN CITY OF AFRIN AND SURROUNDING REFUGEE CAMPS.

Summary: Addressing the catastrophic humanitarian situation of the local population within the Afrin region, including those who have been displaced into refugee camps.

Proposer: St Albans Group

Resolution Text:

This AGM instructs AIUK Section to urge the International Secretariat to commit resources and budget to a campaign to publicise the humanitarian crisis of the local population within the Afrin region of Syria and in the surrounding refugee camps. We also request the Board of AIUK to commit resources to this campaign.

This AGM requests that this campaign includes pressure on the International Community to call for the cessation of all hostilities and of Human Rights violations aimed at bringing about demographic and cultural change in the Afrin region.

Votes for: 870

Votes against: 52

The resolution was **carried**.

O3 - HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF LIVES IN INDIAN ADMINISTERED KASHMIR.

Summary: This resolution supports the democratic and human rights of the people of Kashmir and urges Amnesty to actively campaign for sending a fact finding mission to the region, for the repeal of the AFSA & PSA and to campaign for respect of article 2 of the UDHR.

Proposer: Norwich Amnesty Group

Resolution Text:

1 AIUK to lobby the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to send a cross party delegation of members of the UK parliament to Indian administered Kashmir on a fact-finding mission.

2 AIUK to demand that the International Secretariat campaign for repeal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), which gives impunity to the armed forces, and of the Public Safety Act (PSA) which allows detention without trial.

3 AIUK to request International Secretariat to designate the victims of mass rape of twin villages of Kunan and Poshpora in North Kashmir as Individuals at Risk case

4 AIUK to engage with the UK Kashmiri diaspora, seeking support for these instructions.

Votes for: 889
Votes against: 34

The resolution was **carried**.

04 - CAMPAIGN TO END EXCESSIVE, CRUEL AND INHUMAN CELLULAR CONFINEMENT IN UK PRISONS

Summary: This resolution highlights the fact that many prisoners in the UK are confined to cells for 22 or more hours a day and proposes campaigning for a legally enforceable minimum standard of 8 hours a day out of cell.

Proposer: Cardiff Group

Resolution Text:

This AGM instructs Amnesty UK to campaign to end excessive cellular confinement in UK prisons (often amounting to 22 or more hours in cell per day) and to urge the UK government to establish a legally enforceable minimum standard of 8 hours a day out of cell (whether solitary or shared).

Votes for: 845
Votes against 111

The resolution was **carried**.

05 - EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE UK HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

Summary: This resolution calls upon Amnesty to support the existing European Court of Human Rights and the UK Human Rights Act.

Proposer: Woking Group

Resolution Text: This AGM calls on the Board to:

1. Support the UK's continued membership of the Council of Europe and thereby supporting the jurisdiction of the European Court of Human Rights.
2. Promote the work of the European Court of Human Rights within Amnesty and to the wider public.
3. Cooperate with other civil society groups and campaigning organisations in a wider campaign to save the UK Human Rights Act.
4. Initiate the provision of campaigning materials for members to lobby their MPs on this issue.

Votes for: 1227
Votes against: 25

The resolution was **carried**.