

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION 2021 AGM RESOLUTIONS

F1: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2020

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 2020.

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.

S1: AMEND MINOR DRAFTING ERROR IN THE ARTICLES

Summary: To amend a minor drafting error by changing the word <county> to <country>.

Proposer: AIUK Section Board

Resolution Text: The AGM hereby resolves by way of Special Resolution that the Articles of Association of AIUK are altered by deleting the word "county " and replaced with the word "country" in Article 1.1.3.

S2: TO CLARIFY THE DATE RESOLUTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE AGM

Summary: To add clarity to the Articles by making it clear that resolutions must be “received by” the Company Secretary as opposed to being “sent to” the Company Secretary at least 90 days before the meeting.

Proposer: AIUK Section Board

Resolution Text: The AGM hereby resolves by way of Special Resolution that the Articles of Association of AIUK are altered by deleting the words “sent to the Company Secretary in writing “ and replaced with the words “in writing and received by the Company Secretary” in Article 26.2.2.

S3: RENAMING THE REGIONAL FORUM

Summary: To amend the Articles by renaming the “Regional Forum” and “Regional Representatives” to “Activism Forum” and “Activism Representatives” respectively.

Proposer: AIUK Section Board

Resolution Text: The AGM hereby resolves by way of Special Resolution that the Articles of Association of Amnesty International United Kingdom Section are altered by:

deleting the words “regional forum” and replacing with “Activism Forum” and deleting the words “ “regional representatives” and replacing with the words “Activism Representatives” in Article 46.1.1. and adding the words “ “Activism Forum” the Activism Representatives’ quarterly meetings held to discuss issues relevant to their work” and “Activism Representatives” volunteers who are elected by Local Groups to support Local Group activities ” as Article 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 respectively and renumbering the remainder of Article 1.

S4: CHANGE BOARD BALLOT TO MULTIPLE NON-TRANSFERABLE VOTING

Summary: Replace the single transferrable voting system in the board election with multiple non-transferable voting.

Proposer: AIUK Section Board

Resolution Text: The AGM hereby resolves by way of Special Resolution that the Articles of Association of AIUK are altered by deleting the words “transferable vote” and replacing with the words “plurality at-large vote” in Article 38.14.

S5: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR DIRECTORS AND NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS

Summary: To make it clear that only current members may apply for nomination as a director or nominate board members.

Proposer: AIUK Section Board

Resolution Text: The AGM hereby resolves by way of Special Resolution that the Articles of Association of AIUK are altered by adding the word “immediately” following the words “unless they have been an Individual Member for at least six months” in Article 37.3 and adding the word “immediately” following the words “who have been members for at least six months” in Article 38.9.

O1: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL UK STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2030

Summary: Resolution to adopt the AIUK Strategic Plan 2022- 2030, as circulated in the AGM background papers

Proposer: AIUK Section Board

Resolution Text: The AGM adopts the Amnesty International UK Strategy 2022-2030; instructs the Board to develop plans to put the strategy into operation and to report on progress to each Annual General Meeting.

O2: FORCED ORGAN-HARVESTING FROM PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE IN CHINA

Summary: This AGM urges AIUK to campaign against organ-harvesting from Chinese prisoners of conscience; for UK legislation on organ tourism; and for sanctions.

Proposer: Oxford City Central Group

Resolution Text: This AGM urges Amnesty International UK to campaign against organ-harvesting from Chinese prisoners of conscience; for UK legislation on organ tourism, and for sanctions against individuals and groups in China profiting from this crime against humanity.

O3: THE CLIMATE CRISIS IS THREATENING HUMAN RIGHTS GLOBALLY AND IN THE UK

Summary: AIUK should raise the profile of the climate crisis in its actions by upholding the right to protest, supporting publicly and actively all forms of just or legitimate protest.

Proposer: York Local Group

Resolution Text: This AGM instructs AIUK to:

(i) raise the profile of the Amnesty movement to strengthen and protect the right to just protest in all its forms.

(ii) approach the International Secretariat to take action in the wider international movement and within the UK section to address the climate crisis in their campaigning and actions

O4: INCREASING YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNANCE

Summary: To review the Articles of Association to remove existing barriers to youth participation in governance.

Proposer: Queens University Belfast Student Group

Resolution Text: This AGM instructs the Amnesty UK Section board to review the Articles of Association to remove existing barriers to youth participation in governance, including but not limited to, the current membership requirements for section Board elections.

The AGM requests that the Amnesty UK Section Board should work with youth activists, including the Youth Strategy Steering Group, in this review, and bring any amendments of the Articles of Association to the 2022 AGM.

O5: REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP AGE REQUIREMENTS

Summary: This resolution calls for the removal of an age restriction to be an individual member of Amnesty International UK.

Proposer: Serena Jemmett (this resolution has been appropriately seconded)

Resolution Text: This AGM instructs Amnesty International UK to develop a membership offer for people under the age of 14, that as a minimum allows equal voting rights to other individual members, and therefore abolish the age restriction on membership by the next AGM (2022). Amnesty UK should then encourage other sections to do the same.

O6: SECURING OPTIMAL INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT (IS) SUPPORT TO MAXIMISE THE IMPACT OF GLOBAL CAMPAIGNING

Summary: Requests AIUK to initiate discussions with Sections to explore how the international research, campaigns and actions produced by the International Secretariat (IS) are aligned with effective global campaigns.

Proposer: Jeremy Paul Allen (this resolution has been appropriately seconded)

Resolution Text: This AGM resolves that AIUK initiates a dialogue during 2021-2022 with a group of Amnesty Sections around the world to explore how effectively the international research, campaigns and actions produced by the International Secretariat, both centrally and through its hubs, are aligned with the campaigning objectives, energy, and capacity of activists within Sections. This dialogue will consider:

- (1) whether the capacity available for international campaigning within the different Sections involved is effectively served by the International Secretariat, centrally and through its hubs;
- (2) whether the resources allocated to research work at the IS are adequate to support the work of international campaigning by Sections;
- (3) the views of Sections on the development of global campaigning;
- (4) developing Terms of Reference, including indicators, to ensure effective implementation and consistency.

AIUK, together with the Sections participating in this dialogue, will share their conclusions formally on these issues with other Sections and with the senior management of the International Secretariat at the Global Assembly in 2022.