

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL UK SECTION BOARD

UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGM DECISIONS – DECEMBER 2022 BOARD MEETING

The AIUK Section Board receives a report at each meeting, setting out the progress in implementing AGM resolutions. These reports will be posted on the website after each Board meeting to enable members to keep up to date with developments. At the December 2022 meeting, Board members received the following update.

Resolution Number	Title	Update	Board member
S2 (2022)	Amend the articles of association and rules to create a second vice-chair role	<p>This resolution has been implemented</p> <p>The Articles have been changed, lodged with Company's House and updated on the AIUK website.</p>	N/A
S3 (2022)	Amend the articles of association to change the resolution submission date		N/A
O1 (2022)	Clarity in the process for designating Prisoners of Conscience	We have asked IS staff for clarity on this. The Chair will now be writing to the International Board to reiterate AIUK's request.	Sen Raj Sen.raj@amnesty.org.uk
O3 (2022)	Prisoner of Conscience Status for Mohammed El Halabi of World Vision, imprisoned without trial in Israel	We have sought updates on this case from the IS but do have any further information at this stage. The Chair will now be making this request to the International Board.	Owen Collins Owen.collins@amnesty.org.uk
O4 (2022)	Raising awareness of human rights violations in corporate supply chains and pushing for UK legislation	A project to advance the issue of corporate due diligence has been incorporated into the 2023 business plan. More detailed plans will be developed in the new year as we develop our long-term approach to human rights legal frameworks (part of our 2022-2030 strategy).	Ciara Garcha Ciara.garcha@amnesty.org.uk
O5 (2022)	Pay Policies and Disclosure Requirements of AIUK	We intend to implement this resolution as part of the 2023 business plan.	Nabil Ahmed Nabil.ahmed@amnesty.org.uk
O2 (2021)	Forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience in China	This resolution has been implemented to the extent possible	Helen Horton Helen.horton@amnesty.org.uk

		<p>During the summer, an AIUK staff member met with a representative of the International Secretariat's China team. As noted in previous implementation updates, the China team's priorities for the current period do not include work on forced organ harvesting and AIUK respects the need for the IS to establish its priorities in line with the movement's strategic plan.</p> <p>Nevertheless, the team have undertaken to provide a position statement (or similar output) on organ harvesting, if resources allow. This does not constitute a promise but does represent positive engagement with the UK Section and the concerns expressed by its AGM.</p> <p>No IS output has been published to date.</p>	
O4 (2021)	Increasing youth participation in governance	<p>As noted in the implementation report provided to the most recent Annual General Meeting, it has not been possible to progress this resolution during 2022, due to a number of competing priorities.</p> <p>Plans to undertake and complete this work are included in the 2023 Business Plan.</p>	<p>Ciara Garcha Ciara.garcha@amnesty.org.uk</p>
O5 (2021)	Removal of membership age requirements	<p>This resolution has been implemented to the extent possible.</p> <p>Opening up AIUK Section membership to people under the age of 14 requires a Special Resolution to change the Articles of Association (our constitution). The Board did table a resolution at the 2022 AGM but although it secured more votes in favour than against, it fell short of the 75% threshold that is required for a Special</p>	<p>Julia Pata Julia.pata@amnesty.org.uk</p>

		<p>Resolution to pass. As a result, Resolution O5 (2021) cannot be taken forward at present.</p> <p>During 2023, we will gather information on potential demand, acceptable pricing and benefit expectations for membership of under-14s. After this work has been completed, the Board will determine the appropriate next steps, including whether to table a revised Special Resolution to the 2024 Annual General Meeting.</p>	
O6 (2021)	Securing optimal International Secretariat support to maximise the impact of global campaigning	<p>In the implementation report provided to the AGM, we noted that the International Secretariat had adopted a Research Action Plan for the years 2022-2030, which (amongst other things) aims to increase the level of integration across research, campaigning and communications functions. The Board cautioned that steps to increase research capacity will take time.</p> <p>Since that Implementation Report was written, the International Secretariat announced a review of campaigning. Amongst other things, this will examine the relationship between global, national and local campaigning and the work of Sections to increase membership and activist participation.</p>	<p>Tom Chigbo Thomas.chigbo@amnesty.org.uk</p>
S1 (2020)	To create two reserved seats for youth members on the Board	<p>After the 2020 AGM, the Section's Articles of Association were amended to state that the minimum age for a Director shall be 16. It had previously been 18.</p> <p>Following discussions, and in agreement with the proposers of this resolution, the Board decided to take a</p>	<p>Ciara Garcha Ciara.garcha@amnesty.org.uk</p>

		<p>two-stage process to filling these reserved seats. Accordingly, the reserved seat for a person aged 18-23 years was filled through the 2021 Board election process.</p> <p>At the start of 2022, the Board, supported by external experts, commenced a programme of work to implement the changes required to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment for under-18s and the reserved seat was made available in the 2022 Board election process. Unfortunately, no candidates were forthcoming.</p> <p>Implementation of required safeguarding and other measures are continuing with a view to recruiting an under-18 year old to the Board during the 2023 election cycle.</p>	
01 (2020)	Discrimination against minority groups in the UK	We are considering this through the scoping stage of our long-term work on Racial Justice.	Tom Chigbo Thomas.chigbo@amnesty.org.uk
03 (2020)	Human Rights and the dignity of lives in Kashmir	There is an Activist-Led Campaign underway on this issue with direct support from the India Team at the IS.	Tom Chigbo Thomas.chigbo@amnesty.org.uk
B3(2019)	A disabled peoples' activist structure	Due to staff capacity, we were unable to progress this work in 2022. The work to scope and launch this network is included in the 2023 business plan.	Ciara Garcha Ciara.garcha@amnesty.org.uk