**Report on the implementation of AGM Decisions**

**Decisions from the 2021 AGM[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**S1 (2021) Amend minor drafting error in the Articles**

**S2 (2021) To clarify the date resolutions must be received at the AGM**

**S3 (2021) Renaming the Regional Forum**

**S4 (2021) Change the Board Ballot to multiple non-transferable voting**

**S5 (2021) Eligibility requirements for directors and nomination of Directors**

**Implementation of these AGM decisions is complete.**

The Articles of Association have been updated, as required by these Special Resolutions, have been filed with Companies House and uploaded to the Section’s website.

**O1 (2021) Amnesty International UK Strategic Plan 2022-2030**

**This AGM Decision has been implemented and implementation is ongoing**

This 2021 AGM decision formally adopted AIUK’s new strategy. At its December 2021 meeting, the Board approved the 2022 Business Plan & Budget, setting out the key actions for implementation of the strategy in its first year. Annual reports on strategic progress will be provided to the AGM through the Chair’s Report and Chief Executive’s Report.

**O2 (2021) Forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience in China**

**The Board is awaiting further information to assess the prospects for implementing this resolution. A further report will be provided to the 2023 Annual General Meeting.**

Amnesty International UK Section is unable to work on the human rights issues in other countries in the absence of verified research or approval from the International Secretariat. This is important to maintaining the credibility of Amnesty’s research and action and movement cohesion, as well as to avoid inadvertently adding workload to country teams or Amnesty entities in other parts of the world.

AIUK contacted the International Secretariat to draw its awareness to this resolution in summer 2021. The IS responded by detailing its existing priorities and stating that it did not have the capacity to take on additional work at that time. Shortly afterwards, due to increasing restrictions and risks for civil society organisations in Hong Kong, the International Secretariat’s East Asia Regional Office relocated from the territory.

We contacted the IS again in March-April 2022 to assess whether anything had changed that might enable AIUK to work on this issue. In April, we were informed that discussions were taking place within the IS to consider the issues raised in the resolution. At the time of writing, we are awaiting further information and will therefore provide a further report to the 2023 AGM.

**O3 (2021) The climate crisis is threatening human rights globally and in the UK**

**This AGM decision has been implemented and implementation is ongoing**

We now have a draft AIUK strategic framework for our freedom of expression/right to protest work, including the flagship campaign. In Q2 2022 we’ll be taking this out to consultation with key activists constituencies for further input and development.

**O4 (2021) Increasing youth participation in governance**

**Implementation of this resolution is in progress and a further report will be provided to the 2023 AGM**

It has not been possible to complete the work required as we have had to prioritise the work that is necessary to welcome a 16-17 year-old member as a member of the Board (see resolution S1(2020), below). We also wish to engage further, with the proposer and others, to complete a review of the Articles of Association and have a full Board discussion on potential options and recommendations.

Implementation of this decision will therefore continue and should any changes to the Articles be considered necessary and desirable, these will be tabled at the 2023 AGM.

**O5 (2021) Removal of membership age requirements**

**Implementation of this resolution is in progress and a further report will be provided to the 2023 AGM**

To give effect to this resolution, the Board will table a resolution to the 2022 AGM. Should the resolution be adopted, further work will be required to review and develop safeguarding measures for members aged 14-18, to identify and introduce any new measures that are required for members who are under the age of 14 and to develop a supporter journey for under-18s. However, there will be no immediate barriers to young people under 14 becoming members, from a safeguarding perspective, once approved at the AGM in 2022 and this will be implemented through a separate sign up process for members aged 13 and under, clearly visible on the website, which enables their age to be flagged up and ensures certain safeguards are in place (including ensuring that no fundraising mail is directed to them and a young person specific welcome email).

**O6 (2021) Securing optimal International Secretariat support to maximise the impact of global campaigning**

**Implementation of this resolution is in progress and a further report will be provided to the 2023 AGM**

In addition to sharing the resolution with relevant members of the International Secretariat’s senior management team, the Chair of AIUK Section discussed the resolution with the Chair of the International Board and wrote to her in March 2022, receiving a response in April 2022. The response accepted that IS research outputs declined during the period of IS financial challenges, followed by the Covid epidemic. However, it also noted that a Research Action Plan was agreed in late 2021. This Action Plan, for the years 2022-2030, sets out the aim of increasing the quantity, quality, innovation and impact of IS research, as well as increasing the level of integration across research, campaigning and communications functions. A two-year business plan has also been agreed to take the initial implementing steps.

On 4 May, the International Secretariat also announced a review of campaigning at Amnesty. Amongst other things, it aims to explore how people are mobilised, how global solutions and national actions can be balanced, whether current approaches lead to campaign fragmentation and will also examine operational issues like planning synchronisation and the roles of national entities, regional offices and global campaigns. The review is expected to conclude in August 2021.

The Board welcomes the agreement of the research action plan and the attention that is being given to research output, whilst noting that steps to increase capacity will take time. We also welcome the review of campaigns. We will assess the information provided by the International Board and the outcome of the review before considering further steps to take to implement this resolution.

**ER1 (2021) Responding to racism at AIUK**

**This AGM decision has been implemented.**

The board worked together with representatives of activists, the trades union (Unite) shop at AIUK and the interim chief executive to agree the terms of reference of an independent inquiry into racism in AIUK, and the same group selected female, black-led consultancy Global HPO to conduct the inquiry. Global HPO started its work in November 2021 and expects to complete and present its report by June 2022. The board is committed to the publication of the report and the implementation of its recommendations in full and will be able to provide an update on that through the Chair’s report to the 2022 AGM.

1. The text of previous AGM decisions can be found at <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/annual-general-meeting-2022> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)