



Aylesbury Amnesty International Group

Meeting 27th March 2013 7.30pm

Friends Meeting House, 9 Rickfords Hill, Aylesbury, HP20 2RT

Present:

Carol Tarrant
Bob Corn
Jim Edwards
Frances Booth

Annelies Varsey

Apologies: Katherine Danflous, Bronwen Lee, Jim Cobley, David Barnard

Carol welcomed everyone to this meeting – principal business being to debate the resolutions which have been tabled for the forthcoming AIUK AGM and National Conference to be held 13th and 14th April 2013 at Warwick University.

1.0 Previous Minutes – Agreed.

2.0 AGM Resolutions – The record 29 resolutions were debated as fully as time allowed, and results recorded as attached record sheet.

NOTE that the resolutions outcomes recorded at the AIUK AGM and National Conference are also attached on a separate sheet – these outcomes are not yet ratified, but are a record of the debate outcomes at the AGM and National Conference, noting also that there were a further two Emergency Resolutions accepted onto the Agenda, and that one of the original resolutions (D3) was withdrawn by the AIUK Board who had initially proposed it.

3.0 Correspondence:

3.1 Noted that a reply had been received from the House of Commons re-Border Agency responses to a Human Rights letter written by Bronwen - Carol to scan and circulate.

3.2 Carol and Annelies had prepared a letter to William Hague, Foreign Secretary re-Britain's selling Arms to Indonesia, evidently used by the Indonesian Government to intimidate and abuse the indigenous peoples of West Papua – all members present signed the letter – Bob to post it.

4.0 Fran reported recent encouraging news from the DRC, and the Central African Republic:

4.1 President of Central African Republic after militia group took hold of CAR and claimed their leader head of state. President fled to Congo for protection - worried what damage this might cause in the region at critical time of peace negotiations.

4.2 Bosco Ntaganda handed himself into the USA EMBASY in Kigali and asked to be handed over to the Hague - suspicious why he has done this! Will be following closely.

4.3 South African group assassination list foiled by DRC. One of top names on list was Kabila, President of DRC. With thoughts on political leaders being bumped off, and his father's assassination, concerned what Kabila's next moves will be... Will watch to monitor situation

5.0 Next Meeting: **24th April 2013** at 7.30pm – Friends Meeting House,
9 Rickfords Hill, Aylesbury, HP20 2RT – Annual General Meeting.

Amnesty International 2013 AGM			
Aylesbury Group Resolution Debate Outcome: 27th March 2013:			
	Approved	Rejected	Comment
	✓	✓	
Working Party A – Campaigns:			
A1 Chittagong Hill Tracts (Bangladesh)	✓		
A2 British UAV's (Drones)		✓	
A3 Improving the rights of Migrant Workers		✓	
A4 Human Rights Violations in Ethiopia	✓		
A5 Disability and Human Rights in the UK		✓	
A6 Reporting on AIUK AGM Resolutions	✓		
Working Party B – Finance and Assessment - AIUK			
B1 AIUK Finances	✓		
B2 AIUK and International Secretariat Salary Limits	✓		
B3 Management Consultants	✓		
B4 Assessment Payments to the International Movement	✓		
Working Party C – Governance and Accountability - IS:			
C1 Financial Transparency of the International Executive Committee	✓		
C2 International Secretariat Finances	✓		
C3 International Secretariat Senior Management Salaries	✓		
C4 External Review Mechanism of the International Executive Committee	✓		
C5 Accountability, Governance and Management at the IS	✓		
C6 Transparency and Accountability of the IS	✓		
Working Party D – Structure of AIUK:			
D1 Financial Stability of AIUK		✓	
D2 Stability and Structure A		✓	
D3 Stability and Structure B		✓	
D4 Restructuring at AIUK	✓		
Working Party E – Membership and Organisation – AIUK:			
E1 Amnesty Magazine		✓	
E2 Regional Trade Union Networks		✓	
E3 Groups Lists on AIUK Website	✓		
E4 AIUK Governance	✓		
E5 12-Month Governance and Role Task Group	✓		
E6 Consultation on Material Reorganisation	✓		
E7 Restructure Implications on Crisis Response at AIUK	✓		
E8 Increase in AIUK Membership Fees		✓	
E9 Restricted Giving Resolution to the International Council Meeting		✓	

Amnesty International UK 2013 AGM			
AGM Resolutions Debate Outcome: NOTE that two Emergency Resolutions were accepted onto the Agenda – B5 and C7, and one – D3 - was withdrawn; Card Votes were called for, for four of the Resolutions – numerical results are shown			
	Approved	Rejected	Comment
	✓	✓	
Working Party A – Campaigns:			
A1 Chittagong Hill Tracts (Bangladesh)	✓		
A2 British UAV's (Drones)	✓		
A3 Improving the rights of Migrant Workers	✓		
A4 Human Rights Violations in Ethiopia	✓		
A5 Disability and Human Rights in the UK	✓		
A6 Reporting on AIUK AGM Resolutions	✓		
Working Party B – Finance and Assessment - AIUK			
B1 AIUK Finances	✓		
B2 AIUK and International Secretariat Salary Limits		✓	
B3 Management Consultants		✓	
B4 Assessment Payments to the International Movement	613	✓ 718	Card Vote
B5 Board Support for Specific 2013 ICM Resolutions	✓		
Working Party C – Governance and Accountability - IS:			
C1 Financial Transparency of the International Executive Committee	✓		
C2 International Secretariat Finances	✓		
C3 International Secretariat Senior Management Salaries	✓		
C4 External Review Mechanism of the International Executive Committee		✓	
C5 Accountability, Governance and Management at the IS	✓		
C6 Transparency and Accountability of the IS	✓		
C7 Call for Amendment to ICM Core Standards	✓		
Working Party D – Structure of AIUK:			
D1 Financial Stability of AIUK	✓ 847	610	Card Vote
D2 Stability and Structure A	✓ 761	656	Card Vote
D3 Stability and Structure B			Resolution Withdrawn
D4 Restructuring at AIUK	✓ 735	547	Card Vote
Working Party E – Membership and Organisation – AIUK:			
E1 Amnesty Magazine	✓		
E2 Regional Trade Union Networks	✓		
E3 Groups Lists on AIUK Website	✓		
E4 AIUK Governance	✓		
E5 12-Month Governance and Role Task Group	✓		
E6 Consultation on Material Reorganisation	✓		
E7 Restructure Implications on Crisis Response at AIUK	✓		
E8 Increase in AIUK Membership Fees	✓		
E9 Restricted Giving Resolution to the International Council Meeting	✓		