

AGM Decisions Implementation Report

September 2016

At its meeting on 14 May 2016, the Board identified which of its members would be responsible for oversight of each AGM decision. The following table sets out those responsibilities. AIUK members with an interest in the implementation of AGM decisions are encouraged to get in touch with the relevant Board member, using the email address provided.

Resolution	RAG	Notes	Board member responsible	Contact
F1(2016) Financial Statements 2015	Done	The resolution called on the AGM to approve the Financial Statements, the Reports of the Board and auditor for year ending December 2015. No further update is required	Meredith Coombs.	Meredith.coombs@amnesty.org.uk
F2(2016) Appointment of Auditors	Done	The resolution appointed BDO LLP as Auditor of the Company and authorised the Board to agree remuneration. No further update is required.	Meredith Coombs	Meredith.coombs@amnesty.org.uk
SR1(2016) Increase in gap before a former Board member is eligible to stand again after resigning, or end of maximum term	Done	The Articles of Association have been amended and lodged with Companies House. No further update is required.	Ruth Breddal	ruth.breddal@amnesty.org.uk
SR2(2016) Clarifying the relevant time limits and introducing new/amended maximum terms of office Directors, the Treasurer, the Chair and Vice-Chair				
SR3(2016) Increasing the minimum support for proposing resolutions to the AGM.				

SR4(2016): Amendments to the deadline for the receipt of AGM resolutions				
SR6a(2016): Change to members' rights to call an EGM intended to preserve that right but avoid the potential for abusive use.				
SR7(2016): Reducing the notice period for the Board calling an extraordinary general meeting				
SR10(2016): Amendment to the role and constitution of the Nominations Committee				
SR11(2016): Amendment to articles to allow the adoption of rules and other amendments				
SR12(2016) Other amendments to the articles				
A1(2016) AIUK's Strategic Plan 2016-2020	G	The Senior Management trialled a new approach to strategic reporting at the May Board meeting and it continues to develop (with a second report presented to the September Board meeting). This will support annual reporting to the next AGM.	Hannah Perry	hannah.perry@amnesty.org.uk
A2(2016) Human rights in Eritrea	G	AIUK is now working on the second Eritrean Individual at Risk from the IS portfolio (we are now working on both on there). The Country Coordinator is leading the planning of this work.	Jerry Allan	jerry.allan@amnesty.org.uk
A3(2016) Western Sahara	G	Planning work now underway.	Jerry Allan	Jerry.allan@amnesty.org.uk
A4(2016) Review of Amnesty International's international	A	We have not had further contact with the International Secretariat since the AGM. We had hoped to meet with IS staff before	Board	sct@amnesty.org.uk

policy on access to abortion services		the summer holiday period but this proved not to be possible, given other competing priorities. Implementation is therefore slightly off-track but this will not impact on the key decision point – December’s Board meeting.		
A5(2016) Climate change is a human rights issue	G	No further action has been taken since the AGM. The resolution calls for AIUK to take a resolution to next year’s International Council Meeting. The deadline for resolutions is likely to be in January 2017.	Hannah Perry	hannah.perry@amnesty.org.uk
B1(2016) Voting rights for elections held at the AGM	A	No further action has been taken since this AGM. Additional legal advice might be necessary. Plans to take this advice in the summer were put on hold to await the arrival of a new Company Secretary, who started work in September 2016.	Cris Burson-Thomas	Cris.Burson-Thomas@amnesty.org.uk
B2(2016) Closure of human rights NGO accounts by the Co-op Bank	A	Further work is needed to determine how AIUK proceeds with the implementation of the decision and this planning work is slightly behind expectations. However, work has been undertaken since the AGM, including a working-level meeting with the “Save our Bank” group and, on 6 July, AIUK hosted a seminar with a number of external bodies to discuss the impact of bank closures. The International Secretariat participated in this (in the context of scoping work for the campaign on the shrinking of civil society space. In June, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) decided to revise its problematic	Cris Burson-Thomas	Cris.Burson-Thomas@amnesty.org.uk

		Recommendation 8 (concerning NGOs) to clarify that not all NGOs are high risk with respect to money laundering and terrorist financing and that not all are intended to be addressed by Recommendation 8. The FATF has also said that the revision is intended to align the implementation of Recommendation 8 with risk-based approaches. This is a positive development.		
B3(2016) Use of live streaming and online voting at the AIUK AGM	G	An initial scoping meeting was held with one potential provider of services. However, it is unlikely that they would be able to provide the services that are required. Whilst “live streaming” is not expected to present too many logistical problems, remote participation may do. We intend to explore this, including through soliciting legal advice (if necessary) during the Autumn.	Harrison Littler	harrison.litter@amnesty.org.uk
B4(2016) Banners and placards for groups and networks	G	This is being carried forward in the production of materials for the refugee campaign and also through the review and development of communication materials for activists.	Cris Burson-Thomas	Cris.Burson-Thomas@amnesty.org.uk
B5(2016) Developing a body of rules for the governance of AIUK	G	An initial draft set of rules has been produced and is in consultation.	Harrison Littler	harrison.litter@amnesty.org.uk
B4(2015) Addressing impunity in Guatemala	G	No update since the last report.	Tom Sparks	Tom.Sparks@amnesty.org.uk
C2(2015) Asylum detention in the UK	G	As noted in the Implementation Report approved by the 2016 AGM, AIUK has previously submitted written evidence to	Tom Sparks	Tom.Sparks@amnesty.org.uk

		the “Shaw inquiry” and taken other steps to engage in this issue and influence debate. Since the AGM, staff have developed initial proposals for a project on immigration detention. These will need to be considered in the light of plans for the Global Campaign on refugees, which we are continuing to develop.		
C4(2015) AIUK will undertake research into the wrongful detention of torture and trafficking victims in British detention	G	See entry for C2(2015), above.	Tom Sparks	Tom.Sparks@amnesty.org.uk