

**PROPOSALS
PUT FORWARD BY THE ILGA EUROPE BOARD
ILGA EUROPE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
THE HAGUE, OCTOBER 28-31, 2010**

Proposal no. 1

Appointment of an auditor

That the Conference approves the appointment of Ms Danielle Quivy as the auditor of ILGA-Europe for 2009-2010.”

Proposal no. 2

Approval of ILGA-Europe’s audited accounts 2008

That the Conference approves the audited accounts and balance sheet for the financial year 01.01-31.12.2008.

Explanatory note: Before 2008, the Belgian law allowed for the accounts to be approved by the Executive Board. For this reason, the Regional Conference gave the authority to the Executive Board to approve the 2008 accounts. In the meantime, the Belgian law changed and it now requires that the Regional Conference (General Assembly) approves the organization’s accounts. This is why we are submitting the 2008 accounts for approval this year (the 2008 accounts were part of the second mailing in 2009).

Proposal no. 3

Approval of ILGA-Europe’s audited accounts 2009

That the Conference approves the audited accounts and balance sheet for the financial year 01.01-31.12.2009.”

Proposal no. 4

Amendments to the IE Constitution

Replace section B.1.b with “to work for the equality of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and trans and intersex people”.

Insert a new section B.2.e: “participating in activities and projects at the global level, as appropriate”.

Replace the original section B.2.e with a section B.2.f: “agreeing and implementing European action programmes, possibly jointly with other organisations. For this purpose, ILGA-Europe can use any information and promotional means, organise courses, conferences, seminars, study days. This list is descriptive and not comprehensive.”

Explanatory note: Changes to the “Aims and Objectives” of the organisation must be approved by the Belgian authorities. The change that was voted at the 2004 regional conference was not submitted for such approval, which in turn causes difficulties with the approval of the change that was voted at the 2009 regional conference. The solution to these difficulties is to have the regional conference clearly vote on the entire text, after which an approval of the entire text can be submitted to the authorities.

Proposal no. 5

Amendments to the IE Constitution

Change the entire section B in the Constitution to:

B. Aims and Objectives

1. The aims of ILGA-Europe are
 - a) to promote universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the elimination of all forms of discrimination and including the specific provisions of the conventions and covenants specified in the constitution of ILGA;
 - b) to work for the equality of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, trans and intersex people and liberation from all forms of discrimination.
2. In this context, the activity of ILGA-Europe will include, *inter alia*:
 - a) representing members to the European institutions, as well as to other bodies and organisations active at the European level;
 - b) coordinating projects, programmes, actions and initiatives from members to which a European dimension needs to be brought;
 - c) developing projects and undertaking studies or research in various fields that are of particular concern to lesbians, gays, bisexuals, trans and intersex people;
 - d) developing necessary networks for a permanent exchange of information and actions with members on issues addressed in Europe;
 - e) Participating in activities and projects at the global level, as appropriate;
 - f) agreeing and implementing European action programmes, possibly jointly with other organisations. For this purpose, ILGA-Europe can use any information and promotional means, organise courses, conferences, seminars, study days. This list is descriptive and not comprehensive.

3. The aims of ILGA-Europe shall at all times be consistent with the aims expressed in the Foundation Document and Aims and Objectives parts of the constitution of ILGA.

Explanatory note: As already stated, changes to the “Aims and Objectives” of the organisation must be approved by the Belgian authorities. This proposal simply holds the entire changed section B of the Constitution.

Proposal no. 6

Amendments to the IE Constitution

Replace the second sentence in Section A.3. with: “The law of 27 June 1921, as amended by the Law of 2 May 2002, governs areas not covered in this constitution”.

Explanatory note: When ILGA-Europe was created the governing law was from 25 October 1919. In 2002 the law regarding international non-profit organisations changed and the relevant legal provisions were included in the law of 27 June 1921. This change of section A.3 intends to make a reference to the right legal provisions.

Proposal no. 7

Amendments to the IE Constitution

Section C.5.(i) (Admission): replace the sentence with: “An applicant for either category of membership of ILGA must (a) apply in writing to the Administrative Office of ILGA; (b) affirm agreement in writing with the aims of ILGA and (c) provide a description of itself, its aims and the composition of its membership.

Explanatory note: Last year in Malta the IE Constitution was amended in section C.4. in order to comply with the new memberships categories, which ILGA has adopted (2 instead of 3). Consequently changes also needed to be made to section C.5., but this was not done last year.

Proposal no. 8

Amendments to the Standing Orders

Replace section 12.6 with: Election of members of the executive Board and substitutes requires at least 20 % of the votes present at the election. If the requirement implies that there are vacant places in the board, re. 12.4, a new election round among the non-elected candidates shall take place. If the requirement is not met, the places remain vacant.

Explanatory note: The Regional Conference of 2007 voted to include this phrase in the Constitution. However, changes in this section of the Constitution can only be made in the presence of a Notary (in Belgium). Awaiting a future Regional Conference in Belgium where this could be arranged, the practical solution is to include the rule in the Standing Orders.

Proposal no. 9

Amendments to the Standing Orders

Replace the second sentence in section 13.1. with: Two nominations may be submitted by each full member and the board.

Replace section 13.4. with: Delegates will be issued by the Election Officers with as many ballot papers as they have voting cards, and they may vote on each ballot paper for no more than two candidates.

Replace section 13.5. with: Election of members of the ILGA Board and substitutes requires at least 20 % of the votes present at the election There will be one round of voting and the candidate identifying as woman with the highest number of votes will be deemed elected followed by the next candidate with the highest number of votes. If the requirement of at least 20 % of the votes present are not met, then the proceedings in S.O. 12.6 will be followed.

Replace the first sentence in section 13.6. with: If less than three nominations is received by the published deadline for the two places, then nominations may be made at the Conference for the vacancy or vacancies by full members and the Board.

Replace section 13.7. with: The non-elected candidate identifying as woman who receives the second highest number of votes in the election shall be the "reserve representative" together with the next non-elected candidate with the highest number of votes. In the event of the representative elected resigning or otherwise ceasing to be a member of the World Executive Board for any reason, the ILGA-Europe Board shall invite the reserve representative to take up that place, respecting section F 1 of the constitution.

Explanatory note: These amendments are due to the fact that ILGA has decided upon changing the rules for the composition of the ILGA Board – instead of one woman and one man representing each region, the requirement is that at least one of the two representatives identifies as a woman. Last year the change was made to the Constitution, but not to the Standing Orders.

Proposal no. 10

Approval of the ILGA-Europe Strategic Plan 2011-13

This Conference approves the Strategic Plan 2011-13 (The consultation process ends on 8. September and the draft will be circulated with the Third Mailing).