MINUTES LYMEC AUTUM CONGRESS SOFIA, BULGARIA 13-14.10.2017

1. Opening

LYMEC president Sissel van Run-Kvist opened the congress.

Really appreciate being in Bulgaria. We warmly welcome those who endorse our values. The EU is finally united after years of separation. Big thanks to our hosts YMRF and Ilhan especially. Further she thanks ELF, LIF...

Ilhan Kyuchyuk MEP (president YMRF) gave a welcoming speech

EU is an opportunity and stands for freedom. The UK will not share this freedom with us. EU cannot remain quiet and small when it comes to big issues. We must enlarge the EU with the western Balkans, the scope of EU must be bigger and go beyond the geographical location. YMRF is proud to be the biggest liberal (youth) organization within LYMEC. He thanks LYMEC for the opportunity. And concludes that the EU should be proud and listen to young people because they are the future.

Daniel Kaddik (FNF) gave a welcoming speech

Happy to be here as a former LYMEC member. It's an important moment for Bulgaria (first time Bulgarian EU presidency). He points out the challenges for the upcoming populism throughout the EU (Bulgaria, Germany...) He expresses his hope for EU (thanks Ilhan, Sissel...) and points out that the future of EU and Bulgaria are in this room. He expresses his gratitude for Hans Van Baalen and Mustafa Karadaya, for being here.

Hans van Baalen MEP (ALDE Party president) gave a welcoming speech

He thanks LYMEC for the invitation. He stresses the importance for ethnic peace, dialogue and democracy in Bulgaria and the front role for (Y)MRF. He calls for the possibility of EU-enlargement and stresses his gratitude for MRF (and Ilhan) to also call for the enlargement. The time to enter Schengen is now, they are ready. He congratulates the German liberals of FDP for their election victory.

Mustafa Karadayi (President, MRF) gave a welcoming speech

Thanks for the opportunity. I'm excited to be here. Thanks to the entire group of MRF to be here. (all the MP's, MEP's, Members...) He explicitly thanks the young people to be here.

I made the foundations for YMRF, those times where very tough. He points out the growth the YMRF went through from 1998 until now. (very small to the biggest youth organisation of the county.) The young people will serve the people, you are the future decision makers. He stresses the need and importance of young people. We stand together as Europeans with the same values, rule of law... we stand together against the enemies of those values.

He points out the danger of nationalistic parties. We must stay true to our values. He calls upon the congress (especially the young) that everything we do should be to the benefit of the people and humanity. He wishes the youngsters strength and enthusiasm to make the word a better place and pursue their dreams but stay through to yourself and humanity.

2. Roll call and voting rights

Sissel van Run-Kvist asked Secretary General Danica Vihinen to do the roll call

Danica Vihinen did the roll call and established the quorum as 143 out of 152 possible votes at congress (152 out of 152 on the second day of congress)

1			:			F	Roll Cal	ls
2	Organisation	Country	Votes	Present	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
3	Joves Liberals d'Andorra	Andorra	3	3	3	3		
4	Jeunes MR	Belgium	10	10	10	10	;	:
5	Jong YLD	Belgium	6	6	6	6	:	:
6	Fédération des Etudiants Libérauz	Belgium	4	4	4	4	:	:
7	Youth Movement for Rights and Freedon	Bulgaria	10	10	10	10	:	
8	Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunga	Catalunga	6			6	:	
9	Radikal Ungdom	Denmark	5	5	5	5		
10	Yenstres Ungdom	Denmark	6	6	6	6		
11	Estonian Reform Party Youth	Estonia	6	6	6	6		
12	Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto	Finland	4	4	4	4	[]
13	Suomen Keskustanuoret	Finland	8	8	8	8	[]
14	Swedish Youth	Finland	6	6	6	6	[]
15	Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgrup	Germany	5	5	5	5	:	:
16	Junge Liberale	Germany	10	10	10	10	:	:
17	Ógra Fianna Fáil	Ireland	8	8	8	8	:	:
18	Attistibai Youth	Latvia	3	3	3	3	:	:
19	Lietuvos liberalus jaunimas	Lithuania	6	6		6	:	:
20	Jonge Democraten	Netherlands	7	7	7	7	:	:
21	Jongeren Organisatie Yrijheid en Democr	Netherlands	6	6	6	6	:	
22	Norges Unge Yestre	Norway	5	5	5	5		
23	Centerpartiets Ungdomsförbund	Sweden	6			6		
24	Centerstudenter	Sweden	4	4	4	4	-	
25	Liberala Ungdomsförbundet	Sweden	5	5	5	5	[
26	European Youth of Ukraine	Ukraine	3	3)		3		
27	Liberal Youth	United Kingdom	7	7)	7	7	-	
28	IMS Zeneda Feratllari	Albania	[1	1)	1	[
29	IMS Benjamin Fievet	France	1	1	1	1	:	
30	IMS Jorge de Jesus	Portugal	1	1	1	1	:	:
31	Total		152	152	143	152	:	:
32	Quorum 1 / 3		50.67	50.67	47.667	50.667	[]
33	Quorum 1 / 2		76	76	71.5	76	[]
34	Quorum 2 / 3		101.33	101.33	95.333	101.33		:

3. Appointment of Congress bodies (Chairs, secretaries, scrutineers)

Sissel van Run-Kvist suggested Vedrana Gujic, Igor Caldeira and Suleyman Suleyman as Congress chairs. The congress accepted.

Igor Caldeira suggested that Rick Brans, Hakan Y and Tanzer Yuseinov will be the secretaries.

The congress accepted.

Igor Caldeira suggested that the internal Auditors Hans Maes and Niklas Milthers as well as Laia Comerma (JNC), John de Coster (FEL), Heine ten Hoeve (JD) and Kilian Karger (julis) will be scrutineers. The congress accepted.

4. Adoption of the agenda

The Bureau suggested adding the subpoint "Reduced membership fees and payment arrangements" to agenda point 11. The congress accepted. Agenda is adopted

5. Adoption of minutes from congress in Stockholm

The minutes from Stockholm were adopted (...with the following changes/corrections)

Comments:

- JD (Anouk): point 6: "There were any urgency resolutions." should be; "there weren't any urgency resolutions."

Congress accepted the adopted minutes.

6. Urgency of resolutions

The following urgency resolutions were submitted:

1. Victor Solé JNC presented resolution on the situation in Catalonia as urgent.

Police brutally attacked voters in the Catalan referendum. LYMEC already recognized the right on regions to their self-determination. He referred to UN to claim that their rights were violated. The Spanish government arrested civil servants, journalists, politicians... We call upon the congress to condemn the violence and call for dialogue with the central Spanish government.

Congress proceeds to the vote on the urgency of the resolution.

Resolution is deemed urgent by congress.

2. Björn Bonsdorff, Svensk Ungdom, presented an urgency resolution on preventing a referendum in Romania against gay marriage. They want to change the constitutional definition on man-woman relationships.

They call for a referendum. We strongly urge the congress to accept this resolution. The referendum is also against anti-conception, against abortion, ...

Any against the urgency of the resolution?

Dennis JD asks if it's necessary to condemn a referendum before it's held.

Reply by Björn Bonsdorff (Svensk Ungdom): the time table of the referendum planning is crucial, we should condemn before the referendum is held.

The resolution is deemed urgent and will be discussed tomorrow

7. Snap vote on the order of resolutions

Secretary General explains the procedure. Voting on the order of the resolutions. The voting will be electronically Kevin Tammearu explained how the online voting works. The delegates were given time from 19h00 until 20h00 to vote. You get an email around 7. You can log in, choose 5 resolutions and you can vote until 8. The delegation leaders will get the email to vote (if they presented their email addresses)

Jorge de Jesus IMS: are internal motions also subject to this vote? Yes

Tim TLDE from Romania: are urgency resolutions included? Yes

Secretary General explains that the urgency resolutions and the amendments to the amendments will be send to the delegates.

Option		
303 License to Heal	11%	63
Urgency resolution on the current situation in Catalonia	11%	60
401 A step forward for digital entrepreneurship in Europe	9%	54
201 Citizens Rights Post-Brexit	9%	51
Urgency resolution preventing Romania from having a referendum against gay marriage	8%	45
902 Resolution on the Western Balkans enlargement process	7%	42
403 From an economic and monetary union to an economic, budgetary, fiscal and monetary union	6%	35
102 Resolution on the integration of migrants in the European Union	5%	31
301 The role of education in the fight against youth unemployment	5%	30
204 For a better world we need to end the war on drugs	5%	28
302 Free trade for education	4%	23
1002 Internal Motion: Internal Reform of the Individual Members Section	4%	21
901 On the racist and xenophobic riots in the USA	3%	18
202 Women's right over their own body	3%	18
903 Resolution on the EU Relationship with Turkey	3%	17
1003 Motion - Brace yourselves: European elections are coming	3%	16
103 Towards a democratic approach to the issue of self-determination	2%	14
601 Resolution for a common container deposit scheme in the European Union	1%	4

8. LYMEC Bureau reports

President Sissel Van Run-Kvist explained that there will not be presentations of the reports as they have been available online, but the bureau members will answer any questions the congress might have.

- 1. Hans Maes (internal auditor) has a question: (comment) The writing style is different for all the reports. He calls to report as a team. Please consider doing 1 report as a bureau.
- 2. Marit Van der Pol (Jovd) complements the bureau on the clarity of the action (as they suggested last congress)

Vice-president Svenja Hahn

Policy officer Lena Höglund

Campaign and communications officer Edgaras Mascinskas

Digital officer Kevin Tammearu

Trainings officer Sergiu Boghean

9. Treasurer's Report

Same as above

Treasurer Marijn de Pagter presents his report.

10. Secretary General's Report (updated 09.10.2017)

Same as above

11. Finances

Treasurer Marijn de Pagter took the floor and presented the Interim Financial Report and Revised budget 2017.

Order was changed.

Anouk (Jovd): asked which steps were taken on the restaurant in Estonia and Stockholm hotel.

Marijn De Pagter: we send a registered letter as final request to send the money back. If they don't, we will consider legal action. They should be able to send a new invoice we will send out the letter asap after this congress

Eyk (julis): what did you do so far on the Tallinn Congress?

Marijn De Pagter: we put in in the hands of our Estonian Member Organisation, they had contact with the restaurant. But now we're preparing for a possible legal battle.

General income: we received the commissions grand, ALDE grand and participation fees as well.

Expenses: according to the budget. They are yearly and we can plan them. We are MO's ourselves, so we must pay membership fee's ourselves. (YEF...)

Policy related General Expenses: contribution to ELF,

There were no further questions.

Project expenses: a lot which haven't been reimbursed yet.

Other expenses: book as a negative expense because it's an interesting bookkeeping tool.

Depth of MO's: Marijn De Pagter calls on the congress to help to contact somebody from these organizations, because it's difficult to get in touch with them.

There were no questions.

There were no general remarks.

Congress accepted the treasurers report

The Internal Auditors Hans Maes and Niklas Milthers took the floor to present the Interim internal audit report:

The finances were in excellent shape. Applause for the finance LYMEC officials.

Recommendations: LYMEC staff is reaching its capacity. The auditors recommend exploring ways to increase staff without too much costs.

The website is expensive. They recommend doing something about the website.

We found 2 invoices that lacked a receipt. But it was cleared out by the Secretary General and president.

Eyk Julis: asked about the accordance for Secretary General to the Belgian Labour Law.

Hans Maes: Large overhaul of the statues made it possible. So, its ok now.

Marijn De Pagter takes the floor: we're in the office of ALDE party. They don't allow us to use their telecommunications. We should look for a good contract.

Hans Maes (internal auditor): the current contract is not the best/efficient there is on the Belgian market, therefore they should check out other suppliers.

Treasurer Marijn de Pagter took the floor and presented the requests for Reduced membership fees and payment arrangements, and asked the Congress if they will accept discussing the requests that were received after the deadline. <u>The congress approved</u>

Yaroslav Vasiliuk (EYU) presented the request for membership fee reduction by European Youth of Ukraine.

Yaroslav Vasiliuk (EYU) presented the request to write off the debt of European Youth of Ukraine. He points out that they have financial problems in their country and he asked the congress to support them.

Vote:

The congress accepted

Deimante Rimkute presented the request of membership fee reduction by LLJ.

"There was a lot of miscommunication with LYMEC. Our OI is responsible for that and she is not here." We're not connected to a mother party, we don't get public funding, so we can't pay the full debt "

Vote:

The congress accepted

Proposed membership fees 2018

Treasurer Marijn de Pagter presented the membership fee proposal for 2018.

The congress accepted

Draft Budget 2018

Treasurer Marijn de Pagter presented the draft budget for 2018

Some changes: we have decided with ALDE-party to get 20k and 40k now as a full 60k grand. We now have more money to send freely instead of connected to specific projects.

ELF grand is renewed, we will pay the 20k and get 66,66K instead of 40K.

We made multi-annual deal, so they could increase our funding. We increased the internal audit budget because there will be a new Internal Auditors and they might come from other countries with higher travel expenses.

No questions regarding the budget in general.

The congress accepted the draft budget for 2018

Treasurer Marijn de Pagter presented the **updated Financial Protocol**

The previous protocol was outdated. Marijn explained the changes as described in his report.

There were no questions.

Hans Maes pointed out that they (the auditors) were included in the process and recommend accepting it. He complemented Marijn de Pagter on his hard work.

Marijn points out the importance of paying the fee's as there are.

There were no general comments

VOTE:

Congress accepted unanimously

Secretary General Report.

There were no questions.

End of Day: celebration on the Eu membership of Bulgaria and calls for participants to sign the signature list.

There will be a roll-call at 9, sharp.

ROLL CALL Saturday 14 October: 152 votes out of 152. Quorum is reached. (see table on p. 2)

12. Membership issues

Applications for associate Membership

Artur Kharytonov and Anna Komziuk from Liberal Democratic League, Ukraine presented their application for associate membership.

- We want to develop liberalism in our country
- We're located in different cities in Ukraine, but also have members in other countries (Berlin...)
- He explains the history of his organization. Founded in universities all over Ukraine.
- He points out their liberal values. (human rights, LGBT rights...) it's hard in Ukraine because there are a lot of extreme right organizations. They point out they share EU values. Therefor they want to join LYMEC and call upon the congress to accept
- 105 members now, but they want to grow
- He explains how his organization is structured
- He explains the party's projects, on education (on liberalism, liberal democracy) but also on a national level they do charities, advocate for political prisoners in Crimea, helping their families.
- He explains the side-structures of their organization. (their official partners and non-official partners.
- He calls upon the congress to accept their application because there is a need to develop liberalism further in Ukraine. They want to learn and gain knowledge from LYMEC and its members

Jorge De Jesus IMS asked: There has been passed a law that Ukrainian will be the only langue in education, what are your thoughts?

Answer: we have a bad relationship with the ministry of education. It's important to remember that HR are more important than the education reform. He points out that they are against this rule. Education is not liberal in Ukraine. We want to change it. The current government doesn't support liberal values.

Bjorn Bonsdorff Svensk Ungdom: is your membership open for everybody, or what are the terms?

Answer: it's open for everybody. Our website is in English and Ukrainian. You write an application, then we have a discussion and accept/reject them. In general, we don't reject a lot of people (only 2 or 3 for now).

Beret Roots (JULIS): You're NGO not connected to political party. You look more like a student organization than a political organization. What is your agenda to construct democratic project in Ukraine?

ANSWER: Ukrainian politics in not EU politics, a lot of corruption Russian affairs, ... our Political parties are just members of the Government, they don't have an Ideology. There is no liberal Party in Ukraine.

YAROSLOVAK EYU: Law of education, most used language is Russian. People cannot communicate with government, hospitals, ... you claim to be the first liberal organization but we were founded 10 years ago. How do you get funds for your working?

ANSWER: Membership fees

ANSWER: I don't agree that people who speak Russian in Ukraine, support Russia. My native language is Russian and I don't support Russia.

MARINA LHG: There isn't a lot about EU in the presentation. What is Your take on EU-membership for Ukraine?

ANSWER: Ukraine is not ready to join EU. There are a lot of issues that still need to be resolved.

Eyk (julis): How many people have a position in your structure?

AN SWER: we want to rise our members now all members are in the structure.

Anouk JOVD: How are you planning on paying your membership Fees?

ANSWER: we will pay because we have been saving a sum of money from our membership fees over the last years.

Jorge De Jesus IMS asks if we can stop the discussion

Bjorn Bonsdorff calls for short answers and questions

Igor C calls to keep the questions and answers short (30sec. - 1 Min)

The applicant members and guests were asked to exit the room. The bureau gave their opinion on the issue.

Kevin T gives a positive recommendation on behalf of the bureau. They are small but they appear to be a pro-active, professional organization, they have worked with our MO's before, their funding is shy but transparent.

QUESTIONS: there are no questions

FRISO IMS: Can the partner organizations tell us more about the Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine?

Deimante LLJ: We cooperated a lot with them, they take it seriously, they are democratic

Casper, VU: we met last weekend together with Radikal Ungdom. But It's a nice organisation, very committed, but their funding only comes from their own Members, but we plan a partnership with them

Answer from Kevin: from a liberal point of view it's strange to get state funding, so it only gives example of their commitment.

The congress discussed the application and proceeded to voting. The congress votes:

In favour: 132

Against: 0

Abstentions: 20

Congress approved. The Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine is now an associate member of LYMEC.

Disaffiliations and Suspensions

Marijn De Pagter takes the floor. He gives the arguments for disaffiliation of Mladi Liberale Slovakia because they don't exist anymore.

Congress votes, <u>Congress approved</u>. (134 votes in favour, 13 abstentions, there were no votes against.) <u>The organisation was disaffiliated</u>.

Svenja Hahn explains the suspension of Jungfreisinnige Schweiz. They haven't paid membership Fee's. They are not EU minded. We hope to reach an agreement, but me must suspend them for now.

Eyk (Julis): Are they aware that they will be suspended?

ANSWER: yes, I called them to explain, that with the disaffiliation their debt doesn't get increased. But they can't vote next congress.

VOTE: No votes against, 1 abstention, 136 votes in favour of suspension.

Marijn De Pagter points out that some still need to pay their participation fee. The debts are written off (2014)

Secretary General points out that there still missing a lot of signatures for the list.

30 MIN break

ANNOUNCEMENT: it's Laura's birthday. Everybody sings in their own national language.

13. Resolutions

2 Points of order

Bente Benedikt IMS: proposes to vote with cards instead of online.

Kevin T explains that the issues of the tool are caused by the slow WIFI. And suggest to go with benedict's proposal.

Svenja Hahn proposed to vote by card but to vote resolutions by the tool.

On the amendments will be voted by cards, on the resolutions will be voted by the online tool. (to try, if it doesn't work we'll go back to the voting by cards).

Congress accepted. (test voting will be conducted to test the tool and wifi)

EYK (julis): I would like to re-open the write-offs by the treasurer. Because there are some questions

Point 11 is re-opened.

Marijn: explains the write-off's in detail. He refers to the new financial protocol.

Eyk (julis): These organizations are willing and able to pay the fees, why don't you let them pay?

Marijn: After 3 years you can keep reminding them but there are legal issues to keep in mind.

Point closed.

13. Resolutions (reprise)

Kevin T explains the online (test) voting.

Igor C explains the procedure of the resolution proposals and amendments. He urges the Congress to stay to the point so as many resolutions as possible can be handled. (2min per resolutions)

1. Proposal No. 303 License to Heal presented by Laura (Jonge Democraten).

Amendment 70 is withdrawing, amendment 73 is presented by Benedikt IMS.

Laura agrees with Amendment 73.

Comments: Simon JOVD: speaks against the amendment.

Victor JNC ask about the enforcement of the stricter rules in amendment 73

Benedikt IMS answers: Regulation should be on EU level.

Laura expresses her gratitude for JOVD's constructive attitude VOTE AMENDMENT: In favor: 70 Abstentions: 24 Against: 43

Amendment is accepted by congress.

No comments,

VOTE RESOLUTION: in favor: 119 Against: 16 Abstentions: 10

Resolutions is accepted by Congress

2. Urgency resolution on Catalonia presented by JNC Victor Solé

Pierre jeunes MR speaks against the resolution (we're being taking hostage by this resolution) He calls for discussion within Spain and Catalonia.

Dennis Jonge Democraten: asks what they mean by taking note of the Catalan situation.

Victor JNC answers that the resolution is about condemning violence. Not about positioning on the content.

Beret (Junge liberale): speaks against the resolution because the language in the resolution is not neutral.

Varoslav (EYU) speaks in favor of the resolution because he condemns the violence.

Victor JNC: points out that they want to reach compromise and speak in neutral terms AMENDMENTS:

Beret roots presented the amendment (Junge Liberale): change of 1st line because we don't want to take stance of the will for a resolution.

JNC: speaks against the amendment

EYK (junge Liberale) speaks in favor of the amendment.

Bureau points out the look at the resolution tool to find the amendments.

VOTE First AMENDMENT: in favor 98 Against 35 Abstained 13

Amendment accepted is by congress

Amendment 2 is carried by mover.

Amendment 3 carried by mover.

Amendment 4:

Beret Roots (Junge Liberale) presents amendment. (Line 9 to 11)

Victor speaks against the amendment.

Vote Amendment 4 (deletion of bulletpoint 3?)

In favor: 72 against: 33 abstentions: The amendment is accepted by Congres

Amendment 5 presented by Beret Roots Junge Liberale

Victor JNC speaks in favor the amendment.

amendment 5 and 6 are carried by mover.

Amendment 7 carried by mover.

Amendment 8 presented by Beret roots (Junge Liberale) (line 18 new bullet point)

Castellivi Canet Pau (JNC) speaks against the Amendment because the Spanish central government refuses dialogue.

Eyk (Julis) points out that there are 2 parties to the issue and urges congress to accept the amendment

Alexander Bjorn Jensen (Radikal Ungdom) Speaks against the amendment

Pierre Jeunes MR speaks in favor of the amendment.

VOTE amendment 8: In favor:42 Against: 50 Abstentions:

The amendment is not accepted by Congress

Amendment 9 accepted by mover

Amendment 10 is accepted by mover

Amendment 11 presented by mover (and accepted)

Amendment 12 accepted by mover

Amendment 13 accepted by mover

Amendment 14 accepted by mover

Amendment 15 Accepted by the Mover

Amendment 16 accepted by the mover

Amendment 17 accepted by the mover

Amendment 18 accepted by the mover

Amendment 19 presented by Beret Roots Junge Liberale

Pau JNC speaks against the amendment and clarifies the term of Guarda civil

Friso IMS speaks against the amendment

Eyk (julis) calls upon congress to accept amendments to amendments to this point so they can change the wording of the Military Police

JULIS Withdraws the amendment 19.

Amendment 20 carried by mover

Amendment 21 carried by the mover

Amendment 22 carried by the mover

Amendment 23 carried by the mover

Amendment 24 carried by the mover

Amendment 25 presented by Beret Roots Junge Liberale

Pau JNC speaks against the amendment 25

Lena policy officer LYMEC corrects that we're reinstating what is already been in the policy book.

Eyk (julis) speaks in favor of the amendment 25.

Igor C points out that by accepting the amendment the policy book doesn't change and LYMEC still is in favour of the amendment

Benjamin (ims) Pointed out that there is another resolution for archiving the policies

VOTE AMENDMENT 25: in favor: 80 Against: 13 Abstentions: 39

The amendment is accepted by congress

Amendment 26 presented by Beret roots Junge Liberale

JNC speaks against the amendment 26

Compromised is reached by proposer and mover to delete "Spanish government" and replace by "any".

YMRF Antonietta asks to clarify Judiciary forces.

Pau JNC clarifies what is meant by Judiciary forces (police)

Amendment 26 was rejected by congress

Amendment 27 accepted by the mover

Amendment 28 Presented by Noud Dumoulin JOVD

JNC victor speaks against the amendment 28

Benjamin IMS speaks in favor of the amendment.

VOTE Amendment 28: In favor: 65 Against: 68 Abstentions:

Amendment 28 is rejected by Congress

DEBATE on Resolution as amended.

Marine LGH asks to point out which amendments were accepted.

Vedrana recalls the accepted amendments to the resolution.

JNC calls upon congress to vote in favor of the amended resolution.

Eyk (junge Liberale) calls upon congress to vote in favor of the resolution

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2 (digital vote) In favor: 65% Against: Abstentions:

RESOLUTION IS ACCEPTED BY CONGRESS

3. Resolution on digital entrepreneurship presented by JNC Laia

Comments:

Ingrid Weert (Jonge Democraten) speaks in favor of the resolution.

Center studenter Finland comments on the protection of individual data.

Laia JNC refers to last point in resolution to clarify the protection

VOTE on resolution

In favor: 100% Against: Abstentions:

Congress accepted resolution 3 unanimously

4. Resolution 201 Citizens post Brexit presented by Jorge De jesus (IMS)

Amendments:

Amendment 60 presented by Sevim Musak YMRF

Jorge Speaks against the amendment

Amendment 60 Rejected by Congress

Amendment 61 withdrawn because of amendment 3 was better

Amendment 62 (to amendment by Julis) accepted by Congress

Amendment 63 carried by mover

Amendment 64 carried by mover

Amendment 65 carried by mover

Amendment 66 presented by JD heine ten hoeve.

Jorge de jesus IMS speaks against the amendment.

Lena Speaks in favor of amendment

Dennis JD speaks in favor of the amendment

Keith Ireland speaks against the amendment

Benjamin IMS speaks against the amendment

REECE LY are against the amendment

Dan Sweden speaks in in favor of the amendment

Jorge speaks against the amendment.

VOTE on the amendment

In favor: 49 against: 99 abstentions:4

<u>Amendment 66 rejected by Congress</u>

Amendment 67 is carried by the mover.

DISCUSSION ON THE RESOLUTION

Jorge De Jesus IMS speaks in favor of the resolution Keith orga fianna fail Ireland speaks in favor of the resolution Pau JNC speaks in favor of the resolution Liberal Youth Ben speaks in favor of the resolution Benjamin IMS speaks in favor of the resolution Vote on resolution 201 citizen rights post brexit

In favor: 85% Against: 1% Abstention: 14%

Congress accepted the resolution

4. resolution No 002 Prevent Romania holding a referendum presented by Bjorn Bornsdorff Svensk ungdom

Debate:

TLDE Tim explains the context of the referendum in Romania. And speaks against the resolution.

Because we cannot give the sign that holding a referendum would extend the gap between national citizens and the European level.

Raphael International Officer of TLDE gives figures about current situation in Romania.

Simon JOVD speaks against the resolution.

Ria Schröder (Junge Liberale) speaks in favor of the resolution (with their amendment)

Bjorn Bonsdorff (Svenks Ungdom) speaks in favor of the resolution.

Jorge de Jesus IMS speaks in favor of the resolution and calls on the bureau to agree to never agree on a referendum to solve Human Rights issues.

Tuuli Reform party youth Estonia speaks in favor of the referendum.

Carl from Junge Liberale speaks in favor of the resolution.

AMENDMENTS

Amendment 29 presented by JOVD is carried by mover

Amendment 30 presented by JOVD is carried by mover

Amendment 31 presented by JOVD is carried by mover

Amendment 32 presented by Julis is carried by mover

Amendment 33 presented by JOVD:

Ria Julis speaks against the amendment

Carl Julis speaks against the amendment

Tim TLDE speaks in favor of the amendment

Benjamin IMS asks to respect the time limit

Jorge de Jesus IMS speaks in favor of the amendment

Bjorn Bonsdorff Svensk Ungdom speaks in favor

EYK (Julis) speaks in against the amendment

Varo EYU speaks in favor of the amendment

Oskar Swedish Center Party Youth speaks against

VOTE on Amendment 33

In favor:22 Against:96 Abstentions:23

Amendment 33 rejected by congress

Amendment 34 presented by JOVD was carried by mover

Amendment 35 presented by Simon JOVD:

Bjorn Bonsdorff Svensk Undom argues against the amendment

Ria Julis argues against the amendment

Point of order to vote on the amendment

Vote on amendment

In Favor: 6 against: 96 Abstentions: Congress rejected amendment 35

Discussion on Resolution

Tim TLDE argues against the resolution

Benjamin IMS speaks in favor of the resolution

Vote on resolution (digital)

In favor: 83% Against:11% Abstentions: 6%

Congress accepted resolution no. 002

7. resolution no. 902 on western Balkan enlargement presented by Gyulfie YMRF

Amendments:

Amendment 136 presented by Junge Liberale rejected by congress

Amendment 137 carried by mover

Debate on the Resolution

Noud JOVD argues against the resolution (we don't need Brexit as an excuse for enlargement)

Friso IMS argues in favor of the resolution

Antoinetta YMRF argues in favor of the resolution

Victor Lopez JNC argues in favor of the resolution

August JD argues against the resolution

Tim TLDE argues in favor of the resolution

Pau castellvi canet JNC argues in favor of the resolution

John FEL argues in favor for the resolution

Vasiluk EYU argues in favor for the resolution

Noud Dumoulin JOVD argues against the resolution (again)
Closing word by YMRF Nikolov panayot arguing in favor of the resolution.
Vote on the resolution (digital) in favor:82% against:9% abstentions:10%
Congress accepted the resolution

Resolution no. 403 (from emu to economic, fiscal and monetary union) presented by FEL Balint Gyevai and John De Coster

Joonas Soukkio Finnish centre youth argue against the resolution
Sonia Finnish center students argues against the resolution
Katarina Junge Liberale argues against the resolution
Chris Wittman LHG argues against the resolution
Victor Sole JNC argues in favor of the resolution
Heine Ten Hoeve JD argues in favor of the resolution
Yaroslav Vasiliuk EYU argues against the resolution

AMENDMENTS

All amendments to amendments are agreed upon by de mover

Amendment 120 presented by Victor Solé JNC carried by mover

Amendment 121 presented by Laia JNC rejected by congress

Amendment 122 presented by mover and JNC, carried by mover

Amendment 123 presented by Victor Solé JNC, carried by mover

Amendment 124 presented by Meritxell Vicheto JNC rejected by congress

Amendment 125 presented by mover and JNC, carried by mover

Amendment 126 presented by August JD, carried by mover

Amendment 127 presented by victor solé JNC, rejected by congress

Amendment 128 presented by mover and JNC, accepted by mover

Amendment 129 presented by August JD, carried by mover

Amendment 130 presented by Pau JNC:

Pau JNC complements LEF and others for the constructive attitude in the working groups on the amendments.

John de Coster LEF argues against the amendment

YMRF Gyulfie Argues in favor of the amendment

Jorge de Jesus IMS argues in favor of the amendment

VOTE on the amendment

In favor: 57 Against: 70 Abstentions: 13

Amendment 130 rejected by congress

Amendment 131 presented by August JD, accepted by mover

Amendment 132 presented by Heine JH, accepted by mover

DEBATE on Resolution

Katarina Julis argues against the resolution
Pierre Brasseur Jeunes MR Argues in favor of the resolutions
Ria from Julis argues against the resolution
Chris LHG argues against the resolution
Eric Center studenter argues against the resolution
Joonas Finnish Center youth argues against this resolution

Johan Jong VId argues in favor of the resolution

Pau Castellvi Canet JNC Argues in favor of the resolution

Beret Roots Julis argues against the resolution

Balint Gyévai and John De Coster FEL make closing remarks urging the congress to accept the resolution

VOTE on the resolution (old fashion way) In favor: 70 Against: 68 Abstentions: 4 Congress accepted the resolution

Resolution no. 102 on the integration of migrants in the EU presented by Antoaneta YMRF

Amendments:

Amendment 36 by Ingrid Weerts (JD) accepted by the mover

Amendment 37 rejected by congress

Amendment 38 accepted by mover & Jong Vld

Amendment 39 rejected by congress

Amendment 40 accepted by the mover

Amendment 41 accepted by the mover

Amendment 42 accepted by the mover

Amendment 43 rejected by congress

Amendment 44 accepted by congress

Amendment 45 accepted by congress

Amendment 46 accepted by congress

Amendment 47 rejected by congress

Vote on the resolution (digital)

In favor:92% Against:4% Abstentions:4%

Congress accepted the resolution

Resolution 301 on the role of education in the fight against youth unemployment presenter by LHG Marina

AMENDMENTS

Amendment 92 presented by YMRF, carried by mover

Amendment 93 presented by YMRF, carried by mover

Amendment 94 presented by YMRF, carried by mover

Amendment 95 presented by YMRF rejected by congress

Amendment 96 presented by ELSN accepted by congress

Amendment 97 presented by Benedict Bente IMS carried by mover

Amendment 98 presented by Jorge de Jesus IMS

Balint FEL argues against the amendment

JNC Laia argues in favor of the amendment

Chris Wittman LGH argues against the amendment

Laura LHG argues against the amendment

Jorge de Jesus argues in favor of the amendment and explains his amendment

Victor Solé JNC argues in favor of the amendment

Antoaneta YMRF argues in favor of the amendment

Hans Maes jong VId argues against the amendment Bjorn Bonsdorff Svensk Ungdom argues in favor of the amendment Gati KOL argues in favour of amendment

Marine closes the discussion In favour:64 Aganst:58 Abstained:21 Amendment 98 is accepted by congress

Amendment 99 presented by Ria Junge Liberale

Ria Junge Liberale argues in favour of the amendment

Balint FEL against the amendment

Hans Jong vld argues against the amendment

Vote on amendment: 28 in favour, 83 against, abstentions:

Amendment 99 rejected by congress

Amendment 100 presented by Ria Julis, rejected by congress

Amendment 101 & 102 presented by Bjorn Bonsdorff (SU)/Jorge de Jesus IMS

Vote on the amendment

In favour:70 Against: 54 Abstained: 16

Amendment 101 and 102 accepted by congress

Amendment 103 presented by YMRF carried by mover Point of order by JD to change order of the amendments

JD withdraws amendment 104 because amendment 105 is carried by the mover

Amendment 106 presented by Ingrid Weerts JD

Elisa LHG argues against the amendment Laura JD clarifies the intention of

Eyk Julis speaking against

Tim TLDE arguing against amendment

Dan-aria LUF argues against the amendment

VOTE on the amendment 61

In favour: 29 against: 93

Amendment 106 rejected by congress

Amendment 107 presented by Jorge de Jesus IMS carried by the mover

DEBATE on resolution

Marina Julis argues in favour of the resolution

VOTE on the resolution

In favour:100% against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Congress accepted the resolution unanimously

BREAK

Resolution no. 204 on the war on drugs presented by Sophie Nygaard Norges Unge Venstre

Debate:

Deimante Rimkute LLJ argues in favour of the resolution Pau JNC argues in favour of the resolution Junge liberale argue in favour of the resolution

Amendments:

Amendments 77 accepted by mover

Amendment 78 accepted by mover

Amendment 79 accepted by mover

Amendment 80 accepted by mover

Amendment 81 presented by Noora hammar keskustanuoret accepted by mover

Amendment 82 presented by Hans Maes Jong Vld, accepted by mover

Amendment 83 presented by Noora keskustanuoret rejected by congress

Amendment 84 presented by Mitja Julis, accepted by the mover

Amendment 85 presented by Mitja, Julis, accepted by the mover

Amendment 86 presented by Pau JNC, rejected by congress

Amendment 87 presented by Pau JNC, rejected by congress

Amendment 88 (+amendment to amendment 7) presented by Pau JNC, accepted by the mover

Amendment 89 presented by Benedict Bente IMS accepted by the mover

Amendment 90 presented by Benedict Bente IMS accepted by the mover

Amendment 91 presented by Mitja Julis, accepted by the mover

DEBATE ON THE RESOLUTION

Noora RIMKUTE Central youth of Finland argue against the resolution

Riina Finnish central students argue against the resolution

Eyk Julis argues in favour of the resolution

Chris Wittman LHG argues in favour of the resolution

Casper VU argues in favour of the resolution

Mitja Schulz Julis argues in favour of the resolution

Vote on the resolution

In favour:69% against: 19% Abstentions:12%

Congress accepted the resolution

Resolution no. 302 on Free trade for education presented by Erik CS

AMENDMENTS

Amendment 63 and 64 are accepted by the mover

Amendment 65 reached compromise in the amendment to amendment (11) by mover

Amendment 66, 67 and 68 presented by Benedikt Bente IMS

Amendment 108 presented by YMRF, carried by mover

Amendment 109 presented by Keskustan Opiskelijaliitto, carried by mover

Amendment 110 presented by Dennis JD, rejected by congress

Amendment 111 presented by ELSN, accepted by congress

Amendment 112 presented by Benedict Bente

Vote on Amendment

In favour: 42 against: 64 abstentions: 34

Congress rejected amendment 112

Amendment 113 withdrawn by Benedikt Bente

Amendment 114 withdrawn by Benedikt Bente

DEBATE on the resolution

Kati KOL argues against the resolution

Marina LHG argues to vote in favour of the resolution

Laura LHG Argues to vote in favour of the resolution

Balint Gyévai FEL argues to vote in favour of the resolution

Antoaneta YMRF argues in against of the resolution

VOTE on the resolution (digital)

In favour: 72% against: 24% Abstentions: 4%

Congress accepted the resolution

Internal motion: on internal reform if the IMS proposal no. 1002 presented by Jorge de Jesus IMS

Debate on the resolution:

Katarina Junge Liberale argues against the resolution

Pau JNC argues in favour of the resolution

Hans Maes Jong VId argues not to be against the motion but makes some remarks on the implementation of extra structures

Antoaneta YMRF argues against the resolution

Eyk Junge Liberale asks questions about the fees of the IMS in this new resolution and argues against the resolution

Closing remarks by Jorge de Jesus

AMENDMENTS

Amendment 103 (154) accepted by mover

Amendment 104 (155) accepted by mover

Amendment 105 presented by IMS

Svenja Hahn argued against the amendment

Benjamin argues to vote against the amendment

Vote on amendment 105

In favour: 16 against: 74 Abstentions:41 Congress rejected amendment 105 (156)

Amendment to amendment 17 presented by Bejnamin & Jorge de Jesus (replaces

amendment 106), Accepted by the movers

Amendment to amendment 18 (instead of amendment 107): Accepted by the movers

Amendment 108 (161) carried by mover

Amendment 109 (162) carried by mover

Amendment 110 (163) carried by mover

DEBATE on the resolution

Eyk Julis argues that his freedom would be tempered by the resolution and argues against the resolution

Benjamin IMS gives clarification on the amendments (and amendments to amendments) and urges the congress to vote in favour of the resolution

Alexander Radikal Ungdom Denmark asks if every IMS stand behind this resolution and clarification

Katarina Junge Liberale argues against the resolution

Pau JNC argues in against the resolution

Ashmita Krishna IMS argues in favour of the resolution

Friso IMS argues in favour of the resolution
Tim TLDE argues in favour of the resolution
Panayot Nikolov YMRF argues against the resolution
Jorge de Jesus makes closing remarks

VOTE on the resolution

In favour: 19% Against: 56% Abstentions: 26%

Congress rejected the resolution

Resolution no. 901 on racist and xenophobic riots in the USA presented by Victor Sole JNC

Discussion on the resolution

Dennis JD argues in favour of the resolution

AMENDMENTS

Amendment 85 (134) presented by Dennis JD, carried by mover Amendment 86 (135) presented by Heine JD, carried by mover Debate on resolution

Akilah Ensley expresses her gratitude to the congress to put up this resolution Benjamin IMS argues to accept this resolution

VOTE on the resolution (digital)

In favour: 92% Against: 4%Abstentions: 4%

Congress accepted the resolution

Resolution no.202 on women's rights over their own body presented by Isabel CS

Amendments:

Amendment 29 (68) presented by Beret Julis, carried by mover

Amendment 30 (69) presented by Hans Maes

Vote amendment 30: in favour: 94 against: 50 abstentions 0

Congress accepted amendment 30 (69)

Amendment 31 (70) presented by Laura JD

Vote on amendment

In favour: 43 Against: 67 Abstentions: 0

Amendment 31 (70) was rejected by Congress

Amendment to amendment 5 + 6 are carried by the mover

VOTE on the resolution (digital)

In favour: 88% Against: 4% Abstentions: 8%

Congress accepted the resolution

All the resolution that were not voted should be submitted to the next congress

14. Reports from Member Organisations, IMS and LYMEC Working Groups

- Marina LHG and ELSM: Local elections in Germany, organizing a seminar in Hamburg, told about the meeting and working groups
- Casper Vu: Local elections in November, invites people to help with the campaign
- Laura FEL: tells what they have been doing the last year, partnership with Jeunes MR, Jong VLD, met prime minister, congress on 21 October on Belgian compromise and campaign about cliché on EU
- VU Denmark: invitation to local elections
- Ria Julis: on German elections, thanks member organizations for the support. 12 Julis members elected in the Bundestag. Inviting everybody to their congress in berlin
- Keith Ogra Fianna Fail: 2019 election in Northern Ireland, welcome to the events in Ireland
- Dennis JD: new government in the Netherlands, local election in the Netherlands and invitation to JD's congress
- Alex Liberal Youth UK: they did quite well in the last elections, they are electing a new president shortly.
- Yaroslav EYU: he thanks the bureau for the congress, organized debates in Ukraine about democracy, election system... November/December planning event on re-newable energy
- Erki Estonia: Local elections tomorrow, for the first time 16-year-olds can vote
- Pierre Jeunes MR: two regional governments fell in Belgium and now liberal party is back in office in Wallonia, they are doing a congress on digital revolution
- Deimante LLJ: Anti liberal policy in Lithuania. Very active to fight the current government. Planning to write resolution on artificial intelligence.
- Noora Finnish Centre Youth: 100th anniversary of independence of Finland in December.

 Annual meeting in 2 weeks, electing new board, president, writing international programme,
- Eric Centerstudents Sweden: all EU policy of mother party is their policy. Elections next year
- Kati KOL: student union elections coming up
- Olle from LUF: elections next year, invitation to join. They will elect a new board
- Bjorn Svensk Ungdom: presidential election coming up. Finnish trump is running, there is also a very strong liberal candidate. President is leaving the Youth party. We elected new board and president.
- Marie JNC: thanks bureau and everybody for the congress. We will write a proposal together with JD on Donald Trump. Thanks to our YMRF for having us here
- Tim TLDE: Thank YMRF for being a great host and great neighbors. Because our party joined EPP we founded a new party and we're growing. Alde is the liberal party in government today and we have different ministerial posts. We're celebrating Romanian independence. Election coming up in the coming year. We hope that the next president will be of Alde.
- Benjamin IMS: every month there is a skype meeting in IMS and we try to have drinks all over EU. We're exploring better cooperation with the bureau
- Asmitha Krishna IMS (elected in the Alde IMS steering committee): Invitation to ALDE party congress and urges everybody to joining ALDE IMS.

Secretary General explains the dinner plans for tonight.

15. AOB

Thanks to the Bureau and YMRF for the Congress

16. Closing

Sissel van Run-Kvist closed the congress. Thanking the chairs, YMRF, the bureau and everybody who helped organizing the congress.

The spring congress will be on 6-8 April in Berlin