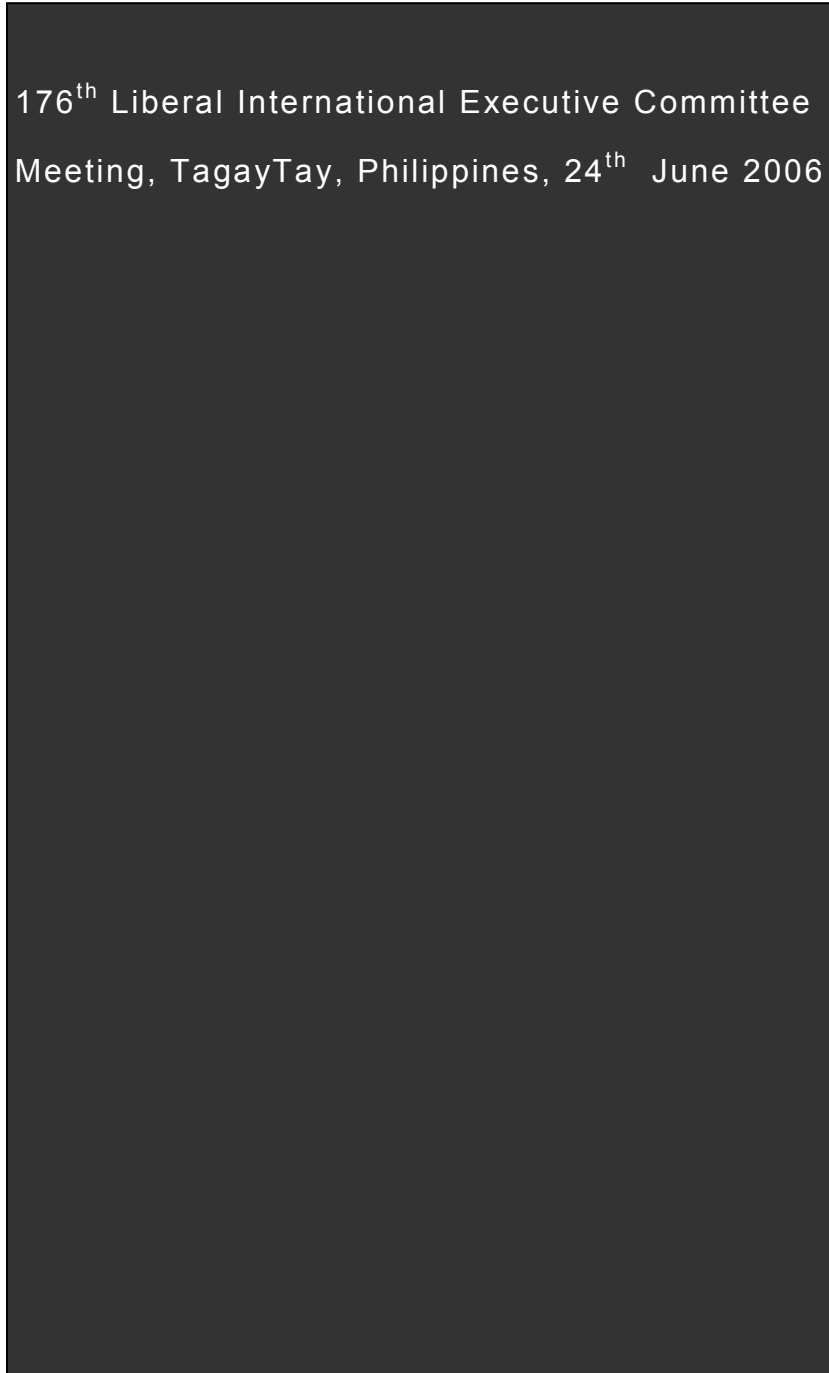


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176th Liberal International Executive Committee
Meeting, TagayTay, Philippines, 24th June 2006

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Sábado 24 Junio 2006, 9:00-10:30hrs
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Edición del 30 Mayo 2006

1. Apertura.
2. Disculpas por Ausencia.
3. Adopción de la Agenda.
4. Minutos de la 175 Reunión del Comité Ejecutivo , Mallorca, España.
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 - 9.1 Red Liberal de Oriente Medio, 21-22 Julio, Cairo, Egipto.
 - 9.2 Congreso de la IL 2006, Marrakech, Marruecos.
10. Lectura Isaiah Berlin.
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Draft Minutes

175th Executive Committee Meeting

Hotel Gran Meliá, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
Sunday 6th November 2005, 9:00-12:00hrs

1. Opening

Liberal International President Lord John Alderdice welcomed all to Mallorca and opened the Executive Committee.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had already been made to the Secretary General ahead of the meeting, and a list of participants is available from the LI secretariat in London.

3. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

4. Minutes of the 174th Executive Committee Meeting, Sofia, Bulgaria, May 2005

The minutes were adopted without amendments.

5. Report of the Bureau

A report on the activities of the recent months was presented in writing and adopted.

6. Financial report Jan-Sep 2005

Secretary General Jasper Veen and Treasurer David Griffiths presented the accounts for January-September 2005 and the Budget for 2006. These were approved.

7. Membership Issues

7.1. Application for Observer Member Status:

The Executive Committee gave a positive recommendation to the Congress on the application of the Progressive Democrats (Ireland).

7.2. Application for Cooperating Organisation Status

The Executive Committee gave a positive recommendation to the Congress on the application of RELIAL.

7.3 Applications for Full Member Status

The Executive Committee gave a positive recommendation to the Congress on the application of Partido Solidaridad Democrática (Cuba), Partido Liberal de Cuba (Cuba), and Movimiento Libertario (Costa Rica).

7.4 Disaffiliations

The Executive Committee formally approved the disaffiliation of Partido Liberal Nacional (Panama) and Parti Social Libéral (Tunisia) (to be revoked if money is in account upon return). Former President of Liberal International, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, will speak with Latvia Cells (Latvia) and report back.

7.5 Other Membership Issues

There were no other membership issues raised.

8. Prize for Freedom

The Executive Committee formally approved awarding the Prize for Freedom 2005 to Mr. Morgan Tsvangirai (Zimbabwe). The Prize for Freedom 2006 will be considered at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

9. Forthcoming events

9.1 LI Executive Committee 2006

The 176th Executive Committee will be held in conjunction with the CALD–ALDE meeting in the Philippines, 23-24 June 2006.

9.2 LI Congress 2006

The 54th Congress will be held in Marrakech, Morocco, 9-11 November 2006. The theme of the conference will be “Democracy and Development”, and each region will produce a report for discussion.

10. Report of the Human Rights Committee

Chair Henning Nielsen from Det Radikale Venstre (Denmark) reported on the Human Rights Committee meeting:

that the Committee should meet between Executives where possible;

that a regular newsletter should be sent out;

that the Committee should narrow its focus by concentrating on specific subject areas;

that the role of the Committee during the ECOSOC Council should be advanced; and

welcomed Senator John McCain taking a stance over the torture of "war on terror" detainees and the alleged secret prisons run by the CIA.

11. Resolutions

11.1 The following Resolutions were approved: Untying Food Aid, Cuba and Registration of New Parties in Ukraine.

11.2 The following Urgency Resolutions were approved: South Asia Earthquake,

Elections in Tanzania, Cote d'Ivoire and Statement by the President of Iran.

11.3 It was decided to return to the Resolution on the Western Sahara at a later stage.

12. Country Reports

Country reports were received ANADER (Congo), Rassemblement des Républicains (Cote d'Ivoire), Parti Démocratique Sénégalais (Senegal), Union Constitutionnelle (Morocco), and the International Network of Liberal Women.

13. Any other business

13.1 Cairo: It was approved by the Executive Committee that there be an international conference in Cairo, Egypt, in May 2006. Liberal International is exploring the possibility of combining a Win with Women workshop with sessions on promoting liberal democracy in the region and possibly on terrorism.

13.2 Lord Alderdice explained that, as there will not be a Congress in 2007, Liberal International may organise an international conference for eminent liberal academics.

13.3 Lord Alderdice informed the Executive Committee that Liberal International is considering a new logo.

14. Date and Place of the next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 23-24 June 2006, in the Philippines.

Draft Minutes

175th Executive Committee Meeting

Hôtel Gran Meliá, Palma de Majorque, Espagne
Dimanche 6 Novembre 2005, 9:00-12:00h

1. Ouverture

Le Président de l'Internationale libérale John Alderdice a accueilli les participants à Majorque et a ouvert le comité exécutif.

2. Absences

Les excuses pour les absences avaient déjà été faites au Secrétaire général avant la réunion. Une liste de participants est disponible au secrétariat à Londres.

3. Adoption de l'ordre du jour

La proposition d'ordre du jour a été adoptée.

4. Procès verbaux de la réunion du 174^{eme} Comité exécutif, Sofia, Bulgarie, Mai 2005

Les procès verbaux ont été adoptés sans amendement.

5. Rapport du bureau

Un rapport sur les activités récentes a été présenté par écrit et adopté.

6. Rapport sur les finances janvier-septembre 2005 et budget 2006

Le Secrétaire Général Jasper Veen et le Trésorier David Griffiths ont présenté les comptes de la période Janvier-Septembre 2005 et la budget pour 2006. Ils ont été approuvés.

7. Demandes d'affiliation

7.1. Statut d'Observateur:

Le comité exécutif a donné une recommandation positive au Congrès quant à la candidature du Parti démocrate progressiste (Irlande).

7.2. Statut d'organisation coopérante

Le comité exécutif a donné une recommandation positive au Congrès quant à la candidature de RELIAL.

7.3 Statut de membre de plein droit

Le Comité exécutif a donné une recommandation positive au Congrès quant à la candidature du Partido Solidaridad Democrática (Cuba), Partido Liberal de Cuba (Cuba), and Movimiento Libertario (Costa Rica).

7.4 Désaffiliations

Le Comité exécutif a approuvé la désaffiliation du Partido Liberal Nacional (Panama) et du Parti Social Libéral (Tunisie) (sauf s'il reste de l'argent au retour à Londres). L'ancienne Présidente de l'Internationale, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, s'entretiendra avec Latvia Cells (Lettonie) et rapportera l'issue des discussions.

7.5 Autres sujets en rapport avec l'adhésion

Il n'y avait pas d'autres sujets discutés en rapport avec l'adhésion.

8. Prix de la liberté

Le Comité Exécutif a approuvé la remise du Prix de la Liberté 2005 à Monsieur Morgon Tsvangirai (Zimbabwe). La question de la remise du Prix de la Liberté 2006 sera traitée lors de la prochaine réunion du Comité Exécutif.

9. Evénements à venir

9.1 Comité Exécutif d'IL en 2006

Le 176^{eme} Comité Exécutif se tiendra en conjonction avec la rencontre entre le CALD et l'ALDE aux Philippines, les 23 et 24 Juin 2006.

9.2 Congrès d'IL en 2006

Le 54^{ème} Congrès aura lieu à Marrakech, au Maroc, du 9 au 11 Novembre 2006. Le thème de la conférence sera "Démocratie et Développement", et un rapport pour le débat sera produit pour chaque région.

10. Rapport du comité des droits de l'homme

Le Président Henning Nielsen de Det Radikale Venstre (Danemark) a conclu concernant le Comité des droits de l'homme :

que le comité devrait se réunir entre les réunions du Comité Exécutif si possible ;

qu'une newsletter régulière devrait être envoyée ;

que le Comité devrait se concentrer sur des thèmes précis ;

que le rôle du Comité des droits de l'homme devrait être renforcé au sein de l'ECOSOC.

qu'il accueille avec enthousiasme la prise de position du sénateur John McCain concernant les prisonniers détenus dans des prisons secrètes de la CIA.

11. Résolutions

11.1 Les résolutions suivantes ont été approuvées: la délivrance d'aide alimentaire, Cuba et l'enregistrement de nouveaux partis en Ukraine.

11.2 Les résolutions urgentes suivantes ont été approuvées: séisme sud-asiatique, les

élections en Tanzanie, la Côte d'Ivoire et la déclaration du Président iranien.

11.3 Il a été décidé de reprendre la résolution concernant le Sahara de l'Ouest plus tard.

12. Rapports sur les partis politiques

Les rapports d'Alison sur les partis politiques suivants ANADER (Congo), RDR (Côte d'Ivoire), PDS (Zanzibar), Union Constitutionnelle (Maroc), et le RIFL ont été reçus.

13. Autres

13.1 Conférence du Caire: le Comité Exécutif a approuvé qu'une conférence se tienne en Mai 2006 au Caire (Egypte). L'Internationale libérale cherche la possibilité de combiner un groupe de travail sur la place des femmes avec des sessions sur la promotion de la démocratie dans la région, et voire sur le terrorisme.

13.2 Lord Alderdice a expliqué que comme il n'y aurait pas de Congrès en 2007, l'Internationale Libérale pourrait organiser une conférence internationale pour des universitaires libéraux.

13.3 Lord Alderdice a informé le Comité Exécutif que l'Internationale libérale pourrait changer de logo.

14. Date et lieu de la prochaine réunion

La prochaine réunion est planifiée pour les 23 et 24 Juin 2006, aux Philippines.

Minuta

175 Reunión del Comité Ejecutivo

Hotel Gran Melià Victoria, Palma de Mallorca, España
Domingo 6 Noviembre 2005, 09:00-12:00hrs

1. Apertura

El Presidente de la Liberal International Lord John Alderdice, dio la bienvenida a todos a Mallorca y prosiguió con la apertura del Comité Ejecutivo.

2. Disculpas por Ausencia

El Secretario General recibió las disculpas por ausencia a priori; la lista de participantes, está disponible en el Secretariado de Londres.

3. Adopción de la Agenda

La Agenda se adoptó tal y como se propuso.

4. Minuta del 174 Comité Ejecutivo, Sofia, Bulgaria, May 2005

La minuta fue adoptada sin enmiendas.

5. Informe de la Mesa

El informe sobre las recientes actividades fue presentado por escrito y adoptado.

6. Informe Financiero Enero-Septiembre 2005

La Secretaria General Federica Sabbati y el Tesorero David Griffiths, presentaron el informe de cuentas de Enero-Septiembre 2005 y el Presupuesto para el 2006. Estos fueron aprobados.

7. Asuntos de Afiliación

7.1. Solicitud del estatus de Miembro Observador:

El Comité Ejecutivo ofreció una recomendación positiva durante el Congreso, en referencia a la petición de Progressive Democrats (Irlanda).

7.1. Solicitud del estatus de Organización Cooperadora:

El Comité Ejecutivo ofreció una recomendación positiva durante el Congreso, en referencia a la petición de RELIAL.

7.3. Solicitud del estatus de Miembro de Pleno Derecho:

El Comité Ejecutivo ofreció una recomendación positiva durante el Congreso, en referencia a la petición del

Partido Solidaridad Democrática (Cuba)
Partido Liberal de Cuba (Cuba)
Movimiento Libertario (Costa Rica)

7.4 Desafiliaciones

El Comité Ejecutivo aprobó formalmente la desafiliación del Partido Liberal Nacional (Panamá) y del Parti Social Libéral (Túnez) (la cual puede ser revocada si la deuda ha sido pagada a la vuelta). La ex presidenta de la Internacional Liberal, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, se reunirá con Latvia Cells (Latvia) e informará del resultado.

7.5. Otros asuntos relacionados con Afiliación

No surgieron otros asuntos relacionados con afiliación.

8. Premio por la Libertad

El Comité Ejecutivo aprobó formalmente el galardonar al Sr. Morgan Tsvangirai (Zimbabwe) con el Premio por la Libertad 2005. El Premio por la Libertad del 2006, se considerará e la próxima reunión del Comité Ejecutivo.

9. Eventos venideros

La 176 reunión del Comité Ejecutivo se celebrará en conjunción con la reunión de

CALDE-ALDE en Filipinas, del 23 al 24 de Junio del 2006.

9.1 Congreso de la IL 2006

El 54 Congreso de la IL se celebrará en Marrakech, Marruecos, del 9 al 11 de Noviembre 2006. El tema de la conferencia será "Democracia y Desarrollo", y cada región producirá un informe sujeto a debate.

10. Informe del Comité de Derechos Humanos

El presidente del Comité de Derechos Humanos Henning Nielsen, del partido Det Radikale Venstre (Dinamarca) informó de la reunión del Comité:

El Comité debería reunirse, cuando posible, entre Ejecutivos;

Un informe debería ser enviado de forma regular;

El Comité debería centrarse concentrándose en áreas y temas específicos;

El papel del Comité durante el Consejo de ECOSOC debería progresar;

Dio la bienvenida la postura que John McCain adoptó en referencia a la tortura de prisioneros de "guerra y terror" y las supuestas prisiones secretas administradas por la CIA.

11. Resoluciones

11.1 Las siguientes Resoluciones fueron aprobadas: Destrmando la Ayuda Alimenticia, Cuba y el Registro de Nuevos Partidos en Ucrania.

11.2 Las siguientes Resoluciones de Urgencia fueron aprobadas: El Seísmo de

Asia Meridional, Elecciones en Tanzania, Costa de Marfil y Declaración del Presidente Iraní.

11.3 Se decidió volver a la Resolución del Sahara Occidental más adelante.

12. Informes de país

Los Informes de país de los siguientes partidos fueron recibidos: ANADER (Congo), Rassemblement des Républicains (Costa de Marfil), Parti Démocratique Sénégalais (Congo), Union Constitutionnelle (Marruecos) e International Network of Liberal Women.

13. Otros Asuntos

13.1 Cairo: El Comité Ejecutivo aprobó la celebración de una conferencia internacional en cairo, Egipto, en Mayo del 2006. La Internacional Liberal está estudiando la posibilidad de combinar un taller de "Win with Women" (*Ganar con Mujeres*), incluyendo sesiones sobre la promoción de la democracia liberal en la región y, posiblemente, sobre el terrorismo.

13.2 Lord Alderdice explicó que, al no haber un Congreso durante el 2007, la Internacional Liberal quizás organice una conferencia internacional para eminentes académicos liberales.

13.3 Lord Aldredice informó al Comité Ejecutivo sobre el nuevo logo que la Internacional Liberal está considerando.

13. Fecha y Lugar de la siguiente Reunión

La siguiente reunión está programada del 23-24 de Junio 2006 en Filipinas.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT

To: The Executive From: The Secretariat Topic: Report of the Secretariat, November – June 2006 Date: 1 June 2006

1. EVENTS

Reflecting Liberal International's global outreach, the events listed below represent the work undertaken by and the presence of LI in Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe over the past few months.

1.1 Western Sahara Fact Finding Mission

A parliamentary delegation from Liberal International conducted a fact-finding mission to the Western Sahara between 3-7 April 2006, where there is a 30-year long dispute between the Moroccan government and the 'Western Sahara's Popular Front for the Liberation of Saguia al-Hamra and Rio de Oro' (the Polisario), which supports the independence of the Western Sahara. The Delegation ensured that a rounded view was obtained by meeting with many concerned parties, and by spending a balanced amount of time with: Moroccan officials and political parties in Laayoune and Rabat; Saharawi human rights activists in Laayoune; Polisario representatives in the refugee camps in Tindouf, Algeria; and the UN MINURSO mission in the Western Sahara. The final report with political comment and analysis is being finalised by the Delegation and will be available for the Bureau shortly. The Delegation consisted of: Mr Hans van Baalen MP, Shadow Foreign Affairs Spokesman in the Dutch Parliament and LI Deputy President; Mr Gunnar Nordmark MP, Member of the Swedish Parliament; Mr Francis Burstin, Head of Cabinet of the Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium; and Miss Alison Hayes, Development Officer for Africa and the Middle East, Liberal International Secretariat.

1.2 RELIAL Congress

The first annual Liberal Network for Latin America (RELIAL) Congress took place in Porto Alegre Brazil, on 31 March-4 April 2006. Liberal International was represented at this event by Bureau Member, Juli Minoves Triquell and Regional Development Officer for the Americas, Ellen Shustik. The general aim of their attendance at this conference was to network with Liberal actors who have significant roles or invested interests in the various countries of Latin America or in the region as a whole, for future co-operation and co-ordinated work. More specifically, they were meeting with the leaders (and/or representatives) of LI's member parties from Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, and Paraguay. They also had the opportunity to meet and gather more information from the leaders (and/or representatives) of Liberal parties of interest to LI as potential members, including those from Mexico and Nicaragua. As well, there were many participants from the region's think tanks and institutes (including the Friedrich Naumann Foundation), which provided an excellent opportunity to strengthen these links for the future work of LI in the region. The Regional Development Officer is fully integrated in the RELIAL network and is subsequently in daily contact with both current and prospective member parties, enabling LI to respond better to concerns and deliverance of membership value.

1.3 Kosovo Conference

A pan-European Liberal Democrat conference took place in Strasbourg on 8 April 2006, with the aim of attaining a common united Liberal position on the future status of Kosovo. The outcome of this conference was: Kosovo should be granted independence so that it can move away from the uncertainty and legal limbo in which it is confined. Independence accompanied with guarantees for the protection of minority rights will enable Kosovo to tackle important issues such as improving education and employment and to move forwards on the path towards European integration. The conference addressed four main issues: the protection of human and minority rights and the development of full democracy in Kosovo; Kosovo and her neighbours; international and European structures; and 'Is de jure independence or "more than autonomy, less than independence" the way forward?'.

1.4 Asia Mission

Liberal International President Lord Alderdice and Secretary General Jasper Veen attended several meetings with high-profile Liberals from Indonesia, Malaysia and Cambodia between 24 April-5 May 2006. In Indonesia, the delegation met with former President Adurrahman Wahid, from the National Awakening Party, the third largest party in Indonesia, in order to discuss the need for international cooperation, dialogue and understanding across communal and faith boundaries. The National Awakening Party expressed an interest in attending the Congress in Marrakech. It also met with parliamentarians from the Indonesia Democratic Party of Struggle, the second largest party in Indonesia, often referred to as "the party of the little or common people". During its visit, the delegation spoke with a number of experts on political Islam to obtain an overview of the views and responses from the moderate Muslim community to the rise of radical Islamists in Indonesia, who are in opposition to the more tolerant and moderate Islam practiced in the country. In Malaysia, the delegation had a number of meetings with parliamentarians from the Gerakan Party, one of two multi-ethnic political parties in the country. It also met with the former Special UN Envoy to Burma, Tan Sri Razali Ismail, a distinguished Malaysian diplomat, to discuss various ways whereby Liberals can deal and engage with closed societies such as Burma. In Cambodia, CALD held a conference on Public Accountability in Official Development Assistance, and during which, the delegation held talks with Martin Lee and Sam Rainsy on the prospect of strengthening ties with LI through membership.

1.5 Canada Visit

A Liberal International delegation, consisting of Secretary General Jasper Veen and Regional Development Officer for the Americas, Ellen Shustik, held meetings with a dozen high-level and high-profile Liberal Party of Canada parliamentarians (including leadership contenders), senators and party officials, on 17-19 May 2006, in Ottawa, Canada. These meetings were held with a twin-track agenda: firstly, how membership of the Liberal Party of Canada in Liberal International is worthwhile and can be improved in terms of the role Canada can play within Liberal International on the world stage; and secondly, how to raise the visibility and prominence of Liberal International within the Liberal Party of Canada. These meetings also provided an excellent opportunity to inform the main players in the Liberal Party of Canada about Liberal International's current work, upcoming activities and events, and future plans for the direction and aims of the organisation. It also provided them with the occasion to meet with the delegation face-to-face and bring up any queries, suggestions, or matters of concern or interest.

1.6 Preparation of events

Preparations for a number of upcoming events are ongoing, including: the Cairo event to launch a Middle East Liberal Network in July; the Cuba fact-finding mission in September, and the Congress in Morocco in November.

2. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Progress is continually being made on the membership application process for several parties in Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe, with the aim of them obtaining Observer Member status at the Congress in Marrakech.

3. PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

3.1 Liberal International website

Improvements continue to be made to the website, in recognition of the importance of modern media in the spread of Liberal thought. The LI website has advanced from Search Results page 8 to page 1 upon typing in 'liberalism' or 'liberal' to the Google search engine. The website has become more interactive through our Message Board and Monthly Poll on an interesting and controversial current affairs topic. Our Campaign Section is constantly updated to bring to our members' attention particular international affairs which are of particular concern to LI, and which we encourage our members to look at and take action upon. The French and Spanish versions of the website are almost completely up to date with the English version. The aim is to transform the LI website into the main portal on Liberal thinking.

3.2 Liberal International News

LI's weekly electronic newsletter is sent out each week in English, French and Spanish to approximately 3500 subscribers and the amount continues to increase.

3.3 Parliamentary database

A Parliamentary database has been created and will be maintained and updated with the contact information of all Liberal parliamentarians from around the world, to ensure they are all sent relevant LI information on a regular basis.

3.4 Aerogramme

LI's quarterly magazine has been revamped and renamed 'Liberal Matters'. We are currently in the printing stage of the magazine, and the next edition of 'Liberal Matters' will be in your post boxes within the coming weeks.

4. LIBERAL INTERNATIONAL STAFF

The LI staff continues to: work towards extending the presence and increasing the visibility of LI in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East; organise fact-finding missions composed of Liberal parliamentarians; and organise statutory and non-statutory events and activities alike.

4.1 Jasper Veen, Secretary General

14 November 2005	European Liberal Network meeting, FNSt, Brussels
29 November 2005	Julie Smith, author Sense of Liberty, NLC, London
07 December 2005	Jurgen Wickert, Head FNSt IPD, NLC, London
09 December 2005	Hungarian Parliamentarians, NLC, London
14 December 2005	James Smith Aegis Trust- Genocide, NLC, London
15 December 2005	ELDR Bureau Meeting, Brussels
15 December 2005	European Liberal Leaders meeting, Brussels
10 January 2006	Liberal Kosovo meeting, Brussels
10 January 2006	LI-ELDR staff lunch and ALDE reception, Brussels
17-23 January 2006	60 years Anniversary LP, Philippines
17-23 January 2006	Meetings with leadership LP Philippines
17-23 January 2006	Preparation LI Executive Committee, Philippines
30 January 2006	Fernando Ribes discussion on launch of a Liberal party in Spain
02 February 2006	Frank Calzon, Centre for Free Cuba, NLC, London
16-18 March 2006	ELDR 30-year anniversary, Stuttgart, Germany
30 March-2 April 2006	Preparation for LI Congress, Marrakech, Morocco
3-5 April 2006	Speaker at World Forum for Democracy, Istanbul, Turkey
8-10 April 2006	Liberal Conference on Kosovo Status, Strasbourg, France
21-23 April 2006	Congress of the Progressive Democrats, Limerick, Ireland
24 April-5 May 2006	Asia Mission to Cambodia, Indonesia and Malaysia
17-19 May 2006	Visit to Liberal Party of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

4.2 Alison Hayes

11-14 November 2005	ALN: Training of Trainers Workshop, Casablanca, Morocco
28 November 2005	Polisario, preparation Western Sahara fact-finding, London
06 December 2005	Onaza Ehsan MP, Pakistan, Win with Women, London
08 December 2005	Parliamentary Group on Sudan, London
14 December 2005	James Smith Aegis Trust- Genocide, NLC, London
21 December 2005	All-Africa Parliamentary Group, London
10 January 2006	LI-ELDR staff lunch and ALDE reception, Brussels
13 January 2006	Parliamentary Genocide Group, London
25 January 2006	UN Meeting on the Responsibility to Protect, London
20 January 2006	ELDR co-ordination meeting, London
16 March 2006	Meeting with MPs from the Liberal Democratic Party, Kenya
16 March 2006	UK Parliamentary Meeting about Sudan
27 March 2006	Meeting with Aegis Trust re: the International Genocide Network
28 March 2006	Lunch with Lord Steel and Mr Vadher to discuss Africa in general
24 April 2006	Meeting with Karla Hatrick regarding Cairo funding
25 April 2006	Meeting with Polisario to de-brief after Western Sahara visit

4.3 Ellen Shustik

08 November 2005	Meeting with Baroness Miller regarding Latin America, London
19 November 2005	Peru Support Group Annual Congress, Manchester, UK
25 November 2005	Meeting with Sophie Patton (PSG) regarding Peru, London

28 November 2005	Chatham House Latin America Study Group, London
29 th November 2005	Chatham House Caribbean Study Group, London
06 December 2005	Inter-Parliamentary Group on Chile, London
10 January 2006	LI-ELDR staff lunch and ALDE reception, Brussels
20 January 2006	ELDR co-ordination meeting, London
6-7 February 2006	ICDC Cuba Conference, Stockholm, Sweden
8 February 2006	Seminar on Political Parties in Peru, London
10 March 2006	Conference on Women in Latin America, Canning House
21 March 2006	Lecture by President of the Dominican Republic, Canning House
27 March 2006	Lecture by UK Ambassador to Brazil, Canning House
12 April 2006	Lecture on Peru Elections, Chatham House
21 April 2006	Lecture on Mexico Elections, Chatham House
2 May 2006	Debate on Latin America, UK Parliament
17-19 May 2006	Visit to Liberal Party of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

Current staff in the office

Jasper Veen	Secretary General (Dutch)
Alison Hayes	Regional Development Officer for Africa and the Middle East (British)
Ellen Shustik	Regional Development Officer for the Americas (Canadian)
Ainhoa Robles	Administrator and Events Organiser (Spanish)
Muluken Cederborg	Funded by the Swedish Cultural Foundation (six months) (Finnish)
Pierre Charpentier	Internship program (six months) (French)
Sylvie Mertens	Internship program (three months) (Belgian)
Human Rights Officer	Becca Huang's contract expired early March and her replacement, Fang-yi Ho, will arrive this summer (Taiwanese)

Liberal International Accounts Jan-March 2006

BUDGET 2006		Mar 06 3 months	Budget 3 months
INCOME			
205,000	Membership Fees	120,810	125,000
0	Donations		
28,000	Congress Income		
(22,000)	" Expenditure	(629)	
0	ELDR Grant		
5,000	Interest (net of tax)	1,243	1,250
50	Sales	10	
32,000	Human Rights Project	8,807	8,000
(36,000)	Costs & Wages	(4,876)	(9,000)
212,050		125,365	125,250
EXPENDITURE			
Administration expenses			
126,000	Staff costs	32,084	31,500
(24,000)	Extra Staff Provision	(6,000)	(6,000)
24,000	Rent and rates	5,849	5,400
6,000	Office costs	1,927	1,500
500	Repairs	0	0
6,000	Information technology	5,987	1,500
7,000	Telephone and fax	845	1,750
5,000	Photocopier	1,209	1,250
800	Postage	150	200
1,600	Stationery	125	300
3,000	Translation	0	750
3,000	Audit and accountancy	0	0
2,700	Book Keeping	750	750
1,400	Bank charges	154	300
0	Currency conversion	0	0
2,000	General	904	500
1,400	Depreciation	250	350
166,400		44,234	40,050
International Expenses			
6,000	Aerogramme	631	2,000
2,350	Web Site	0	500
1,200	Printing	41	300
3,000	Events	0	0
2,000	Bureau	1,361	750
3,000	Executive Committee	318	0
1,000	Freedom prize	0	0
26,000	Projects	6,330	8,000
44,550		8,681	11,550
210,950	Total Expenditure	52,915	51,600
1,100	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	72,450	73,650

Bank Balances:
Current account
Tracker Account

85,705
219,945
305,650

Liberal International Budget 2006 by Quarters

Budget 2006 by Quarters

BUDGET 2005	Sep 05 Actual 9 months	Oct/Dec 3 months	DEC 05 Forecast 12 months	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	BUDGET 2006
INCOME								
185,000	202,048	7,953	210,001	125,000	40,000	15,000	25,000	205,000
1,000	0	0	0		0		0	0
	31,784	0	31,784				28,000	28,000
	(16,798)	0	(16,798)				(22,000)	(22,000)
0	0	5,500	5,500				0	0
3,000	4,029	1,408	5,437	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	5,000
100	30	0	30				50	50
32,000	17,740	7,934	25,674	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	32,000
(5,000)	(2,679)	(28,806)	(31,485)	(9,000)	(9,000)	(9,000)	(9,000)	(36,000)
216,100	236,154	(6,011)	230,143	125,250	40,250	15,250	31,300	212,050
EXPENDITURE								
Administration expenses								
130,000	81,220	13,508	94,728	31,500	31,500	31,500	31,500	126,000
		24,000	24,000	(6,000)	(6,000)	(6,000)	(6,000)	(24,000)
23,000	16,859	5,849	22,708	5,400	6,200	6,200	6,200	24,000
250	0	0	0		500			500
7,500	5,448	2,417	7,865	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,000
5,500	4,607	1,409	6,016	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	7,000
4,500	2,948	1,209	4,157	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	5,000
1,000	249	242	491	200	200	200	200	800
1,250	863	501	1,364	300	300	500	500	1,600
3,000	45	3,276	3,321	750	750	750	750	3,000
3,750	0	2,500	2,500			3,000		3,000
	1,975	770	2,745	750	600	600	750	2,700
750	1,430	110	1,540	300	150	200	750	1,400
0	21	0	21				0	0
6,000	4,001	2,154	6,155	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,000
1,500	1,529	12	1,541	500	500	500	500	2,000
1,750	1,200	(105)	1,095	350	350	350	350	1,400
189,750	122,395	57,852	180,247	40,050	41,050	43,800	41,500	166,400
International Expenses								
6,000	4,732	88	4,820	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	8,000
0	661	465	1,126	500	1,000	1,000	850	3,350
1,000	629	1,119	1,748	300	300	300	300	1,200
0	165	0	165		2,500	500		3,000
2,000	1,094	8	1,102	750	500	750		2,000
4,000	960	8,101	9,061		2,500		500	3,000
500	0	0	0				1,000	1,000
20,000	10,619	3,468	14,087	8,000	6,000	7,000	2,000	23,000
33,500	18,860	13,249	32,109	11,550	14,800	11,550	6,650	44,550
223,250	141,255	71,101	212,356	51,600	55,850	55,350	48,150	210,950
(7,150)	94,899	(77,112)	17,787	73,650	(15,600)	(40,100)	(16,850)	1,100

Prize for Freedom 2005

The Executive Meeting in Mallorca in November voted to award the 2005 Prize for Freedom to Morgan Tsvangirai of the Zimbabwean opposition party, the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC).

The Executive Committee will be aware of the serious and continuing divisions and disputes within the MDC over the controversy which originated with Mr Tsvangirai's call to boycott the Senatorial elections held on 26 November 2005. These events have effectively split the MDC into two factions, with the MDC's Vice-President, Gibson Sibanda, attempting to suspend Mr Tsvangirai as party leader and Mr Tsvangirai refusing to recognise the legality of that suspension. This struggle has reached the courts and they have indefinitely suspended handing down judgement as to the legality of the suspension. Due to these unfortunate events it now seems likely that Tsvangirai's and Sibanda's factions might now wrestle over the ownership of the MDC's name and assets.

The Bureau therefore deemed it prudent to either wait until things are more coherent regarding the party and its leadership before making an assessment as to whether the Prize for Freedom should be awarded to Mr Tsvangirai or to find a way of awarding it to the leaders of the Opposition in Zimbabwe. For all sorts of reasons the Bureau thinks it wise that LI remain impartial in the current struggles.

The Bureau therefore decided not to proceed with the Executive Committee's decision in Mallorca to award the 2005 prize to Morgan Tsvangirai. The Bureau instead decided to award the Prize for Freedom 2005 to Antonino Zichichi, one of the originally short listed candidates.

Antonino Zichichi

2005 has been declared the International Year of Physics by the United Nations, to raise people's awareness on the importance of physics and the tremendous impact it has on our international society. Italy's leading physicist Professor Antonio Zichichi, born on 15 October 1929, has steadily concentrated his efforts on easing nuclear tensions and preventing the spread of Weapons of Mass Destructive (WMD). He was President of the NATO Committee of Disarmament, and a representative of European Economic Community (EEC) to the Scientific Committee of the International Centre for Science and Technology in Moscow, which intends to convert scientists working on projects of war into peace.

In 1962, he founded the Ettore Majorana Centre and Centre of Scientific Culture in Erice, Italy, where located 114 university schools in all fields of research related to modern science. Under his leadership, Erice's Centre has become one of the leading physicist research centres in the world.

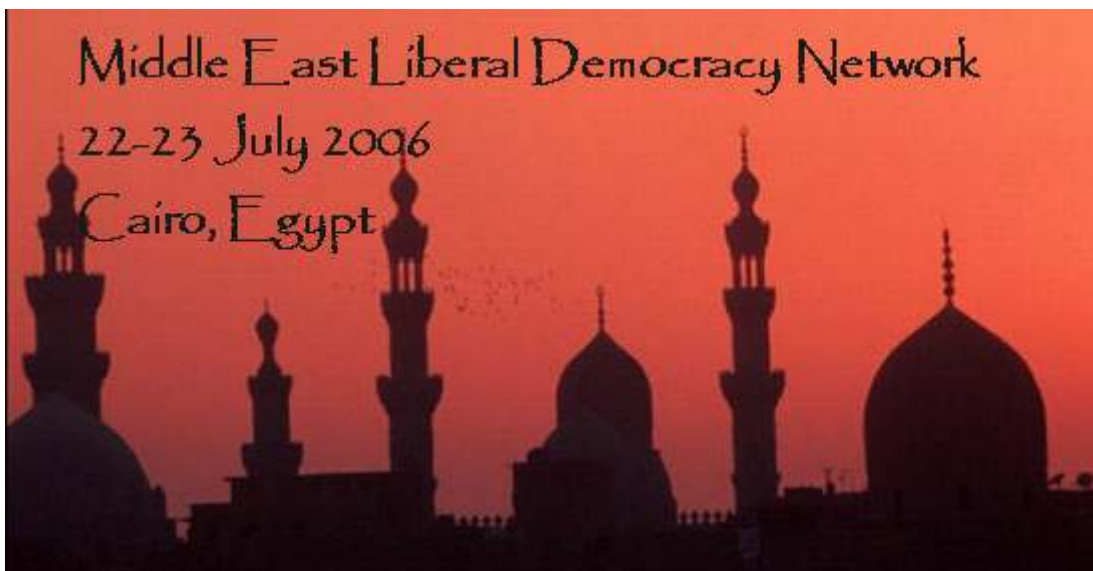
Professor Zichichi is the co-founder of the World Federation of Scientists (WFS) which leads the fight against Planetary Emergencies for over 20 years. The WFS promotes international collaboration in science and technology from all parts of the world, in the aim of which everyone may experience the benefits of the progress of science. One of its achievements was the drawing up of the Erice Statement in 1982, clearly setting out the ideals of the WFS and putting them into practice. The Erice Statement has successfully attracted the attention of world leaders, such as Deng Xiao Ping, Mikhail Gorbachev, Olaf Palme, Sandro Pertini, Ronald Reagan and Pierre Trudeau, to stimulate various actions on their parts for a science without secrecy and borders.

Another milestone of the WFS, under Zichichi's leadership, was the holding of a series of International Seminars on Nuclear War, which have had a tremendous impact on reducing the danger of a nuclear disaster, and have ultimately contributed to the end of the Cold War.

Professor Zichichi is the leader of a research group at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) laboratory. Zichichi also constructed a new scientific strategy and persuaded the Italian government to increase the budget in order to allow adequate financial support for the Italian National Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN).

From 1986, Professor Zichichi presides the ICSC-World Laboratory based in Geneva, where specific pilot projects have been implemented to overcome the Planetary Emergencies. The ICSC-World Laboratory works in contributing to the advancement of science and human knowledge as a whole, collaborating with developed countries to support scientific elites and projects in developing countries. One thousand international scholarships were granted to scientists from developing countries.

Professor Zichichi has received over 60 prizes and awards, amongst which is the Knight of the Great Cross of the Italian Republic, the highest Italian award. In 2001, for his discovery of nuclear antimatter, Zichichi was awarded the Enrico Fermi Prize from the European Society of Physics.



Middle East Liberal Network

Liberal International will be holding a conference in Cairo which will prepare for the launch of the Middle East Liberal Democracy Network.

This event will gather leading liberals (including politicians and academics) from across the Middle East, to a round table discussion on the potential of Liberal Democracy in the region. It will be an unprecedented opportunity to hear the speakers share their knowledge, experiences and aspirations for Liberal political thought.

Hosted by: Liberal International

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People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) (Netherlands)

Full details of the Conference can be found on our website.

A Framework for Liberal Democracy in the Middle East

21-23 July 2006
Cairo, Egypt

6:00pm - 7:00pm	Registration
7:00pm	Welcome reception

SATURDAY, July 22, 2006

8:00am - 9:00am	Registration for late arrivals
9:30am - 10:00am	Opening Ceremony: Lord Alderdice
10:00am - 11:15am	Sharing Experiences: country-by-country overview. [Brief presentation by each country's representative on the political landscape and the liberal democratic parties from that country]
11:15am - 11.45am	Coffee Break
11:45am - 12:30pm	Sharing Experiences continued
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch Break
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Sharing Perspectives: country specific discussions on the possibilities of forming liberal political parties and groups
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Coffee Break
3:30pm - 5:00pm	Framework for the Middle Eastern Network for Democracy [Discussion of common principles]
7:00pm	Evening Presentation and Dinner

SUNDAY, July 23, 2006

9:30am - 10:00am	Keynote Address
10:00am - 11:00am	Democracy and Development in the Middle East
11:00am - 11:30am	Coffee Break
11:30am - 12:30pm	Democracy and Development: security issues relating to terrorism and democracy in the Middle East
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch Break
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Framework for the Middle Eastern Network for Democracy [Conclusion of discussion of common principles]
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Closing Ceremony and departure

Democracy & Development

9-11 November 2006, Palais du Congres du Marrakech

Wednesday 8 November 2006

08:00-18:00 Secretariat
08:00-18:00 Press Room
17:00-20:00 Registration Desk opens
18:00-19:00 Introduction first time delegates
19:00-22:00 Bureau Dinner
19:00-22:00 International Officers Dinner

Thursday 9 November 2006

08:00-18:00 Secretariat
08:00-18:00 Press Room
08:30-18:00 Registration Desk opens
08:30-09:00 Collection of Executive Committee Voting Cards
09:00-10:00 Deadline Urgency Resolutions
09:00-11:00 Executive Committee Meeting
 Chair: Lord Alderdice
11:00-11:15 Coffee Break (individual arrangement)
11:15-13:00 Theme report: Democracy and Development
13:00-14:30 Lunch (individual arrangement)
13:00-14:30 Working Commission Theme Resolutions
13:00-14:30 Working Commission Other Resolutions

14:30-16:00 Workshop: How to get Closed States on the International Agenda
14:30-16:00 Freedom of Expression
14:30-16:00 The Convention Against Torture – universal principle to paper convenience?
14:30-16:00 Presentation of Report of LI Parliamentary Fact-finding mission to Western Sahara
 Chair: Hans van Baalen MP

14:30-16:00 Speed Geeking: use of modern media
16:00-16:15 Coffee Break (individual arrangement)
16:15-18:00 Human Rights Committee Meeting
16:15- 18:00 Think Tank Meeting
16:15-18:00 Liberal International Coordination Meeting (by invitation only)
18:00-19:00 Working Group on the Theme Resolution
18:00-19:00 Working Group Other Resolutions
18:00-19:00 Reception: Exhibition
19:30 Departure Dinner
20:00 Dinner
 Welcome by Mayor Jazouli

Friday 10 November 2006

08:00-18:00 Secretariat
08:00-18:00 Press Room
08:30-18:00 Registration Desk
09:30-10:00 Heads of Delegation collection of Ballot papers
 Head of Delegation collection of Voting Cards
09:00-11:45 Formal Opening of the Congress
 Welcome by Lord Alderdice
12:00-12:30 Press Conference
12:00-13:00 International Network Liberal Women
 Council of Asian Liberal Democrats
 RELIAL (Latin America)
 Middle East Liberal Network
 Africa Liberal Network
 International Federation of Liberal Youth
12:30-14:30 Heads of State and Governments Lunch
 (by invitation only)
13:00-14:30 Lunch (individual arrangement)
13:00-14:30 Working Group Theme Resolutions

Working Group Other Resolutions

14:30-15:30 Administrative Session

15:30-18:00 Bureau Election Ballot Box open
15:30-17:00 Panel: Responsibility to Protect
17:00-17:15 Coffee Break (individual arrangement)
16:15-16:30 Speech
17:30-19:00 Panel: Nuclear Energy- Splitting Atoms or Splitting Liberals?
19:30 Departure to Dinner Venue
20:00 Dinner

Saturday 11 November 2006

08:00-15:00 Secretariat
08:00-15:00 Press Room
08:00-09:00 Parliamentary Breakfast (by invitation only)
09:00-10:30 Panel: Moderate Muslims and their response to Political Islam
10:30-10:45 Coffee Break(individual arrangement)
10:45-11:00 Speech
11:00-11:15 Speech
11:15-12:45 Panel: Liberal Prescriptions to Terrorism
 Chair: Sundeep Waslekar
12:45-14:00 Lunch
14:00-15:45 Plenary Session:
 Theme Resolution and Other Resolutions
15:45-16:00 Presidential Speech and closing of the Congress
19:30 Departure to Dinner Venue
20:00 Farewell Dinner

Draft resolution proposed by International Network of Liberal Women

“Women, Population, changing demographics and migration”

- 1 Worldwide the population has grown considerably but irregular over the
2 territories.
- 3 The “population effect” in countries with lower rates of demographic growth and
4 fertility, register a good level of their economy, whereas in countries with rates of
5 fertility out of control, the economy is stagnant or null.
- 6 This fact together with other many reasons (disasters, conflicts, etc) historically
7 bring about migration flows. This happens nowadays in many parts of the world.
8 These migrations have benefits but also negative impacts, either in the countries
9 of origin and destination.
- 10 The implicated persons in migration flows currently are vulnerable and specially
11 women and their children. That is why it is absolutely necessary to take into
12 account gender perspectives on the causes and consequences of international
13 migration.
- 14 INLW calls on Liberal International (LI) to urge that liberal member parties, liberal
15 governments and other liberal organizations should:
- 16 Implement legal and normative framework of international migration issues,
17 including human rights law in their respective countries.
- 18 Protect migrant women from labour abuses, sexual exploitation, trafficking and
19 other exploitable situations. Disseminate accurate and timely information about
20 trafficking to potential migrants to enable them to make informed decisions.
- 21 Promote programmes to raise awareness of the elimination of violence against
22 women.
- 23 Improve the access of migrant women, to primary and reproductive health care,
24 including programmes of sexually transmitted diseases like HIV/AIDS;
- 25 Develop policies for migrant women for their empowerment, such as access to
26 education, employment opportunities and training, useful for the integration
27 process in the country they have moved to.
- 28 Special attention should be given to refugee and displaced women on protecting
29 their rights and physical safety and security and enabling them an active
30 participation in peace building processes in post-conflict societies.
- 31 Resolve the situation of migrants with irregular status by means of return or
32 regularization processes.
- 33 Undertake greatest efforts to create jobs and sustainable means of life in
34 developing countries, so that citizens of such countries do not feel compelled to
35 migrate.