

# AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

## ORGANISATION WORKING PARTY

### OUTCOMES

#### BUDGETS

**Recognition** that there should be greater budgetary collaboration between sections.  
**Decided** that all budgets should be approved by no later than December 15th.



#### ROLE OF SECTIONS

**Concerned** about the growing world wide trend for rejecting human rights.  
**Convinced** about the need for Amnesty to have sections in as many places as possible.  
**Underlined** the need for sections to respond to human rights developments on the ground.  
**Called** for the International Board in participation with sections to develop a proposal to clarify the roles of Sections and their support.



#### CAPACITY BUILDING

**Observed** that there were limited resources.  
**Agreed** to the formation of a pool of sections/structures with specific capabilities and expertise to provide support for sections and individual members. This pool is coordinated by the International Board and has funds that can be requested.



#### MEETING OF THE MOVEMENT

**Recognised** the importance of wide-ranging dialogue to strengthen Amnesty as a whole.  
**Asked** the International Board (IB) to enable activists to meet when appropriate in terms of the movement's opportunities and needs.



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## HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY

### WORKING PARTY OUTCOMES

#### PROTECTION FOR WHISTLE BLOWERS

**Requested** that a policy is developed that includes a clear definition and criteria so that Amnesty can take a clear position at a national, regional and international level.



#### DEVELOPMENT OF A POLICY ON STATE OBLIGATIONS ON ELECTIONS

**instructs** the International Board to prepare a policy clearly setting out Amnesty's position align with international human rights law. It should include:

1. Right of citizens to vote, including equality of access to vote.
2. Affirm commitment to non-discrimination.
3. The impartiality of electoral management bodies.
4. The right to information regarding elections.
5. Gerrymandering
6. The scope of Amnesty's Human Rights Commentary.

**Underlines** that this position will be non-partisan.

**Clarifies** that it will not take a position on the legitimacy on any particular government.

**Further** clarifies that Amnesty International will not engage in monitoring the casting of votes.

**Further** instructs the International Board to ensure that Section have an opportunity to review the draft policy before it is adopted.



#### DEVELOPING A POLICY ON MILITARY OCCUPATION

**Requested** the International Board to develop a policy in conjunction with sections on military occupation concerning consequences for human rights violations.

**Further Requested** that this policy review cases from a variety of regional and political contexts.



# AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION WORKING PARTY OUTCOMES

## CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

**Reaffirmed** that anyone refusing compulsory military service is a conscientious objector.

**Decided** that Amnesty International opposes any criminal measures placed on conscientious objectors.

**Decided** that Amnesty International may also oppose any administrative penalty given to a conscientious objector.

**Decided** that alternative civilian service must always be non-punitive in nature.

**Instructed** the International Board to conduct a stocktaking exercise of countries where military service is compulsory.



## PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

**Requested** that the International Board continues to develop a policy on the fundamental rights of people with disabilities by:

**developing** a campaign on the failure of human rights

**cooperating** with groups specializing in disability rights

**identifying** further work to be done to address disability rights.



## REVIEW OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S ABORTION POLICY

**Instructed** the International Board to conduct a Review of AI's policy on abortion to ensure that the policy:

- Aligns with current international human rights law
- Aligns with other AI policies
- Responds to AI's new research
- Provides a mandate for the AI Campaign

**Further Instructs** the International Board to present their findings to the Global Assembly by 2018.





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#### DRUG CONTROL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Requested that the International Board develop a policy on drug control and human rights that supplements existing AI Policies. Called on the International Board in developing the policy to:

- Base the result on Amnesty studies
- Take into account the risk analysis of the study
- Ensure the policy pays close attention to the criminalization of drug-related conduct and the recommendations of UN agencies.
- Consult with sections in the development of this policy.

Requested that the policy be presented at the 2018 Global Assembly



#### BANKS AND THE ARMS TRADE

**Requested** that the International Board prepare a draft of key points of consideration for the next strategic goals to obtain a ban on financial activities related to (i) prohibited arms and (ii) legal arms used to commit serious human rights violations.



#### HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

**Decided** that the International Board shall: Ensure by the 2018 Global Assembly the delivery of a draft strategy to effectively safeguard human rights in the face of climate change that includes:

- Defending people disproportionately impacted by climate change especially indigenous people and communities living in poverty.
- Highlighting the obligations of states
- Establishing what action is needed from a human rights perspective.
- Supporting initiatives that empower local communities to develop their own solutions.

