**UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGM DECISIONS – SEPTEMBER 2024 BOARD MEETING**

**The AIUK Section Board receives a report at each meeting, setting out the progress in implementing AGM resolutions. These reports will be posted on the website after each Board meeting to enable members to keep up to date with developments. At the September 2024 meeting, Board members agreed the following update on implementation.**

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| **Resolution Number** | **Title** | **Update** | **Board member** |
| S1 (2024) | Special Resolution to Amend the AIUK Section Articles of Association. | **Implementation of this resolution is complete**  The Articles of Association have been amended. Companies House and the AIUK website have both been updated. | Helen Horton  [Helen.horton@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:Helen.horton@amnesty.org.uk) |
| O1 (2024) | Resolution to amend the AIUK Section Rules | **Implementation of this resolution is complete**.  The Rules have been amended and the updated version has been posted on the AIUK website. | Helen Horton  [Helen.Horton@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:Helen.Horton@amnesty.org.uk) |
| O2 (2024) | Research into Indigenous Peoples Rights in Guyana | The Chair of the Section Board will write to the Chair of the International Board following the September 2024 Board meeting. | Richard Kotter  [Richard.Kotter@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:Richard.Kotter@amnesty.org.uk) |
| O3 (2024) | Commitment to Individuals and Communities at Risk work by Amnesty International UK. | Individuals at Risk is one of AIUK’s six priorities for the current strategic period (2022-2030) and there are no plans to change its status as a priority | Helen Horton  [helen.horton@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:helen.horton@amnesty.org.uk) |
| O4 (2024) | Increasing the scale of regional/country-focussed campaigning by improving communications between local groups and Amnesty UK members | The proposer intends to write to the Senior Management Team about the turnaround of member communications regarding individuals at risk and forwarding interested members to Country Coordinators. A further update will be provided after the correspondence has been received and considered. | Stuart Penny  [Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk) |
| O5 (2024) | Increasing the scale and effectiveness of campaigning by improving communications between local groups and Amnesty UK members | Work has begun with activists and the Digital Transformation Team to explore and ensure that going forward measures are taken to support groups and members access each other using digital platforms in a GDPR compliant manner.  The Director of Activism & Education has agreed to also use a future edition of the magazine to promote recruitment to groups and networks. | Stuart Penny  [Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk) |
| O6 (2024) | Put in place a full-time Local Groups Officer, together with a system of effective monitoring of local groups | This is now underway. A dedicated Local Groups Administrator role is being recruited for and the groups health audit is about a third of the way complete. | Stuart Penny  [Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk) |
| O7 (2024) | Introduction of AIUK Digital Campaigning Workshops for Beginners | The Director of Activism and Education will ensure that some elements of delivery are planned with relevant teams during the annual business planning process (Sept/Oct), ready for delivery before the next AGM. | Stuart Penny  [Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk) |
| O8 (2024) | Put in place an AIUK Training Programme | The actions required to implement this resolution are currently under consideration. | Stuart Penny  [Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk) |
| O9 (2024) | Support, empower and revitalise local groups to meet the human rights challenges of the present and future | The actions required to implement this resolution are currently under consideration, although some progress has been achieved through measures to implement other resolutions. | Stuart Penny  [Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk) |
| O10 (2024) | Delay the sale of the Human Rights Action Centre until a full consultation with the AIUK membership has been undertaken | In October 2023, the Amnesty International UK Charitable Trust, the owner of the Human Rights Action Centre decided to prepare the building for sale. The Charitable Trust is a distinct legal entity, separate from the UK Section, governed by its own Board and subject to UK charity law and regulation.  Following the 2024 AIUK Section AGM, the Chair of the AIUK Section Board shared AGM decision O10 with the Trustees for their consideration.  The resolution correctly noted that the HRAC is owned by the AIUK Charitable Trust, and thus any decision on the sale is one that must be made by the Trustees, and not by the AIUK Section Board.  The Trustees noted with respect and interest the debate and decisions of the Section’s AGM. However, the decisions of the Section AGM do not instruct or bind the Trustees and the Trust. The Trustees **must** make decisions solely in the interests of achieving the charitable objectives of the Trust and fulfilling their legal and fiduciary obligations as Trustees.  In September 2024, the Charitable Trust Board decided to invite offers for the purchase of the HRAC.  In making that decision, the Charitable Trust has considered the views of stakeholders, including the Section Board.  The building has served AIUK’s needs well for over 19 years, but with changes in working patterns and usage over the last few years, the building is no longer well used. Two of the three staff floors are not used at all, the building requires significant running costs, and would require significant investment to bring it up to the standard required to lease out sections of the building.  The Trustees decided that it would be more effective to sell this asset and invest in different ways that better support delivery against the Trust and Section’s shared human rights mission. These include investment in improved core systems and technology, and could also include a range of other potential carefully managed ethical investments that can in the future deliver better value for human rights.  Whilst understanding that this is not a decision of the AIUK Section Board, the AIUK Section Board expressed its understanding and support for this decision of the Trustees. | Andy Townend  [Andy.townend@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:Andy.townend@amnesty.org.uk) |
| O5 (2023) | Section support for local groups | The Community Organising Team launched a groups health audit in August 2024, working alongside Activism Reps. This will determine the state of the groups and identify support needs. This will be completed by 9 November.  There is also a plan to restart the Groups Planning Pack from Jan 2025. | Stuart Penny  [Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk) |
| O4 (2021) | Increasing youth participation in governance | In early 2024, the recruitment process for a Youth Delegate to the 2024 Global Assembly yielded 35 applications. The reserved seat for an under-18 year-old Board member was filled in the 2024 Board elections for the first time since its creation. The reserved seat for a 18-23 year-old was not filled in the election and an open recruitment process is now underway.  In the second half of 2024, we will review the constitutional barriers to youth participation and determine whether proposals to address the barriers should be brought to a future AGM. | Helen Horton  [helen.horton@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:helen.horton@amnesty.org.uk) |