

AMNESTY IRELAND

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020

Conference Papers

09 – 11 December 2020



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**Wednesday 09 December****18.30: Conference Opening****Chair: David White****18: 45 Plenary Session I**

In Conversation with Darragh Mackin.

Darragh Mackin is a solicitor with Phoenix Law, a Belfast based firm which specialises in human rights and accountability related issues. Darragh has worked on a number of significant human rights cases. He represented Ibrahim Halawa, the Irish Prisoner of Conscience who was detained for more than three years in Egypt. He also represented Sara Ewart and Amnesty International in the seminal judicial review challenge brought against the abortion laws in Northern Ireland. Darragh acted for a number of the Hooded Men in the application for revision of the Ireland v United Kingdom 1978 decision by the European Court of Human Rights on torture. Most recently Darragh has acted for the families of the victims of The Stardust fire, successfully advocating for a new inquest into their deaths.

Colm will explore with Darragh his experience in working on these cases and others, discussing how lawyers and activists can work together to defend human rights.

Followed by Q & A

19:45: Presentation of Annual Awards**20:00: Close of Session 1****Thursday 10 December****18:30: Opening of Session 2****Chair: David White****18:45: Fáilte Mid-Winter**

As part of the annual Write for Rights Campaign, Annual Conference partners with Fáilte Amnesty, to highlight the case of Idris Khattak

Journalist and National Board member Razan Ibraheem, will be speaking to Talia Khattak, the daughter of Idris, about Talia's campaign to get justice for her father.

Talia describes her father as selfless, loving and generous. The 55-year-old was often found in his backyard, tending to his garden and talking to his chickens. But he is also a dedicated human rights

researcher, investigating enforced disappearances in Pakistan for organisations like Amnesty International. In a cruel twist of fate, he too was disappeared in November 2019. A witness describes his car being intercepted, and a black sack being thrown over his face.

His daughter, Talia, decided to campaign for his whereabouts. Backed by Amnesty International, and supporters like you, public pressure worked. In June 2020, Pakistan authorities did something very rare – admitting that Idris was in their custody.

They still won't reveal where – Talia still hasn't seen her father, nor has lawyer. The authorities say they are charging him under the Official Secrets Act. If convicted, he could face a lengthy prison term or even a death sentence.

"My father is not a casefile. He is a human being. We deserve answers and he deserves the protection of the law." Talia Khattak

Followed by Q & A

19:30: Write for Rights Action**19:40: Presentation of Annual Awards****20:00: Close of Session 2****Friday 11 December****18:30: Opening of Final Session****Chair: Mary Quinn**

Adoption of the Report of the Conference Agenda Committee /Election of the National Board & CAC

18:40: A Year in Review – report back to membership

A look back at 2019/with our National Board

Followed by Q&A

19:05: Treasurers Report and presentation of Budget 2020 & Headline Budget 2021

Followed by Q&A

19:30: Motions & Amendments

Conference Delegates discuss and vote on the motions put forward by membership.

20:00: Awards Presentation**20:15: Final Closing of Conference**



Conference Agenda Committee

Report to 2020 Annual Conference

a) Motions

Having examined the motions submitted for debate at the Annual Conference, the Conference Agenda Committee (CAC) finds those listed in the Order of Business to be appropriate matters for consideration by the Conference. No constitutional amendments were submitted for consideration,

b) Order of Business

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends the order of business as set out in the accompanying agenda.

c) Rights of Speakers

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends that during the appropriate plenary sessions of the Conference:

- i) Movers of motions and amendments be limited to a maximum of five minutes with persons seconding motions and any subsequent speakers limited to two minutes;
- ii) If in the course of the meeting it appears that the business may not be completed by the stipulated time, the Chairperson may recommend further restrictions on the time allowed to speakers for approval by the Annual Conference;
- iii) Speakers are allowed to make one contribution only on each item on the agenda, except for the mover of a motion who may exercise a right of reply limited to five minutes.

d) National Board Election

The National Board consists of twelve elected members – six of whom are elected in alternate years to serve a two-year term.

The AI Ireland constitution sets out the procedure for the election of the twelve ordinary members of the National Board as follows:

Article 13 (3) the twelve other positions on the National Board shall be filled by election to two panels containing six positions each. Elections to the panels shall take place in alternate years with elected members holding office for a two-year term. Elected members shall be eligible for re-election except that no elected member shall hold office for more than three terms consecutively.

As the number of candidates is less than the number of vacancies and no further nominations have been received, no ballot is required. All candidates will, therefore, be deemed to be elected.

The Constitution provides that these and any further vacancies that may arise before the next Annual Conference shall be filled by co-option to the National Board.

Brid Cannon to serve a two-year term

Nominated by Niall Cowley, Seconded by Sadhbh Sheeran

Cliona O'Farrelly to serve a two-year term

Nominated by Niall Cowley, Seconded by Sadhbh Sheeran

The following members must stand for election at AC 2020 following their earlier co-option to the National Board

Sorcha Kebbe to serve a two-year term

Nominated by Brid Cannon, Seconded by Cliona O'Farrelly

Jane Anne Negi to serve a two-year term

Nominated by Niall Cowley, Seconded by Razan Ibraheem

Tiarnan O'Rourke to serve a two-year term

Nominated by James Kelly, Seconded by Brid Cannon

e) Election of Conference Agenda Committee 2021

Noting that:

Three candidates have been nominated for the three seats for ordinary members on the Conference Agenda Committee (CAC). Namely; David White Tony Fitzsimons, Fergal Kilkenny (the outgoing CAC). As the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacancies, no ballot is required. All will, therefore, be deemed to be elected. Mary Quinn (outgoing Chair) has not sought re-election at this time and will act as an alternate member of the CAC 2021. The CAC further recommend that qualifying members to put themselves forward as alternate members of the CAC so as to address any vacancies which might occur before AC 2021.



Amnesty Ireland National Board Biographies

Standing for Election following Co-option

Sorcha Kebbe – Deputy Youth Secretary

Sorcha is a final year English Literature BA student at University College Dublin. She joined Amnesty as an activist in her university's Amnesty Society, UCD Amnesty.

Sorcha went on to act as Auditor for the society in her second year. In 2017 she attended Amnesty's European Youth Meeting in Paris as Ireland's youth delegate. At the 2018 AI Ireland Youth Conference she spoke on a panel chaired by Colm O'Gorman. She was then nominated and co-opted to the National Board in 2019, where she continues to act as Deputy Youth Secretary.

At Annual Conference in 2019 she was also presented with the Peter Benenson Award for Student Activism.

She is currently working on a youth in governance project, which she presented, along with Sadhbh Sheeran and Katie O'Houlihan, to the Regional Forum in 2020, as well as working with staff to create a Youth Advisory Council.

Sorcha is passionate about campaigning on sustainable fashion, intersectional feminism and arts-based activism.

Jane Anne Negi

Jane Anne is currently an Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Bank of Montreal Europe plc (BME).

Before taking on the role of CEO, Jane Anne was Deputy CEO at BME with oversight responsibility for Risk Management and the Lines of Business. She previously worked as BMO Head of Strategic Initiatives EMEA in London where she was responsible for providing strategic and operational leadership on key governance and business initiatives.

Jane Anne has 25 years of Financial Services experience as a senior capital markets & banking lawyer at several multinational banking institutions in London. She has specialist technical knowledge in a variety of capital markets and banking products, and has provided leadership and coordination for major business, legal and regulatory projects. She has held positions of responsibility on boards, board committees and senior management committees where she has

been responsible for developing and overseeing the execution of the business's local strategy and providing strong leadership and management.

Jane Anne is committed to corporate social responsibility, chairing BME's Culture and Conduct Committee. She believes that the cornerstones of desirable, ethical behaviours are integrity, empathy, diversity and responsibility and she is committed to doing her part to ensure that social justice prevails.

Tiarnan O'Rourke

Tiarnan is an Economics graduate of University College Dublin and a member of Chartered Accountants Ireland. He has over 14 years of experience in the financial services sector, both in audit and finance roles and has significant experience in providing leadership in financial reporting, operations and corporate governance.

He has a keen interest in the equality of opportunity for all and corporate social responsibility.

Standing for Re-election

Brid Cannon – Chairperson

Brid has been involved in the voluntary sector for over 11 years, in organisations, including the Free Legal Advice Centres, the National Youth Council of Ireland and also the Irish Association of Youth Orchestras which she chaired for 5 years.

A law graduate of TCD, Brid is qualified at the New York Bar and also has over ten years' experience working in financial services.

She has a keen interest in the issues of corporate responsibility, and diversity and inclusiveness and the impact of financial services on the wider community. Brid was first elected to the National Board in 2018 and was appointed as Chairperson in 2019.

Cliona O'Farrelly - Honorary Secretary

Cliona first joined Amnesty International in 1975 as an undergraduate at Trinity College Dublin, where Inge Clissman (daughter of Helmut Clissmann, one of the founding members of Amnesty International Irish Section) was group co-ordinator. Cliona has been an active member of the Wexford group for 18 years.

She was co-opted onto the Executive Committee of Amnesty International and was subsequently elected to



the EC in the early 2000s and served three two-year terms.

Cliona is a science graduate of TCD and has a PhD in Immunology. She has many years' experience in scientific research, university teaching and public understanding of science; she is currently Professor of Comparative Immunology and is on the board of TCD.

She was a member of the Irish Council of Bioethics from 2005-2008 and was on the board of the Irish Cancer Society from 2006-2012. Every year, she walks the VHI Women's mini marathon in aid of Amnesty International. Cliona was elected to the National Board in 2016 and was appointed as Honorary Secretary in 2018.

Serving National Board Members

Razan Ibraheem

Razan Ibraheem is a Syrian-born journalist. She came to Ireland to do her MA (ELT) at the University of Limerick. Her deep sorrow for the tragic situation and the mass displacement in her homeland has led her to volunteer in Greece to help refugees. The people she met and the stories she heard from Syrian refugees changed her perspective on life.

She gave a speech with the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon, in Ireland. In 2015, she was invited by the UN to a high-level meeting on global responsibility sharing for pathways for admission of Syrian refugees.

She has been involved in several cultural, humanitarian and journalism projects and events in Ireland. Razan was awarded the International Woman of the Year by Irish Tatler in 2016.

Katie O'Houlihan Youth Secretary

Katie is a World Religions graduate of TCD and a MSc. in Violence, Conflict and Development Studies candidate at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London.

She joined Amnesty as a university activist, taking an active role in advocacy and fundraising as part of DU Amnesty, Trinity's Amnesty society. In 2017, she directed Jailbreak, Ireland's largest student-run charity event. Since its inception, the event has collectively raised over €285,000 for Amnesty International and St. Vincent de Paul. In 2018, she represented Irish Youth in the annual Global Assembly, Amnesty's international governance meeting.

She has a keen interest in intersectionality, grassroots solutions and inclusive approaches to development frameworks.

Sadhbh Sheeran

Sadhbh joined the National Board in 2017 and was elected as youth secretary. She represented the Section at the Regional Forum 2018, co-facilitating a session on youth in governance. She is a graduate of Environmental Science at TCD and will pursue a masters at the University of Edinburgh in 2019.

Sadhbh was a member of DU Amnesty, Trinity's Amnesty Society, where she held several committee positions, including Chairperson. She has volunteered and worked for Oxfam Ireland's street campaign team. She is a member of the Washington Ireland Program class of 2019.

Niall Cowley – Vice Chairperson

Niall is the Founder and Managing Director of We the People, a communications collective specialising in behaviour & attitude change and public information campaigns for the non profit and public sectors. Over his long career,

Niall has worked as Director of Communications for a UK children's charity and has been a consultant for the UK Government and the European Commission on a number of high profile campaigns.

Niall has been an international spokesperson on Children's Rights and has Co-Chaired the 8th European Forum on the Rights of the Child. Niall returned to live in Dublin in 2015 after 18 years living in London and Berlin.

Donal Prior

Donal Prior works for Diageo PLC, where his career spans more than three decades. He has a background in Human Resources and Manufacturing, and holds a Masters in Strategic HR.

He is Global Capability Director for Diageo's manufacturing operations, having worked in HR Director roles for a number of years.

Donal was first elected to the National Board in 2015.



MOTIONS

Motion 1 - Operational Budget 2020

Conference endorses the decision of the National Board to approve the organisational budget for 2020 as presented to conference.

Proposed by: James Kelly

Seconded by: Bríd Cannon

*Please see page 18 of [Annual Report 2019](#)

Motion 2 – Headline Operational Budget 2021

Conference approves the high-level outline budget for 2021 and mandates the National Board to finalise and approve an operational budget for 2021 in line with this overall budgetary framework.

Proposed by: James Kelly

Seconded by: Bríd Cannon

*Please see page 18 of [Annual Report 2019](#)

Motion 3 – Amnesty International Mandate

Conference believes that the primary focus of Amnesty International's global mandate should be Human Rights in countries with grave and systemic human rights issues. Conference encourages the global movement to focus in particular on Prisoners of Conscience.

Proposed by: Conor Scott

Seconded by: Margaret Feeley

Motion 4 – Recognition of Journalists & Journalism

Amnesty International Ireland recognises journalists & the profession of journalism as "Special Friends of Human Rights and of Human Rights Defenders". Conference calls on the Irish Section to publicise this recognition and to consider how it can propagate it in an accolade to a deserving individual journalist or journalistic organisation.

Proposed by: Derry O'Regan

Seconded by: Sue Higgins

Minutes of Annual Conference 2019

Conference was held at the Gas Building, D'Olier St, Dublin 2 on 23 – 24 March 2019

Delegates and guests participated in interactive sessions where we heard powerful testimony from Human Rights Defenders from both here at home and from further afield.

Plenary sessions included: a report to membership from our National Board focused on the work by both AI Ireland and the wider AI movement, our ongoing work on the global campaigns I Welcome and Brave and inputs on our dynamic programmes supporting our activists, including youth and student activism. There were also sessions on Community Sponsorship, a new approach to responding to refugees, Executive Director Colm O'Gorman reported to membership on a recent mission with other AI colleagues from across the movement to the US/Mexico border to investigate the impact of US policies on migrants and refugees.

Conference heard powerful testimony from speakers with personal experience at our plenary sessions, namely:

Izabela Moźdrzeń and **Beata Geppert**, two of a group of fourteen women who are protesting against the rise of fascism in Poland, who were joined by **Catrinel Motoc**, Amnesty International's Senior Campaigner based in the Europe Regional Office. Catrinel, Izabela and Beata brought us insights into the increasing threats to human rights posed by a rise in populism across Europe, and our work to counter it.

Vitalina Koval is an LGBTI activist in her hometown of Uzhgorod in Ukraine. After becoming an activist, she co-founded an LGBTI community centre that offers peer-to-peer support. She is an organiser of the International Women's Day march in Uzhgorod, Vitalina joined journalist and author **Una Mullaly** to discuss her work in protecting LGBTI lives in her hometown and of the challenges she and her community face.

Tara Flynn author, actor and activist, **Amy Walsh** of Termination for Medical Reasons joined **Sorcha Tunney** AI Ireland Campaign Coordinator of our It's Time campaign, and Journalist **Roisin Ingle** to reflect on the years of campaigning to arrive at the historic and unequivocal vote of the Irish electorate to repeal the 8th amendment.

The keynote address was delivered by **Kumi Naidoo** the new Secretary General of Amnesty International. Which



provided members and activists with an opportunity to meet Kumi and to hear about his vision for Amnesty International and our work across the globe.

Elections

There were a total of five positions open for election to the National Board. All five positions were filled.

The following members were elected to the National board:

Katie O'Houlihan, elected to serve a two-year term.

Sadhbh Sheeran, elected to serve a two-year term.

Niall Cowley elected to serve a two-year term.

Donal Prior, elected to serve a two-year term.

Razan Ibraheem co-opted since AC 2018, formally elected to serve a two-year term.

Conference also elected three members of the Conference Agenda Committee, which will oversee Annual Conference 2020. They are **Mary Quinn, Tony Fitzsimons and Fergal Kilkenny**. **David White** was elected as an alternate member of the CAC

As is the practice at Annual Conference, a number of awards were presented to activists and groups.

Trinity College Dublin AI Society was awarded the '*Mary Robinson Award for Student Activism*' (Society).

Sorcha Kebbe was awarded the '*Peter Benenson Award for Student Activism*' (Individual).

Wesley College was awarded the '*Anne Frank Award for Student Activism*' (School Group).

The **Clonakilty** local group was awarded the '*The Group Impact Award*'.

Morgan Donaghy and **Sue Higgins** were both awarded the '*I am Amnesty Award*'.

Jailbreak 2019 team was awarded the '*Fundraising Achievement Award 2019*'.

The local group '*Fundraising Achievement Award 2018*' was awarded to the **Wexford** local group.

Motions and Constitutional Amendments

On Sunday 24 March, Conference considered a range of motions that had been put forward by membership. Conference decided as follows:

Motion 1 - Operational Budget 2019

Conference endorses the decision of the National Board to approve the organisational budget for 2019 as presented to conference.

Proposed by: James Kelly
Seconded by: Bríd Cannon

This motion was passed by consensus.

Motion 2 – Headline Operational Budget 2020

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Proposed by: James Kelly
Seconded by: Bríd Cannon

This motion was passed by consensus.

Motion 3 - Sexual and Reproductive Rights

Conference commends the work of the Irish Section to secure constitutional and legislative change to better protect the sexual and reproductive rights of women, girls and pregnant people

At our 2013 Annual Conference, we, the membership of Amnesty International Ireland mandated the Irish section to campaign to ensure that Irish law on access to abortion is fully compliant with international human rights law and AI's global policy on access to abortion. In the intervening years, AI at both the national and global level mounted a strong and enormously successful campaign that has now secured very significant advances in this area. Our work has contributed enormously to the repeal of the Eighth Amendment of Bunreacht na hÉireann, the passing of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 and the introduction of abortion services in Ireland on January 1, 2019.

However, despite these enormous wins, we still have work to do in this area if we are to secure a fully human rights compliant framework for abortion in Ireland. There are significant flaws and gaps in the legislation passed by the Oireachtas last December.

**Conference commits:**

That Amnesty International will continue to work to ensure that Irish law on access to abortion is fully compliant with international human rights law and in line with AI's global policy on access to abortion.

Conference Commends:

Amnesty members, local groups and college societies, the National Board and section staff for their courage and resilience in undertaking the campaign for sexual and reproductive rights.

Conference Recommends:

That Amnesty International Ireland continues to work to ensure that there is fully human rights compliant access to abortion in Ireland in both law, policy and practice.

Proposed: Rema Hamid
Seconded: Morgan Donaghy

This motion was passed by consensus.

Motion 4 - Community Sponsorship**Conference welcomes:**

The introduction in Ireland of a community sponsorship programme for refugees. Conference commends the work done by Amnesty International Ireland and other civil society organisations and partner organisations, in developing a community sponsorship programme in Ireland, and the decision of the Irish Government to launch such a programme.

Conference mandates:

The Irish Section to continue to meaningfully contribute to the development and operationalisation of the community sponsorship programme in order to ensure the best possible human rights outcomes from the programme.

Conference further urges members, activists and local groups to engage with the community sponsorship programme as it is rolled out, including exploring opportunities to become sponsors themselves.

Proposed: Giulia Vilone
Seconded: Catherine O'Shea

This motion was passed by consensus.

Emergency Motion on Youth Participation in International Governance

The International Movement is committed to achieving 15% of board membership nationally and internationally being under the age of 25. In 2018 youth represented 7% of board membership across the movement, down from 8% in 2017. At present only one of the international board members are under the age of 30 and none under the age of 25.

Conference endorses the Youth Secretary and the National Board of AI Ireland to work with the International Secretariat and International Nominations Committee to achieve increased and meaningful participation of youth at the highest levels of Amnesty. This work will include but not be limited to accessible and inclusive pathways for entry to international governance, youth leadership development, effective communication on all opportunities for youth participation to National networks, promotions and empowerment of youth members to become involved in governance and youth representation on the IB.

Proposed by: Sadhbh Sheeran
Seconded by: David White

This motion was passed by consensus.



Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) 2020

The EGM was convened as an online meeting via Zoom on 24 July 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the public health restrictions on travel and public gatherings, put in place, the National Board decided that Annual Conference (AC) 2020, which was due to be held in March, must be postponed. In order to ensure that it would be possible to hold an AC in 2020, the National Board convened an EGM where membership could vote to amend the Amnesty Ireland Constitution to allow that AC could be held online. At this meeting the National Board also put forward necessary constitutional amendments to bring the section in line with the AI Global Statute.

MOTION 1.

This EGM decides that upon the request of the National Board that, and given the exceptional circumstances caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 9 (2) of the Sections constitution, Annual Conference 2020 be postponed to a date no later than 20 December 2020.

Proposed by: Bríd Cannon, Chair, AI Ireland.

Seconded by: Niall Cowley, Vice Chair, AI Ireland.

Motion 1 was passed by consensus.

AMENDMENT 1.

Express provision for Annual Conferences to be held online

Current text:

Article 9: Annual Conference (AC)

(2) The Annual Conference shall be convened by the National Board and shall be held not more than 16 months after the preceding Annual Conference upon not less than 65 days notice to all individual members, groups, affiliated organisations and school, college, youth and community support structures. With the exception of school, college, youth, and community support structures, it shall be sufficient for notices to be given through the Section website, Newsletter and other publication as may be issued from the Section Secretariat to all members.

Article 11: Extraordinary General Meeting

(1) (a) The National Board may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM). Any member or

affiliated organization may petition the National Board to convene such a meeting, stating the proposed purpose of the meeting. The National Board must consider such petition within six weeks of its receipt. In the event of its refusal or failure to convene an EGM, at least 5% of the members of the Section as on the date of the previous AC may demand that the National Board convene such a meeting and shall serve such notice on the Chairperson of the National Board.

Proposed new text:

Article 9: Annual Conference (AC)

(2) The Annual Conference shall be convened by the National Board and shall be held not more than 16 months after the preceding Annual Conference upon not less than 65 days notice to all individual members, groups, affiliated organisations and school, college, youth and community support structures. Annual Conference may be convened online or in hybrid form. With the exception of school, college, youth, and community support structures, it shall be sufficient for notices to be given through the Section website, Newsletter and other publication as may be issued from the Section Secretariat to all members.

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Proposed by: Bríd Cannon, Chair, AI Ireland.

Seconded by: Niall Cowley, Vice Chair, AI Ireland.

Article 9 (2) was amended as follows:

The Annual Conference shall be convened by the National Board and shall be held not more than 16 months after the preceding Annual Conference upon not less than 65 days notice to all individual members, groups, affiliated organisations and school, college, youth and community support structures. Annual Conference may be convened **in person**, online or in hybrid form. With the exception of school, college, youth, and community support structures, it shall be sufficient for notices to be given through the Section website, Newsletter and other publication as may be issued from the Section Secretariat to all members.

**Article 11 (1) (a) was amended as follows:**

The National Board may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM). An EGM may be convened **in person**, online or in hybrid form. Any member or affiliated organization may petition the National Board to convene such a meeting, stating the proposed purpose of the meeting. The National Board must consider such petition within six weeks of its receipt. In the event of its refusal or failure to convene an EGM, at least 5% of the members of the Section as on the date of the previous AC may demand that the National Board convene such a meeting and shall serve such notice on the Chairperson of the National Board.

The proposed amendments to articles 9 (2) and 11 (10) (a) were accepted and the revised text to Amendment 1 was passed by consensus.

AMENDMENT 2.

This amendment seeks to align AI Ireland's strategic planning cycle with that of the global movement, and provisions on budgetary oversight with the measures provided for in the AI Global Statute. It seeks to amend Article 9 (8), sub clauses (c) and (d).

Current Text:

Article 9 (8)

The AC shall:

- (a) Firstly, consider and approve, amend or reject the report of the CAC on the order of debate for the AC;
- (b) Consider and approve, amend or reject the Section annual report and certified accounts for the preceding year submitted by the National Board;
- (c) Determine the rates of subscription for individual members, groups, affiliated organisations and school, college, youth, and community support structures; and review the implementation of the outline budget for the current year – making any necessary amendments;
- (d) The Annual Conference shall consider and approve, amend or reject a draft strategic plan for the Section based on a four-year strategic planning cycle, a biennial draft operational plan, an annual report from the National Board and a high level outline budget for the following calendar year.

Proposed Text:

The AC shall:

- (a) Firstly, consider and approve, amend or reject the report of the CAC on the order of debate for the AC;
- (b) Consider and approve, amend or reject the Section annual report and certified accounts for the preceding

year submitted by the National Board and a high-level budget for the following calendar year;

(c) Determine the rates of subscription for individual members, groups, affiliated organisations and school, college, youth, and community support structures;

(d) The Annual Conference shall consider and approve, amend or reject a multi-annual organisational strategy for the Section. This organisational strategy should, so far as is possible, align with the strategic planning cycles of the Amnesty International global movement.

Proposed by: Bríd Cannon, Chair, AI Ireland.

Seconded by: Niall Cowley, Vice Chair, AI Ireland.

Amendment 2 was passed by consensus.