

Proposal for Skopje Spring Congress 2020

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Status: accepted rejected transferred to _____

The Skopje Spring Congress 2020 may decide:

1 Motion to Archive Resolutions in Chapter 2

2 2.11 on Ending the Discrimination of Young Gays and Lesbians in the Accession 3 Countries- To be archived

4 **Justification:** The EU enlargement process already includes an obligation for candidate
5 countries to provide protect LGBTI people from discrimination. According to ILGA Europe itself,
6 the umbrella organisation for protection of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex people in
7 Europe, enlargement "...can affect LGBTI rights significantly... Over time, this process brought
8 with it a gradual shift in how LGBTI issues were framed – now they are viewed as a matter of
9 rights, rather than a question of morality. As a result, most candidate and potential candidate
10 countries have rather advanced legal protection against discrimination and violence." Thus, the
11 premises of this resolution are obsolete.

12 2.12 - on Freedom of expression as a core to a liberal society - To be archived

13 **Justification:** This resolution, albeit touching on a principled position of LYMEC is built entirely
14 on the premises of a concrete case of protests against religiously sensitive cartoons published in
15 Denmark in 2006. In addition, after scrapping the case-specific references, this resolution leaves
16 out contradicting statements such as "Noting that the price of freedom of expression is the
17 publication of material that may be offensive to some groups" but at the same time "Urges all
18 those in a position of responsibility in the media to show respect for the beliefs of all citizens", so
19 the text covering an old case and having discrepancies in its stands is not worth preserving in the
20 modernized version of the policy book. Therefore - recommendation: A new proposal could be
21 tabled at a future congress.

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24 2.14 No Naked Scanners! - To be archived

25 **Justification:** This resolution was adopted in 2010, whereas in November 2011 the European
26 Commission adopted an EU legal framework on security scanners which have been integrated
27 into the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1998. Since there are now EU
28 provisions in place setting up the framework of naked scanners so the procedure is not
unnecessarily intrusive, this resolution's premises are outdated and need to be archived.

29 **2.18 The situation of Human Rights in Russia-To be archived**

30 **Justification:** Although the human rights situation in Russia is a topic definitely, worth of
31 attention, this specific resolution does not give a thorough overview, but focuses specifically on
32 the impact on human right of the Sochi games of 2014. Recommendation: A new proposal to be
33 considered at a later stage.

34 **2.19 Resolution on Belgrade Pride-To be archived**

Justification: This resolution of 2012 is very generic in its content and does not provide thorough
35 policy. The working group is therefore on the opinion that the resolution should be archived to
36 make way for a new, targeted text with specific and updated references.

37 **2.20 Resolution on Turkish Interference in Fosterage -To be archived**

38 **Justification:** This resolution of 2013 is tackling a specific case a fight over custody and
39 fosterage over a Turkish boy named Yunos, when Turkey was trying to meddle, providing
40 support to the biological mother, of Turkish origin. The case is too specific to necessitate keeping
41 it in the LYMEC policy book.

42 **2.22 Freedom from Rape -To be archived**

43 **Justification:** While the topic of sexual violence and sexual attacks is one that deserves proper
44 attention, this particular resolution does not live up to the task, as it not only focuses on an old
45 specific case, but the premises of the text are almost entirely focused on countries outside of
46 Europe - e.g. India na Egypt, whereas rape and sexual harassment continue to be a serious
47 issue in Europe too. Recommendation: A new proposal to be considered at a later stage.

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50 **2.24 A Call for a Change in Vatican Policy -To be archived**

Justification: Where the topic of freedom of abortion is an important one, the Working group
51 finds that it should not be looked at through the prism of the position of the Vatican, especially in
52 view in upholding secularism. The attitude the state towards abortion should rather be put in
53 question. Recommendation: an up-to-date LYMEC policy on the right to abortion to be
54 developed.

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57 **2.25 Stop the Islamophobia and Respect Religious Diversity - archived with the updated
58 proposal of R 2.23**

59 **2.26 True Religious Freedom in the EU - archived with the updated proposal of R 2.23**

60 **!!! To be noted - 2.43 – Blasphemy is a right, freedom is not a crime - is also archived with
61 the updated proposal of R 2.23**

62 **2.27 Resolution on Democracy in the Italian Republic- to be archived**

Justification: While the title of the resolution sounds somewhat fitting to the current reality, it

63 dates back to 1994 and reflects a very dated state of affairs.

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66 **2.28 On the new Hungarian Constitution Democracy - To be archived**

67 **Justification:** This resolution reflects the adoption of a new Constitution in 2010. Following a
68 consultation with TizenX, it appears that while some of the points in the resolution are legitimate,
69 after 6 additional constitutional changes, the points listed do not touch on the most troubling
70 developments. Recommendation: A new resolution on Hungary, including the recent
71 developments on Hungary's constitution changes and the art.7 procedure should be considered.

72 **2.29 Urgent Resolution on Bulgaria- To be archived**

Justification: This resolution adopted in 1997, 10 years before Bulgaria even entered the EU is
73 by far not urgent by now, and depicting a frozen moment in history.

74 **2.30 Resolution on Present Situation in the Russian Federation - To be archived**

Justification: This resolution, adopted in 2003 does not reflect any present situation of the
75 Russian Federation, and omits key developments over the past nearly 20 years.

76 **2.31 The Political Situation in the Russian Federation To be archived**

Justification: This resolution, adopted in 2004 does not reflect any present situation of the
77 Russian Federation, and omits key developments over the past 16 years.

78 **2.32, 2.33, 2.34, 2.35 - A merger text with the title "Situation in Belarus" have been**
79 **proposed, merging Resolutions 2.17, 2. 32, 2.33, 2.34, 2.25, so all of these will be**
80 **automatically archived by virtue of adopting the new text.**

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