



Special General Assembly

Agenda and Supporting Documents

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'May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

1 Thessalonians 5:23

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1. Opening and Welcome (19.30 CET)

2.1. Announcements and Voting Procedure (see Annex 1)

Items marked with * require a vote of the Individual Members and the Member Organisations. Items marked with ** require a vote of the Individual Members, Member Organisations and Associates.

2.2. * Appointment Voting Commission

3. * Accepting Agenda Special GA November 2018 and Minutes GA July 2018 (see Annex 2)

4.1 Presentation Report Selection Commission (see Annex 5)

By the Selection Commission and ECPYouth Interim-President Erik-Jan Hakvoort

4.2 Presentations Candidate Board Members

4.3 Q&A

4.4 * Election Board Members

5. Any Other Business

End of the General Assembly (21.00 CET)

Annex 1 – Voting Procedure

Voting procedure

All representatives of Member Organisations receive a red card. All Individual Members receive a blue and Associates receive a green card. Associates can only vote on issues considering political content.

Every vote exists out of three rounds of voting.

- 1) In favour
- 2) Against
- 3) Abstain

Voting procedure election Board Members

The election of new Board Members will be by a secret ballot.

Voting commission

Will be proposed and installed at the beginning of the meeting.

Voting weight

Statutes article 17.4-17.7 say:

4. In the General Assembly, the division of votes is as follows:
 - a) Member Organisations in terms of article 4.a have three votes;
 - b) Individual Members in terms of article 4.b have one vote;
 - c) Associated bodies in terms of article 5.1, have one vote concerning political content.
5. The number of votes by individual members and associates can only make up for forty-nine percent (49%) of the total votes. If the votes of individual members exceed forty-nine percent (49%) of the total votes then the chairman of the association (or his substitute) is allowed to determine an alternative division of the votes that ensures that the individual members will receive forty-nine percent (49%) of the total votes.
6. A member in terms of article 4 may cast his vote only through a representative having power of attorney to the satisfaction of the chairman of the meeting.
7. Board members representing a member in terms of article 4 sub a should aim to mandate another person to represent this organisation and vote on behalf of this organization at the General Assemblies.

Annex 2 – Minutes General Assembly 2018

21 July 2018, Wrocław, Poland

Present

For the ECPYouth Board: Erik-Jan Hakvoort (EH), Dima Bluashvili (DB), Ardjan Boersma (AB), Lizzie Francis (LF), Blazej Duber (BD)

ECPYouth General Secretary: Floris Waagner (FW)

For the Member Organisations / Individual Members:

Alexandru Repida (AR) – PPCD New Generation, Moldova
Gijsbert Steenbeek (GS) - PerspectieF, the Netherlands
Coen Hermenet - SGP Youth, the Netherlands
Dima Bluashvili (DB) - YDC, Georgia
Anna Dodonova (AD) - DDF, Ukraine
Hanna Stretovych (HS) – CDUY, Ukraine
Wiktor Szklovz (WS) – Civic Platform (individual member), Poland

Other Visitors

Margreet Oele (MO) - PerspectieF, the Netherlands
Gijsbert Steenbeek (GS) – PerspectieF, the Netherlands
Margreet Oele (MO) – PerspectieF, the Netherlands
Klariska ten Napel (KtN) - PerspectieF, the Netherlands
Bryant Heng (BH) - PerspectieF, the Netherlands
Marek Stefan (MS) – Young Republic Foundation, Poland
Pawel Kowicz (PK) - Young Republic Foundation, Poland
Evamaria Kallistinen (EK) – Finnish Christian Democrats, Finland
Jan Henric van Vliet (JHV) – Working Group Politics, the Netherlands
Maarten van Nieuw Amerongen (MNA)- SGP Youth, the Netherlands
Edgar Baghdasaryan (EB) - PerspectieF, the Netherlands
Rik van Huigenbos (RvH) - PerspectieF, the Netherlands
Philipp Seidel (PS), Germany
Martine Boersma-de Vries (MB) - the Netherlands
Anaki Bluashvili (AB) - Georgia
Inna Panchuk (IP) - Selection Committee (on Skype)
Andrey Abramovskiy (AA) – Russia
Ivan Posylnyi (IP) – Ukraine
Eva Rejman (ER) – Poland

Absent

Gabika Urbanova (Board member Lobby)
PCD Youth, France
*Jevp, Switzerland

1. Opening and Welcome

EH opened with a few verses from the Bible relating to standing up for the vulnerable and needy. He also provided the example of Joseph from Genesis and how it relates to human trafficking – the selling of a brother for financial gain.

EH: Today we are going to look back and consider the role of ECPYouth, the Board, our member organisations, and give thanks to ECPM.

2.1. Announcements and Voting Procedure

EH: We must announce that one Board member, Gabriela Urbanova, cannot join us for this summer school. She is with us on whatsapp only.

Voting: we have red and blue voting cards for individual and member organisations. Today we have 5 individual members.

2.2. *Appointment Voting Commission

EH: Who is in favour of appointing Maarten van Nieuw Amerongen and Margreet Oole?

All voters are in agreement.

3. *Accepting Agenda GA July 2018 and Minutes GA February 2018 (see Annex 2)

EH: First, I would like to apologise for you all receiving the agenda and supporting documents late. There were many reasons for this but we take responsibility. We only received the documents late and we are sorry for the inconvenience for you all. We have been dependent on our members and the selection committee for documents, and all of these came late. When it comes to resolutions, we ask that our members submit these earlier. We can all learn from this and try to be more punctual.

Second, I want to propose a change to the agenda. We will no longer be discussing the changes to the statutes today, but at a future GA – because we have not considered the changes made by the lawyer yet.

Third, I want to ask you members whether you would like to see any changes to the agenda and the GA.

MNA: I think it would be good for everyone to introduce themselves.

EH: Yes, we will do that.

Now, let us go through the previous minutes, page by page.

We consider the minutes from the GA in February 2018 accepted.

4.1. Presentation Annual Report 2017-2018

EH: There are three parts to this: our individual Board member reports, the member reports, and our strategic goals.

We decided to write our Board reports in the agenda so you can read what we've done. All Board members are very busy people and I'm proud that they have managed to do ECPYouth things as well as working full time. I hope we will all keep in touch. Are there any questions on 3.2? No.

Now, looking at the strategic goals, you can see what we intended to do and what we actually did this last year. For example, we have been intentional to incorporate more of a Christian focus into all our events as a result of the Resolution passed last year.

Does anyone have a remark about this?

- GS: I'm happy to see that the goals have been accomplished. Please talk about the points in red to say why they haven't been accomplished yet.
- EH: 1- Extend the network.
- DB: If you read my annual report from last year, you can see that I have had the opportunity to meet many different groups over the past year, and this is an ongoing activity. For example, I am trying to establish links with Hungary and Romania, since I attended these prayer breakfasts. This is in progress.
- EH: We want to say thank you to Wiktor from Poland for paying his individual membership fee to us.
- EH: 2 – Organise prayer event. This was impossible in Brussels this year. So, we thought through an event in Israel - LF is still looking into this.
- BD: Also, we were present in Brussels at the prayer breakfast and we organised an expert panel to meet with us to talk about human trafficking.
- 3- Long term financial strategy. This is why we are looking for a Treasurer. Officially at the moment, Floris is responsible but cannot do this as part of his job.
- CH: I have several questions. I see that the working groups are strengthened – how has this been done?
- BD: For the WG Politics – JHVV will present. The work is ongoing but we had a lot of structure this year. We are still thinking through how to make this group better and achieve more things. People and time is the key thing – with more, we can do more. The role of the existing group is ongoing.
- AB: There is also a WG Communications, and I have found one person who has joined, and am in contact with another person. I hope to start this summer to build what can be done with this group. One person will be responsible for the website, and one for the social media and designing.
- CH: Second, I want to encourage you to get new members.
- Third, what was the political campaign and year theme?
- EH: This is what we will be discussing this afternoon. We will have one central annual political topic and connect everything we do with this. For example, organising round tables about this theme; having the WG politics researching this theme; getting financial support from organisations related to this area, etc.
- BD: For this year, we also established a facebook page on our current topic but it's in polish and is directed to the local community.
- CH: I also want to ask about social media. What is the strategy for this and when was it shared with the members? Also, is there a plan to share more on the website?
- EH: AB can share more about this later. We have been working on the blog and social media. We can develop this more. We would like to encourage our members to share also on our website.
- AB: We have also been sharing events from our partners, such as European Dignity Watch. We have also been creating more videos over the past year. For this ISS, we are sharing all pictures 'live' from the event. I hope to develop the video clips more in the future.
- MNA: A question for DB: what is the buddy system?
- AB: This plan came out of the strategic report of the strategic commission. This was the intention for a strong organisation to buddy up with a weaker organisation. There would be contact without us being involved. This is in progress and can be developed further.

4.2. *Vote Membership Fee 2019

EH: Are there any questions? If not, please vote on the new fees at 3.6.

Unanimous voting.

5.1 Presentation Country and Organisation Reports (see Annex 3)

EH: Now onto the annual reports of our working group.

JHV: On behalf of the WG Politics, we had a good year with a small group of people. We did many things this year, such as researching and organising the event in Brussels about human trafficking. We are currently looking for new members to join us.

EH: Now for the member organisations – please explain your activities from the past year.

HS: For CDUY: Last year, we were involved in some volunteering projects for example in a children hospital in Ukraine.

EH: For DDF: Anatoly says hi.

For PCD France: We have heard that the party has been trying to revitalise themselves over the past year. There are no representatives this year but you can read their updates in the report.

DB: Remember that we had a regional conference recently in France and we are still working on the relationships there.

GS: For PerspectieF: We had a great year with local elections – we did lots of campaigning. Our goals this year were sustainability and pressure on young people in education. We also had interesting international events such the Israel/ Palestine event and the ‘Night of Europe’ event.

BD: I want to ask if you know any statistics about your members at local councils.

GS: As a party (in general) we have been growing. We have 1500 members and more than 150 were on the list. The youngest in office in the Netherlands is from PerspectieF.

AR: For PPCD New Generation: Our group was formed in 1995. We have attended many seminars, workshops and summer schools over the past year.

MNA: For SGP-Youth: One adjustment to the report – our congress was in the Spring about the reformation. I encourage ECPYouth to have more political debates, like we have had over the past year.

EH: Young EVP: Switzerland hosted a nice ISS two years ago in Bern. They are not present today.

AB: The Swiss system is more regionally focused so it is against their nature to be internationally focused. We try every time to get them more involved.

DB: For YCD: We had a good winter school and hosted another regional conference in May. We have now started the preparations for the 2020 elections – please pray for us.

EH: Thank you all for your participation- it is great to be together from such different backgrounds. In the Netherlands, some people think SGP-youth and PerspectieF are incredibly different, but we can still gather together at ECPYouth conferences.

6.1 Q&A Statutes

EH: We will skip this until the next GA.

7.1 Presentation Report Selection Commission

EH: We are able to talk to Inna Panchuk on Skype as she is representing the selection committee. First I will give an overview of what happened this period of time with the selection of new Board members. We arranged a selection committee to recommend 4 Board members - you can see a report in the agenda. The positions were President, Secretary, Treasurer and Events. There were seven applicants and four were found excellent for the job - but then we had some issues where two candidates withdrew. The selected President withdrew and you can see her letter in the agenda - she thought it was a paid role which it is not. We tried to

convince her to change her mind but she made a family decision not to carry on. I was planning as a President to end my term today but unfortunately I cannot do this, and so we will skip the farewell to me. I want to propose to the GA that you will give the selection committee another term to find a new President. In the mean time we have read in the statutes that the Board needs to do something now, and we are proposing that I continue for a while. Another thing to mention was that the selection committee first proposed Roxana for Secretary, but then she withdrew her place. The selection committee therefore proposed someone else from the group of applicants. You can find the response from us as a Board on page 34. Now I will let Inna speak.

IP: Hello, I give my greetings to all. It was a pleasure for the selection committee. We had 7 candidates this year from different places. We considered candidates by geography and experience, as well as Christian faith. I won't talk about each person now but you can see the reports for the three recommended people in the agenda. We conducted interviews with each person by skype after we had received their applications - cover letter, CV and recommendation letter.

Hanna from Ukraine is recommended for Events. She is very organised and has a lot of experience with her party and ECPYouth events.

Marinde from the Netherlands is recommended for Secretary. This is a more suitable role for her than Events. Lizzie should help her get ready for the role.

Jan Henric from the Netherlands is recommended for Treasurer. We think that this position is good while he builds up more political experience.

There were some other people who applied who we are not recommending for Board positions due to their experience - from Ukraine and Hungary - and also due to their level of English. If members want to know more about why these people were not recommended, they can ask me for the full report.

EH: Thank you Inna. Please can the candidates leave the room. I will now share the response of the Board to the report. We propose the three candidates formally to the Board. We also need to ask the selection committee to continue to search for a President. Do any members have questions?

GS: A question about Marinde and Jan Henric. I can see they applied for different positions than what they are recommended for - why are they more suited to these positions instead of the ones they applied for?

IP: We asked all candidates when we were interviewing them whether they would also consider other positions. There were people who were more qualified for the positions they originally applied for - and for Jan Henric, he needed more political and international experience before being President.

EH: We also have Hank doing our accounts and Jan Henric will work with him to develop a strategic budget which he can do.

AB: Before the interviews took place, all applicants received a letter to say to them that they will be asked whether they would also consider other positions.

KtN: I am curious to know whether there will be too many people from the Netherlands after these people are elected?

IP: We must remember that we have two different organisations from the Netherlands represented at ECPYouth - and we have people from both. I don't think it should be a problem therefore.

MO: How will the selection committee make sure that more people from other member organisations will apply during the next round of vacancies?

AB: The selection committee is not responsible for that - it is a responsibility of member organisations to request people to apply. It is also a responsibility of the Board.

MNA: Maybe it's a good idea to decide how many Board members can come from a specific country.

- EH: I think that a resolution would be a good idea to send in and propose this.
- MNA: This might be good to include in the next GA agenda and then also maybe in the by-laws.
- AB: I would propose to discuss this when we are physically together in February 2019.
- CH: What is the impact of these nominations for a new round when we want to propose a candidate from SGP-Youth?
- EH: There is still room for this. In the Board, we have split opinions whether this a problem or not to have multiple people from the same country on the Board. We need to discuss this at the next GA.

Candidates come back into the room.

- HS: I am from Ukraine and I am a lawyer and I have worked in events for 3 years. I have been involved in ECPYouth since 2011.
- JHvV: I am from the Netherlands and I am 20, studying law and international relations. I want to contribute to ECPYouth in any position – I am the right person for Treasurer as I have some experience in Finance and have the help of Floris too.
- MM: I am 20 from the Netherlands and I study History. I am a member of PerspectieF. I applied because I am politically active and I am excited to get started.
- MO: A question for JHvV: what is your financial experience?
- JHvV: I have been a board member for another organisation for 2 years, and have helped with campaigns and finances.
- KtN: For MM: please explain a bit about why your character fits with ECPYouth.
- MM: I think that I am a critical person and this is a benefit to ECPYouth. I am also punctual and am good with planning. I can be open and honest also.
- IP: I am not yet a member but I will become a member. To everyone – what difficulties will you face and how will you overcome these? Also, two of you are very young – is this a problem?
- HS: I have spoken to previous Board members and they said they will support me.
- JHvV: Age is not always a factor for me. There will be difficulties with money and I am aware of these and will work hard.
- MM: I think that if you plan ahead then problems won't be as big.
- MNA: A question for all. I think that ECPYouth is at the crossroads – how do you see ECPYouth in general? Is it a network of Christian youth or as a political organisation with political values?
- HS: My vision is for it to be a network to find out about Christianity in different countries. On the other hand, we have the possibility to be heard in the political sphere. We can make decisions to influence our political futures.
- JHvV: Firstly we are a network and this means we have opinions about things.
- MM: I agree – a network that tries to be politically active. We can share ideas and cooperation.
- KtN: What can we see of your Christian faith as a board member?
- HS: I have Christian values and my vision is rooted in my beliefs.
- JHvV: I think it is about how you interact with people in a daily basis.
- MM: Christianity is what I am. I hope you can see this coming out of me and with how I interact with people.
- MO: ECPYouth is international – how will you tackle communications between different nations
- HS: Being friends helps with this. I also have a lot of connections all over Europe.
- MM: It is also about being respectful.
- GS: Do you find support from your countries and mother organisations?
- HS: Yes I am supported.
- JHvV: Yes.
- MM: Yes.

7.2 *Election Board Members

Candidates leave the room. All members vote per person.

Results:

For HS: all are in agreement to elect her.

For JHvV: 3 member organisations voted for, 2 abstained. For individual members: 3 voted in favour. 1 against. 1 abstained.

For MM: 4 member organisations voted for, 1 abstained. For individual members: 4 voted in favour. 1 abstained.

All candidates are elected.

We will now vote to continue the work of the selection committee to interview candidates for a President. We will finish this procedure with a video conference in October. I will be the interim President until this time.

All vote in favour

8.1 Farewell Lizzie Francis

EH: Thank you to Lizzie for being our Secretary for the past two years. We will miss you very much. Here is a gift card for national trust properties in the UK.

8.2 Farewell Gabriela Urbanova

EH: Gabriela sadly cannot be with us today but we were privileged to have her with us over the past two years and she contributed a lot to ECPYouth through her involvement with ECPM.

8.3 Farewell Erik-Jan Hakvoort

(to be continued next time)

9.1 Looking back to previous Resolutions

EH: We have made an effort as a Board to fully implement all the previous resolutions that we can, such as incorporating more of a Christian content into ECPYouth through prayer meetings and Christian reflections. Gabi is also continuing to work on the Licence to Heal resolution, which we will circulate for your review.

9.2 **Resolutions Members Organisations, Associates and working groups**

There was a general discussion about the four Resolutions. The text of the original resolutions and the oral amendments are listed below. All four resolutions were voted on and all have been adopted.

Resolution 1: Prostitution & Human Trafficking: ADOPTED

Submitted by: SGP Youth (member organization), PerspectieF (member organization)

Topic: Prostitution and human trafficking

The General Assembly of ECPYouth,

Noting with concern that:

- 84% of human trafficking to Europe is for sexual exploitation (prostitution)¹;
- 62% of women in prostitution report having been raped ²;
- 9 out of 10 women in prostitution would like to exit the system but feel unable to do so;
- 68% of the women in prostitution meet the criteria for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in the same range as victims of torture undergoing treatment ³;

Considering that:

- Legalizing prostitution inevitably leads to an increase of human trafficking;
- Since Sweden implemented a zero-tolerance for buyers of sex in 1999;

OA1: The outcomes of which are: ACCEPTED

- Rape and domestic violence have not increased;
- Violence against prostitutes hasn't risen;
- The percentage of Swedish men who buy sex has dropped significantly;
- Prostitution has not been hidden from police, hence sellers have to advertise in order to get buyers;
- Human trafficking has declined⁴;

Believing that:

- Every person should be protected from any form of mental or physical abuse;
- Every person should have the right to determine his or her own future;
- Sexuality and intimacy are inextricably linked to love and do not belong in exploitative situations;
- According to the principles of equality, freedom and inviolability in the Odessa Declaration, all people are equal and valuable, therefore no person should be able to buy another person's body, this violates the freedom and dignity God has given every human being;
- God created the human being in His own image, and every human body is a temple of the Holy Spirit;

Calls upon ECPYouth and its members to urge national governments to:

- Criminalize the buying of sex;
- Set up and subsidize effective exit programs that provide men and women working in prostitution with all necessary means to exit this industry;
- Set up and subsidize effective programs that provide these men and women who exited the sex industry with employment, housing, debt assistance, and other training help. (OA2) ACCEPTED.
- Roll back the legalization of prostitution;
- Aim for effective criminal justice approach by specializing law-enforcement, public prosecutors and judges in the arrest and prosecution of pimps and human traffickers;

Stimulates ECPM and its member organizations to take the above-mentioned measures as well.

¹ "Trafficking in Person to Europe or sexual exploitation" In *The Globalization of Crime – A Transnational Organized Crime Threat Assessment Report*. UNODC, 2010.

² Farley, Melissa. 2018. "Risk of prostitution: When the Person Is the Product." *Journal of the Association for Consumer Research* 3(1): 97-108. <http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/pdfplus/10.1086/695670> (also available via <https://prostitutionresearch.com>).

³ "200 civil society organizations launch European debate on the abolition of prostitution", European Women's Lobby, accessed January 22, 2018. URL: <https://www.womenlobby.org/200-civil-society-organisations-launch-European-debate-on-the-abolition-of?lang=en>

⁴ "Bramham, Daphne. 2016. "Outlawing the purchase of sex has been key to Sweden's success in reducing prostitution," *Vancouver Sun*, September 21. Accessed January 22, 2018. URL: <http://vancouver.sun.com/opinion/columnists/outlawing-the-purchase-of-sex-has-been-key-to-swedens-success-in-reducing-prostitution>

Resolution 2: Political prisoners: ADOPTED.

Submitted by: CDUY Ukraine (member organization)

Topic: Political prisoners

The General Assembly of ECPYouth,

Noting with concern that:

- The war takes place in the center of Europe for the 5th year;
- In March 2014, the Russian Federation (here and after - RF) occupied and annexed part of Ukraine's territory - the Crimean peninsula and proclaimed it the territory of RF, grossly violating international law and virtually destroying the global security system;
- RF started a war on the Ukrainian region of Donbass, proclaiming the **Donetsk People's Republic** and **Luhansk People's Republic (OA1) ACCEPTED** and providing them with permanent military support. Since 2014 about **5,000** Ukrainian military and **2,000** civilians were killed, and about **1.5 million** people were displaced;
- On July 17, 2014 armed pro-Russian terrorists shot MH17 passenger aircraft, killing **298** people;
- ~~RF is conducting a hybrid war not only against Ukraine but also against the whole democratic world~~
OA2 – RF conduct is creating a lot of concern throughout the world; ACCEPTED
- **23** Ukrainian citizens are sentenced to prison in RF for the crimes they never made, **53** under investigation, just because they refused Russian citizenship and provided patriotic gestures on the territory which is a part of Ukraine by international law but not by RF view;
OA3 – justify all numbers with factual evidence. ACCEPTED.
- The reaction of the international society to the behavior of RF is very loyal.

Considering that:

- ~~- Jesus teaches us to Love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:39;~~
- ~~- Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:10;~~
- ~~- The actions taken by RF violates 4 out of 10 commandments:~~
 - ~~6. You shall not murder.~~
 - ~~8. You shall not steal.~~
 - ~~9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.~~
 - ~~10. You shall not covet.~~
- The RF's actions go against the principles of the Bible, such as those in Matthew 22:39, Matthew 5:10, and the Ten Commandments (OA8) **ACCEPTED.**
- ~~- Different organizations and celebrities all over the world have already supported the political prisoners with their resolutions and statements; f.e. The European Film Academy, British directors Mike Leigh, Stephen Daldry and Ken Loach; German filmmakers Volker Schlöndorff and Wim Wenders; British actor Patrick Stewart; Hollywood star Johnny Depp; American author Stephen King;~~
(OA6) ACCEPTED.
- One of the political prisoners, Ukrainian-Crimean film director Oleg Sentsov, on May 14 announced a hunger strike until all the political prisoners on the territory of RF are freed.

Believing that:

- No person should be accused of a crime he/ **she has (OA7) ACCEPTED.** never made;
- Every person should have the right to respect for his/her dignity.

Calls upon ECPYouth and its members to urge national governments to:

- Make a statement of support for the political prisoners;
- Demand the release of the political prisoners;

- Put additional sanctions on the RF until all the political prisoners on the territory of RF are freed.
- OA4 Work with the Russian civil society to achieve these aims. ACCEPTED.
- OA5 To put pressure on the RF government, bearing in mind that the sanctions should not harm the society. ACCEPTED.
- OA9 Work with NGOs such as Human Rights Watch/ Amnesty International (etc) to achieve such aims. ACCEPTED.

Resolution 3: Human trafficking: ADOPTED.

Submitted by: Working Group Politics

Topic: Human Trafficking

The General Assembly of ECPYouth, gathered on the 21st of July in Wroclaw,

Considering that human trafficking is a major modern challenge for human dignity and today's human trafficking is stronger than ever.

Considering that human trafficking is a cross-border crime and that combating human trafficking requires International and European cooperation.

Considering that from a Christian perspective human trafficking attacks the very core of human dignity, because human beings are created in the image and likeness of God and as such they have intrinsic value and the right to be respected.

Referring to article 1 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in which it is stated that 'human dignity is inviolable and therefore must be respected and protected. Human dignity at the same time is a fundamental human right and the basis and source of deriving rights and freedoms.'

Referring to the core values of our mother party ECPM which include 'fighting human trafficking'.

Referring to the anti-trafficking directive (Directive 2011/36/EU) which calls for victim protection as well as for the prevention of human trafficking in parallel to its criminalization.

Considering that article 26 of this Anti-Trafficking Directive requires from member states to criminalize the use of sexual services with the knowledge that the person is a victim of human trafficking.

Referring to the report '*Prostitution, trafficking and modern slavery in Europe*' which was adopted in July 2014 by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

Considering that this report urges the Member States of the Council of Europe to ban all advertisements of sexual services.

Urges all members of ECPYouth to lead the effort to fight all forms of human trafficking by actively pushing for legislation which criminalizes this behavior human traffickers and sex buyers (OA1).
ACCEPTED.

Calls upon all members of ECPYouth to stand up for social change on both the European and local level. (OA2) ACCEPTED.

Calls upon all the members of ECPYouth to cooperate with their mother parties so that awareness regarding human trafficking and the inviolability of human dignity may be raised and addressed more in national parliaments.

Calls upon all members of ECPYouth and their mother parties to assist in the organisation of meetings in different commissions of the European Parliament in order to be able to communicate the

importance of targeting both the trafficking of people and the demand side that fosters the development of trafficking.

Calls upon all members of ECPYouth and their mother parties to assist in any marketing campaigns and fundraising events that target human trafficking, especially to reinforce rehabilitation programmes.

Calls upon all members of ECPYouth and their mother parties to urge their national parliaments and its members to work together with the parliaments of other European states and with the members of the European Parliament to share the knowledge and experience helpful to the aim of adopting laws that make prosecution of the criminals that are trading people easier, faster and more effective.

Calls for there to be a stronger effort in legislation and law prevention to protect victims, including through:

- a) Fully **implementing international agreements which aim to do this already (OA3); and ACCEPTED.**
- b) Coherent and coordinated policies of all European states on different levels of governance and in different branches of power such as police forces and anti-human trafficking teams.

Calls upon all young people in Europe with a good will to fight and combat the problem of human trafficking wherever it occurs also in their close neighbourhood.

Resolution 4: Belarus: ADOPTED.

Submitted by: Working Group Politics

Topic: Belarus

The General Assembly of ECPYouth, gathered on the 21st. of July in Wroclaw,

Acknowledging that the freedom of conscience is the fundamental right of human beings.

Considering that all the humans beings should have the same rights of **freedom of (OA1) ACCEPTED.** conscience in every country they live in.

Regretting that according to many political organizations from and outside Belarus , confessions in Belarus face different restrictions, which limit the freedom of conscience in the country.

Calls upon to the authorities of Belarus to abolish the restrictions of the freedom of conscience in the country by:

- ~~Stopping~~ restricting the rights of the foreigners for religious activity **and respect the rights of freedom of conscience** in the country, **if such persons do** not violate other laws; **(OA2) ACCEPTED.**
- to simplify possibilities for creation new religious groups and communities;
- to give to the students of the religious high schools the same rights as the students of public high schools have.

10 Workshop and vote on new political annual topic

EH: We are proposing that you all break up into groups of 5 and brainstorm what you want the central political topic for the following year to be. Please be as precise and articulate as you can so this can provide us real focus for the upcoming year. Please think out of the box to do

this – be creative.

After spending 30 minutes brainstorming, the following 11 topics were chosen by the teams. All participants then had 2 vote choices:

Proposed topics:

1. Balancing globalisation vs national interests. 5 VOTES.
2. Inclusive labour market. 3 VOTES.
3. Arms trade. 7 VOTES.
4. Forced labour. 6 VOTES.
5. Promoting freedom of religion. 10 VOTES.

6. Ethical and fair employment & production in light of globalisation. 2 VOTES.
7. Importance of Christian family life. 4 VOTES.
8. Fair and free trade deals made by the EU and their impact. 6 VOTES.
9. Country vs city divides. 0 VOTES.
10. Immigration/ strangers (stereotypes). 2 VOTES.
11. “Tell the truth” (freedom of speech and fake news). 11 VOTES.

The Top 3:

1. Arms trade. 2 VOTES.
2. Promoting freedom of religion. 11 VOTES.
3. “Tell the truth” (freedom of speech and fake news). 15 VOTES. – This topic was selected.

End of the General Assembly

Annex 3 – Report Selection New Board Members

The selection committee 2018-2019 consisted of Inna Panchuk (South Africa), Hans van 't Land (Netherlands) and Daniel Blackman (UK).

There are three vacancies and four candidates. For the positions of President and Secretary there is one respective candidate. For the position of Board Member for Communications there are two candidates. The General Assembly therefore has to choose one of these two candidates for this position.

The candidates are Klariska ten Napel (President), Maria Skwarcan (Secretary), Anna Spiekermann (Communications) and Eduard Andreev (Communications).

The Board accepts the report of the Selection Commission and takes over their proposals.

Klariska ten Napel

President + (recommended for ECPYouth President, knows ECPYouth for many years as very active member and attended probably all the events and GAs).

- Netherlands, Christian
- Education: General Secondary Education, Bachelor of Education, Master Cultural Anthropology
- Languages: English, Dutch
- We all know her quite well. She has been very involved in ECPYouth and emphasizes clearly what ECPYouth has meant for her. Very happy with her application.
- Has time for ECPYouth and is flexible for travelling (works part-time 25 hours per week)
- Has political experience: International Secretary at Perspectief for 2 years, 3 years with them
- Has international experience: in 2012 internship overseas, ECPYouth/ECPM conferences, European Advocacy Academy by European Dignity Watch
- Work experience: primary schools, mentoring children and adults with disabilities, child care, interim teacher children with special needs, mentoring clients with mental disabilities and difficult behaviour.
- Qualities: positive, has analytical side, look at things how they can be done better, and wants to improve the organization.
- Plans: to keep the old organization but at the same time to make it more interesting and attractive, very vibrant healthy organization, involved with strong voice in politics.

Two remarks:

- in the interview she couldn't translate her enthusiasm and ideas into clear, practical proposals or goals (personally I found it hard to get a clear understanding what/why/how she would do as president). I don't think she is a person that really can take the lead.
- Second remark: personal relations (face-to-face) are very important for her. How does she deal with a board that works more individualistic, and what if relations are under pressure? Her only one weakness is that she probably can be focused too much on people.

Maria Skwarcan

Secretary + (recommended for ECPYouth Secretary. Attended and helped to organize ECPYouth International Summer School 2018).

- 22 years old from Poland, Christian

- Education: Law
- Languages: English, Polish, French
- Has time for ECPYouth and is flexible for travelling
- Work experience: university committee, law firm, European Law student association, intern at MEP in European Parliament in Brussels, Intern in Bureau of Lower Chamber of Parliament
- Has good political and international experience: Internship in European Parliament, Erasmus Exchange, and member of Young Republic Foundation (helped with ECPYouth Summer School)
- Has good understanding of ECPYouth, especially after helping organizing ECPYouth Summer School 2018 in Wroclaw
- Has time for ECPYouth and is flexible for travelling
- Very responsible and have all the right qualities, qualifications and writing skills for position of Secretary.

Anna Spiekermann

Board Member for Communications + (recommended for Board Member for Communications. Attended ECPYouth conference and International Summer School 2018).

- 23 years old from Germany, Christian
- Education: Musical & Artistic Education, Primary Education
- Languages: English, German, French
- Did attend at ECPYouth summer school, but not in board/commission work yet. Not any experience in politics or youth organization.
- Has time for ECPYouth and is flexible for travelling
- Was volunteering in Bible school, prayer meetings, staff member at the Houses of Prayer European Summit, Christian events and camp, work experience as supporting teacher
- She has some difficulty in explaining what Christian politics means to her and why it is relevant in European politics.
- She is very creative, communicative, open and able to motivate people – her personality is a contribution for ECPYouth.
- Qualities names by Anna: extravert, creative, like to connect people, to communicate, positive
- Friends with media

Eduard Andreev

Board Member for Communications + (recommended for Board Member for Communications. Was partly involved in ECPYouth although still need more knowledge about organization and more international political experience which can gain with the help of the Board).

- 20 years old from Moldova, Christian, Protestant
- Education: Journalist, International Relations & Development, Theology
- Has time for ECPYouth and is flexible for travelling
- Very good with social media and technologies
- Qualities names by Eduard: integrity, good communication skills, fast respond, thinker, positive.
- Languages: English, Russian, Romanian
- Political experience not much besides participating in voting in Moldova and is not a member of any political organization in Moldova
- Has no real experience in political nor international organizations. However, has been involved in ECPYouth (via Ardjan – was helping with communications and with website host in Romania) and ECPM (via Leo) and so knows the organization a bit – but not as Summer-school participant or member.

- Has a lot of experience in youth organizations (Christian community) – seems to be a natural leader. Ministry in camping, helped to organize Christian events in campus, volunteering in Christian Moldovan TV.
- His reasoning is impressive (takes clear notes from the Bible, analyses Christian thought and current developments in society).
- Despite of that, his weakness might be to translate his thoughts and ideas into practice. Is he a practical worker? Is he creative in organizing events, promotion etc?