

Annual General Assembly of the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs

Thursday, 15th March 2018 17:00, Room C1, VIC

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Adoption of the draft agenda Approved.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

The <u>draft minutes</u> of the meeting held on 9 January 2018 have been circulated and are available on the <u>website</u>. The Committee **approved** the draft as a correct record of the meeting.

3. Attendance and apologies for absence

83 members in good standing attended the meeting in person, 2 members attended online, 12 guests attended. Please see Annex 1 for the full list of attendees. Apologies received by Secretary prior to the meeting:

- AIDS Foundation East-West
- Ana Liffey Drug Project
- Andrey Rylkov Foundation
- Association pour la Promotion du Centre de Sensibilisation et d'Information sur les Drogues Jacques CHIRAC de Thiaroye
- Centro de Integracion Juvenil AC
- CENTRO ITALIANO DI SOLIDARIETA
- Drug Policy Australia
- Harm Reduction Australia
- International Federation of Social Workers
- Karim Khan Afridi Welfare Foundation
- Women and Harm Reduction International Network

Apologies received from Board members

- Luciana Pol, Secretary
- Wilson Box, Deputy Secretary

4. Membership

The Committee was informed about the latest applications for membership and the new members were officially introduced.

- Acción Técnica Social (ATS), Colombia
- Ana Liffey Drug Project (ALDP), Ireland
- Australian Alcohol and Other Drug Council (AADC), Australia
- Fields of Green for All NPC (FGASA), South Africa
- Foundation of Polish Drug Policy Network, Poland



- Fundamental Human Rights & Rural Development Association (FHRRDA), Pakistan
- Institute for Research and Development (UTRIP), Slovenia
- Instituto Internacional de Criminialística Aplicada (INICA), Spain
- IOGT Norway, Norway
- Junior- og barneorganisasjonen (Juba), Norway
- Juvente Norway, Norway
- National Anti Drug Union (NAU), Russia
- Odyssey House Louisiana, Inc. (OHL), USA
- Penington Institute, Australia
- Sri Lanka Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations Against Drug Abuse (SLFONGOADA), Sri Lanka
- STIJENA RESOC, Croatia
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy Australia (SSDP Australia), Australia
- Unified Initiative for a drug free Nigeria, Nigeria
- Women and Harm Reduction International Network (WHRIN), United Kingdom
- World Federation of Therapeutic Communities (WFTC), USA

5. Annual Report

The Board presented the <u>annual report</u> of activities for 2017 and invited the Committee to review and approve.

Approved.

6. Financial Report

The treasurer informed the committee about the annual accounts for 2017 and the latest financial status (see Annex 2). The Auditor, Phaedon Kaloterakis, gave a summary of the audited accounts for 2017 and approved the financial documentation (see Annex 3).

Approved.

7. Plan of Action and Budget for 2018

The Committee was invited to review the <u>Plan of Action and Budget for 2018</u>. The board informed the committee about the newly (re)formed <u>Civil Society Task Force</u> (CSTF).

The Board explained that the CSTF will identify speakers for intersessionals and a large consultation from NGOs during the year. The CSTF steering committee is working on a detailed action plan which will be presented in the next weeks.

The membership asked for more details on the proposed travel grants. The Board hasn't had the opportunity to work out the details but will come up with transparent rules that will be published on the website and other communication channels.



Other questions were raised about the potential loss generated by the USD-EUR exchange rates, and the current levels of banking fees. The Board will continue to look for the best way to deal with these, keeping in mind the comfort of members while weighing the potential losses for the Committee.

8. VNGOC Board elections

The Nominations Committee (Nazlee Maghsoudi [Chair], George Baxtali Ochieng, Thomas Legl, and Zara Snapp) conducted the election according to the VNGOC Statutes and the Rules of Procedure, and following the election procedure set by the Nominations Committee. Information on the <u>candidates and election procedure</u> was circulated before the meeting. Each candidate had the opportunity to present herself or himself to the Committee with a short speech.

136 Member Organizations were in good standing at the time of the election and eligible to vote. Of those, 13 organizations chose to vote online in advance, 23 gave proxies, and 2 attended online and voted via instant messaging (see Annex 4). As detailed in the Rules of Procedure, a separate vote was taken for each of the Board positions.

NOMINEE	ORGANIZATION	VOTES RECEIVED
Esbjörn Hörnberg	IOGT International	45
Jamie Bridge	IDPC	63
Martin Ignacio Diaz Velasquez	IEPES	Withdrew
Phaedon Kaloterakis	EFTC	14

CHAIRPERSON: (elected for one year)

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON: (elected for two years)

NOMINEE	ORGANIZATION	VOTES RECEIVED
Asia Ashraf	Sunny Trust	32
Lucia Goberna	Dianova Int.	69
Martin Ignacio Diaz Velasquez	IEPES	17
Nikita V. Lushnikov	NAU	2

TREASURER (elected for two years)

NOMINEE	ORGANIZATION	VOTES RECEIVED
Orsolya (Orsi) Feher	SSDP	79
Savas Yilmaz	Turkish Green Crescent	43



DEPUTY TREASURER (elected for one year)

NOMINEE	ORGANIZATION	VOTES RECEIVED
Zoran Jelic	Stjena Räson	Confirmed as only nominee

SECRETARY: (elected for two years)

NOMINEE	ORGANIZATION	VOTES RECEIVED	
Penelope Hill	SSDP Australia	Withdrew	
Rogers Kasirye	Uganda Youth Development Link	Withdrew	
Savas Yilmaz	Turkish Green Crescent	20	
Tania Ramirez	MUCD	80	

DEPUTY SECRETARY: (elected for one year)

NOMINEE	ORGANIZATION	VOTES RECEIVED
Asia Ashraf	Sunny Trust	Withdrew
Nikita V. Lushnikov	NAU	Withdrew
Penelope Hill	SSDP Australia	Withdrew
Shaun Shelly	TB/HIV Care	Confirmed as only nominee

The new Board members were therefore confirmed as follows:

- Chair: Jamie Bridge from the International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC)
- Deputy Chairperson: Lucia Goberna from Dianova International
- Treasurer: Orsi Feher from Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP)
- **Deputy Treasurer**: Zoran Jelic from NGO Stijena Resoc
- Secretary: Tania Ramirez from Mexico Unido Contra la Delincuencia (MUCD)
- Deputy Secretary: Shaun Shelly from the TB/HIV Care Association in South Africa

Following the elections, several members asked to record their comments regarding the election processes in the minutes. First, Dag Endal (FORUT) noted that all the elections were won with clear majorities of the votes cast, and reminded the new Board of their important task in securing broad representation and balance in VN-GOC's work. Dag also noted several shortcomings during the voting process, which the new Board need to address. (Please see annex 5 for his full remarks.)



These shortcomings were then elaborated by Erik Lejonmark (ECAD) as follows:

- Voter identification should have been done
- The total number of votes should have been calculated at the beginning and announced
- After the ballot has closed, votes should not be accepted and counted
- The voting process should not be disturbed by disruptive cheering or any kind of violent or threatening behavior.

The Nominations Committee responded that this election process was complicated and was the first one following the new VNGOC Statues and Rules of Procedure (adopted in 2017). They stated that it was fair for members to note their opinions and what they see as shortcomings. All in all, while there is always room for improvement, the process was fair and the results clear. A lot of work was done behind the scene to make this a fair process and the vote reflects the intentions of the membership.

Zoran Jelic, Deputy Treasurer, noted that the debate seemed not to be about the elections but rather about the fear of some that the VNGOC as a platform will lose its sense of being a wide and inclusive platform for all. He stated that he is happy to be elected and concerned at the same time. He urged all members to give their best to preserve VNGOC as a wide, transparent and inclusive platform where all of us will have an equal option to speak out.

9. Appointment of an auditor

The membership was asked to nominate people for the task of auditor as the current auditor Phaedon Kaloterakis resigned.

Nominees:

Chris Ramire (Foundation for a Drug Free Europe) for 2 years Gebhard Fidler (Verein zur Förderung der Völkerverständigung) for 1 year Both nominees were **approved**.

10. Dates of next meetings

The Board will decide on the date for the next meeting and align it with the date of the intersessionals.

Approved.

11. Any other business

The Membership thanked the previous Board for their services, especially the chair, Esbjörn Hörnberg – who recieved a standing ovation from the room. Before giving the floor to the new board, Esbjörn Hörnberg made the following remarks:

Before passing the gavel to the new Chair, I would like to say some words – trying to make it short. The first time I came across the VNGOC was in the mid 90-ies. I was appointed secretary in a joint working group between civil society and UNODC, or UNDCP as it was at that time, and the WHO. One other member in the working group



was the Chair of VNGOC Eva Tongue. After a couple of years I was fed up with the cooperation with the UN system, mainly because of the lack of understanding and unwillingness from the UN officials to learn how civil society in the global south and eastern Europe was working. Their limitations and challenges.

In 2008 I returned to Vienna to be part of the gathering Beyond 2008. I was impressed by the leadership, in particular Michel Perron, how he could find consensus for the declaration. I was later elected deputy chair of the VNGOC. Now we are in the running up to UNGASS 2016. The decision to have a taskforce was there. The number of meetings increased dramatically and in discussions with the Chair, Michel Perron, we decided to share the responsibilities in the way that he should cover the Americas, Oceania and part of Asia and I would take on Europe, Africa and the rest of Asia. In the summer of 2014 Michel had to step down due to his employment conditions in Canada. As Deputy Chair I took the responsibility.

The work with VNGOC has given me so much these ten years. I have had the possibility to know a number of CND Chairs, UN officials here in Vienna but also in New York and Geneva. The committed staff of UNODC, representatives for Member States not only the like minded, but also those we sometimes call "conservatives or hardliners". The possibility to meet them on the national level and discuss our core values. And of course so many people from all walks of life, working in impressive national organisations or small local groups. You have been the source of energy, when days have been filled with paperwork and different challenges. Thanks for giving me all that experience.

So, in the end I like to thank the outgoing Board, the staff in UNODC Civil Society team, represented by Mirella and Billy, our project manager Sarah Pirker but also Daniel Quittan and Maria Idomir, who was working with us during the time before and follow up of UNGASS. And Heather Haase from the NYNGOC. It has been a pleasure to work together with you. And here I also need to thank IOGT International for giving me the possibility to work and travel all those years.

Jamie, we have been through some really challenging months since you came on Board one year ago. I have been impressed by your working ability, looking for a middle way and of course I envy your mother tongue. I know you will have a bigger family back home in a couple of weeks, but in front of you, you already have an extended family. You need to give all of them, both in your living room but also around the VNGOC global membership, the opportunity to speak out. Together with the other new elected in the Board, secure a balanced and respectful civil society participation in the coming year.

Jamie Bridge, the incoming Chair, then expressed his personal thanks to Esbjörn and the incredible work he has done. He assured everyone that the new Board will do their best to be as inclusive, fair and balanced as possible.

The meeting was closed at 20.30.



No.	Organisation	Member of VNGOC
1	Acción Técnica Social (ATS)	In Good Standing
2	ACTIS - Rusfeltets samarbeidsorgan / Norwegian Policy Network on Aclohol and Drugs	In Good Standing
3	African Action on AIDS	In Good Standing
4	AIDES	In Good Standing
5	Andean Information Network	In Good Standing
6	Asociación Costarricense para el Estudio e Intervención en Drogas (ACEID)	In Good Standing
7	Asociacion Proyecto Hombre	In Good Standing
8	Associacao de Reabilitacao de Toxicodependentes de Macau (ARTM)	In Good Standing
9	Associazione Papa Giovanni XXIII (APG23)	In Good Standing
10	Australian Alcohol and Other Drug Council (AADC)	In Good Standing
11	Beckley Foundation Drug Policy Programme	In Good Standing
12	Canadian Center on Substance Abuse (CCSA)	In Good Standing
13	Canadian Drug Policy Coalition	In Good Standing
14	Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network - Reseau juridique canadien VIH/sida	In Good Standing
15	Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy	In Good Standing
16	Celebrate Recovery / Proslavi Oporavak	In Good Standing
17	Community Alliances for Drug Free Youth (CADFY)	In Good Standing
18	Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America (CADCA)	In Good Standing
19	Correlation Network - De Regenboog Groep	In Good Standing
20	Dianova International	In Good Standing
21	Dianova Portugal	In Good Standing
22	Diogenis	In Good Standing
23	Drug Policy Alliance	In Good Standing
24	EQUIS: Justicia para las Mujeres, AC	In Good Standing
25	European Cities Against Drugs (ECAD)	In Good Standing
26	European Federation of Therapeutic Communities (EFTC)	In Good Standing
27	European TC Foundation (EURO TC)	In Good Standing
28	Fédération bruxelloise francophone des institutions pour toxicomanes	In Good Standing
29	Fields of Green for ALL NPC (FGASA)	In Good Standing
30	Forum Droghe	In Good Standing
31	FORUT – Campaign for Development and Solidarity	In Good Standing
32	Foundation for a Drug Free Europe	In Good Standing
33	Foundation for Alternative Approaches to Addiction – Think & do tank (FAAAT)	In Good Standing
34	Graduate Women International	In Good Standing
35	Harm Reduction Coalition (HRC)	In Good Standing
36	Help not Handcuffs, Inc.	In Good Standing
37	HIV/AIDS Alliance	In Good Standing
38	Iglesia Evangélica Protestante de El Salvador (IEPES)	In Good Standing
39	Institute for Research and Development (UTRIP)	In Good Standing

List of Attendees at the VNGOC AGA 15-03-2018

No.	Organisation	Member of VNGOC
40	Intercambios Asociacion Civil	In Good Standing
41	International Association for Applied Psychology	In Good Standing
42	International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC)	In Good Standing
43	International Center for Ethnobotanical Education, Research and Service (ICEERS)	In Good Standing
44	International Centre for Science in Drug Policy	In Good Standing
45	International Council of Women	In Good Standing
46	International Council on Alcohol and Addictions	In Good Standing
47	International Drug Policy Consortium - IDPC	In Good Standing
48	International Federation of Non-Governmental Organisations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse (IFNGO)	In Good Standing
49	International Federation of Social Workers	In Good Standing
50	International Inner Wheel	In Good Standing
51	IOGT - NTO	In Good Standing
52	KETHEA	In Good Standing
53	Latin American and Caribbean Network of People Who Use Drugs (LANPUD)	In Good Standing
54	Latinoamerica Reforma	In Good Standing
55	Lions Club International	In Good Standing
56	Mexico Unido contra la Delincuencia A.C (MUCD)	In Good Standing
57	Middle East and North Africa Harm Reduction Association (MENAHRA)	In Good Standing
58	National Anti Drug Union (NAU)	In Good Standing
59	New Zealand Drug Foundation	In Good Standing
60	Nierika A.C. Multidisciplinary Association for the Preservation of Indigenous Traditions of Sacred Plants	In Good Standing
61	Odyssey House Louisiana, Inc. (OHL)	In Good Standing
62	Open Society Foundation	In Good Standing
63	Organizacao das Familias da Asia e do Pacifico (OFAP)	In Good Standing
64	Penal Reform International	In Good Standing
65	Rebirth Charity Organisation	In Good Standing
66	Rede Brasileira de Reducao de Danos e Direitos Humanos (REDUC Rede)	In Good Standing
67	San Patrignano Foundation	In Good Standing
68	Slum Child Foundation	In Good Standing
69	Stijena Resoc	In Good Standing
70	Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP)	In Good Standing
71	Students for Sensible Drug Policy Australia (SSDP Australia)	In Good Standing
72	Sunny Trust International	In Good Standing
73	TB/HIV Care Association	In Good Standing
74	Transnational Institute (TNI)	In Good Standing
75	Turkish Green Crescent Society	In Good Standing
76	Ugandan Youth Development Link	In Good Standing
77	Verein zur Förderung der Völkerverständigung	In Good Standing
78	Virginians Against Drug Violence	In Good Standing

No.	Organisation	Member of VNGOC
79	Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)	In Good Standing
80	World Federation Against Drugs	In Good Standing
81	World Federation of Therapeutic Communities (WFTC)	In Good Standing
82	YouthRISE (Resource, Information, Support, Education) Limited	In Good Standing
83	Zonta International	In Good Standing
84	ACUNS Vienna	No
85	Drug Policy Network South East Europe	No
86	M.A.P.S.	No
87	PADDI Foundation	No
88	SANA (Singapore)	No
89	Serenity Harm Reduction Program Zambia (SHARPZ)	No
90	Society for Promotion of Youth and Masses (SPYM India)	No
91	International Doctors for Healthier Drug Policies (IDHDP)	Yes
92	International Federation of Business and Professional Women	Yes
93	Malaysian AIDS Council	Yes
94	Rotarian Action Group Addiction Prevention	Yes
95	Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI)	Yes
96	Release (attended online)	In Good Standing
97	Fundacion Atenea Grupo GID (attended online)	In Good Standing



Vienna NGO Committee (VNGOC) Accounts 2017						
Description		2017 Budget (EUR) EURO Actual Expenditure by end-Aug 2017		enditure by	US\$ Actual Expenditure by end-Aug 2017	
Opening Balance, 1 Jan 17			€	16.205,90	\$	15.069,28
Income						
Membership Fees	€	11.000,00	€	7.312,22	\$	3.532,36
Grants						
Other			€	2.287,84		
Total Income	€	11.000,00	€	9.600,06	\$	3.532,36
Expenditure						
Salary costs	€	6.500,00	€	6.600,38		
Travel and expenses	€	2.000,00	€	655,00		
Bank Fees and Charges	€	1.500,00	€	591,45	\$	486,28
Communications and Postage	€	1.000,00	€	854,82		
Other		0	€	2.287,84		
Total Expenditure	€	11.000,00	€	10.989,49	\$	486,28
Surplus/(Deficit)			€	(1.389,43)	\$	3.046,08
Balance, 31 Dec 17			€	14.816,47	\$	18.115,36





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Auditors Report 2017

On 11th of March 2018 from 7:30 to 9:00 am the elected auditor Christian Bölckow audited the VNGOC accounts in Hamburg.

The VNGOC project manager Sarah Pirker explained the finanical procedures, gave access to the Excel or PDF documentation (Finicial Report 2017, banking accounts 2017) and answered all questions.

The auditor found the docuementation comprehensiv and in good order.

The auditor proposes to approve the accounting.

Hamburg, 11 March 2017

The auditor

Christian Bölckow



VNGOC

Auditors Report 2017

On 12th of March 2018 from 12:00 pm to 12.30 pm the elected auditor Phaedon Kaloterakis audited the VNGOC accounts in Vienna.

The VNGOC project manager Sarah Pirker explained the financial procedures, gave access to the Excel or PDF documentation (Financial Report 2017, banking accounts 2017) and answered all questions.

The auditor found the documentation comprehensive and in good order.

The auditor proposes to approve the accounting.

Vienna, 12 March 2017

The auditor

Phaedon Kaloterakis



Organizations in Good Standing and eligible to vote 15/03/2018

No.	Organisations in Good Standing	Proxy Votes Held	Ballots Received
1	Acción Técnica Social (ATS)		1
2	ACTIS - Rusfeltets samarbeidsorgan / Norwegian Policy Network on Aclohol and Drugs	1	2
3	Active - sobriety, friendship and peace	GAVE PROXY	0
4	African Action on AIDS		1
5	Alcohol and drug Information Centre Sri Lanka (ADIC)	GAVE PROXY	0
6	Asociación Costarricense para el Estudio e Intervención en Drogas (ACEID)	3	4
7	Asociacion Proyecto Hombre		1
8	Associacao de Reabilitacao de Toxicodependentes de Macau (ARTM)		1
9	Associazione Papa Giovanni XXIII (APG23)		1
10	Auto-Support des Usagers de Drogues (ASUD)	GAVE PROXY	0
11	Beckley Foundation Drug Policy Programme		1
12	Canadian Center on Substance Abuse		1
13	Canadian Drug Policy Coalition		1
14	Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network - Reseau juridique canadien VIH/sida		1
15	Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy		1
16	Celebrate Recovery / Proslavi Oporavak		1
17	Citywide Drugs Crisis Campaign		0
18	Community Alliances for Drug Free Youth (CADFY)	1	2
19	Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America (CADCA)	1	2
20	Comunità di Venezia Società Cooperativa Sociale	GAVE PROXY	0
21	Correlation Network - De Regenboog Groep		1
22	Dalgarno Institute	GAVE PROXY	0
23	Dianova International		1
24	Dianova Portugal		1
25	Diogenis		1
26	Drug Free America Foundation	GAVE PROXY	0
27	Drug Free Australia	GAVE PROXY	0
28	Drug Policy Alliance		1
29	Drug Reform Coordination Network		0
30	Elternkreis Wien	GAVE PROXY	1
31	EQUIS: Justicia para las Mujeres, AC		1
32	Europe Against Drugs (EURAD)	GAVE PROXY	0
33	European Cities Against Drugs (ECAD)	3	4
34	European Federation of Therapeutic Communities (EFTC)		1
35	European TC Foundation (EURO TC)	1	2
36	Fédération bruxelloise francophone des institutions pour toxicomanes		1
37	Fields of Green for ALL NPC (FGASA)		1
38	Forum Droghe		1
39	FORUT – Campaign for Development and Solidarity	2	3
40	Foundation for a Drug Free Europe		1
41	Foundation for Alternative Approaches to Addiction – Think & do tank (FAAAT)		1

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42	Graduate Women International		1
43	Harm Reduction Coalition (HRC)	2	3
44	Harm Reduction International (International Harm Reduction Association)	GAVE PROXY	0
45	Health Poverty Action	GAVE PROXY	0
46	HIV/AIDS Alliance		1
47	Help not Handcuffs, Inc.		1
48	Human Rights Watch	GAVE PROXY	0
49	Iglesia Evangélica Protestante de El Salvador (IEPES)		1
50	Institute for Research and Development (UTRIP)		1
51	Instituto Internacional de Criminalística Aplicada (INICA)		0
52	Intercambios Asociacion Civil	1	2
53	International Association for Applied Psychology		1
54	International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC)		1
55	International Center for Ethnobotanical Education, Research and Service (ICEERS)		1
56	International Centre for Science in Drug Policy		1
57	International Council of Women		1
58	International Council on Alcohol and Addictions		1
59	International Doctors for Healthier Drug Policies	GAVE PROXY	0
60	International Drug Policy Consortium - IDPC	3	4
61	International Federation of Non-Governmental Organisations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse (IFNGO)		1
62	International Inner Wheel		1
63	International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD)	GAVE PROXY	0
64	International Police Association		0
65	IOGT - NTO	3	4
66	IOGT International	GAVE PROXY	0
67	IOGT Norway	GAVE PROXY	0
68	IOGT-NTO Junior Association (Junis)	GAVE PROXY	0
69	Junior- og barneorganisasjonen (JUBA)	GAVE PROXY	0
70	Juvente Norway		0
71	KETHEA		1
72	Latin American and Caribbean Network of People Who Use Drugs (LANPUD)		1
73	Latinoamerica Reforma		1
74	Lions Club International		1
75	Mainline Foundation	GAVE PROXY	0
76	Matua Raki, National Addiction Workforce Development (Te Pou Ltd)		0
77	Mexico Unido contra la Delincuencia A.C (MUCD)	1	2
78	Middle East and North Africa Harm Reduction Association (MENAHRA)		1
79	National Anti Drug Union (NAU)		1
80	National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP)	GAVE PROXY	0
81	Needle Exchange Services Newzealand		0
82	New Zealand Drug Foundation		1

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83	Nierika A.C. Multidisciplinary Association for the Preservation of Indigenous Traditions of Sacred Plants		1
84	Odyssey House Louisiana, Inc. (OHL)		1
85	Open Society Foundation		1
86	Organizacao das Familias da Asia e do Pacifico (OFAP)		1
87	Penal Reform International	GAVE PROXY	0
88	Rebirth Charity Organisation		1
89	Rede Brasileira de Reducao de Danos e Direitos Humanos		0
90	Riksforbundet Narkotikafritt Samhälle (National Association for a Drug-Free Society)	GAVE PROXY	0
91	San Patrignano Foundation		1
92	Shola Mese Foundation		0
93	Slum Child Foundation		1
94	South Caucasus Office on Drugs and Crime		0
95	Sri Lanka Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations Against Drug Abuse (SLFONGOADA)		0
96	Stijena Resoc		1
97	Students for Sensible Drug Policy	1	2
98	Students for Sensible Drug Policy Australia		1
99	Sunny Trust International		1
100	Swedish Youth Temperance Organisation	GAVE PROXY	0
101	TB/HIV Care Association		1
102	Transform Drug Policy Foundation	GAVE PROXY	0
103	Transnational Institute (TNI)		1
104	Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities		0
105	Turkish Green Crescent Society		1
106	Ugandan Youth Development Link		1
107	Unified Initiative for a drug free Nigeria		0
108	Verein zur Förderung der Völkerverständigung		1
109	Virginians Against Drug Violence		1
110	Washington Office on Latin America		1
111	Women's Organization Committee on Alcohol and Drugs (Kvinnoorg Samarbeitsrad)	GAVE PROXY	0
112	World Federation Against Drugs	3	4
113	World Federation of Therapeutic Communities		1
114	Youth Initiative for Drug Research Information Support and Education in Nigeria (YouthRISE Nigeria)		0
115	Youth Organisation for Drug (YODA)	GAVE PROXY	0
116	YouthRISE (Resource, Information, Support, Education) Limited		1
117	Zimbabwe Civil Liberties and Drug Network	GAVE PROXY	0
118	Zonta International	1	2
119	Andean Information Network		1
120	Australian Alcohol and Other Drug Council (AADC)		1
121	AIDES		1
122	Agencia Piaget para o Desenvolvimento (APDES)	E-VOTING	1
123	AIDS Foundation East-West (AFEW)	E-VOTING	1

No.	Organisations in Good Standing	Proxy Votes Held	Ballots Received
124	Ana Liffey Drug Project (ALDP)	E-VOTING	1
125	Andrey Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice (ARF)	E-VOTING	1
126	Centro de Integracion Juvenil AC	E-VOTING	1
127	Centro Italiano di Solidarieta Don Mario Picchi di Roma	E-VOTING	1
128	Finnish Association for Humane Drug Policy	E-VOTING	1
129	Harm Reduction Australia	E-VOTING	1
130	International Federation of Social Workers	E-VOTING	1
131	International Movement for Advancement of Education Culture Social & Economic Development	E-VOTING	1
132	Karim Khan Afridi Welfare Foundation	E-VOTING	1
133	Women and Harm Reduction International Network (WHRIN)	E-VOTING	1
134	Drug Policy Australia Limited	E-VOTING	1
135	Fundacion Atenea Grupo GID	ONLINE	1
136	Release	ONLINE	1
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Remarks by Dag Endal (FORUT) at the VNGOC Annual General Assembly 15/03/2018

We would like to congratulate those who have now been elected for the VNGOC Board, and we have noted that they were all elected with clear majorities of the votes cast. The new Board has an important task in securing broad representation and balance in VNGOC's work in the years to come.

On behalf of many members we request that it is recorded in the minutes from this meeting that several irregularities were observed during the voting process and that both the new Board and the members have to come back to this, in several rounds if necessary.

The effective functioning of an umbrella organization depends on good practices in all formal matters and a will among the members to elect a Board that represents the various interests in the membership.