

DRAFT MINUTES

Informal Meeting of the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs

Tuesday, 26th June 2018 13:15, Room C0237 (VIC, C-Building 2nd Floor)

1. Attendance and apologies for absence

4 Member Organizations attended in person

African Action on AIDS (AAA)
IOGT International
Turkish Green Crescent Society
Zonta International

Board members

Jamie Bridge, Chair
Lucia Goberna, Deputy Chair
Orsi Feher, Treasurer

Also present:

Luigi Coretti, ANROW Police Association
Mirella Dummar Frahi, UNODC Civil Society Team (CST)
Billy Batware, UNODC Civil Society Team (CST)
Fay Al Hakim,, UNODC Civil Society Team (CST)

Apologies received by Secretary prior to the meeting:

Elternkreis Wien
International Council of Women
Women's Organization Committee on Alcohol and Drugs
Graduate Women International
Shola Mese Foundation
San Patrignano Foundation

Apologies received from Board members

Zoran Jelic, Deputy Treasurer
Tania Ramirez, Secretary
Shaun Shelly, Deputy Secretary

2. Membership

The Committee was informed about the latest applications for membership and about the membership review that was conducted in April 2018.

41 organizations (see *Annex 1 for details*) who have not paid their membership fees or otherwise engaged with the committee since 2015 were contacted by the secretary up

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to three times with the request to fill the annual commitment form and/or pay the membership fees. Of the 41 organizations, five responded. The other 36 organizations will be removed from the VNGOC membership roster in line with the Statutes and Rules of Procedure. All organizations are welcome to reapply and the board asked the present organizations to provide updated contact details for those organizations they know personally.

Five new members were accepted since the Annual General Assembly in March 2018:

New VNGOC Members since 15 March 2018

Organisation	Country	Website	Approved In
International Drug Policy Unit (IDPU)	United Kingdom	www.lse.ac.uk/drugpolicy	March
The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws France (NORML France)	France	www.norml.fr	April
Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS)	USA	www.maps.org	April
Action Jeunesse pour le Développement (AJED-Congo)	Congo	www.ong-ajedcongo.blogspot.com	May
Anti-Corruption Association of NGO (NGO-ACA)	Taiwan	www.ngo-icac.org.tw	May

3. Financial Report

The treasurer, Orsi Feher presented the financial report for January to May 2018 (see *Annex 2 for details*). Current expenditure and income is tracking as expected against the agreed budget. The VNGOC Board have also agreed to „front“ some CSTF costs until new CSTF funds are obtained – namely an initial consultancy to develop the CSTF online global consultations.

4. Q&A / Update on VNGOC activities

a. Board Code of Conduct

The chair, Jamie Bridge presented the code of conduct for the board that manages the performance of the board and that was signed by all board members. The chair, Jamie Bridge presented the code of conduct for the board that manages the performance of the board and that was signed by all board members. This is one of the first actions taken by the new board. The document is also available at the VNGOC website, together with the statutes and rules of procedure.

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b. Elternkreis - statue „Tree of Hope“ in front of VIC

The member organizations Elternkreis and Zonta International raised the issue of the memorial „Tree of Hope“ (see *Annex 3 for details*). It is located in front of VIC and was put up in 2011 in cooperation with the VNGOC, the Austrian NGO Elternkreis and the BS BAU School for building trade. Up until now the small NGO Elternkreis has managed the upkeep of the memorial and the surrounding ground, at a cost of between EUR 400 – 600 a year. The Chair of the VNGOC recognized and thanked Elternkreis for their generous contribution during all these years. As Elternkreis is not able to continue providing for the upkeep they have asked VNGOC to help with finding a solution.

Together with Elternkreis the VNGOC will explore the following possibilities:

- Try to relocate the memorial into the grounds of the VIC. To this effect VNGOC and Elternkreis will together draw up a formal letter to UNOV Building Management.
- If relocating the memorial is not possible, Elternkreis will transfer the contract covering the memorial and the ground it stands upon with the Republic of Austria to VNGOC, who will then be responsible for its upkeep.

The members present supported both of these possibilities but pointed out that before VNGOC enters a contract the membership will have to be consulted.

c. NGO Marketplace

The committee was given a brief update on the Marketplace which has seen a significant increase in NGO profiles over the last months. Together with the UNODC Civil Society Team and the financial support of the Russian Federation, the Marketplace will be further improved and developed in the course of this year. New features, such as global calendar of events and improving the integration of other social media platforms will be added.

d. Proposed Code of Conduct for CND and related Meetings

The board presented the idea of working on a code of conduct for VNGOC members and other civil society speakers for the CND and related meetings. This would be a voluntary code of conduct that includes guidelines, do's and don'ts, and tips on how to get the most of the CND. The plan is to create a combined document valid for the CSTF, VNGOC and NYNGOC which will be ready for adoption by March 2019 at the latest.

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e. Civil Society Task Force (CSTF)

The board gave an update about the activities of the Civil Society Task Force. The steering committee of the CSTF has been meeting every two weeks since March, and a work plan for 2018 and 2019, an outreach plan and a communications plan have been finalized. The fundraising plan is being worked on.

The first step of the CSTF will be to launch an online consultation during the summer months, in the six UN languages. The consultation has the purpose to collect civil societies views on the issues that are being debated here in Vienna, the 2009 political declaration, the progress made, the 2019 proceedings and the way forward. The goal is to collect as many responses as possible from a wide range of civil society organizations. The members of the VNGOC as well as the CSTF members will be asked to share this as widely as possible. The findings will be presented in October or November.

Following the consultation, the CSTF aims to have civil society speakers at all intersessionals and to arrange a Civil Society Hearing in Vienna in autumn and another in New York in autumn/winter.

The board recalled that there is an open position at the CSTF for affected populations: families. The (extended) deadline for presenting individual applications is June 29th.

The chair informed that he would be presenting the CSTF at the event on the launch of the World Drug Report 2018 (WDR 2018) where he will be one of the panelists, and that the same presentation would be made at the events of the WDR2018 in Nairobi, Geneva and New York.

f. INCB Civil Society Hearing May 2018

In May 2018 the INCB for the first time held a special civil society hearing for the members of the board. Following an open call, VNGOC selected 10 speakers from the nearly 40 applications received. The feedback from INCB was very positive and they are interested in holding similarly hearings in the future.

5. Election Committee for the Board Election 2019

The board informed the committee about the open [Call of Nominations](#) for the Election Committee. At the Annual General Assembly in March 2019 three board positions will be up for election: Chairperson, Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Secretary. The Call for Nominations deadline is August 24th.

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6. UNODC update

The UNODC Civil Society Team gave an update to the Committee. They highlighted the improvement of the Marketplace and called upon members of the VNGOC to continue using it. They also suggested promoting the tool to Member States again. The Civil Society Team also invited members of the VNGOC who have a focus on transnational organized crime to take part in the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in October in Vienna (15-19 October 2019).

7. Dates of next meetings

The board proposed to have a General Meeting on 24th October 2018.

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ANNEX 1 - VNGOC Membership Review 2018

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Members who have NOT paid since 2015 or have not paid since joining in 2016

No.	Organisation	E-mail	Joined	Answered Review
1	Elizka Relief Foundation	eri@eri.kabissa.org	2016	Yes
2	Institute for the Study of Dependencies, Drug Policy Issues and Monitoring the Drug Situation	v.tymoshenko@ukr.net	2016	Yes
3	National Drug Prevention Office	mezahir.efendiyev@un.in-baku.com		Yes
4	New Line Social Organisation	Qadeer.mesbah@yahoo.com		Yes
5	Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem	vwz@gmx.at		Yes
6	Active Help Organisation	activehelp_org@yahoo.com	2016	No
7	African Youth Initiative on Crime Prevention	ayicripe@yahoo.com		No
8	Al-Maqdese for Society Development	moaz@al-maqdese.org		No
9	Anti-Drugs Association	info@stopdrogama.org		No
10	Association pour la Promotion du Centre de Sensibilisation et d'Information sur les Drogues Jacques CHIRAC de Thiaroye	ongapcsidjc@gmail.com		No
11	Brazilian Humanitarians in Action	minascarakushansky@gmail.com		No
12	Centro de Investigacion Drogas y Derechos Humanos	drogasyddhh@gmail.com	2016	No
13	Concile Mondial De Congres Diplomatiques Des Aumoniers Pour La Paix Universelle Des Droits Humains Et Juridiques	emsaloius@hotmail.fr		No
14	Eurasian Harm Reduction Network	info@harm-reduction.org		No
15	European Coalition for Just and Effective Drug Policies	belinjanko@gmail.com		No
16	Glory Village for Elders & Youth	gloryvillage@gmail.com		No
17	Hungarian Civil Liberties Union	tasz@tasz.hu	2016	No
18	IB Legal Services for Human Rights Commission	ibhr@india.com	2016	No
19	Igarapé Institute	beatriz@igarape.org.br		No
20	International Federation of Business and Professional Women	presidents.office@bpw-international.org		No
21	International Federation on Ageing	cquijano@aon.at		No
22	Life Foundation Network for Drug Abuse	emos1477@yahoo.com		No
23	Major Alliance Education Centre	maecemail@yahoo.com	2016	No
24	Movement for the Protection of the African Child	info@mopotacafica.org	2016	No
25	New Step Pakistan Welfare Organisation	isaac.terrance@newstep-pakistan.org	2016	No
26	NGO 4 Life	sasa@nvo4life.me		No
27	No Drugs Implication Life	nodrugsimplicationlife@gmail.com	2016	No
28	Norsk organisasjon for reform av marihuanalovgivning	ester@normalnorge.no	2016	No
29	Pain and Policies Studies Group	jfcleary@wisc.edu.	2016	No
30	Pakistan Youth Organisation	pyo_grw@yahoo.com		No
31	Peace Family and Media Association	gechoset@yahoo.com		No
32	Richmond Fellowship Nepal	richmond@ntc.net.np	2016	No
33	Rights Reporter Foundation	rightsreporter@rightsreporter.net	2016	No
34	Rotary International	ers@rotary.org		No
35	Rural Care Ministries	ruralcarengo@gmail.com	2016	No
36	Sahkar Social Welfare Association	riazhussainb@gmail.com		No
37	Service User Involvement Team (SUIT)	sdhadley@wolverhamptonvsc.org.uk	2016	No
38	Society Of Collective Interests Orientation Pakistan	sociopak@yahoo.com		No
39	United in Health and Agriculture Improvement	uhinitiative@gmail.com	2016	No
40	Women and Child Vision	wochivitz@yahoo.com		No
41	Youth for Social Welfare Nepal	yswn.nepal@gmail.com	2016	No



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ANNEX 2 - VNGOC Accounts Jan-May 2018

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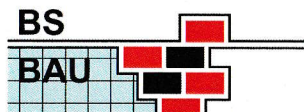
Vienna NGO Committee (VNGOC) Accounts 2018			
Description	2018 Budget (EUR)	EURO Actual Expenditure by end-Aug 2017	US\$ Actual Expenditure by end-Aug 2017
Opening Balance, 1 Jan 18		€ 14.180,47	\$ 17.597,12
Income			
Membership Fees	€ 11.000,00	€ 8.442,84	\$ 2.522,82
Grants			
Other			
Total Income	€ 11.000,00	€ 8.442,84	\$ 2.522,82
Expenditure			
Salary costs	€ 3.000,00	0	
Travel Grants for Members	€ 4.000,00	0	
Board Meetings	€ 2.000,00		
Bank Fees and Charges	€ 1.000,00	€ 291,91	\$ 477,91
Office Expenditure	€ 1.000,00	€ 249,68	
Other	0	€ 120,00	
Total Expenditure	€ 11.000,00	€ 661,59	\$ 477,91
Surplus/(Deficit)		€ 7.781,25	\$ 2.044,91
Balance, 31 May 18		€ 21.961,72	\$ 19.642,03



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ANNEX 3 - Tree of Hope Leaflet

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Federal Ministry of
Economy, Family and Youth

FOLLOWING COMPANIES HAVE HELPED IMPLEMENTING THE PROJECT:



IMPRINT:

ELTERNKREIS WIEN

Association for the Promotion of self-help for family members of addicts

www.elternkreis.at

VNGOC

Vienna NGO Committee On Drugs

www.vngoc.org

BS BAU

Vocational school for building trade

www.bsbau.at

TIME TO SET A SIGN TREE OF HOPE

Dedicated to all those affected by drug problems worldwide
Drug problems are preventable and treatable



Unveiling Event **Monday, 27.th of June 2011, 10.00 a.m**
in front of Gate I, at the entrance to VIC

WHY THIS MEMORIAL?

TO REMEMBER

all those who died of drug use in Austria and the World.

AS AN ENCOURAGEMENT

for all persons affected by drug use and dependence. Scientific research and practical experiences from many countries has shown that drug dependence is treatable.

AS A SIGNAL

that the stigma and discrimination currently associated with drug dependence should be eliminated.

AS A HINT

that drug dependence can not be a taboo because this problem affects all social levels, all societies and all nations.

THE IDEA, THE HELPERS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION

Very often, it is the human strength and the determination of a single person that brings an idea into implementation against all obstacles.

The idea arose originally in Gladbeck, Germany. The mother of a person who died of drug use placed a little stone memorial in a public garden.

After a year-long fruitless search for a location in Vienna, Mr. Josef Rohaczek, chairman of the little, but very active NGO ELTERNKREIS WIEN, a non-profit and independent charitable organization devoted to drug use prevention and self help, had finally received support of the District Commissioner of the 22.nd district of Vienna, Mr. Norbert Scheed.

Muhammad Asad Square in front of the entrance to the Vienna International Center was found to be the ideal site for the memorial. This place has been offered by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth.

Mrs. Eveline Hejlek, Representative of ZONTA International and member of the Board of the VNGOC (Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs), has presented the memorial project to her committee and received it's full support.

The technical realization of the memorial was taken over by the Vocational School for Building Trade, the BS BAU Wien 1220, under the supervision of Director Gerhard Büchl.

The creative design was done by Mrs.Ing. Ilse Stieber. Different occupational groups of the school crafted the monument.

Even before the memorial is unveiled, it has already demonstrated a positive effect in the excellent drug use prevention work of the BS BAU. Read more at www.bsbaeu.at.

MEMORIAL