

to: 23rd World Conference, Geneva, Switzerland
 date: 2nd March 2006/ corrected 13th March 2006
 about: **corrected second mailing** proposals on ILGA's Constitution

remark: - all changes after the first mailing are marked: in light green as this.
 - this document replaces the previous one, dated 02-03-2006, as it unfortunately had some errors,
 - our apologies for this.

ON THE CONSTITUTION

GENERAL PROPOSALS:

Number of proposal		Proposal	Remarks
1		<p>From: Executive Board: After the conference has concluded its discussion on the Constitution, to renumber all paragraphs as appropriate. And using the system (with a C for Constitution): C3, C3.1, C3.1.1 etcetera.</p>	<p><i>General proposal to make it easier to have a public debate and to distinguish from the Standing Orders (who use the code SO)</i></p>
2		<p>From: Executive Board: Replace "Standing Rules" wherever mentioned in the Constitution with "Standing Orders".</p>	<p><i>General proposal to use "Standing Orders" throughout text. This is correct English. At present it is mixed with "Standing Rules", which is confusing.</i></p>
3		<p>From: Instituto RUNA, Peru: Replace "lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered people", wherever mentioned in the Constitution, with: "lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transvestites, transgender, transsexual and intersex people".</p> <p>Replace "lesbians, gay men, bisexuals or transgendered people", wherever mentioned in the Constitution, with: "lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transvestites, transgender, transsexual or intersex people"</p>	<p><i>Proposal for a change in these texts throughout the Constitution.</i></p>

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4		<p>From: Instituto RUNA, Peru: Replace “International Gay and Lesbian Association”, wherever mentioned in the Constitution, with: “International Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transvestite, Transgender, Transsexual and Intersex Association” but at the same time keep the abbreviated form “ILGA”.</p>	<p><i>Proposal to change the ‘long version’ of the name wherever mentioned in the Constitution, but at the same time to keep the name ILGA.</i></p>
5		<p>From: Instituto RUNA, Peru: Replace “Women’s Secretariat” wherever it is mentioned in the Constitution, with: “Lesbian Secretariat”.</p>	<p><i>Proposal to replace the women’s secretariat with a lesbian secretariat.</i></p>
6		<p>From: Instituto RUNA, Peru: To create a Trans secretariat and amend several texts in the Constitution as follows: In chapter G (World Conference): In G5 b), after ‘Women’s Secretariat’, add: “and the Trans Secretariat”; In chapter H (Executive Board): In H2, after ‘Women’s Secretariat’, add: “and a representative of the Trans Secretariat” ; In H5, after ‘Women’s Secretariat’, add “and the Trans Secretariat”.</p>	<p><i>Proposal to establish a new Trans Secretariat with a representative on the Board.</i></p>

PROPOSALS ON TEXT:

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	A. PREAMBLE		
7	Recognising the fundamental pride that lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered people have in their sexual identities and orientation;	From: Executive Board: Recognising the fundamental pride that lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered people have in their gender identity and expression and sexual orientation ;	<i>Update of text</i>
8	Conscious that social and legal discrimination on the basis of sexuality is pervasive and that effective work against oppression calls for international solidarity;	From: Executive Board: Conscious that social and legal discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression is pervasive and that effective work against oppression calls for international solidarity	<i>Updates text in similar way</i>
9	Seeking in ILGA an international organisation within which women of different political and personal choices (for example, separatism, feminism, orientation and identity) can work together;	From: Instituto RUNA, Peru: Seeking in ILGA an international organisation within which persons of different political and personal choices (for example, separatism, feminism, orientation and identity) can work together;	<i>Replace "women" with "persons".</i>
	Concerned with the vulnerability of youth in a world that continues to practice so many forms of discrimination, the need for their protection from abuse and the goal of ensuring that young people experience both freedom and support as they develop their own sexualities and identities;		
10	Mindful of the impact of discrimination on the basis of sex, race, age, disability, economic status, national origin and ethnicity on lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered people, and the way in which such discrimination can exploit homophobia;	From: Executive Board: Mindful of the impact of discrimination on the basis of sex, race, age, disability, economic status, national origin and ethnicity on lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered people.	<i>Delete "and the way in which such discrimination can exploit homophobia" so that the text on the impact of discrimination applies to all LGBT people.</i>

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11		From: Instituto RUNA, Peru: Mindful of the impact of discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity , race, age, disability, economic status, national origin and ethnicity on lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered people,	<i>Add: "sexual orientation, gender identity and expression" to update text.</i>
12		From: Instituto RUNA, Peru: And the way in which such discrimination can end in violence .	<i>Proposal to replace "exploit homophobia" with "end in violence".</i>
	Building on the work of previous generations who have struggled for equality and liberation;		
13	We approve this document as the Constitution of the International Lesbian and Gay Association.	From: Executive Board: We approve this document as the Constitution of ILGA , the International Lesbian and Gay Association.	<i>To make text consistent with the rest</i>
	B. CONSTITUTION		
14	1. It is hereby created an international non profit organisation called " International Lesbian and Gay Association" or "ILGA" in its abbreviated form. The association is incorporated for an unspecified period.	1. From: Executive Board: It is hereby created an international non profit organisation called ILGA, or "the International Lesbian and Gay Association", hereafter referred to as ILGA. The association is incorporated for an unspecified period.	<i>Updating of text – should say 'called ILGA' because 'ILGA' is the name that we currently actually use.</i>
14-a		1. From: ILGA-Europe Executive Board and HOSI Wien, Austria: It is hereby created an international non profit organisation called ILGA, historically known as "the International Lesbian and Gay Association", hereafter referred to as ILGA. The association is incorporated for an unspecified period.	<i>Amendment to proposal 14: replace "or" by "historically known as".</i>
15	It is covered by the law of 25 October 1919.	From: Executive Board: It is covered by the Belgian law of 25 October 1919.	<i>Correction of text</i>

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	2. The registered office is situated in Belgium, in the district of Brussels, 1000 Brussels, rue March_au-Charbon, 81. The registered office of the association can be transferred anywhere in Belgium, by a decision of the Executive Board, published in the Moniteur Belge (official journal).		
16		From the Women's Secretariat: (Withdrawn.)	<i>This proposal has been withdrawn and is replaced by proposal 130 on moving the office of ILGA to Asia, see Other Proposals.</i>
	3. The working languages of ILGA are English and Spanish.		
	C. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES		
	1. The Aims and Objectives of ILGA are (i) To work for the equality of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered people and liberation from all forms of discrimination; (ii) To promote the universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the elimination of all forms of discrimination and also including the realisation of the specific provisions of the following international human rights instruments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; • The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; • The International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination; • The Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women; • The Convention on the Rights of the Child 		

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	<p>2. To work towards these goals, ILGA shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) create a platform for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered people internationally, in their quest for recognition, equality and liberation, in particular through the world and regional conferences; (ii) work towards equal representation in all regions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered people in our quest for recognition, equality and liberation; (iii) give locally initiated and determined support for our organisations in all parts of the world; (iv) collect information, conduct research, publish material and organise seminars, training, briefings and specialised conferences; (v) offer facilities for co-ordination of activities and actions. 		
	D. MEMBERSHIP		
17	<p>1. Membership in ILGA is divided into three categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Organisations can become full members of ILGA if they represent lesbians, gay men, bisexuals or transgendered people and support the aims of ILGA. Organisations can become full members, as well, if they meet the above criteria but form part of a larger organisation, such as, for example, a lesbian grouping organised within a trade union or professional organisation. (ii) Organisations can become associate members if they support the aims of ILGA. (iii) Individuals can become individual members if they support the aims of ILGA. 	<p>From: Executive Board:</p> <p>1. All members have to support the aims of ILGA.</p> <p>1a. Membership in ILGA is divided into three categories. <u>Full members are:</u> non-profit organisations representing lesbians, gays, bisexuals or transgendered persons, their culture or providing exclusive service to or support for them; branches of the above mentioned organisations; non-profit groups representing lesbians, gays, bisexuals or transgendered persons within other organisations. <u>Associated members are:</u> other organisations. <u>Individual members are:</u> persons.</p>	<p><i>At the moment many non-associations (like foundations or federations) are an ILGA member. The Board therefore propose to widen the definition to include all (non-profit) LGBT-organisations.</i></p> <p><i>Also we want to make the text of the whole paragraph clearer.</i></p>

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18	2. Admission (i) An applicant for any category of membership of ILGA must (a) apply in writing to the Administrative Office; (b) affirm agreement in writing with the aims of ILGA and (c) if the applicant is an organisation applying for full or associate membership, provide a description of itself, its aims and the composition of its membership.	From: Executive Board: 2. Application An applicant for any category of membership of ILGA must submit an application to the Administrative Office and affirm agreement with the aims and objectives of ILGA. An organisation applying for full or associate membership must provide a description of itself, its aims, the composition of its membership, target group and structure.	<i>Update of text to match the possibility to apply through internet.</i> <i>Add 'target group and structure' to ensure enough information of the members.</i>
19	(ii) Applications which are in conformity with the aims and objectives in this constitution shall be accepted by the Executive Board, subject to final decision by the World Conference. The Executive Board can delegate the acceptance of new members in a region to a regional structure set up in accordance with E.1.	From: Executive Board: 2a. Admission (same text)	<i>The same text in a separate paragraph makes it clearer.</i>
	3. Suspension and expulsion (i) A member may be suspended from membership by the Executive Board for failure to comply with this constitution. The suspension, unless revoked by the Executive Board, shall remain in force until the next World Conference.		
20		From Project GayRussia.ru, Russia: A ground for suspension can be: members who advertise and offer prostitution services, and/or hard pornography and/or are making illegal business in their country (for example, repeated breaches of copyrights, earning money from prostitution)..	<i>Revised proposal which replaces the original proposal 20 that was in the first mailing.</i> <i>The proposal is to add a new sentence after the 2nd sentence of 3i.</i>
	A member may be expelled from membership by motion at a World Conference for failure to comply with this constitution. (ii) Members facing the possibility of expulsion have the right to present their defence.		

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21		<p>From: Executive Board:</p> <p>4. If a member does not pay the annual membership fee within 3 months after being given notice that the fee is due, the member will not be able to exercise the rights of a member as set out in this constitution until such time as any outstanding fees have been paid.</p>	<p><i>Proposed new article. The Board thinks it makes it clear to all members ILGA cannot work without this income. At the moment, there is only the provision in Standing Order 6v, which states that voting at world conferences is limited to those members that have paid subscriptions for the current year.</i></p>
22		<p>From: Executive Board:</p> <p>5. Members shall at all times have the same membership status in a region as in ILGA itself.</p>	<p><i>Proposed new article. To make this clear in the constitution; links to new D4 above and new E1-5 below.</i></p>
	<p>E. REGIONAL STRUCTURES</p>		
23		<p>From: Executive Board:</p> <p>0. The regions of ILGA are Africa, Aotearoa/ New Zealand/ Australia/ Pacific Islands (ANZAPI), Asia, Europe, Latin America/ the Caribbean (LAC) and North America.</p>	<p><i>Moved text. This text is now under H2 (The Executive Board), which is confusing. Delete: "The World Conference confirms an alteration in regions by a simple majority vote" from current text of H2 as this part is inconsistent with article K2 (Amendment of the Constitution).</i></p>
24	<p>1. The members in a region may form their own regional, subregional, binational and/or national structures, and these structures may make decisions on their own behalf for any purposes under this constitution and the policies set out by the world conferences.</p>	<p>From: Executive Board:</p> <p>1a. The members in a region may form regional organisations. All members of ILGA in a region are members of the same category in the regional organisation.</p> <p>1b. The 'highest body' for each regional organisation is the regional conference.</p> <p>1c. The aims of regional organisations shall at all times be consistent with the aims expressed in this constitution, and their work shall reflect the diversity of members in the region.</p> <p>1d. Regional organisations may make decisions on regional structures and regional matters, and regional conferences have the power to determine the policy of the regional organisation, according to their rules, subject to the provisions of this constitution.</p>	<p><i>Replace article E1 with new clauses E1a to E1d. This update is in accordance with the decisions of the Oakland World conference (2001) regarding the provisions for regional structures and the organisational relationship between regions and ILGA, and the need to amend the present E1 to clarify this in the constitution.</i></p>

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24-a		<p>From: Women's Secretariat: Where no such rules have been determined, then the arrangements for regional conferences must follow ILGA's Standing Orders as closely as possible in order to be recognised as official events of ILGA.</p>	<p><i>Revised proposal is an amendment to proposal 24: to add the text shown to the end of article 1d.</i></p>
24-b		<p>From: Instituto RUNA, Peru:</p> <p>1e. Where no such rules have been determined, and in case a Regional Conference has not decided the place and time of the next conference, then the Administrative Office or regional office if there is one, shall communicate to all full members in the region that they can propose to organise the next regional conference.</p> <p>Members that wish to do so need to present and defend their proposal. The proposals are public.</p> <p>A committee composed of the Secretaries-General, the region's representatives on the Executive Board, the Administrative Office and 4 or 5 full members from the region will consider the various proposals, and decide which group will organise the next conference on the grounds of a series of public criteria's</p>	<p><i>Amendment to proposal 24: add a new article 1e with this text.</i></p> <p><i>This replaces part of proposal 32 that was in the first mailing.</i></p>

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24-c		<p>From: ESGG, Belgium:</p> <p>1e. In case a regional conference has not decided the place and time of the next conference, and in the absence of provisions in a region's constitution or standing orders for determining the arrangements for a regional conference, the Administrative Office, or regional office if there is one, communicates to all full members of the region involved that they can propose to organise the next regional conference. Members that wish to do so need to present and defend their proposal. The proposals are made public. A committee composed of the Secretaries-General, regional Board, the region's representatives on the Executive Board and five full members from the region will consider the various proposals and decide which group will organise the next conference, on the grounds of the criteria in the call for proposals.</p>	<p><i>Amendment to proposal 24: to add a new article 1e with this text.</i></p>
24-d		<p>From HOSI Wien, Austria:</p> <p>1f. A regional organisation shall mention in its own constitution that it is a regional organisation of ILGA. A regional organisation may list, in its official name, the specific groups covered by ILGA, and for this purpose use wording and formulations appropriate to the cultural and linguistic context of that region. However, a regional organisation may not alter the name "ILGA" in the official name of the regional organisation.</p>	<p><i>Amendment to proposal 24: to add a new article 1f with this text. to address the issue of regions being able to use 'terminology' which is appropriate for that region.</i></p>
25		<p>From: Women's Secretariat: Withdrawn.</p>	<p><i>This proposal has been withdrawn and replaced by 24a.</i></p>

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	F. WOMEN'S SECRETARIAT		<i>(See also proposal 5)</i>
26	1. A Women's Secretariat shall be elected by the World Conference.	1. From: Executive Board: The World Conference shall elect a Women's Secretariat from the full members .	<i>Rephrase and add "from the full members." To indicate only a full member can be the Women's Secretariat.</i>
27	2. It is the responsibility of the Women's Secretariat to (i) collect and co-ordinate information/visibility world wide on lesbians, bisexual women and transgendered women, in close co-operation with the Executive Board;	From: Instituto RUNA, Peru: i) collect and co-ordinate information/visibility world wide on lesbians and bisexual women, in close co-operation with the Executive Board;	<i>Deletion of "and transgendered women".</i>
28	(ii) initiate articles world wide on women issues for the ILGA Bulletin including the women's bulletin;	From: Executive Board: (ii) initiate articles world wide on women issues for ILGA publications ;	<i>Replace "ILGA Bulletin including the women's bulletin" by a more general term.</i>
29	(iii) attend relevant conferences within and outside ILGA and make policy inputs to international organisations and agencies;	From: Instituto RUNA, Peru: (ii) initiate articles world wide on women's issues for the ILGA Bulletin including the lesbian bulletin;	<i>Replace in this article "women's bulletin" with "lesbian bulletin".</i>
30	(iv) co-operate with other international women's organisations; (v) co-ordinate and arrange women's caucuses and workshops in co-operation with the group planning for a World Conference; (vi) carry out tasks allocated to it by ILGA World Conferences.	From: Instituto RUNA, Peru: (iv) co-operate with other international lesbian organisations; (v) co-ordinate and arrange lesbian caucuses and workshops in co-operation with the group planning for a World Conference;	<i>Replace in these articles "women's" with "lesbian".</i>

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	G. THE WORLD CONFERENCE		
	1. The highest body of ILGA is the World Conference. The World Conference shall meet at least every second year.		
31	2. The time and place of the World Conference shall be determined by a prior World Conference or by the Executive Board. The procedures for the World Conference shall be those set out in this Constitution and the Standing Orders for ILGA (as approved by the World Conference).	2. From: Executive Board: The time and place of the World Conference shall normally be determined by a prior World Conference. However, if such a decision is not taken or if it subsequently becomes unviable for any reason, the Executive Board shall take steps to ensure that a conference is called, including determining the conference venue and host organisation. The procedures for the World Conference shall be those set out in this Constitution and the Standing Orders.	<i>Tidying up and integration of the text moved here from Standing Order SO1.</i>
31-a		From: Instituto RUNA, Peru: The time and place of the World Conference shall normally be determined by a prior World Conference. However, if such a decision is not taken or if it subsequently becomes unviable for any reason, the Executive Board shall take steps to ensure that a conference is called. The Administrative Office shall communicate to all full members that they can propose to organise the next World conference. Members that wish to do so need to present and defend their proposal. The proposals are public. A committee composed of the Secretaries-General, the representatives of the regions on the Executive Board, the Administrative Office and 4 or 5 full members will consider the various proposals, and decide which group will organise the next conference on the grounds of a series of public criteria's. (Rest unchanged)	<i>Amendment to proposal 31, to replace "including determining the conference venue and host organisation" with the text shown in bold.</i> <i>This replaces part of original proposal 32 that was in the first mailing.</i>
32		From: Instituto RUNA, Peru: (Withdrawn.)	<i>This proposal has been withdrawn and is replaced by amendments 24-b and 31-a.</i>

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33	3. Resolutions, motions and nominations of all kinds can be submitted to the World Conference by the Executive Board, Women's Secretariat, Regional Executive Boards and all full members of the organisation, in accordance with the provisions in the Standing Orders.	3. From: Executive Board: Full members, the Executive Board, Women's Secretariat, and Regional Executive Boards can submit proposals, and amendments to proposals, in accordance with the provisions in the Standing Orders. They may also nominate candidates for Secretaries General and the Women's Secretariat.	<i>Better English and clearer text. It also corrects text to speak of proposals and amendments instead of resolutions and motions.</i>
34	4. In advance of the World Conference the Executive Board shall send to all members, in accordance with the provisions in the Standing Orders, a preliminary agenda including proposed resolutions, proposed constitutional amendments and a statement of accounts.	4. From: Executive Board: In advance of the World Conference the Executive Board shall send to all members, in accordance with the provisions in the Standing Orders a preliminary agenda with proposals , and the audited accounts for the previous financial year or years, and invite full members to submit amendments to proposals. The Board shall also send to all members, in accordance with the provisions in the Standing Orders, the final agenda with the reports from the Board and the Women's Secretariat and the financial report for the current year.	<i>To clarify and improve the text. The term 'proposals' covers all proposals including proposals for amendments to the constitution and standing orders.</i> <i>Adding the new second paragraph also makes this an explicit requirement, consistent with the requirements of the Standing Orders.</i>
35	5. The agenda of the World Conference shall include: (a) A report from the Executive Board (b) A report from Women's Secretariat (c) Approval of the financial statement, any change in the membership fee, and the naming of an auditor, (d) Resolutions and constitutional amendments (e) Election of the Executive Board and alternates (f) Election of the Women's Secretariat.	5. From: Executive Board: The agenda of the World Conference shall include: (a) Approval of the report from the Executive Board (b) Approval of the report from the Women's Secretariat (c) Approval of the audited accounts (d) Approval of the financial report for the current year (e) Appointment of an auditor (f) Proposals and amendments from full members, the Executive Board, Women's Secretariat, or Regional Executive Boards (g) Any change in the membership fee (h) Election of the Secretaries General and alternates (i) Election of the Women's Secretariat and alternate.	<i>General update and improvement of text.</i> <i>Changes to current (c) and addition of new (d) to reflect requirements of article 13 (Finances).</i> <i>Change to (h) to update text,: since for years the World Conference only elects the Secretaries General and the Women's Secretariat.</i>

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36		5a. From: Executive Board: The conference is chaired by a Chairing Pool, which shall have the functions set out in the Standing Orders	<i>New article. Corrects an omission in the constitution</i>
37	6. Only full members are entitled to vote at a World Conference. Delegations with female and male members will have two votes. Delegations of women's organisations with two female delegates will have two votes. Delegations with only male members will have one vote.	6. From: Executive Board: Only full members are entitled to vote at a World Conference. Each full member has up to two votes in accordance with the provisions in the Standing Orders.	<i>The number of votes should be in the constitution, with the 'rules' for using votes in the Standing Orders.</i>
38		6. From: Instituto RUNA, Peru: Only full members are entitled to vote at a World Conference. Delegations with members of two identities will have two votes. Delegations of lesbian organisations with two lesbian delegates will have two votes. Delegations of trans organisations with two delegates will have two votes. Delegations with only male members will have one vote.	<i>Several changes in the text relating to the 'rules' for using votes.</i>
39		6. From: LSVD, Germany: Only full members are entitled to vote at a World Conference. Delegations with women members and members who do not identify as women will have two votes. Delegations of women's organisations with two female delegates will have two votes. Delegations with only members who do not identify as women will have one vote.	<i>Several changes in the text relating to the 'rules' for using votes.</i>
40		6a. From: Executive Board: A full member that cannot participate or use their (whole) voting rights may be represented in accordance with the provisions for proxies in the Standing Orders.	<i>Moved article from G9. It is clearer when it is placed here. Add "whole" to indicate the possibility for a full member to have a proxy for either its two votes or for one of them.</i>

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41	Associate and individual members are entitled to attend World Conferences and speak in all workshops and plenary sessions. The Executive Board can permit others to attend and take part in any World Conference.	6b. From: Executive Board: Associate and individual members are entitled to attend World Conferences and speak in all workshops and plenary sessions. The Executive Board can permit others to attend and participate in any World Conference or a part of it.	<i>Part of the text of G6 in a separate paragraph as it is clearer.</i> <i>Add "or a part of it" to make clear that for instance non-members or a journalist can be excluded from certain sessions.</i>
42	7. Decisions of a World Conference are taken in plenary session, recorded in a special register and signed by two Executive Board members. A plenary session can decide on questions of membership, resolutions, constitutional amendments, policy statements, budgetary decisions, elections and other business, in accordance with the procedures in the Standing Orders.	7. From: Executive Board: Decisions of a World Conference are taken only by the conference in plenary session. They shall be recorded in a special register and signed by two Executive Board members. A plenary session can decide on questions of membership, resolutions, constitutional amendments, policy statements, budgetary decisions, elections and other business, in accordance with the procedures in the Standing Orders.	<i>Improvement of text.</i>
43	8. Decisions in a plenary session of a World Conference shall be taken on the basis of a majority of the votes cast for and against, with the exception of amendments to this Constitution.	8. From: Executive Board: Wherever possible, decisions are taken by consensus. In the event of a vote, decisions shall be taken on the basis of a simple majority of the votes cast for and against, with the exception of amendments to this Constitution, as stated in Article K2.	<i>To clarify text and make consistent with SO's</i>
(see 40)	9. A full member that cannot participate may be represented in accordance with the provisions for proxies in the Standing Rules.	From: Executive Board: (Move article)	<i>Move this text to G6a to make clearer flow of text.</i>
	10. An extraordinary World Conference shall be convened by the Executive Board if: a World Conference decides that an extraordinary conference should be held, or 20% of the full members including members from at least twelve countries and two regions request such a conference in order to discuss and take decision on particular issues, or the Board considers that it is in the interests of ILGA for such a conference to be held and make decisions on particular issues.		

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	11. The notice for such a conference shall specify the issues that are to be discussed, and the agenda for the conference shall be restricted to these issues. At extraordinary conferences decisions can be taken only if at least 15% of the full members including members from at least fifteen countries and three regions are represented at the conference by delegates or by proxy. In all other respects, the provisions of this constitution and the standing orders shall apply.		
	H. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD		
	1. The Executive Board shall act on behalf of ILGA between World Conferences, within the framework and goals of this Constitution and the resolutions of the World Conference.		

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44	2. The Executive Board shall include two members, one female and one male, from each region recognised by ILGA, the two Secretaries-General, and one representative of the Women's Secretariat.	2. <u>From: Executive Board:</u> The Executive Board shall consist of two representatives , one female and one male, from each region, the two Secretaries-General, one female and one male , and one representative of the Women's Secretariat. All members have to be from full member organisations.	<i>'Representatives' makes clear that people represent the region. Delete "recognised by ILGA" as there are no other regions. Add "one female and one male", which is now under H5, but is clearer here. Add "from full members" to make clear we are an association.</i>
44-a		2. <u>From: LSVD, Germany:</u> The Executive Board shall consist of two representatives, one woman and one person who does not identify as a woman , from each region, the two Secretaries-General, one woman and one person who does not identify as a woman , and one representative of the Women's Secretariat. All members have to be from full member organisations.	<i>Amendment to board proposal 44: replace "one female and one male" with "one woman and one person who does not identify as a woman" in each instance.</i>
45		2. <u>From: Instituto RUNA, Peru:</u> The Executive Board shall include three members, one gay, one lesbian and one trans , from each region recognised by ILGA, the three Secretaries-General, one gay, one lesbian and one trans , one representative of the Lesbian Secretariat and one representative of the Trans Secretariat.	
46		2. <u>From: Women's Secretariat:</u> The Executive Board shall include three members, one female, one male and one transgender representative , from each region ... (rest unchanged)	<i>This proposal was approved at the Asian Regional Conference.</i>
47		2. <u>From: LSVD, Germany:</u> The Executive Board shall include two members, one woman and one person who does not identify as a woman , from each region recognised by ILGA, the two Secretaries-General, one woman and one person who does not identify as a woman , and one representative of the Women's Secretariat.	

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(see 23)	The regions to be represented are Africa, Aotearoa/New Zealand/Australia/Pacific Islands (ANZAPI), Asia, Europe, Latin America/The Caribbean and North America. The regions can be altered by the process set out in section E 1, subject to confirmation by a simple majority vote at a World Conference.	From: Executive Board: (Move article)	<i>This part of the text is moved to E0 (Regional Structures).</i>
48	3. Regional members shall be selected by the appropriate regional structures, according to their procedures. At the 1997 World Conference regional caucuses shall select interim members, pending the selection of non-interim members by the appropriate regional structures.	3. From: Executive Board: Regional representatives and alternates shall be elected by the appropriate regional structures, according to their procedures. If this is not possible, a regional caucus at a World Conference shall elect representatives until the region elects representatives according to their procedures or until the next World Conference.	<i>Change 'members' to 'representatives' as above, add "alternates" as elsewhere. Change 'selects' to 'elects' etcetera, to more clearly indicate an election process of some kind. Update of text to match the present situation with regions.</i>
48-a		4. From: ESGG, Belgium: Elections of regional representatives will also take place at World Conferences during a regional caucus, if a region has not organised elections of its representatives for Executive and regional Boards within eighteen months preceding the world conference and in case a regional conference with elections is not planned to happen within the twelve months following the world conference. This procedure will not apply to regions whose constitutions or standing orders include provisions for determining the arrangements for a regional conference if a region is not able to organise a regional conference with elections.	<i>Amendment to proposal 48: to add article 4. <u>Important note from the Board:</u> This amendment, as worded, is not technically competent as it appears in part to conflict with proposal 48, and with provisions on regional structures in clauses E1, H3, and H9. In addition, parts of the wording appear to conflict, or be inconsistent, with other parts. The Board will discuss this issue with the proposer prior to the conference.</i>
49		5. From: Executive Board: In case of a vacancy, a replacement may be elected by the region according to their procedures. If the region does not or cannot fill a vacancy , the Executive Board may appoint an interim member until the region or a regional caucus elects a new member.	<i>Moved text from H9, as it is clearer here. Improvements of text.</i>

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50	4. The Executive Board may appoint an ex officio member of the board of the nationality of the country of registration if so needed.	4. From: Executive Board: The Executive Board shall appoint an ex officio member who is a citizen of a country member of the European Union, unless one of the elected members meets that requirement.	<i>Updates text – the current clause H4 is not in line with the registration requirements under the law of 1919 in context of EU discrimination law. The proposed text is based on the equivalent clause in the constitution of ILGA-Europe, which is registered under the same law.</i>
(see 44) (see 45)	5. The World Conference shall elect two Secretaries General, one female and one male, to join the Executive Board.	5. From: Executive Board: The World Conference shall elect two Secretaries-General. 5. From: Instituto RUNA, Peru: The World Conference shall elect three Secretaries-General.	<i>Move part of the text to H2.</i>
51		5a. From: Executive Board: In case any member of the board neither attends board meetings nor participates in (electronic) exchange and decision making, the board can inform the full members and ask confirmation to have the alternate take the seat. If there is no alternate, the board can organise an (electronic) election. If this concerns a regional member, the regional board will be informed and asked to organise the same.	<i>Proposal for new article to deal with the problem of several non-functioning board members.</i>
51-a		5a. From: ESGG, Belgium: In case any member of the board neither attends board meetings nor participates in (electronic) exchange and decision making, a registered letter will be sent to the board member proposing the board member to resign. In case no response is received within fifteen days or if the board member chooses to resign , the board can inform the full members and ask confirmation to have the alternate take the seat. If there is no alternate, the board can organise an (electronic) election. If this concerns a regional member, the regional board will be informed and asked to organise the same.	<i>Amendment to proposal 51, with additional text indicated in bold.</i>

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52	<p>6. The Executive Board has the following functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to represent ILGA internationally and implement ILGA policies, (ii) to ensure the organisation of world conferences (iii) to manage an administrative office, including the employment of staff (iv) to report regularly on their activities to the membership and to each World Conference, (v) to select signing officers for the organisation. (vi) to undertake fundraising for the organisation. <p>(vii) to work closely together with the Women's Secretariat</p>	<p>6.</p> <p>From: Executive Board: (vii-a) to set up working parties to assist them in specific areas and to mandate such working parties to act on its behalf where appropriate and within the aims and objectives of ILGA;</p>	<p><i>Extra item to have a clear position for the working parties of ILGA.</i></p>
53 54	<p>(viii) to promote women's equality within and outside ILGA</p>	<p>From: Instituto RUNA, Peru: (viii) to promote equality of lesbian and trans persons within and outside ILGA</p> <p>From: Executive Board: (ix) to act on behalf of the organisation where necessary and undertake such other functions for every purpose falling within the aims and objectives of ILGA.</p>	<p><i>Extra item to cover things that the Board has to do that are not specified in the other points.</i></p>
	<p>7. The Executive Board shall set up its own order of business and determine its own timetable for meetings in order to carry out its functions.</p>		

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55	8. Meetings of the Executive Board will be open to observers representing full members of ILGA, with the exception of discussions involving confidential personal information concerning employees.	8. From: Executive Board: Meetings of the Executive Board will be open to observers representing full members of ILGA, with the exception of discussions involving confidential personal information regarding individual board members or employees.	<i>Addition of "individual board members".</i>
56		8a. From: Executive Board: The Executive Board will have a meeting shortly after the World Conference. 8b. The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Board shall be at least 50% of the regions represented, and one Secretary-General present. Meetings can also be conducted by telephone or electronically.	<i>Moved articles from H10 and H11, is clearer here.</i>
57 (see 49)	9. The term of office of the Executive Board shall be from the end of the World Conference at which it is elected until the end of the next World Conference. In case of a vacancy for a regional representative, a replacement may be appointed by the relevant regional structure according to its procedures. If this is not possible, the Board may appoint a replacement until such time as the relevant regional structure can elect a replacement.	9. From: Executive Board: The term of office of the Secretaries-General and the Women's Secretariat shall be from the end of the World Conference at which they are elected until the end of the next World Conference. From: Executive Board: (Move this text)	<i>Update of text.</i> <i>Move this part of the text to H3.</i>

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58	Members of the Executive Board may be re-elected.	From: Executive Board: They may be re-elected. The term of office of the regional members shall be specified by the appropriate regional structures.	<i>Update and improvement of text.</i>
(see 56)	10. The Executive Board will have its first meeting shortly after the World Conference at which it was elected. Meetings can be conducted by telephone or electronically.	From: Executive Board: (move article)	<i>Move this text to H8 a and H8 b</i>
(see 56)	11. The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Board shall be at least 50% of the regions represented, and one Secretary-General present.	From: Executive Board: (move article)	<i>Move this text to H8 b</i>
	12. Decisions of the Executive Board are recorded in a special register and signed by two Board members.		
59	13. Any three members of the Executive Board, acting under the authority of the Board, may sign legal acts which engage the association, and pursue actions in justice both as plaintiff and as defendant.	13. From: Executive Board: ILGA can only be legally committed by three members of the Executive Board jointly, acting with the authorisation of the board.	<i>Proposal to reformulate based upon the equivalent clause in the ILGA-Europe constitution.</i>
	I. FINANCES		
	1. The financial year of ILGA is the calendar year, unless otherwise determined by the Executive Board or a World Conference.		
	2. ILGA is a non-profit, international, non-governmental organisation. It may receive income from membership contributions, gifts, grants or other legally acceptable sources.		
	3. The Executive Board is responsible for ensuring that accurate accounts are kept of the capital, income and expenditures of ILGA, and shall present the audited accounts and balance sheets for the previous financial year or years to the World Conference for approval and adoption, together with a financial report outlining the situation in the current financial year.		

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	4. The Executive Board shall determine detailed financial regulations for the proper control of the financial resources of the organisation and the keeping of accurate financial records, which shall include provisions for the audit of ILGA accounts.		
	5. Only signing officers designated by the Executive Board shall be able to withdraw funds from any ILGA bank or giro account.		
	6. The World Conference shall appoint a suitably qualified auditor who shall be independent of the Executive Board.		
	J. USE OF THE ILGA NAME		
60	1. The names The International Lesbian and Gay Association and ILGA can only be used with the authorisation of the Executive Board or the World Conference.	1. From: Executive Board: The names ILGA and International Lesbian and Gay Association can only be used with the authorisation of the Executive Board or the World Conference	<i>As per remarks on proposed changes to articles A and B1.</i>
	K. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION		
61	1. An amendment to the Constitution can only be considered at a World Conference if notice of the amendment is given in the conference papers, mailed at least four weeks in advance of the conference. The World Conference can consider the amendment proposed and any alterations to the amendment which are not outside the scope of matters covered by the proposed amendment.	1. From: Executive Board: An amendment to the Constitution can only be considered at a World Conference if the proposal has been submitted and circulated according to the rules in paragraph G4. The World Conference can consider the amendment proposed and any alterations to the amendment, which are not outside the scope of the proposed amendment.	<i>Update of text, to be in line with proposal on that article.</i>
	2. Adoption of changes to the constitution requires a majority of 75% of the votes cast for and against.		
62	3. All amendments to the Constitution shall be approved by royal decree and published in the annexes of the Moniteur Belge.	3. From: Executive Board: All amendments to the Constitution shall be approved by Belgian royal decree and published in the annexes of the Moniteur Belge.	<i>Correction of text</i>

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	L. VARIOUS PROVISIONS		
	1. Dissolution of ILGA can be decided by a World Conference under the rules for the amendment of the Constitution. Notice, in this case, shall be mailed to members at least three month in advance of the conference. In the case of the dissolution of ILGA, the World Conference shall appoint one or several liquidators, shall define their powers and indicate how to affect distribution of the net assets. The assets of the organisation shall go to an organisation or organisations having similar aims, the organisations to be decided by the World Conference or, in default of such decision, by the Executive Board.		
63	2. Anything not expressly addressed in these statutes will be decided according to the law of 25 October 1919, giving legal status to international associations.	2. From: Executive Board: Anything not expressly addressed in these statutes will be decided according to the Belgian law of 25 October 1919, giving legal status to international associations.	Correction of text