

# Resolutions passed at the 2024 Amnesty International Australia Annual General Meeting on 1 June 2024

## **Ordinary Resolution 1: Directors' conduct and compliance**

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of Amnesty International Australia directs the National Board and each of its directors to:

- a. comply with their duties and obligations as directors under the law and the constitution of Amnesty International Australia;
- b. comply with the Board Charter;
- c. comply with the Member Undertaking;
- d. comply with the Values and Behaviour Charter;
- e. comply with the Code of Conduct;
- f. conduct themselves in a respectful manner at all times, including but not limited to all Amnesty International Australia meetings and on social media;
- g. respect the principle of board confidentiality for matters discussed in board meetings or otherwise considered by the National Board;
- h. respect the principles of board solidarity, meaning that once a decision has been made by the National Board, the directors are collectively responsible for it; and individual directors will support and adhere to the decisions of the Board in any public statements and actions; and
- i. refrain from contradicting or criticising Amnesty International Australia's positions outside of National Board meetings, including on social media.

## **Ordinary Resolution 2: Evaluation of the Regional-based structure**

To determine whether local branches continue to serve as the most efficient and effective means of achieving AIA's strategic objectives, which include facilitating democratic, member-driven decision-making and bolstering grassroots activism in Australia, THE AGM INSTRUCTS the Board to:

1. Conduct an evaluation of the Branch-based frameworks that AIA uses to manage its volunteer resources and governance structures; and
2. Assemble a comprehensive report for the 2025 AGM that:
  - 2.1 Provides insights into the above issues, detailing the potential risk, benefits, strengths and vulnerabilities associated with the Branch model of

volunteer organisation.

2.2 Explores possible alternative methods for mobilizing our volunteer activist resources beyond the conventional state/branch/geographic model, and

2.3 Identifies any constitutional amendments and/or resolutions to be put forward by the Board to support identified improvements which better support AIA's members and structures for volunteer resources to be in line with the core People Powered Strategy.

### **Ordinary Resolution 15 (amended, moved by PrepCom): Israel - Hamas conflict**

The 2024 AGM NOTES that:

To date, 1,319 Israelis have been killed and around 200 hostages taken following attacks on 7 October by Hamas and other armed groups. Amnesty has documented the war crimes of indiscriminate rockets, targeting of civilians and hostage taking all of which are war crimes.

Israel's assault has killed more than 35,000 Palestinians and injured over 80,000 more. Amnesty has documented the indiscriminate targeting of civilians and civilian objects, the forced displacement of 1.5 million Palestinians and prevented humanitarian aid access resulting in famine.

The 2024 AGM CALLS for the:

Immediate ceasefire by all parties;

Immediate access to humanitarian aid;

The release of civilian hostages, unharmed; and

Independent and unhindered International Criminal Court investigations.

The 2024 AGM condemns the war crimes committed by Israel, Hamas and other Palestinian armed groups and demands the protection of all civilians.

### **Ordinary Resolution 17: Implementing an 'impact' or 'sustainability' strategy for AIA's operations**

The AGM requests that the National Board consider the implementation of an 'impact' or 'sustainability' strategy for AIA's operations, and report back on to AIA members on progress by no later than 30 September 2024.

**Ordinary Resolution 18: Candidates presenting their nominations truthfully and in good faith**

NOTING that it is expected - and has always been expected - that Members nominating for elected positions at Amnesty International Australia will present their nominations truthfully and in good faith,

The 2024 Annual General Meeting DIRECTS the National Board to exercise its powers under the Amnesty International Australia Constitution and/or other policies and procedures to take action against members, including suspending or removing them from membership, whose nominations are found by the Member Standards Committee to fall short of those standards of truthfulness and good faith.