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Rules of Procedure for LI Human Rights Committee

Mission/Objectives:

- To serve as a framework for exchanging information, experience and good practices in advocacy and lobbying in the defence and promotion of human rights, particularly civil liberties, among liberals from across the world
- To speak on behalf of LI and support LI members in their efforts to promote sensible human rights policies on a national and international level
- To influence international politics where it concerns human rights, such as through involvement with the work of the United Nations and through the individual member parties and their respective spokespersons
- To build visibility of LI as a credible human rights actor within the international human rights community
- To counter human rights violations, especially those against political parties and activists

Composition of LI Human Rights Committee:

- The Human Rights Committee shall be composed of:
 - Chair of LI Human Rights Committee
 - Vice Chairman of LI Human Rights Committee
 - 20 Members
 - Honorary Patron of LI Human Rights Committee
 - Immediate Past Chair
 - A representative of the liberal human rights parliamentarians network
- Each member party, group or cooperating organisation shall have the right to nominate one member on the LI Human Rights Committee
- Nominations for membership on the Committee shall be sent to the LI Bureau which will then send its recommendation to the Executive Committee for confirmation
- The number of members on LI Human Rights Committee shall be proposed by the Bureau and reported to the LI Executive Committee
- The Chair of the LI Human Rights Committee shall be proposed by the Bureau and reported to the LI Executive Committee
- Member parties, groups and cooperating organisations financially contributing to the Human Rights project shall have a guaranteed seat in the LI Human Rights Committee, while external entities financially contributing to the human rights programme shall be invited to send an observer to the Committee meetings



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- Former Chairpersons of LI Human Rights Committee shall be invited to attend LI HRC meetings
- The LI Human Rights Committee shall decide on the organisational manner in which it may implement its objectives, including working groups, spokespersons, and rapporteurs, etc.
- All appointees of the Committee as spokespersons, working group chairs, rapporteurs, etc. shall be from among the Committee members and will be decided by the Chair of the Committee
- Working groups might include people who work in the field of the respective issue and be endorsed by an affiliated party, group or cooperating organisation

Serving Terms:

The serving terms on the LI Human Rights Committee shall be aligned with the serving terms on the LI Bureau as codified in Liberal International's Constitution:

1. The mandate of the Members of LI Human Rights Committee, including the mandate of all appointees by the Committee, shall be 18 months with the right of re-election
2. The membership of the LI Human Rights Committee shall be confirmed by the First LI Executive Committee that meets after the Congress
3. No member on the LI Human Rights Committee shall serve for more than three consecutive terms
4. In the event of any of the Members of LI Human Rights Committee retiring during his/her term of office the vacancy shall be filled by the LI Bureau and confirmed by the Executive Committee immediately following

Main Aspects of the LI HRC Responsibilities:

- The LI Human Rights Committee shall:
 - Operate under a mid-term three year strategy which shall be submitted for adoption to the LI Bureau and LI Executive Committee. The strategy shall consist of clearly defined immediate priorities and accompanying action plan for their implementation. A revision of the strategy may be done on a mid-term basis.
 - Manage its activities with the support of a specially designated member of the LI Secretariat
 - Report on its activities to the LI Bureau and LI Executive Committee
 - Produce an annual report of its activities
 - Maintain involvement with the member parties through their respective Human Rights spokespersons
 - Identify human rights organisations and other relevant partners who are willing to support the work of the Committee and cooperate in its activities
 - Offer support to LI's regional sister organisations in addressing regional Human Rights Institutions



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- Maintain involvement with the work of the United Nations through its ECOSOC consultative status including but not limited to submitting written and oral statements to the United Nations Human Rights Council on a regular basis
- Create a network of liberal human rights parliamentarians and organize events for the network on a regular basis
- Each LI Human Rights Committee Member shall:
 - Indicate their respective strengths and relevant experience in order to maximize the potential of the Committee Requiring
 - Undertake a priority work area according to his/her interests and taking into consideration the overall objectives of the Committee
 - Provide regular updates to the LI Human Rights Officer on their work in the field
 - Report on his/her work to the LI Bureau
 - Report on his/her work under the priority areas at LI statutory events
 - Report on the human rights situation in his/her own country and on the activities of his/her nominating entity