



RESOLUTION

Towards a framework for consultations

*Adopted by the Council of Members
9-10 November 2007, Brussels (Belgium)*

- a) *Guided* by the desire to give a voice to all young people,
- b) *Having* considered the ‘recommendations for ensuring inclusiveness in Youth Organisations’¹,
- c) *Welcoming* the European Commission communication ‘Promoting young people’s full participation in education, employment and society’² and its commitment to a structured dialogue with young people³,
- d) *Further welcoming* that young people are more and more considered as partners in policy consultations and civil society dialogues,
- e) *Driven* by the desire to improve ourselves till the capacities of all young people to influence policies that affect them are used to the full potential,

The Council of Members of the YFJ, assembled in Brussels,

1. Reaffirms its commitment to ‘defend the interests of all young people in Europe’⁴;
2. Speaks out that national debates and consultations can, amongst others, contribute to our representativeness, gathering useful new insights and inclusion of our constituencies.
3. Commits itself to do as much as possible to make the structured dialogue a success.
4. Takes into account that differences in cultures, resources, capacities, goals and others make strict guidelines for consultations counter-productive and undesirable;
5. Believes that a framework for these consultations can
 1. improve their quality,
 2. improve our accountability to each other and the outer world,
 3. strengthen our demands for better facilitation, more freedom to implement our views and increased resources, because it shows our commitment and professionalism;
6. Requests the Bureau to present a proposal for a “Framework” for

1 http://www.youthforum.org/Downloads/Courier/2007/august/Recommendations_ensuring_inclusiveness_Youth-Organisations.pdf

2 COM(2007)498

3 <http://office.youthforum.org/hyerooffice/groups/library/library.cfm?CFID=5596293&CFTOKEN=e58012a1eacac6bf-9BB63AF7-1143-CD84-8EF95554C65DB1AF&action=getfile&directory=%2Fgroups%2Fg7050%2Fcouncil%20of%20members%202007&file=Structured%5Fdialogue%2Edoc&URISTR=%2Fgroups%2Fg7050%2Fcouncil%20of%20members%202007%2Fstructured%5Fdialogue%2Edoc>

4 Mission Statement adopted in 2000

national debates/consultations that

1. shows our commitment to be as inclusive as possible,
 2. provides a method for easy and useful exchange of good practice and ideas,
 3. provides a method for easy and useful comparison of activities carried out to facilitate accountability,
 4. also contains a “wish-list” for institutions, to reduce the restrictions institutions give us and improve facilitation and resources,
 5. includes an annual prize for a member organisation that stood out in reaching out;
7. Encourages the Bureau to consult the membership in the process as much as possible;
8. Encourages the Bureau to make use of the willingness of Member Organisations and individuals to do much of the work.