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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING VICTIM SUPPORT EUROPE  
 SATURDAY MAY 28 2011 10.30 AM**

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**Draft Minutes**

**1. Opening and Welcome**

The President of Victim Support Europe, Mr. David McKenna, welcomes everyone to this Annual General Meeting.

**2. Apologies and Presence**

**Present**

Barbara Unterlerchner		Austria	Weisser Ring Austria
Barbara Wuesten		Germany	Weisser Ring Germany
Bastian Finke		Germany	ADO
Bob Leitch		Scotland	Victim Support Scotland
Carmen Rasquete		Portugal	APAV
Frank Hengeveld	Executive Officer	Netherlands	Victim Support Europe
Frida Wheldon		Scotland	Victim Support Scotland
Gabriele Holthaus		Germany	Weisser Ring Germany
Helgard van Hüllen	Treasurer	Germany	Weisser Ring Germany
Jalina Vasilenko		Finland	Rikosuhriavystys
Javed Kahn	Board Member	UK	Victim Support E & W
Joao Lazaro	Vice-President	Portugal	APAV
Lyane Sautner	Board Member	Austria	Weisser Ring Austria
Mario Borg		Malta	Victim Support Malta
Marketa Vitousova	Board Member	Czech Republic	Bily Kruh Bezpeci
Michele de Kerckhove		France	INAVEM
Olga Kostina		Russia	Soprotivlenie
Ove Berndtsen		Denmark	Offerraadgivning Denmark
Petra Kjallman		Finland	Rikosuhriavystys
Sonja Leferink		Netherlands	Victim Support Netherlands
Susan Gallagher		Scotland	Victim Support Scotland
Victor Jammers	Board Member	Netherlands	Victim Support Netherlands

### **3. Minutes of the AGM May 29 2010**

- a. Matters arising  
There are no matters arising
- b. Approval  
Minutes are approved with thanks to Frida Wheldon

### **4. Report of the President- David McKenna**

Since the President has already given several speeches during the conference and has mentioned the main issues regarding VSE he will not give an additional report during this AGM.

### **5. Report of the Treasurer – Helgard van Hüllen**

The accounts show total income for the year 2010 of EUR €490,959. Victim Support Europe received a pre-financing payment of €130,271 for the 2010 Operating Grant (JUST/2009/JPEN/726/OG) and a pre-financing payment of €299,637 for the 2011/2012 Action Grant (JLS/2009/JPEN/AG/612).

These amounts, prepaid by member organisations of Victim Support Europe are restricted incoming resources and are to be reimbursed to the member organisations.

Victim Support Europe has now 26 members in 21 countries reflecting the growing recognition. The income out of membership fees was € 13,675. For the year 2010 an operating grant was conceded by the European Commission. The accounts granted in 2010 have to be reimbursed to member organisations. They relate to costs for developing communication supports, the publication of the Newsletters, costs for the secretariat and for the Executive Board as well as the Annual Conference and the AGM. This allowed to develop VSE further.

The year 2010 was the last year for VSE as a company limited by guarantee registered in England and a registered charity. VSE now is an AISBL under Belgian law, situated in Brussels. This will lead to further changes in bookkeeping and auditing.

### **6. Report of the Executive Officer - Frank Hengeveld**

The last year has, as indicated by more speakers, been a turbulent one. The report will be short since most of the items to be mentioned have already been raised by other speakers during the last couple of days. Frank thanks David and the Board for all the support given during the last year and also thanks all members of VSE for their contribution.

### **7. Appointment of Board Members**

- Sabrina Bellucci nominated by INAVEM France
- Javed Khan nominated by Victim Support England & Wales

Both new nominations are approved by the AGM. David welcomes both Sabrina and Javed to the Board of Victim Support Europe.

### **Resolution 1. Annual Report**

The AGM approves with the Annual report as presented on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2011.

### **8. Resolution 2. Appointment of Auditors - approval of ...**

" This AGM agrees to the appointment of "... " as auditors of Victim Support Europe"

During the upcoming months new auditors, probably based in Brussels, will be appointed. Helgard will support the Board in finding these new auditors.

### **9. Resolution 3. Vision of Victim Support Europe**

" This AGM agrees on the vision document as discussed during the workshop on Saturday morning the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2011"

### **10. Resolution 4. Membership fees**

" This AGM agrees that the full and associate membership fees should remain at the current level for 2012. Further the AGM instructs the Executive Board to undertake a review of the basis of membership fees and to report with recommendations to the AGM in 2012"

### **11. Resolution 5. New Directive on victims of crime**

"This AGM welcomes the new Directive as proposed by the European Commission and will commit itself to the content of it".

There is a short discussion whether or not witnesses should be mentioned in the Directive. The AGM agrees to have the text changed into:

"This AGM warmly welcomes the new Directive as proposed by the EC. We call on the EU to include witnesses in the Directive and to set out its strategy and proposals for funding".

### **12. Future Annual Conferences**

Indicative bids 2012 and 2013 to be decided. APAV is considering to let the conference take place in Lisbon in 2012, Scotland offers to have the 2013 conference in Edinburgh.

### **13. Other resolutions**

No other resolutions have been submitted.

### **14. Any other competent business**

Bob Leitch thanks David for the excellent way in which he has acted as President of VSE so far. He believes that the Directive is a major milestone and gives great hope for victims.

Bastian Finke would like to make a proposal for next year's conference as subject of a workshop being hate crime. It would consider violence against refugees, ethical violence, religious violence and violence against GLTB. David thinks this suggestion is very helpful and the Board will consider it to be a key theme of next years conference.

### **15. Closing**

David thanks the Board and especially the office bearers for their support and work during the last year and wishes everyone a good journey home.

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