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**Minutes of First Standing Committee Meeting of**

**Government Libraries Section, IFLA**

**19thAugust 2017, Wroclaw, Poland**

Present: Anoja Fernando – Chair (UK), Pavel Kiselev – Secretary (Russia), Beacher Wiggins (USA –Corresponding Member), Jerry Mansfield (USA – past Chair), Jonathan Ginn (UK – Corresponding Member),Winny Nekesa Akullo (Uganda – Member), Neil Murray (UK – incoming Member).

Guests Present: Adetoun Oyelude (Nigeria – Observer), Deva E. Reddy (USA – Observer), Sharlene Mobley (USA – Observer).

1. Apologies: Guillermo García-Capcha – Information Coordinator (Peru - member), Miguel Navas (Spain – Member), Elina Kähö (Finland - member),Maria Goeckeritz (Germany – Corresponding Member), Reyna JosvahRabiaza (Madagascar – Member), Brad Hinton (Australia – Corresponding Member), HyunjuLee(Korea – incoming Member), VincenzaIossa(Italy – Corresponding Member), SatokoYoshima(Japan – Corresponding Member), Dr. SatendraSingh (India – incoming member), Sanjay K Bihani (India – past Chair).

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2. Welcome: Chair Anoja Fernando welcomed the Standing Committee members and guests to the meeting, announced apologies from members unable to attend and everyone introduced themselves. The Committee recorded agreement.

3. Agenda: The agenda was accepted and the meeting commenced.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes from IFLA WLIC in Columbus, USA were accepted.

5. Report from Chair: Anoja announced that after successfully lobbying personal and IFLA contacts GLS received several new standing committee members and corresponding members. She expressed her gratitude to Secretary and information coordinators for support and arrangements for WLIC 2017. Anoja expressed the gratitude of the Standing Committee to Jerry Mansfield for several years of continued guidance and support. She expressed her personal thanks for the support and guidance Jerry extended to her since she joined the Committee as Secretary in 2013 and as Chair, since 2015. It was Jerry that explained and guided her through the intricate process of IFLA nominations, which facilitated the Chair’s recent success in increasing SC membership.

The Chair also mentioned that as a result of 2016 standing committee meetings and midterm work section 11 of Guidelines for Libraries of Government Departments (published in 200 ) is subject for review at GLS satellite meeting in Berlin August 25th, 2017. [Please see attached Chair’s report]

6. Report from Secretary: Pavel expressed his appreciation to Anoja and Guillermo for their cooperation in all section arrangements regarding the section and the program in Wroclaw. He also mentioned that all papers will be presented at the GLS Session (session 191, Wednesday August23rd, 2017) as confirmed. Pavel will be hosting all speakers’ arrangements during conference and the time-table at the session.

7. Report from Information Coordinator: Secretary Pavel Kiselev read the report in the absence of Guillermo. Everyone complimented Guillermo’s efforts at meeting all the deadlines in congress program arrangements, his contribution to GLS social networking activities. Anoja thanked Guillermo for drafting an excellent GLS Social Media and Communication Plan 2017-2019 and uploading to the GLS website. Anoja advised those present to read, circulate and use the plan amongst their wider communities. [see attached Information Coordinator’s report]

8. GLS Session Wroclaw: introductions, format and confirmation of speakers:

**Theme**: Government and Parliamentary Libraries: supporting United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The session will consist of two consecutive parts – papers presentation and knowledge cafe discussion.

Anoja reminded and invited the Committee to attend the Government Libraries Section Session (session 191, Wednesday August23rd, 2017, Multifunctional hall). She confirmed the attendance of the Keynote Speaker, Nick Poole, CEO, Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, United Kingdom.   
  
Anoja commended Guillermo’s excellent coordination with SC during selection of papers, speakers and IFLA HQ to ensure the programme succeeds. Anoja expressed her special appreciation to Guillermo’s meticulous communication from Peru with her, Jonathan (joint information Coordinator) and Pavel (Secretary) - so that the programme runs smoothly at conference, without Guillermo’s presence. Guillermo’s planning makes the transition of on-site management to Pavel run smoothly. Anoja also thanked Pavel for liaising with speakers and IFLA communications during conference. The SC recorded their thanks to Guillermo and Pavel.

The Secretary confirmed all papers to be presented and it was agreed to stay in touch with all the speakers and the secretary undertook to take a closer look to upload the presentations to IFLA speaker preview system as soon as possible.   
  
As the format was new to current SC members, there was discussion and several helpful suggestions from SC Members present. Anoja confirmed herself as the moderator of the presentations session. GLS standing committee members confirmed themselves to assist as facilitators at the knowledge cafe session.

9. IFLA Global Vision: Report from Jonathan Ginn & Anoja Fernando: Anoja and Jonathan reported their attendance at the Global Vision workshop in Athens in April 2017. This was a fruitful and consuming workshop to promote a global conversation IFLA is undertaking to advocate for the profession globally. Anoja said the work involved a lot of commitment and thanked Jonathan for encouraging SC participation via BaseCamp and collating all their responses in a final document forwarded to IFLA HQ. [see attached]

10. Revision of Government Libraries Guidelines – Advocacy & UN SDGs: as agreed in Columbus GLS is undertaking a project to update section 11 of Guidelines for Libraries of Government Departments. The Berlin Satellite meeting at the Bundestag on the 25th is arranged to assist this work.  
  
Anoja expressed her gratitude to the Head of the Bundestag, Mr. Holger Scheerer for hosting the session, providing refreshments and hospitality. She thanked Jonathan for all his hard work in liaising with delegates. Jonathan promised to report on the final arrangement at the 2nd SC meeting.

Pavel Kiselev 19th August 2017

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**Minutes of Second Standing Committee Meeting of**

**Government Libraries Section, IFLA**

**24thAugust 2017, Wroclaw, Poland**

Present: Anoja Fernando – Chair (UK), Pavel Kiselev – Secretary (Russia), Beacher Wiggins (USA –Corresponding Member), Jonathan Ginn (UK –Member),Winny Nekesa Akullo (Uganda – Member), Neil Murray (European Parliament – Member), Miguel Navas (Spain – Member),Dr. Satendra Singh Dhaka (India – Member), SatokoYoshima (Japan – Corresponding Member, represented by Yuko Kumakura), Sanjay K Bihani (India – Chair, IFLA Asia Oceania Section).

Apologies: Guillermo García-Capcha – Information Coordinator (Peru), ElinaKähö (Finland - member), Jerry Mansfield (USA – past Chair), Vincenza Iossa(Italy – Corresponding Member), Brad Hinton (Australia – Member), Maria Goeckeritz (Germany – Corresponding Member), Reyna JosvahRabiaza (Madagascar – Member), Hyunju Lee(Korea – incoming Member), Satoko Yoshima(Japan – Corresponding Member).

Welcome: Chair Anoja Fernando welcomed the Standing Committee members and guests to the meeting, announced apologies from members unable to attend and everyone introduced themselves.

Agenda: The remaining agenda items were accepted and the meeting commenced.

11. Post-satellite workshop - 25th-26th August, Berlin: Jonathan Ginn: Jonathan presented report on the arrangements and program in Berlin on two consecutive days. The main meeting is to be held in Bundestag Library and the examples and papers presented and the discussion will inform revision of GLS Guidelines, Section 11 on Advocacy linking to UN SDGs. The workshop will include presentations from German, British, Finnish and Ugandan government Librarians/officials. This will be followed by an open discussion and written feedback on the current Section 11 from all participants. Jonathan provided necessary information on transportation, logistics, lodging and cultural program options. [see attached].   
  
Yuko Kumakura presented a country example paper prepared by Satoko Yoshima(Japan –Corresponding Member) which Anoja accepted with appreciation.

12. Discussion and Finalization of GL Section Programme for IFLA 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



As the theme of 2018 WLIC will be “Transform Libraries, Transform Societies” after a group discussion the meeting agreed on the topic of the program “United Nations Sustainable Development Goals transforming societies through informed policy making” in the form of a Keynote Speaker and 2-3 presentations followed by the knowledge café.

13.Planning / Discussion on programmes with other sections, if any

It was agreed to invite Libraries and Research for Parliaments &Law Libraries Sections to sponsor the session and to invite a speaker from United Nations/British Parliament or a country. Sanjay Bihani, Chair of Asia & Oceania proposed sponsoring the GLS session at WLIC 2018 and the Committee accepted the offer.

14.Feedback of GL Section Wroclaw Programme

The Chair and Committee recorded the success of the Keynote address by Nick Poole, CEO Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP), UK and their thanks and appreciation. As a result of the GLS program this year, we received several questions from the Café style discussions; we could discuss these questions after speakers’ presentations in WLIC 2018. This could encourage number of new observers attending the Second SC meeting and great potential to enroll more new members in the upcoming election year 2019.  
  
A gap to be addressed next year is a final wrap-up of discussions from the facilitator of each table.

15.Election/Re-election of Officers and current and incoming SC members:   
Anoja extended a warm welcome to the new Standing Committee members and thanked them for their willingness to contribute and serve on the GLS Committee. She thanked the Standing Committee members whose terms are continuing and looked forward to working with everyone during another interesting year.   
  
Dr.Satendra Singh Dhaka (India) proposed the move for re-electing acting GLS officers and newly nominated SC members, Beacher Wiggins (USA) seconded and the move passed by a unanimous vote.

Anoja & Pavel thanked the Committee for their gracious vote of thanks and expressed their wish to build on the success of the past two years, together with the exceptional support and contributions they receive from Guillermo & Jonathan as joint Information Coordinators

16.Any other issue with the permission of the Chair: Anoja thanked those SC Committee Members for their contributions throughout the year and welcomed a similar participation in the coming year as the presentation of draft guidelines will be a priority in WLIC 2018 Kuala Lumpur.

17.Closure of meeting: Anoja closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their continued participation and valuable suggestions. She welcomed colleagues joining the Satellite Conference at the Bundestag on the 25th whilst hoping to see other colleagues in WLIC 2018.

Pavel Kiselev 24th August 2017