## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Grimond Room, Portcullis House, London SW1 on Tuesday 14 October 2008

- 1] Apologies for absence Lord Judd, June Stubbs, Phil Willis MP, Ben Whitaker, Sir John Osborn, Sir Patrick Cormack MP, Baroness Cox and others
- 2] Minutes of the AGM held on 8 December 2007 These were agreed as a true record.
- 3] Matters arising There were none.
- 4] **Presentation of Annual Report 2007-2008** The Chairman tabled the report. Following discussion, the report was adopted.
- 5] Presentation of the Accounts for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 The Hon. Treasurer presented the Accounts. Following discussion, David Wardrop thanked Patricia Rogers, retiring Hon. Treasurer, for dedicating so much time to bring the accounts up to date. The accounts were then formally adopted.
- 6] Constitution amendments. Amendments to the existing Constitution were formally agreed, following extensive discussion at the previous AGM which was not quorate. The new Constitution adopts elements of the Model Constitution offered by UNA-UK following its move to become a Company Limited by Guarantee. It more clearly illustrates our objectives and reflects changes nationally, bringing in youth and student members as well as affiliates, a class of member to which our current constitution does not refer. It removes constrictions on the period members can be officers or members of the committee and the duties of the Committee have been sharpened. Branch members seeking to view the Constitution should contact the Hon Secretary.
- 7] Appointment of auditor for the year 2008-2009 The Hon Treasurer proposed Mr Stuart Lever and this was agreed.

## 8] Election of Officers for the year 2008-2009

The following elections were agreed:

Joint Presidents: Baroness Cox of Queensbury

Lord Judd of Portsea

Lord Lester of Herne Hill QC

Joint Vice-Presidents: Rt Hon Jeremy Thorpe PC Ben Whitaker

Elizabeth MacKeith Juliet Colman

HH Prince Mohsin Ali Khan

Chairman: David Wardrop
Vice-Chairman: Paul Mrazek
Honorary Secretary: Vivienne Eka
Honorary Treasurer: Ryan Gawn

Committee: Rudi Albeza Elizabeth Gordon
Bianca Madison-Vuleta Catherine Pluygers

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William Say Perri Mahmood
Angela Viano Michael Rossi
Dave Crookenden Peter Greaves

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9] Address The meeting concluded with Professor Sir Richard Jolly speaking to the subject "Is there a Right to Development". This led to lively discussion. The Chairman thanked Sir Richard for his address and the meeting ended at 8pm.