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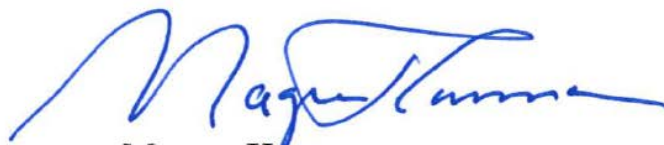
	Minutes 20 th IUT Congress, Glasgow October 14-16, 2015
1. a. Opening of the meeting b. Tribute to Anna Pachtová c. Other businesses	a. President Sven Bergenstråhle welcomed everyone to Glasgow and opened the meeting. He thanked the TPAS Scotland for their hospitality to host the IUT Congress meeting. b. The Congress paid tribute to Anna Pachtová 1951-2016, who was a long standing member of the IUT Board. c. One issue was added, regarding the IUT Statues.
2. Adoption of the agenda	The agenda was adopted without changes.
3. Election of a. Chair and Vice Chair b. Secretary	a. Jennie Osbourne of the TPAS England was elected Chair. Anna Lönn Lundbäck of the Swedish Union of Tenants was elected Vice Chair. b. Stefan Runfeldt of the IUT Secretariat was elected secretary.
4. Roll call	The Chair called the heads of the delegations. For a complete and up-dated list, please see Appendix I.
5. Minutes from previous Congress 2013, Krakow	The minutes from previous Congress 2013, Krakow was adopted without revisions.
6. Elections of a. IUT President 2017-2019 b. Headquarter of IUT Secretariat for 2017-2019	a. Sven Bergenstråhle was re-elected as President of the IUT for the next Congress period 2017-2019. b. The Swedish Union of Tenants has offered to continue hosting the IUT Headquarter for the next Congress period 2017-2019, the offer was kindly accepted by the Congress.
7. IUT Congress Statement	The Congress statement was reviewed and agreed, then adopted. Heads of delegations then signed the Statement. The statement was made available immediately on social media channels. For full statement, see Appendix II.
8. IUT activity report 2013-2015	Magnus Hammar, Secretary General, and Barbara Steenbergen, Head of IUT liaison office in Brussels, presented the IUT activity report for 2013-2015. IUT has today (August 2016) 68 national or regional members, in 44 countries – six more than in 2013. One member, BIHUSS, Bosnia & Hercegovina, has shut down their office and activities. New members are from; England, Northern Ireland, Belgium, Scotland and Nepal.

	<p>IUTs' liaison office to the EU in Brussels has been very active, lobbying major EU institutions; EU parliament, Committee of the Regions and European Economic and Social Committee, and have been participating in a large number of conferences and networking events.</p> <p>IUT project funding has been made available, in 2013, for IUT member in Poland The full activity report was available as a separate document among the congress documents</p> <p>The Congress adopted the report. For full report, see Appendix III.</p>
9. Financial Reports a. Financial Report 2013-2015 b. Auditor's report c. Discharge from liability d. Triannual IUT budget	<p>Magnus Hammar presented the financial report and the auditors' report for the fiscal years 2013-2015.</p> <p>The Congress adopted the reports, with one remark and some suggestions stated below, and decided to discharge the secretariat from liability.</p> <p>Remark: The IUT need more members and more board members, also look into the membership fees. The Secretariat will look into these issues and come back to the Board for suggested changes.</p> <p>Correction item 9d, IUT triannual budget: Item 21 (congress 2019) should be -30 000 € (not -15 000 €). And 3x10 000 € (for 2016, 2017, 2018). Total costs 2016-2018: -294 500 €. TOTAL for 2016-2018: -14 100 €</p>
10. Appointment of Auditors	<p>The Congress approved the suggestion from the Board to accept Ernst & Young Ltd, or other auditor chosen by the Swedish Union of Tenants, and two representatives of the Swedish Union of Tenants as auditors for 2017-2018.</p>
11. Motions	<p>No motions had been submitted to the IUT Secretariat within the stipulated time, of two months before congress.</p>
12. Approval of membership applications 2013-2015	<p>Approval of membership applications 2013-2015 (2016) of the following organisations: Categories: M=Member (paying €60,00/year), AM = Associated Member (no fee)</p> <p>a. <i>Supporting Communities NI</i>, Northern Ireland, as category M Accepted by IUT board May 9, 2015.</p> <p>b. <i>Living Rent</i>, Scotland as category AM Accepted by IUT board May 21, 2016 c. <i>Tenants Information Service, TIS</i>, Scotland, as category M Accepted by IUT board May 9, 2015.</p> <p>c. <i>Tenants Information Service, TIS</i>, as category B. Accepted by IUT board May 21, 2016.</p> <p>d. <i>Nepal Tenant Union</i>, as category AM Accepted by IUT board May 21, 2016.</p> <p>e. <i>Vlaams Huurdersplatform</i>, Belgium, as category M Accepted by IUT board on April 25, 2014.</p> <p>f. <i>Generation Rent</i>, (Previously, National Private Tenants Organisation), England, as category AM. Accepted by IUT board April 19, 2013.</p>
13. Report; Ceasing of membership 2013-2015	<p>Bosnia & Hercegovina: Udruženje stanara "Bihuss" Sarajevo, due to the closure of the organisation.</p>
14. IUT Plan of action, goal and intentions	<p>Main goals and intentions 2017 – 2019 include actions on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing rights, and secure tenure • Affordable rental housing • Pros for rental housing

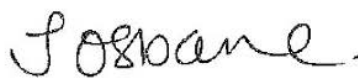
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social housing • Energy and energy costs • Tenure neutrality <p>On the EU Issues the focus includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing and state aid, Energy policy • EU stability pact, European Semester and Country Specific Recommendations • European Pillar of social rights • EU funding for housing • EU Parliament elections 2019 • European Responsible Housing Initiative • Internal Affairs • Partnerships <p>For full report, see Appendix IV.</p>
15. Other issues, points of information	<p>The IUT Statues</p> <p>The IUT President presented a proposal from the board to form a group to review the statues of the IUT and put forward a proposal to send out to all members in the beginning of next year, give the members two months to give their opinions. The work group will then make a revised proposal, and send it out again at least one month to all members before the board makes its decision. The Congress approved the proposal from the board.</p>
16. Next congress, 2019	<p>The Secretary general invited the organisations to come forward to the board with suggestions for where to hold the next IUT Congress.</p>
16. Closure of Congress	<p>President Sven Bergensträhle thanked all board members and closed the meeting.</p>




Sven Bergensträhle
President




Magnus Hammar
Secretary General



Jennie Osbourne
Congress Chair



Anna Lönn Lundbäck
Vice Chair



Stefan Runfeldt
Assistant Secretary