



RESOLUTION ON FUNDRAISING

PEN International and PEN Centres accept funding from a wide variety of public and private sector funders. While all Centres are committed to fulfilling the PEN Charter, they operate autonomously. This includes fundraising, along with all strategic decision making.

In order to ensure that PEN International and PEN Centres do not compromise PEN's objectives or reputation in accepting funding that may present a conflict of interest, this resolution outlines minimum considerations for all PEN Centres to follow when making decisions regarding the acceptance of funding. While each Centre's autonomy must be respected, in accepting any funding each PEN Centre should have regard to the likely impact that the receipt of funding may have on the international reputation of PEN and the fulfilment of its objectives.

The Assembly of Delegates of PEN International, meeting at its 82nd World Congress in Ourense, Galicia (Spain), 26th September to 2nd October 2016, decided that PEN International and PEN Centres will not accept philanthropic funding in cases where to do so would or might:

- a. Create an unacceptable conflict of interest;
- b. In any other way be in conflict with the general values and objectives of PEN.

Each Centre commits to adopt an appropriate procedure to scrutinise funding that may fall into any of the categories above. PEN International will produce guidelines to aid centres in adopting such procedures.

If there is cause for concern regarding a donation or funding, the gift in question will be brought to the attention of the board of the PEN Centre concerned to decide whether the gift should be accepted, following a process of due diligence. The Board of Trustees may seek further advice if it considers that there are significant issues to discuss, including from nominated persons unconnected to PEN and/or from the board of PEN International.