# Draft Resolution to the EBU’s 11th General Assembly 2019

## Finnish Federation of the Visually Impaired

## Blindrafelagid, Icelandic Association of the Visually Impaired

**Norwegian Association of the Blind and Partially Sighted**

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## Restriction of eligibility within all EBU bodies

**In the EBU constitution the article V BOARD, section 1 about composition the paragraph 1.4** says: All members of the Board shall be eligible for re-election. There are no rules about how often the board members or the president can be re-elected.

One of the objects of EBU is “to strive for equal representation and participation of gender, age and blind/partially sighted persons in its activities and in the selection by National Members of delegations to the General Assembly, in elections to the Board and committees and in appointments to commissions, committees and working groups” as it says in the constitution article II, paragraph 1.5.

In many of our national organisations there is a limit to the number of periods an elected official can serve. Such measures are taken to secure renewal and force the organisations to cultivate new talent. Even though experience is and should be highly valued in our organisation, EBU, it is equally important that we keep with the times and that our board mirrors the broad spectrum of blind and visually impaired people in Europe.

We therefor suggest that a workgroup will investigate these practices and deliver recommendations to the 12th General Assembly.

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