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## I. FINAL AGENDA

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## **II. LIST OF PRESENCE**

The original signed List of presence is the Annex I of this Report.

### III. OPENING OF THE SESSION

1. The President, Dr. Deisi Kusztra, opened the 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Session at 09:00 AM welcoming all Members and wishing them a very productive and constructive meeting.
2. The President started the Session by thanking the Government of Egypt for the hospitality and the excellent infrastructures arranged for the WFO's General Assembly and the Summit, in special the Ministry of Social Solidarity and the Business Women Association and gave the floor to the Vice- President for Legal and Administrative Affairs, Mr. Isidro de Brito for the verification of the quorum.

### IV. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

3. Following with the point number 2 of the Agenda, the Vice President for Legal and Administrative Affairs welcomed all members and stated that currently 78 Members had fulfilled their Membership duties and had the right to vote at the 29th General Assembly Session. The List of Presence for the current Session, at opening of the Session, had 72 signatures; therefore the quorum was reached .
4. The President thanked the Vice-President for Legal and Administrative Affairs and moved on to the following item of the Agenda

### V. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Doc. GA 29/02/15

5. The President took the floor to present the Agenda which was previously sent to all Members and asked if anyone would like to include any new item to be discussed under the item 13 - Miscellaneous.
6. As there were no requests for any modification or inclusions, the President asked the Members if they were ready to vote on the Agenda, and requested those agreeing to raise their green cards. Since all Members raised their green cards, the Agenda was unanimously adopted.

#### DECISION GA 29/01/15

The General Assembly Members unanimously approved and adopted the Final Agenda as the document GA 29/02/15 as follow:

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## **VI. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY – ORDINARY SESSION HELD IN ZHUHAI, CHINA ON DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2015 – Doc. GA 29/03/15**

7. The President introduced item 4 of the Agenda presenting the previously sent Draft Report of the 28<sup>th</sup> General Assembly held in Zhuhai, China on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, presenting the document and opening the floor for discussion and remarks of the General Assembly Members on the Report.
8. A few members made comments congratulating the work done, but no modifications or additions were done to the draft report.
9. After all comments have been stated and discussed and having no other pending remarks to the report the President asked if Members were ready to vote on the Report to which all Members replied positively.

### **DECISION GA 29/02/15**

The General Assembly Members, after reflecting and discussing the document Doc. GA 29/03/15, decided, unanimously, to approve the Report of 28<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Session, held Zhuhai, China on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

## **VII. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2015 – Doc. GA 29/04/15**

10. Following with point 5 of the Agenda, the President presented the Annual Report of Activities 2015 previously sent to all Members, starting to present the Decisions made by the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly.
11. The President also stated that the Executive Board did not hold any presential session during the year of 2015 rather the President held virtual sessions with the Financial, Legal and Administrative Vice Presidents in order to prepare the next Strategic Framework of the Organization as well as with the Vice Presidents for Family Policy and Technical Activities with the same purpose.

12. As it was discussed in the last General Assembly the process of preparation to encompass the work of WFO to the 2030 Global Agenda is a very time consuming work and still will take the whole year of 2016 to have it completed to be presented to the next 2016 General Assembly Session.
13. Following with the presentation the President introduced activities accomplished done by the organization and stated on the Report of Activities for 2015, explaining that all the points were clearly indicated by the following categories: achieved, partially achieved and not achieved.
14. The President also remarked that, attending the wish from the members in the last General Assembly, the Financial Report would be presented separately.
15. After the presentation the President opened the floor for Members discuss the Report of Activities 2015.
16. A few Members expressed their satisfaction with the report and congratulated the President and the Executive Board for the work done during the year of 2015
17. Since there were no other comments, the President asked if the Members were ready to vote on the Annual Report of Activities 2015, to which Members agreed and unanimously approved.

#### **DECISION GA 29/03/15**

The General Assembly Members, after reflecting and discussing the Annual Report of Activities 2015, decided unanimously to approve it.

### **VIII. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2015 – Doc. GA 29/05/15**

18. Following with point 6 of the Agenda, the President stated that due personal health issues, the Vice President for Financial Affairs was not able to travel to Egypt at this time, but his report was accomplished and sent to all Members, therefore the President presented the Financial Report 2015 herself.
19. After presenting the Report, the President opened the floor to Members for discussion and comments.
20. After the discussion and since there were no other comments to be added to the Financial Report, the President asked if Members were ready to vote on the Financial Report of 2015 to which Members agreed and decided unanimously to approve it.

#### **DECISION GA 29/04/15**

The General Assembly Members, after reflecting and discussing the Financial Report of 2015, decided unanimously to approve it.



## IX. REPORT ON THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT AND THE APPROVED DOCUMENT THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – Doc. GA 29/06/15

21. Following to the next point of the Agenda, the President presented the Report on the UN Sustainable Development Summit and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as follow.
22. In 25 September 2015, the 193-Member United Nations General Assembly formally adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, along with a set of bold new Global Goals, which the Secretary General Ban Ki-moon hailed as a universal, integrated and transformative vision for a better world. It is a promise by leaders to all people everywhere. The UN chief's address came ahead of the Assembly's formal adoption of the new framework, Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which is composed of 17 goals and 169 targets to wipe out poverty, fight inequality and tackle climate change over the next 15 years.
23. The Goals aim to build on the work of the historic Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which in September 2000, rallied the world around a common 15-year agenda to tackle the indignity of poverty.
24. The Summit opened with a full programme of events, including a screening of the film *The Earth From Space*, performances by UN Goodwill Ambassadors Shakira and Angelique Kidjo, as well as call to action by female education advocate and the youngest-ever Nobel Laureate, Malala Yousafzai along with youth representatives as torch bearers to a sustainable future.
25. The 2030 Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. It also seeks to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom and recognize that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development.
26. All countries and all stakeholders, acting in collaborative partnership, will implement this plan. We all are resolved to free the human race from the tyranny of poverty and want and to heal and secure our planet. We all are determined to take the bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world on to a sustainable and resilient path. As we all embark on this collective journey, we pledge that no one will be left behind.
27. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets which were announced at the Sustainable Development Summit demonstrated the scale and ambition of this new universal Agenda. They seek to build on the Millennium Development Goals and complete what they did not achieve. They seek to realize the human rights of all and to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. They are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development: the economic, social and environmental and will stimulate action over the next 15 years in areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet.
28. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, among others, made the following promises to act in favour of:
  - **People** - We are determined to end poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions, and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment.
  - **Planet** - We are determined to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations.

- **Prosperity** - We are determined to ensure that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and that economic, social and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature.
- **Peace** - We are determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development.
- **Partnership** - We are determined to mobilize the means required to implement this Agenda through a revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity, focused in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable and with the participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people.

29. The interlinkages and integrated nature of the Sustainable Development Goals are of crucial importance in ensuring that the purpose of the new Agenda is realized. If we realize our ambitions across the full extent of the Agenda, the lives of all will be profoundly improved and our world will be transformed for the better.

30. Sustainable Development Goals are:

- **Goal 1.** End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- **Goal 2.** End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- **Goal 3.** Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- **Goal 4.** Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- **Goal 5.** Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- **Goal 6.** Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- **Goal 7.** Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
- **Goal 8.** Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- **Goal 9.** Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
- **Goal 10.** Reduce inequality within and among countries
- **Goal 11.** Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- **Goal 12.** Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- **Goal 13.** Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- **Goal 14.** Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
- **Goal 15.** Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
- **Goal 16.** Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
- **Goal 17.** Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

31. After presenting the Report the President stated that these will be the concepts and actions that will direct the WFO Platform for Action to be elaborate during the year of 2016 the Strategic Framework 2017-2021 and opened the floor to Members for discussion.

32. Many Members expressed their satisfaction with the report and their confidence that WFO will be able to incorporate in its work for the well being of families in the context of sustainable development in its everyday activities towards putting its building block to accomplish the Agenda 2030.

33. As there were no other comments, the President requested Members if they were ready to vote on the Report on the UN Sustainable Development Summit and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to which Members agreed and unanimously decided to approve.

#### **DECISION GA 29/05/15**

The General Assembly Members, after reflecting and discussing the Report on the UN Sustainable Development Summit and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, decided unanimously to approve it.

### **X. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON THE EXECUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECISION GA 27/05/13, DECISION GA 27/08/13 AND DECISION GA 28/06/14 – Doc. GA 29/07/15**

34. Following with point 8 of the Agenda, the President reported on the actions taken by the Executive Board to the accomplishment of the General Assembly decisions GA 27/05/13, GA 27/08/13 and GA 28/06/14.
35. The Decision GA 27/05/13 refers to the President's Report on the WFO active participation on the New Post-2015 Development Agenda discussions at the United Nations at the international and governments levels and the reflections done by the Executive Board regarding the non elaboration of the Strategic Framework 2014 - 2017.
36. The Executive Board acknowledged that the next Strategic Framework should encompass the New Global Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda. In order to elaborate an updated document according to the new guidelines of the Sustainable Development Goals, it was imperative to wait the conclusions of the global discussions and the approval of the outcome document by the UN Sustainable Development Summit which was held in September 2015.
37. During the many reflections and discussions the Executive Board decided that would be better to continue the active work on the preparations for the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda and the Global Goals, reporting to the General Assembly about the work done and request to the General Assembly to extend the Strategic Framework 2010-2013 to the year 2014 and 2015 with yearly respectively updated Plan of Actions, and to postpone the elaboration of a new Strategic Framework after the New Agenda with the new goals and targets would be in definitive approved.
38. The General Assembly, after reflecting and discussing unanimously decided to approve the Executive Board Request.
39. The Decision GA/27/08/13 mandated the Executive Board to prepare, during the first trimester of 2014 a draft proposal for a Constitutional Revision, establishing a calendar for the development of the work. The Draft Proposal after the wide consultation among members would be discussed and approved by the 28th Special Session of the General Assembly to be held in December 2014 in China.
40. In February 2014, the President, the Vice President for Legal and Administrative Affairs, Mr. Isidro de Brito and the Vice President for Financial Affairs, Mr. Bruno Lopes started the analysis and discussions on the Constitution through a weekly videoconference.

41. From the beginning, many difficulties were found by the group, due to the amount of time necessary to deeply reflect on the actual status of the organisation and also due to the many changes happening in a global context. Due to these difficulties, the group agreed that an extended period of bibliography consultations on many other organisations with the similar status was needed.
42. In informal consultations with our UN partners, we got the advice to pursue the idea to regain our formal Intergovernmental status in order to improve our relationship with the UN. It's a matter of survival and improve WFO's international representation.
43. Due to the complexity and the time consuming to fulfill this mandate during the year 2014, similarly to the elaboration of the new Strategic Framework 2014-2017, the Executive Board reported to the 28th GA and requested to postpone these two GA Decisions to be fulfilled during the year of 2015
44. Through the Decision GA 28/06/14 the General Assembly Members, after reflecting and discussing, decided unanimously to approve the Executive Board request.
45. In March 2015 we started preliminary discussions with the Vice-Presidents to prepare the two drafts of the Decision 28/06/15 but in May we found out that the Post-2105 Sustainable Development Agenda and the corresponding Sustainable Development Goals were not concluded yet, the draft document presented was much more comprehensive than we expected, the 17 goals with the 169 targets demanded deep reflections and right choices for inclusions in our Strategic Framework and the reflections on the amendments correspondent to our constitution demanded a more coordinated and specialized work.
46. Therefore the President, after discussing with the Vice-Presidents and on behalf of the Executive Board, decided to postpone the preparation of these two draft documents to the year of 2016 and request to the 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Ordinary Session to ratify this decision.
47. The President, on behalf of the Executive Board, also kindly request to the 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Ordinary Session to postpone the discussion and approval of these two tasks to the 30<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Ordinary Session in 2016.
48. After presenting these explanations the President opened the floor to Members for comments and discussion.
49. Many Members commented on the evolution of the preparations of the Agenda 2030 and its respective Sustainable Development Goals, recognizing that it was correct for WFO to wait for the conclusion of the international negotiations and final approval to update its Strategic Framework incorporating the new concepts, goals and targets of the Agenda 2030.
50. The Members decided unanimously to attend the request of the Executive Board and postpone the preparation of the Strategic Framework 2017-2021 and the revision of the Constitution to be during 2016 and to be presented at the next Ordinary and Special Session of the General Assembly.

#### **DECISION GA 29/06/15**

The General Assembly Members, after reflecting and discussing on the request of the Executive Board to postpone the preparation of the Strategic Framework 2017-2021 and the revision of the Constitution to be during 2016, decided unanimously to approve it.

## **XI. PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON THE NEW STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK AND THE REQUEST TO THE GA TO NOMINATE A WFO EXPERT TASKFORCE TO PREPARE THE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2017-2021 ACCORDING TO THE UN APPROVED DOCUMENT GLOBAL GOALS – TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD – TO BE EXECUTED DURING THE YEAR 2016 – Doc. GA 29/08/15**

51. Following with the next point of the Agenda and according with the explanations on the Doc. GA 29/07/15, the President on behalf of the Executive Board, called the General Assembly kind attention to the following reflections:
52. Finally on 25 September 2015 – The 193-Member United Nations General Assembly formally adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, along with a set of bold new Global Goals, which Secretary- General Ban Ki-moon hailed as a universal, integrated and transformative vision for a better world.
53. The adoption of the new framework, Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which is composed of 17 goals and 169 targets to wipe out poverty, fight inequality and tackle climate change over the next 15 years, aim to build on the work of the historic Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which in September 2000, rallied the world around a common 15-year agenda to tackle the indignity of poverty.
54. Referring to the implementation the UN Secretary General stated: “We must engage all actors, as we did in shaping the Agenda. We must include parliaments and local governments, and work with cities and rural areas. We must rally businesses and entrepreneurs. We must involve civil society in defining and implementing policies – and give it the space to hold us to account. We must listen to scientists and academia. We will need to embrace a data revolution. Most important, we must set to work”.
55. Since the UN Conference on Sustainable Development Rio+20 in 2012 the World Family Organization participated actively of the discussions of the agenda set, which are directly or indirectly related to the Family.
56. Acknowledging that the family - the basic unit of society - is a powerful agent for sustainable social, economic, environment and cultural development, including peace and security, bearing the primary responsibility for the care, development and protection of children, as well as instilling values of citizenship and belonging in the society, WFO 26th General Assembly Ordinary Session held in 2012 decided to support the SDGs proposals and included them in the next WFO Strategic Framework increasing cooperation at all levels on family issues and undertaking concerted actions to strengthen family-centered policies and programs as part of an integrated comprehensive approach to development.
57. Moreover, WFO with its members and partners, managing the transition from the MDGs to the SDGs, are strongly committed to work efficiently to help families to understand and exercise the proposed goals in their everyday life contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.
58. WFO’s participation on these negotiations paved our path to arrive at the 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Ordinary Session ready to enter in a new era and start to build the next decade encompassing our work with the new Global Sustainable Development Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals.

59. According to the proceedings we have established and confirmed in the last three General Assembly Ordinary Sessions, it's time to decide on the next steps, and for that, the President on behalf of the Executive Board, requested to the General Assembly to discuss and take the following decisions:

- To request the President to lead the preparation process to elaborate the next 5 years Strategic Framework 2017- 2021, during the year of 2016.
- To request the President, in collaboration with the Vice-President for Family Policy and Vice- President for Technical Activities, to establish a calendar for the work to be done during the year 2016.
- To nominate a Drafting Committee to elaborate the Draft Document. To nominate an Expert Taskforce to collaborate with the Drafting Committee.
- To request the President to consult periodically with the Executive Board Members on the work's progress and present the first draft to be discussed in September 2016.
- To request the President to present the Strategic Framework 2017-2021 on the 31<sup>st</sup> General Assembly Ordinary Session to be held in December 2016, for discussion and approval.

60. The General Assembly Members after discussing and understanding the requests of the President on behalf of the Executive Board decided unanimously to approve them.

#### **DECISION GA 29/07/15**

The Members of the General Assembly, after reflecting and discussing the requests of the President on behalf of the Executive Board, decided to unanimously to:

- Request the President to lead the preparation process to elaborate the next 5 years Strategic Framework 2017- 2021, during the year of 2016.
- Request the President, in collaboration with the Vice-President for Family Policy and Vice-President for Technical Activities, to establish a calendar for the work to be done during the year 2016.
- Request the President to nominate a Drafting Committee to elaborate the Draft Document. To nominate an Expert Taskforce to collaborate with the Drafting Committee.
- Request the President to consult periodically with the Executive Board Members on the work's progress and present the first draft to be discussed in September 2016.
- Request the President to present the Draft Strategic Framework 2017-2021 on the 31<sup>st</sup> General Assembly Ordinary Session to be held in December 2016, for discussion and approval.

## **XII. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT AND REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO THE GA TO MANDATE THE WFO VICE PRESIDENTS TO PREPARE A DRAFT AMENDED CONSTITUTION ACCORDING TO DECISION GA 27/05/13 – Doc. GA 29/09/15**

61. Following with the next point of the Agenda and according with the explanations on the Doc. GA 29/09/15, the President on behalf of the Executive Board, called the General Assembly kind attention to the following reflections:

62. The Decision GA/27/08/13 mandated the Executive Board to prepare, during the first trimester of 2014 a draft proposal for a Constitutional Revision, establishing a calendar for the development of the work. The Draft

Proposal after the wide consultation among members would be discussed and approved by the 28th Special Session of the General Assembly held in December 2014 in China.

63. In February 2014, the President, the Vice President for Legal and Administrative Affairs, Mr. Isidro de Brito and the Vice President for Financial Affairs, Mr. Bruno Lopes started the analysis and discussions on the Constitution through a weekly videoconference.
64. From the beginning, many difficulties were found by the group, due to the amount of time necessary to deeply reflect on the actual status of the organisation and also due to the many changes happening in a global context. Due to these difficulties, the group agreed that an extended period of bibliography consultations on many other organisations with the similar status was needed.
65. In informal consultations with our UN partners, we got the advice to pursue the idea to regain our formal Intergovernmental status in order to improve our relationship with the UN. It's a matter of survival and improve WFO's international representation.
66. Due to the complexity and the time consuming to fulfill this mandate during the year 2014, similarly to the elaboration of the new Strategic Framework 2014-2017, the Executive Board reported to the 28<sup>th</sup> GA and requested to postpone these two GA Decisions to be fulfilled during the year of 2015.
67. The year of 2015 was devoted to WFO's active participation on the negotiations of the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, and taking into account that the amendments should reflect the new direction that the organization will like to take encompassing the the guidelines of the Agenda 2013 for Sustainable Development and the respective Global Goals, the President and the the Vice President for Legal and Administrative Affairs, after long reflections and discussions decided that it would be more productive if this task would be postponed to the year 2016, similarly to the elaboration of the new Strategic Framework.
68. Taking into account the explained above, the President and the Vice-President for Legal and Administrative Affairs, on behalf of the Executive Board request to the 29th General Assembly Ordinary Session the following:
  - To ratify the decision taken by the President and the Vice-President for Legal and Administrative Affairs on behalf of the Executive Board.
  - To request the President to lead the preparation process to elaborate a draft proposal for amendment to the Constitution, during the year of 2016.
  - To request the President, in collaboration with the Vice-President for Legal and Administrative Affairs to establish a calendar and a Taskforce to prepare the draft proposal for the amendments during the year 2016.
  - To request the President to consult periodically with the Executive Board Members on the work's progress and present the first draft to be discussed in September 2016.
  - To request the President to present the Proposals for Amendments to the Constitution on the 31st General Assembly Special Session to be held in December 2016, for discussion and approval.
69. The General Assembly Members after discussing and understanding the requests of the President and the Vice President for Legal and Administrative Affairs on behalf of the Executive Board, decided unanimously to approve them.

## DECISION GA 29/08/15

The Members of the General Assembly, after reflecting and discussing the requests of the President and Vice-President for Legal and Administrative Affairs on behalf of the Executive Board, decided to unanimously to:

- Ratify the decision taken by the President and the Vice-President for Legal and Administrative Affairs on behalf of the Executive Board.
- Request the President to lead the preparation process to elaborate a draft proposal for amendment to the Constitution, during the year of 2016.
- Request the President, in collaboration with the Vice-President for Legal and Administrative Affairs to establish a calendar and a Taskforce to prepare the draft proposal for the amendments during the year 2016.
- Request the President to consult periodically with the Executive Board Members on the work's progress and present the first draft to be discussed in September 2016.
- Request the President to present the Proposals for Amendments to the Constitution on the 30<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Special Session to be held in December 2016, for discussion and approval.

### **XIII. REPORT ON THE PREPARATION OF THE WORLD FAMILY SUMMIT 2015 AND LAUNCHING THE NEW DECADE – “TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD – A NEW ERA FOR THE FAMILY” – Doc. GA 29/10/15**

70. Following with the next point of the Agenda, the President referred to the document Report on preparation the 2015 World Family Summit that was previously sent.
71. The President reported that the preparation of the WFS 2015 in its conceptual form started early February 2015.
72. In weekly videoconferences, the President, the Vice President for Legal and Administrative Affairs and Vice President for Financial Affairs, started to discuss the logistical aspect of the Summit and by the end of the month the Conceptual Framework of the WFS 2015 was concluded.
73. The World Family Organization received an invitation from the Egyptian Government through the Ministry of Social Solidarity and in collaboration with the Egyptian Business Women Association led by our Advisor Dr. Amany Asfour, was very diligent in starting the negotiations in July holding its first preparatory meeting in August in Cairo, led by the President and the Vice President for Legal and Administrative Affairs.
74. A meeting was held with the Minister of Social Solidarity and also a meeting with the Arab League from whom full support and active participation was offered to the Summit organization.
75. After preparing, discussing and approving the logistical aspects of the Summit with the Egyptian team, the Secretariat started to discuss the technical contents of the Summit in weekly videoconference consultations, which included our United Nations partners which is reported in the document GA 29/10/15.
76. Having the logistical issues concluded, the next step was to start the preparation of the Program and the draft points for the declaration. The Summit's date was confirmed for December 10 to 12, 2015 and the theme chosen was: A New Action Agenda: Framing the Sustainable Development Goals at the Smallest Unit of Social Capital – The Family.



77. The President informed Members that with all the preparation work was done successfully, overcoming the big time difference and the difference in protocols, the complete Program is contained in the Participant's Kit received by all.
78. The Members congratulated the President and the Executive Board on all the work done in preparing the World Family Summit 2015.
79. Since there were no other comments, the President asked Members if they were ready to vote on the Report on preparation the World Family Summit 2015, to which Members agreed and unanimously decided to approve it.

#### **DECISION GA 29/10/15**

The Members of the General Assembly, after reflecting and discussing, decided to unanimously approve the Report on preparation the World Family Summit 2015.

### **XIV. CALENDAR 2016 – Doc. GA 29/11/15**

80. Following with point 12 of the Agenda, the President requested the Members of the General Assembly to review the document GA 29/11/15 – Calendar and asked Members if they would like to include any point in the Calendar 2016.
81. The President explained that this Calendar was developed in conjunction with the Executive Board and is subject to changes since for many activities depend on the UN Agenda.
82. The President also stated that, as she requests every year, Members were welcome to send their input to the Calendar at any time.
83. With no further inclusions, the President requested Members if they were ready to vote, to which all Members replied positively.

#### **DECISION GA 29/11/15**

The Members of the General Assembly, after reflecting and analyzing the Calendar for 2016, decided to unanimously approve it.

### **XV. MISCELLANEOUS**

84. The President consulted the Members again if there was any other matter to be included under miscellaneous issues.
85. Mr. Mohamed Ben Naceur took the floor to request the President to report to the General Assembly on the present situation of WFO/UNAPMIF/Development Partners/ABRACE/Government of Brasília Health Project since the last decision of the Executive Board regarding the termination of the partnership was not accomplished by the President, and there is no other news on the advancement of the project.

86. The President recalled that in Report of Activities 2015 just approved by this very General Assembly Session under the point 5 of the Agenda and document Doc. GA 29/04/15, the present situation of the partnership in this project is described including with the request to the General Assembly to the ratification of the President's decision to continue with the project taking into account the election of a new governor to Brasília and the revision of the technical and budgetary documents done by the new Government are an explicit demonstration of support to the conclusion of the project. As stated by the President in the Report she took personally full responsibility of the accomplishment of this project having her decision been ratified by the General Assembly.
87. Had given this explanation, the President opened the floor to any Member that would like to comment or question in the matter.
88. A few Members expressed their satisfaction with the President conduction of the issue and insuring their support to the President's decision and the project.
89. The Advisor Mr. Mohamed Ben Naceur expressed his satisfaction with the explanation, also showing his support to the project.
90. Having concluded all the points of the Agenda and having no other matter to be discussed the President asked Members if the 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Ordinary Session could be closed, to which Members agreed.

## **XVI. CLOSURE OF THE 29<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY ORDINARY SESSION**

91. The President expressed her satisfaction that the members of WFO had concluded the 29<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the General Assembly, discussing all the items of the agenda and deciding on all important matters.
92. A very special thank you was given to all participating Members and observers reminding them that only through this democratic system with equal participation from every individual member can WFO play a very important role in the international arena, defending its interests which are nothing more than the expression of the interests of families world wide.
93. The President thanked the Executive Board Members for their hard work helping to prepare this General Assembly, the logistic personal from Brazil, Portugal and Egypt helping with administrative issues and the interpreters who help us to understand each other in different languages.
94. All items of the Agenda having been completed, the 29<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the General Assembly was closed at 12:20PM, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December, 2015.