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## **DRAFT REPORT OF THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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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 25<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Session at 02:00 PM welcoming all Members and wishing them a very productive and constructive meeting.
2. After this initial welcome, the President passed to the verification of the quorum.

### IV. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

3. The informed Members that the Vice President for Legal and Administrative Affairs, was not present in the Session and for this reason the President would perform his duties.
4. The President reported to Members that according to the Report of the Vice President for Financial Affairs, Mr Bruno Lopes, according to the General List of WFO Members of count with 173 Members and currently 94 members had fulfilled their membership duties and had the right to vote at the 25<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Session. The List of Presence for the current Session had 90 present or represented Members and therefore the Quorum was largely reached.
5. After the announcement of the Quorum the President moved to the next point of the Agenda.

### V. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

6. The President opened the floor asking if Members would like to comment the previously sent Agenda and include any new item.
7. As there were no comments or remarks, the President asked the Members if they were ready to vote on the Agenda, and requested those agreeing to raise their hands and those not agreeing to not raise their hands. Since all Members raised their hands, the Agenda was unanimously adopted as Doc GA25/02/11.

#### DECISION GA 25/01/11

**The General Assembly Members unanimously approved and adopted the Final Agenda as the document GA 25/02/11:**

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## **VI. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 24<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN PARIS, FRANCE ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> OF DECEMBER 2010**

- 8. The President introduced the item 4 of the Agenda presenting the previously sent Draft Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> General Assembly held in Paris on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, giving a few minutes to members to review it.
- 9. After a short moment the President opened the floor for discussion and remarks of the General Assembly Members on the Report. The President took the opportunity to thank Mrs. Rachel Aird, Advisor, for taking her precious time as usual to review and correct the Report.
- 10. Since there were no comments or remarks the President asked if Members were ready to vote on the Report to which all Members replied positively.

### **DECISION GA 25/02/11**

The General Assembly Members, after analyzing the Report of the 24<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Session held in Paris, France on December 2, 2010, decided to unanimously approve it.

## **VII. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2011**

- 11. Following with the point 5 of the Agenda, the President presented the Report of Activities 2011 which was discussed, approved and recommended by the 187<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Board according to the document GA 25/04/11.
- 12. The President informed Members that the format of the Report was different than the previous years because since the following of the Strategic Framework 2010-2013 was now a continuous process, therefore allowing the evaluation of the proposed Plan of Action versus Achieved Goals.
- 13. The President requested Members to follow the document GA 25/04/11 where they could see the sequence of the Report starting by the Decisions taken by the 24<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, following by the Decisions of the 184<sup>th</sup>, 185<sup>th</sup> and 186<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Sessions.
- 14. Following the Report the President explained that the implementation of each strategy of the Strategic Framework 2010-2013 were evaluated according to the actions proposed, activity to be performed in 2011, the goal to be reached and the evaluation of the achievements.
- 15. After each strategy the Executive Board reflected on its own performance and concluded on evaluated themselves with a not accomplished, satisfactory accomplished or excellent accomplishment.
- 16. The Report also presented an Analysis of the Website Traffic – 2011 with a monthly history, days of the month history, days of the week history and hours of the day history.

17. Concluding the Report an evaluation of the World Family Summit +6 held in France was done by members and the international community as a great success. The list of the International Activies and the list of nomenees for the World Family Summit Award closed the Report.
18. After presenting the Report the President opened the floor for discussion.
19. Mr. Grigol Abramia from Georgia requested to the President if Georgia could be considered a sub-region of WFO to which the President responded that actually WFO Constitution does not foresee the establishment of sub-regions and suggested that for the near future a discussion should be done regarding to the regional belonging of some countries like for instances Georgia.
20. The Tunisian delegation questioned the President if Tunisia belonged to the Arab Region or North African Region. The President responded that for the last six years the Genral Assembly is trying to discuss the issue of countries belonging to the Arab Region versus African Region, without reaching agreement among countries belong to these two regions. The President also informed that for the next mandate a very serious discussion and decision should be taked by the General Assembly.
21. Since there were no other comments, the President asked if the Members were ready to vote on the Report of Activities 2011, to which Members agreed and unanimously approved.

#### **DECISION GA 25/03/11**

The General Assembly Members, after reflecting and discussing, decided unanimously to approve the Report of Activities 2011 congratulating the Executive Board for the satisfactory achievement of the goals of the Plan of Action 2011.

### **VIII. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT 2011**

22. Following with the point 6 of the Agenda, the President gave the floor to the Vice-President for Financial Affairs to present the Annual Financial Report of 2011 according to the document GA 25/05/11.
23. The Vice-President for Financial Affairs requested Members to look at the previously sent document in the files explaining that since this was an Annual Report, the numbers presented referred only the year of 2011, but should be analyzed in the context of the Quadrennial Budget 2010-2013 approved by the last General Assembly.
24. The Vice-President for Financial Affairs informed the General Assembly that the document was discussed at the 187<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Session and it was unanimously approved and recommended to the 25<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Session.
25. The three tables on the first page of the document recalled the income forecast in the Strategic Framework for 2011, the income recalculated in August 2011 and the income budget executed from January 1<sup>st</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup> 2011, according to the approved budgetary line.
26. The three tables on the second page of the document report on the expenses forecasted in the Strategic Framework for 2011, the expenses recalculated in August 2011 and the expenses executed from January 1<sup>st</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup> 2011, according to the strategies approved on the Strategic Framework 2010-2013.
27. The three tables on the third page of the document compiled the previous information reflecting the balance of the year in its totality.
28. After the presentation, the Vice-President for Financial Affairs opened the floor for discussion.
29. The Members of the General Assembly, after a few moments reviewing the document presented by the Vice-President for Financial Affairs, reported that they were satisfied without any further comments.



30. Since the Members were satisfied, the President asked if they were ready to vote on the Financial Report of 2011 to which members agreed and decided unanimously to approve it.

#### **DECISION GA 25/04/11**

The General Assembly Members, after reflecting and discussing the Financial Report of 2011 previously approved and recommended by the 187<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Session, decided unanimously to approve it.

### **IX. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE PLAN OF ACTION 2012**

31. Following with the point 7 of the Agenda, the President referred to the document GA 25/06/11 Plan of Action 2012, previously sent, briefing Members on the plan in terms of strategy, actions, activities, goals and task delegation, giving Members a few minutes to review the plan and to discuss it and give their feedback.
32. The President also informed the General Assembly that the Plan of Action 2012 was discussed at the 187<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Session and it was unanimously approved and recommended to the 25<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Session.
33. A few Members requested the floor to congratulate the President and her team on the elaboration of the plan which is completely in line with the Strategic Framework 2010-2013 stating that all of its contents are executable and will contribute to the strengthening of the Organization, also highlighting that the contribution of all members have to be effective if the planned goals were to be achieved.
34. Since there were no other comments, the President requested Members if they were ready to vote on the Plan of Action 2012, to which Members agreed and unanimously decided to approve.

#### **DECISION GA 25/05/11**

The General Assembly Members, after reflecting and discussing the Plan of Action 2012 which had been previously approved and recommended by the 187<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Session decided unanimously to approve it.

### **X. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET 2012**

35. Following with point 8 of the Agenda, the President requested the Vice-President for Financial Affairs present the document GA 25/07/11 – Budget 2012 which was unanimously approved and recommended by the 187<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Session.
36. The Vice-President for Financial Affairs requested Members to look at the document in the files, which was previously sent, explaining that the Budget for 2012 is according to the approved Quadrennial Budget 2010-2013 approved by the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the General Assembly.
37. The Vice-President for Financial Affairs explained that, as it was done for 2011, the first Administrative Meeting of 2012 will revise and recalculate the budget according to the real accomplishment of the budget in 2011 with regard to income as well as expenditures.
38. The Vice-President for Financial Affairs stated that since the budget for 2012 is just following the global Quadrennial Budget and the execution per strategy is maintained, Members of the General Assembly can propose modifications for the execution of the budget during 2012, and opened the floor for Members' comments.

39. After the presentation of the Vice President for Financial Affairs the President opened the floor for discussion.
40. Few members took the floor to congratulate the Vice President for Financial Affairs for the excellent work done without any comments or remarks.
41. Since there were no comments or remarks the President asked Members if they were ready to vote on the Budget 2012, to which Members agreed and decided unanimously to approve.

#### **DECISION GA 25/06/11**

The General Assembly Members, after reflecting and discussing the Budget 2012 which had been previously approved and recommended by the 187<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Session decided unanimously to approve it.

### **XI. REPORT ON WFO'S REGIONAL COMMITTEE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES HELD IN ABU DHABI – UAE, ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2011**

42. Following with the Point 9 of the Agenda, reminding Members that the European Region had not elected a President in 2010, the President gave the floor to the Secretary of the European Region to report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> European Regional Committee General Assembly.
43. The Secretary of the European Regional Committee Mrs. Sofia Silva briefly reported on the European Regional Committee General Assembly and on the activities that the Regional Committee developed in Europe during 2011.
44. The Secretary of the European Regional Committee Mrs. Sofia Silva reported to Members that the Regional Committee did not call for elections for the Regional Executive Board vacant positions in 2011 because of different interpretation of the Regional Committee and the Presidency Office on how the elections would be prepared and who would call for elections.
45. The Secretary of the European Regional Committee Mrs. Sofia Silva reported to Members that the region is discussing to call for elections for the vacant positions at the time of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Conference to be held in Istanbul by the middle of 2012, concluding her report.
46. The President informed Members of the General Assembly that indeed it was a misinterpretation on the procedures of calling for elections in 2011 by the European Regional Committee Executive Board, and the issue was discussed in the 187<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Session which decided to postpone the discussions of the European Regional Committee elections for the year 2012 and to bring the decision to the WFO 26<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.
47. The President then gave the floor to the President of the Latin America Regional Committee, Mrs. Fernanda Guimarães to present her report.
48. The President of the Latin America Regional Committee informed Members of the General Assembly that the year of 2011 was devoted to perform studies about the best way to register formally the Regional Committee in Brazil, an action necessary to be able to function under the Brazilian law where the Regional Committee has its headquarters informally since 1987, the Latin America Region General Assembly held in Abu Dhabi deliberated in a Regional Plan of Action for 2012, encompassing WFO Plan of Action under a Regional perspective.
49. After the presentation of both Regional Committees reports the President opened the floor for discussion.

50. After some general questioning to both report presenters, the General Assembly decided to give recognition to the European Regional Committee and to the Latin America Regional Committee for the efforts done in 2011 and wishing that 2012 bring for both regions a really implementation phase.

#### **DECISION GA 25/07/11**

After listening to the oral reports from WFO European Regional Committee and Latin America Regional Committee the Members of the General Assembly decided unanimously to give a vote of recognition for their efforts in 2011.

## **XII. REPORT ON THE MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

51. The President presented Membership Status Report submitted by the Vice President for Legal and Administrative Affairs document GA 25/08/11 the membership status showing the list of new admitted Members in 2011.

1. APMIF de Senador Pompeu – NGO – BRAZIL
2. GEBALIS – Local Governmental Body – Portugal
3. Association Passo a passo com a Criança e a Família from Portugal - NGO
4. Tajik Family Planning Alliance from Tajikistan – NGO
5. Auser Regionale Lombardia from Italy - NGO
6. Gemeinsam Leben Lernen in Europe from Germany – NGO
7. International Center for Environmental Research from Georgia - NGO
8. Fundação Montepio Geral – NGO - Portugal
9. Universidade Lusófona de Humanidades e Tecnologias – University - Portugal
10. Associação Nacional de Bombeiros Profissionais – NGO - Portugal
11. Ajuda Internacional: Cidadãos sem fronteiras – NGO - Portugal
12. Grupul pentru Integrare Europeana – NGO - Romania
13. Asociacion de Madres Solas (AMASOL) – NGO - Spain
14. Zahrat Al Nada Society (Palestinian Nada Flower Society) – NGO - Palestine
15. Prefeitura Municipal de Ubiratã – Municipality - Brazil
16. Associação de Aposentados e Pensionistas de Balneário Camboriú – NGO – Brazil
17. Serviço Social Paranácidade – State Government - Brazil. (Membership Reactivation)
18. ASDES - Asociacion Del Deporte Escolar Y Solidario – NGO – Spain
19. FDF – Family Development Foundation – NGO – United Arab Emirates

52. The Members expressed their satisfaction.

## **XIII. PROPOSAL FOR THE WORLD FAMILY SUMMIT +8**

53. Following with the point 13 of the Agenda, the President made an oral presentation reportin about the proposal and preparation of the World Family Summit +8, to be decided by the World Family Summit +7 participants.

54. The President informed Members that Brazil was proposing to host the World Family Summit +8 and the probable venue would be the city of Iguassu Falls on the first week of December 2012.
55. The President also informed that the theme of the World Family Summit +8 would follow the theme chosen by ECOSOC of the year 2013, which as every year will give us the opportunity to have a Declaration for the the UN High Level Segment of ECOSOC ready to be presentd in February 2013 to the UN Commission of Social Development.
56. Members of the General Assembly congratulated the President and Executive Board Members involved in the preparations of the World Family Summit +8 and stated that they were very confident that as every year the event would be an enormous success.

#### **XIV. CALENDAR**

57. Following with the point 14 of the Agenda, the President requested the Members of the General Assembly to review the document GA 25/10/11 – Calendar and asked Members if they would like to include any point in the Calendar 2012.
58. The President explained that this Calendar was developed in conjunction with the Executive Board and it was approved in its 187<sup>th</sup> Session and was subject to changes since for many activities depending on the UN Agenda. The President comented about the Rio+20, which will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2012, and the invitation of Mr. Nikil to WFO make a side event on that opportunity.
59. The President also stated that, as she requests every year, Members were welcome to send their inputs to the Calendar at any time.
60. The Secretary of European Regional Committee, Mrs. Sofia Silva, asked to add the date of the European Regional Conference on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2012, in Istanbul, Turkey.
61. With no further inclusions, the President requested Members if they were ready to vote, to which all Members agreed and unanimously approved.

#### **DECISION GA 25/07/11**

The Members of the General Assembly, after reflecting and analyzing the Calendar for 2012, decided to unanimously approve it, with the inclusion of the European Regional Conference on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2012, in Istanbul, Turkey, which had been previously approved and recommended by the 187<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Session.

#### **XV. MISCELLANEOUS**

62. Since there were no added in Miscellaneous, the President followed with the last point of the Agenda.

#### **XVI. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION**

63. The President expressed her satisfaction that the members of WFO had concluded the 25th Ordinary Session of the General Assembly, discussing all the items of the agenda and deciding on all important matters.

64. 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..
65. A very special thank you was also given to the staff for preparing the documents and helping during the Session.
66. A very special thank you was given to the translators for the simultaneous translation done during the Session.
67. A very special thank you was given to the General Women's Union and H.H. Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak, Chairman of the Family Development Foundation and the Head of the General Women's Union, that made all the efforts for everything to be ready and in time showing a great hospitality of the Emirati Women and Emirati Nation.
68. All items of the Agenda having been completed, the 25th Ordinary Session of the General Assembly was closed at 18h00, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2011.