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34th Session of the General Assembly – Electronic Ordinary Session **Paris – France**

Executive Board	Paris - France	EB 219/04/19
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		Original: English

VALIDATION OF THE 33rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY ORDINARY SESSION

MAY 12, 2019 - LISBON - PORTUGAL

Dear Members:

1. Unfortunately, we were not able to hold the 33rd General Assembly Ordinary Session as schedule for May 12th 2019 in Lisbon, Portugal. Among others, the main reason was that many members with right to vote did not attended the Summit 2019 and many members attending the Summit had not paid their yearly cotization, so had no right to vote. As the Vice President for Legal and Administrative Affairs informally checked on the number of members present or represented, we found out that we would not have quorum to efficiently hold and decide on the session.



2. In my capacity of President, in consultation with the Vice President for Legal and Administrative Affairs and acting according to article 32 letter I of the Constitution, I took the decision to withhold the 33rd GA Ordinary Session, and bring it about discussions with the EB Members on how to proceed to reschedule the GA.
3. Analyzing the 33rd General Assembly Ordinary Session, the main points for discussion were the Report of the 32nd Session of the Quadrennial General Assembly held in Geneva, Switzerland on December 15th 2017, the Presentation and Approval of the Report of Activities 2018, the Presentation and Approval of the Financial Report 2018, which was included in the Report of Activities.
4. Taking into account that members received previously these documents, and no questions or solicitations for explanation or additions arrived before the GA, our decision to withhold the GA was justified.
5. The next points, Presentation and Approval of the EB proposal for the Mid-Term Revision of the Strategic Framework for the 19th Constitutional Mandate 2018-2021 and the Presentation and Approval of the EB rules of procedures proposal for the establishment of the National Focal Points were not finalized and were not discussed by the EB in order to present good documents to be discussed and approved by the GA.
6. The Director for Coordination and Outreach worked very hard with the appointed focal points to produce a concept document, made reports on their meeting, compiled ideas and on February 21st send the documents and reports to the EB Members, but no reactions was received. The reality is that we did not had time to discuss to present a reviewed and concluded documents to the GA.
7. So, it is true that these two points of the agenda could not be presented to be discussed and approved.
8. On the other hand, the negotiations for the Summit 2019 was very intense, and it took a lot of time to discuss and formulate a good program with the Portuguese Government, the UN and partners, and personally I had no time to dedicate the amount of time demanded by these two issues.
9. On the other hand, we had an extraordinary Summit. I heard from many members and guests that the 2019 WFS was one of the best of the few past years, regarding the contents, the speakers and the technology introduced. Indeed, we have to become more digitally linked!
10. Nevertheless, I have discussed the Agenda of the 33rd General Assembly Ordinary Session with our Latin America Members, by the way all of them with rights to vote and giving us the necessary quorum to validate the GA Session and after discussing with the Vice President for Legal and Administrative Affairs, we propose to discuss the agenda of the 33rd GA Ordinary Session with the EB Members, adding them to the quorum and proceed with a report to be approved on the 34th GA Ordinary Session.
11. Having that in mind, we are sending to you again the 33rd GA Ordinary Session Agenda and support documents, proposing that all the EB Members read them and for each point of the Agenda present in written your remarks and your vote to the President.



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12. The remarks and votes received will be added to the already collected votes and will be counted as an electronic procedure.

Final Agenda

33rd Session of the General Assembly – Ordinary Session Lisbon – Portugal

1. Opening of the Session
2. Verification of Quorum
3. Adoption of the Agenda – **GA 33/02/19**
4. Adoption of the Report of the 32nd Session of the Quadrennial General Assembly held in Geneva, Switzerland on December 15th, 2017 – **GA 33/03/19**
5. Presentation and Approval of the Report of Activities 2018– **GA 33/04/19**
6. Presentation and Approval of the Financial Report 2018 – **GA 33/05/19**
7. Presentation and Approval of the Executive Board Proposal for the Mid-Term Revision of the Strategic Framework for the 19th Constitutional Mandate 2018-2021 – **GA 33/06/19**
8. Presentation and Approval of the Executive Board Rule of Procedures Proposal for the establishment of National Focal Points – **GA 33/07/19**
9. Calendar 2019 – 2020 – **GA 33/08/19**
10. Miscellaneous
11. Closure of the 33rd General Assembly Ordinary Session

1. According to the introductory note, the 219th Executive Board Ordinary Session held on September 30th 2019, proposed the validate the 33rd General Assembly Ordinary Session, done electronically due to the impossibility to be held in May 12, 2019 in Lisbon, Portugal.



2. Taking into account that members received previously all support documents, and no questions or solicitations for explanation or additions arrived before the GA, the decision to withhold the GA in Lisbon and recon one it to be held electronically was justified.
 3. The President contacted electronically members with right to vote between June and September 2019, discussed all points of the agenda and collected members votes, reported the results to the 219th Executive Board Ordinary Session proposing to the Executive Board the validation of the 33rd General Assembly Ordinary Session.
 4. The Executive Board Membres, after discussing the President's report and proposal, decided to express theirs respective votes and to validate it the 33rd General Assembly Ordinary Session and to authorize the President to proceed with the Report to be discussed and approved by the 34th General Assembly Ordinary Session in May 2020.
 5. According to the discussions and approval of all points of the Agenda, the Decisions validated by the 219th Executive Board Ordinary Session are presented below, according to the Executive Board functions and duties, to be presented and approved at the 34th General Assembly Ordinary Session in May 2020.
- Adoption of the Agenda – **GA 33/02/19**

DECISION GA 33/01/19

The General Assembly Members unanimously approved and adopted the Final Agenda as the document **GA 33/02/19** as follows :

1. Opening of the Session
2. Verification of Quorum
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4. Adoption of the Report of the 32nd Session of the Quadrennial General Assembly held in Geneva, Switzerland on December 15th, 2017 – **GA 33/03/19**
5. Presentation and Approval of the Report of Activities 2018– **GA 33/04/19**
6. Presentation and Approval of the Financial Report 2018 – **GA 33/05/19**
7. Presentation and Approval of the Executive Board Proposal for the Mid-Term Revision of the Strategic Framework for the 19th Constitutional Mandate 2018-2021 – **GA 33/06/19**
8. Presentation and Approval of the Executive Board Rule of Procedures Proposal for the establishment of National Focal Points – **GA 33/07/19**



9. Calendar 2019 – 2020 – **GA 33/08/19**
10. Miscellaneous
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- Adoption of the Report of the 32nd Session of the Quadrennial General Assembly held in Geneva, Switzerland on December 15th, 2017 – **GA 33/03/19**

DECISION GA 33/02/19

The General Assembly Members, after analyzing and discussing the Report of the 32nd General Assembly Session to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on December 15th, 2017, but performed electronically, according to Doc GA33/03/19 decided unanimously to approve it.

- Presentation and Approval of the Report of Activities 2018– **GA 33/04/19**

DECISION GA 33/03/19

The General Assembly Members, after analyzing and discussing the Report of Activities 2018, according to Doc GA 33/04/19 decided unanimously to approve it.

- Presentation and Approval of the Financial Report 2018 – **GA 33/05/19**

DECISION GA 33/04/19

The General Assembly Members, after reflecting and discussing, decided unanimously to approve the Financial Report of 2018.

- Presentation and Approval of the Executive Board Proposal for the Mid-Term Revision of the Strategic Framework for the 19th Constitutional Mandate 2018-2021 – **GA 33/06/19**



DECISION GA 33/05/19

The General Assembly Members, after the report and justification of the President on this topic and after reflecting and discussing unanimously decided to postpone the Strategic Framework Mid-Term Review to the year of 2020 to be presented at the 34th General Assembly Ordinary Session.

- Presentation and Approval of the Executive Board Rule of Procedures Proposal for the establishment of National Focal Points – **GA 33/07/19**

DECISION GA 33/06/19

The General Assembly Members, after the report and justification of the President on this topic and after reflecting and discussing unanimously decided to postpone the presentation of the establishment and rules of procedures for National Focal Points to the year of 2020 and to be presented at the 34th General Assembly Ordinary Session.

- Calendar 2019 – 2020 – **GA 33/08/19**

DECISION GA 33/07/19

The General Assembly Members, after reflecting and discussing, unanimously decided to approve the Calendar 2019 – 2020..

6. Miscellaneous

There was no requests for additional items to the Agenda

7. Closure of the 33rd General Assembly Ordinary Session

Having completed all the points of the Agenda, by Electronic Session and having the not connected Members commenting, suggesting and voting all points of the agenda by email, the President expressed her satisfaction to have completed the validation of the 33rd General Assembly Ordinary Session, thanked the Members for their active participation and closed the 33rd General Assembly Ordinary Session.



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