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EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES

On October 18th 2013, members and officers of the International Federation of Women in Legal Careers met in the offices of the Rome Court of Appeals for an Extraordinary General Assembly. The meeting's Agenda was as follows:

1. Absences and authorized representatives.
2. Reading of the Convocation of the Extraordinary General Assembly
3. Deliberations regarding two issues:
 - 3.1. New members;
 - 3.2. Reform of the IFWLC Statutes

The Extraordinary General Assembly was declared open at 14:00. The following members were present: Federation President María Elena Elverdín; Secretary General Norma Chiapparrone; President Emeritus Teresa Féria de Almeida, Anna La Rana, Rosa Valentino, María Imaculada Melo, Jocelyne Milandou, Neomi Landau, Aysen Onen, Osvalda Joana, Dalmazia Cossa, Emma Maria Chicoco, Liisa Kiiainlinna, Idalinda Rodrigues, Teresa Estereo Stevens, Esther Susin Carrasco, Anne Sireyjol, Vania Cirese, Maria Luisa Jaus, Isabel Charneco, Alev Tocker, Ayla Babila, Mireille Ksentine, Caterina Flick, Luciana Delfini, Rosângela Maira Gambino, Jeroniza Albuquerque Dos Santos, Maria Beatrice Scimeca, Anna Maria Buzzetti, Eliana Mendonça Da Souza, Luciana Branco Vieira, Ana Paula Persiano Ribeiro, Marlusse Pestana Daher, Maristella Maris Barbosa, Graça Maria Barsa Garrido, Jéssica Romão, Montserrat Serrallonga, Solange Machado, Antonietta Cescut, and Dagmar Paulino Dos Reis, who kindly assisted with the editing and translation of this document.

In their absence, the following members sent authorized representatives: Laura Balart (represented by Norma Chiapparrone), Fatoumata Dembéle Diarra (represented by Aysen Onen), Herilda Balduino (represented by Maria José Das Neves), Denise Scotto (represented by Blanca Scippione Massa), Isabel Estrela (represented by Isabel Charneco) and Aurora Rodrigues (represented by Teresa Féria de Almeida).

The President of the General Assembly, Maria Das Dores Gomes, could not travel and sent her apologies. Accordingly, it was proposed that IFWLC President Emeritus Teresa Féria de Almeida lead the meeting. This proposal was accepted unanimously, as was the proposal that Osvalda Joana act as "ad hoc" Secretary.

Next, the Convocation of the Extraordinary Assembly was read. The Convocation was written in the last IFWLC Bureau Meeting, which took place in Coimbra, Portugal, from the 2nd to the 3rd of May 2013. The document stated:

"The undersigned, all active members of the IFWLC, direct themselves to you [Maria Das Dores Gomes, President of the General Assembly], in accordance with the powers granted to them under article 17 section 3 and article 18 section 2 of the Rules of Procedure, to request the convocation of an Extraordinary General Assembly in Rome, in conjunction

with the Enlarged Council on October 18th 2013. We will address the following agenda item: “streamlining the consideration of applications for admission to our institution.”

In the Bureau meeting on October 15th 2013, which took place at the Universidad Link Campus in the city of Rome, Secretary General Norma Chiapparrone introduced the list of new associations and individual members that will be presented for consideration in this Assembly. At that time, the Secretary General also presented the opinions and recommendations that she had prepared in each case regarding the acceptance or rejection of the application. Subsequently, a vote was taking regarding all of the applications that had been presented:

Asociación Chilena: unanimously accepted;

Middle East Lawyers, with offices in London, with one (1) vote against and two (2) abstentions, was admitted as an association.

Carmela Chávez Galindo, from Mexico: unanimously accepted;

Marina Morelli Núñez, from Uruguay: unanimously accepted;

Helena Trova, from Greece: unanimously accepted;

Yota Charamis, from Greece: unanimously accepted;

Diop Djeneba Dambelé, from Mali: unanimously accepted;

Ana Paula Persiano Ribeiro, from Brazil: admitted as an individual member;

Joice Gomes Santana, from Brazil: admitted as an individual member;

Shang Luan Yan, from Taiwan: accepted as an “associated member” given that she is not exactly a lawyer, but rather a university professor of Law.

Vice President Maria Imaculada Melo presented two proposals for consideration to the Assembly, both of which were voted upon and accepted. The proposals were as follows:

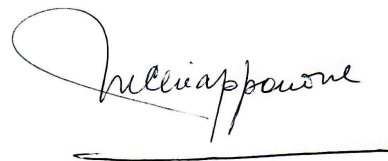
1. The creation of an IFWLC Permanent Working Commission, which will be called: “Commission on the Electoral Regulations of the IFWLC”
2. The reform of the Federation’s Statute regarding procedures concerning the incorporation of new members and other topics relation to communications. These changes would modernize the Rules of Procedure and Statute, bringing them up to date with today’s realities of rapid communications, new technologies, globalization and the changing social dynamics that are taking place in all of the countries in which the Federation is represented.

In order to update and modernize the Rules and Statute, a Commission will be created in order to coordinate the revision of these documents. Members interested in forming part of this commission communicated their interest to the President, who forwarded that information to President Emeritus Teresa Fêria de Almeida, who was selected as the Coordinator of Statutory Revision Committee.

In closing, Federation President María Elena Elverdín gave a brief speech in which she congratulated those in attendance for the excellent work they had accomplished in this meeting, welcomed new Associations and individual members, and called on all present to continue fighting with courage and enthusiasm for the IFWLC’s goals: Women’s Rights, Equality and Peace.



Dra. María Elena Elverdín
Presidenta FIFCJ



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