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**Subject: Report of the Executive Council to the National Movements (October 2007)**

Dear friends, all member Movements of the WMCW! The Executive Council of the WMCW met in the area of Leuven in Belgium from the 9 to September 14, 2007. All the members were present, except for Crespin Lawson Laté of MTC-Niger. Brigitte Ndong came for one half-day only to the Council and did not take part in the meeting of the Bureau.

You will have received the letter of the WMCW which announced **that the Executive Council dismissed** on September 12, 2007 Mrs. Brigitte Ndong and Mrs. Élisabeth Buffart, secretary-general and administrator respectively. The reasons for these dismissals are: the doubtful use of the Movements funds, the abuse of power and the denial of the democratic authorities of the WMCW. Which made the WMCW financially overdrawn; mysteriously, our financial reserves for holding the next General Assembly seem to have disappeared. Usually, the Executive Council by means of its treasurer will check the expenditure carried out by the General Secretariat. This time the Bank helped us in this step. Immediate measures were taken to change the signatures on the accounts and to provide a safeguard before authorizing the expenditure. If it proves that there was fraud or embezzlement, legal action will be taken.

It should be understood that we **currently do not have money to hold a general assembly in May 2008, according to our Statutes.** Moreover, the consultation and preparation documents for the National Movements are not ready. And the 8 months deadline is too short. We point out that the preparation of the International Seminar and the General Assembly in Quebec in May 2004 required 2½ years of work. Realistically, the Executive Council of the WMCW will possibly propose when it meets next May that next **International Seminar and the next General Assembly will take place in 2009,** possibly in autumn. That remains to be confirmed, since it should be carried out on a solid financial basis, to establish the costs of participation of the delegates and to possibly mortgage our house to achieve this. All the members of the Executive Council agreed to prolong their mandate until 2009. The treasurer Claude Delporte of Belgium will continue to be our treasurer, since he was nominated by the general assembly of 2004.

Paul Edwards remains our General Secretary and the members of the Council gave him their unanimous support. He did not receive any wages since January 2007, even though he has worked for the WMCW, and has had to find temporary work. Normally he ends this contract of employment in November. As the reserves have currently run dry, it is necessary for us to scrape some money together, and to convince the Movements to continue to make their contributions and their support in the solidarity campaign.

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At the end of the Council meeting, we were able to obtain the key which now enables us to access to our General Secretariat. The Movements and their members have offered their services to restart the General Secretariat a Support Committee (around the General Secretary) for the revival of the WMCW is to be set up, consisting of members of the French ACO, German KAB Movement, and a chaplain from Belgian, a Finance Committee will also be established (around our treasurer) which is necessary in the circumstances. It was a great comfort to us all to see the members of the executive council united around the international mission with which it has been entrusted. Paul Edwards is setting up an instant messaging facility and internet so that the members of the Executive Council can have an exchange between themselves and to share the documents of the WMCW; that would resemble the current periods of internet chats between the 2 co presidents

This year, the solidarity messages of March 8 and the 1 May will leave on time, since we already prepared them in executive council. Also, a flyer for the solidarity campaign for the SI-AG 2009 will be sent to the National Movements. We made an assessment of the activities in the coordination's. In short, work has been well done in Europe and could be improved in Americas. In the other continents, there is still much to be done. But the preparatory work for the SI-AG 2009 could be used to stimulate an exchange between Movements from the same continent. Concerning the live of the Movements; the same questions remain, the average age of the members is increasing, and the expansion of the movements. But at the same time, the emerging Movements like Guatemala, Niger and Eastern Europe... Are signs of hope.

Finally, this decision to dismiss the personnel of the SG was taken after a long difficult reflection full of tensions, but it was democratic, and was a unanimous decision respectful of article 15 of the Statutes which stipulates that: "the members of the Executive Council can be suspended by the Executive Council ruling in the majority of the 2/3 of the members present and the dismissal is subjected to the decision of the General Assembly". The Bureau had to justify the reasons for the convening of the extraordinary meeting of the Bureau in May 2007, as well as the early meeting of the Council and all the members understood that we are living a crisis of confidence and that the elected officials of the Bureau had to act in a responsible way towards the World Movement. It is too early to understand the sense of this ordeal (crisis of confidence). However, we should seize this following message:

**"never again, should we let people only walk alone on in a structure managed from a and who do not give an account to nobody" "the World Movement has to depend on secretaries-generals who agree to work in team and in close dialogue with the elected political leaders"**. The Executive Council and the Bureau should have the capacity to quickly resolve work and personality conflicts inside the authorities of the Movement.

With the modern means of communication, it is possible to have a lighter and less expensive structure which is closer to the members of the Executive Council and the National Movements. **This is why; the National Movements will have to define the type of world regrouping which they wish.**

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts the Movements, Coordination's and the members who facilitated the exit from this crisis by their efforts (written, prayers, meetings and various messages of encouragement).

As Myriam, our co president says it: "Sigamos adelante", "Let us go forward, onwards and upwards! "