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## REPORT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council of the OMAEC meets, via online videoconference, at 09:00 h (Bogota), on Saturday 01 May 2021, under the chairmanship of Mr. Alfonso Giraldo. This Executive Council (EC) is governed by the statutes that were approved at the Extraordinary General Assembly of 10 April 2016, in Paris. The following members of the Executive Council participate:

Name	Position	Online
GIRALDO, Alfonso	President	yes
BATISTE, José Ramón	Executive Vice-president	yes
GARCÍA, Evangelina	Vice-president –UNAEC-America-	yes
MARIANO, Giuseppe	Vice-president –UNAEC-Europa-	yes
GOMEZ, Vladimir	General Secretary	yes
LATTUADA, Debora	General Treasurer	yes
RUSSO, Marco	Young Forum	yes

### AGENDA

- 1) Prayer and reflection. - E. Garcia
- 2) Greetings from the President. - A. Giraldo
  - a. Welcome, general information
  - b. Immigrant Foundation support
- 3) Information to the EC about the meetings of the working teams (date, participants, highlights). - V. Gomez
  - a. Secretaries / Administration Group
  - b. Economic Group (Treasury)
  - c. Vice Presidents Group, Secretaries Group
- 4) Thanks to the Ecclesiastical Assistant and to the outgoing president. - A. Giraldo
- 5) Proposals from our General - D. Lattuada.
- 6) UNAEC's Presidents floor.
- 7) Establish protocol for the appointment of correspondents.
- 8) Adhesion to the World Day of Catholic Education. J. R. Batiste.
- 9) Miscellaneous items (speaking time)

### 1. PRAYER / REFLECTION



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On the occasion of the celebration of the year dedicated to St. Joseph, E. Garcia began our meeting with a reflection and prayer about St. Joseph: today we celebrate the nurturing father of Jesus, the just and humble artisan of Nazareth. Joseph is the symbol of prudence, silence, generosity, dignity and application to work. We ask Saint Joseph the Worker to bless the workers of OMAEC who day by day work voluntarily for a collective dream. Prayer of Pope Francis taken from the Apostolic Letter PATRIS CORDE in past December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer and Spouse of the Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his Son, in you Mary placed her trust,

With you Christ was forged as a man.

O blessed Joseph, show thyself a father to us also

And guide us in the way of life.

Grant us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from all evil.

Defend us from all evil. AMEN .

## 2. GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The president, A. Giraldo, proceeded to give words of welcome to our meeting, predicting a good omen as the month of Mary begins, inviting us to strengthen all of us together. He informed that working meetings have already been held with the whole OMAEC team.

## 3. INFORMATION TO THE EC WORKING TEAMS MEETINGS

Secretary General -V. Gómez - reported on the working meetings held during the month of April with the working teams. The main objective of the thematic work meetings was to get to know each other better, to encourage teamwork, and to define the general guidelines of the government programme presented by our president at the General Assembly on November 28<sup>th</sup>. 2020.

- Secretariat (April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021), Attendees: President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary General and Assistant Secretary. At the meeting, the relevance of the Secretariat team in the administrative work and communication management of the organisation was expressed, making visible all the projects and work of OMAEC.
- Treasury (April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021), Attendees: President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary General, Assistant Secretary, General Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. The current scheme of contributions from our members was reviewed, the fixed costs of the organisation were reviewed. Our Treasurer General will go into more detail on each of the proposals discussed at the meeting.
- Vice Presidents (April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021), Attendees: President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary General, Vice-President UNAEC-America, Vice-President UNAEC-Europe. Our Vice President UNAEC-America presented her work plan for this period. The Vice President UNAEC-Europe stressed the invitation to the Seminar Family and Education: Seeds of Hope to be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> of this year.
- Secretariats (April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021), Attendees: President, Executive Vice-President, Youth Forum Secretariat, International Relations, Correspondents, ICT Communication, Solidarity and Social Justice and Continuous Learning. This meeting was mainly informative, in order to get to know each of the Directors of the Secretariats better and to establish general guidelines for action. Subsequently, working meetings with concrete tasks and projects will be held with each of the Secretariats.



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- Vice-Presidents (April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021), Assistants: President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President UNAEC-America, Vice-President UNAEC-Europe and Secretary General. The main aspects of the meeting were the economic issue, which will be discussed in depth by our General Treasurer (Item 5 of the agenda), the issue of the appointment and management of the correspondents (Item 7 of the agenda) and the World Day of Catholic Education (Item 8 of the agenda).

#### 4. THANKS TO THE ECCLESIASTICAL ASSISTANT AND THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

The search process for the Ecclesiastical Assistant for the period 2021 - 2024, which is still in progress, was reported. A proposal was submitted to the Executive Council to make an official statement of thanks to our past president, José Antonio Cecilia, and to the Ecclesiastical Assistant.

The Executive Council unanimously approved the proposal.

#### 5. PROPOSALS FROM THE TREASURER GENERAL

Given the pandemic situation and the desire to simplify management and make it more equitable, the Treasury Working Group suggests the following proposals to the Council:

- **Proposal 1 (Reduction of expenses):** Not to pay the CCIC (International Catholic Centre for Cooperation) 125 euros. The Executive Council unanimously approves the proposal.
- **Proposal 2 (Simpler and fairer management):** To ask for a 50% reduced fee for 2020 (given the year of the pandemic) and the normal fee for 2021 if paid jointly. The Executive Council unanimously approves the proposal.
- **Proposal 3:** Reform the membership fees of National Confederations so that everyone can contribute, but according to their economic situation, so countries could be divided into 2 zones and create a membership fee for each zone:
  - Type A - High purchasing power zone fee: 100 euros per vote.
  - Type B - Low purchasing power zone fee: 50 euros per vote.
  - IMPORTANT NOTE: this proposal involves the revision and modification of Article 3 of the Internal Regulations, and will have to be ratified at the General Assembly. Moreover, the case of each individual member will have to be reviewed.
  - The proposal was approved with six (6) votes in favour and one (1) blank vote.
- **Proposal 4.** To create a working group "Financial Commission" in accordance with Article 22 of the Statutes to study various economic initiatives for OMAEC. Such a group would include the General Treasurer (Debora Lattuada), the Assistant Treasurer (Laurent Grégoire), a person with banking knowledge (José Ramón Batiste Peñaranda), a person with legal knowledge and/or an "external" person who is not part of the OMAEC team, a committed woman/entrepreneur, perhaps an honest politician, an executive of a humanitarian NGO... anyone who can bring value to the Finance Committee. IMPORTANT NOTE: Final approval of the finance team would be given at the next Executive Council meeting. The Executive Council unanimously approves the proposal.



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- **Proposal 5.** That the countries of Europe and the Americas pay their respective dues to UNAEC, who in turn will transfer 85% to OMAEC. The Executive Council unanimously approves the proposal.
- **Proposal 6.** To leave a fee for the expenses of the General Secretariat of 200 € and for Communication expenses as necessary. The proposal was amended as follows: The Secretary General shall communicate any significant expenses required to the Treasurer General. With the above modification, the Executive Council unanimously approved the proposal.
- **Proposal 7.** Create easier payment methods, such as PayPal or similar tools, if considered advantageous. The Executive Council unanimously approves the proposal.
- **Proposal 8.** Until the account in Paris is opened, the account with the Banco Santander in Madrid, whose authorised person is Jose Antonio Cecilia, will be used; on the 1st of each month, Jose Antonio Cecilia will send a bank statement to the General Treasurer as from the 1st of January 2021. The Executive Council unanimously approved the proposal.

## 6. UNAEC PRESIDENTS FLOOR

6.1 UNAEC-America: Planning this year 2021 means to continue with virtuality in a desire to make UNAEC-America dynamic and active. The pandemic exposed the gigantic gap that exists in society. The current emergency health conditions have hit the daily life and much more the Associations of large, medium or small Congregations, parish and archdiocesan. Here we have to be creative, recreate the links we have built up and from there continue to support the alumni and generate new situations. Everything leads me to assume the commitment to lead UNAEC-America as a laywoman at the service of the Lord. The path of UNAEC-America is built among all, from the richness of infinitely diverse and necessary gifts, from the views provided by eyes that look differently, from hands that extend from the warmth with all its nuances. And to continue weaving the bonds of this network that sustains us to be and to accompany, to erase geographical distances and to continue building community, to be able to continue walking, we are going to strengthen these four columns:

1. Communication: between us on the Board of Directors, with the Executive Board of OMAEC, with the Confederations, Federations, Associations, with the alumni, especially with UNAEC-Europe.
2. Training: of alumni by facilitating connections with certain symposia, congresses, round tables, while making sure that it is free of charge.
3. Liaison with the Secretariats.
4. COMMON UNION of ideas with OMAEC in all areas without forgetting the different reality that America may have, feeling the heartbeat of family in this great Organization.

For this first stage of the year we propose some activities of participation with the request that they be spread to your known alumni.

- A. Invitation to the Alumni to join us next Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> for the 58<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer for religious vocations. But also for the sick alumni of Covid with the recitation of a decade of the Holy Rosary at 12.00 noon Argentinean time.
- B. Participation in the Laudato Si Week of the World Catholic Climate Movement (W.C.C.M.M.) from May 16<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>. Numerous Movements such as OIEC, Don



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Bosco Green Alliance, CIEC among others are adhered to. It is a theme that we will spread to young people in particular.

- C. Spread the invitation of the UCA Catholic University of Argentina for the virtual course starting on May 5<sup>th</sup> with two modules, 8 weekly meetings. Theme: "Family and old age. Encourage to give LIFE to children".

Participate in the "First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly" organised by the Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life in next July 25<sup>th</sup>. With the motto "I am with you every day" in order to express the closeness of the Lord and the Church in the life of every person, especially in this difficult time of pandemic. It is a promise of closeness and hope. The elders and grandparents have a mission of evangelisation, of proclamation, of prayer and of guiding children and young people to the FAITH.

6.2 UNAEC-Europe: said that they have been quite busy with the videoconference "Family and Education: Seeds of the Future" in support of the Global Compact on Education, they already have about 300 participants registered. They are preparing their next General Assembly online, and have plans to participate in the Council of Europe, in which our Assistant Treasurer - Grégoire Laurent - is a regular participant. Regular participation in the European section of the OIEC - European Secretariat for Catholic Education - will continue. In addition, work continues on the Charter of the European Alumni of Catholic Education, which can then be adapted to have a worldwide scope.

## 7. ESTABLISH A PROTOCOL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDENTS

The protocol for the appointment and management of correspondents (see below) has been submitted for approval and is to be worked on in conjunction with the Correspondents' Secretariat.

PREAMBLE: OMAEC intention is to accelerate the appointment of Correspondents in countries where it is not present, through the following programme:

- A. Proposals for the appointment of new Correspondents can be initiated from:
  - 1) Any member of the OMAEC Team (Executive Council, Secretariats, Delegates, etc.).
  - 2) Any member organisation of the OMAEC
- B. Proposals for new Correspondents should be sent jointly to:
  - 1) Director of the Correspondents' Secretariat
  - 2) Secretary General
- C. Proposals must contain the following documents:
  - 1) Official OMAEC application form
  - 2) CV and/or resume
  - 3) Photograph in JPG
  - 4) Other documents that add value to the application
- D. A Correspondents' Study Committee (CeC) is constituted, consisting of the following persons:
  - 1) President
  - 2) Director of the Correspondents' Secretariat
  - 3) Secretary General
  - 4) President of the UNAEC involved



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- 5) Executive Vice-President
  - 6) A guest proposed by the President or Director of the Correspondents Secretariat
- E. The Secretary General sends the documentation to the members of the CeC and a joint opinion is issued; in the event that it is favourable, the appointment is made, which will be ratified and definitively approved by the next Executive Council.
- F. The new Correspondent must sign a letter of commitment, in which he/she accepts to carry out his/her mission with the utmost dignity, honesty and free of charge.
- G. Once the appointment has been approved by the EC, the General Secretariat will issue an official communication, accreditation, etc. The President will send an email to the Ecclesiastical authorities of the country.
- H. The appointment will be communicated through OMAEC's social networks and media.

The Executive Council unanimously approved the proposal.

## **8. ADHERENCE TO THE WORLD DAY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

It was reported that for some months now, for the first time in history, four organisations related to Catholic education have been meeting together: OIEC, IFCU, UMEC and OMAEC. A Steering Committee was created, with OIEC taking the lead. At the moment, the Global Report on Catholic Education 2021 has been published, and on the other hand, in response to a concern raised by the Canadian Bishops' Conference, the theme of World Catholic Education Day, to be celebrated on the Ascension of the Lord (this year it is May 13<sup>th</sup>), has been taken up again. To give strength and motivation to the celebration it will be invited to participate, the Union of Superiors General, the Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education and BICE, as well as 6 or 7 other organisations related to Catholic Education. The OIEC is preparing a bulletin to inform and disseminate the celebration of this day, indicating the seven main points of the Global Pact for Education. This year the celebration will be virtual, online, and it is expected that next year a team will be appointed to prepare the celebration of the day. OMAEC's adhesion to the celebration and support of the World Catholic Education Day was submitted for approval, with the following results: The Executive Council unanimously approves the proposal.

## **9. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS (SPEAKING TIME)**

- Giraldo: creation of the OMAEC's own immigrant foundation, our response to the current global situation (legal and economic aspects), opening a debate within our organisation, so that a living and active charity becomes a reality.
- M. Russo: presented his lines of work in charge of the Youth Secretariat, as follows:
  1. Listening to all the members, looking for names of young people who want to be part of the team, sending direct mailings to get to know them better.
  2. It is working with the Lisbon Day (Dicastery of the Laity), where it will listen to proposals, ideas, etc. They already have a communication network. They have alumni delegates who could participate in our projects.

The creation of a WhatsApp group for the Executive Council was approved.



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