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## REPORT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council of the OMAEC meets, via online videoconference, at 09:00 h in Bogota, on Saturday 23 April 2022, under the chairmanship of Mr. Alfonso Giraldo Saavedra.

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
LOPEZ, Héctor Julio	Ecclesiastical Assistant	no
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
DURINI, Santiago	Young Forum	yes

### AGENDA

- 1) Prayer or reflection. - H. López
- 2) Greetings from the President. - A. Giraldo
- 3) Approval of the EC Minutes of 05.11.2021 - V. Gomez
- 4) Situation UNAEC-Africa - A. Giraldo
- 5) Treasury Report. D. Lattuada
- 6) Report of the working trip to Argentina - A. Giraldo
- 7) Activity Report (Secretariat work progress) – J. R. Batiste
- 8) Organisation of the next General Assembly - A. Giraldo
- 9) Speeches of the UNAEC Presidents - E. García / G. Mariano
- 10) Other points (speaking time)
- 11) Date of the next Executive Council meeting

#### 1. PRAYER / REFLECTION – H. LOPEZ

Lord Jesus, still with the joy of your resurrection we have the common denominator of carefully guarding our Christian formation, to be your witnesses, grant us the courage to fulfil our mission.

#### 2. GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT – A. GIRALDO

I greet everyone warmly and show satisfaction that little by little we are making progress.



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**3. APPROVAL OF THE EC MINUTES OF 05.11.2021 - V. GOMEZ**

The Executive Council unanimously approved the minutes of our meeting of 05.11.2021.

Clarification by E. Garcia regarding the invitation from CEBITEPAL

**4. SITUATION UNAEC-AFRICA - A. GIRALDO**

From the beginning of the management of our Executive Council, we delegated confidence in P. Lokombe in relation to the dynamization of UNAEC-Africa, however, it has been complicated, P. Lokombe has another vision of the organisation that is not in line with our objectives. In his view, OMAEC is practically transformed into a multinational for-profit company, always basing his opinion on the particularities of the African idiosyncrasy, where everything is done with an economic connotation. He claimed to have "a lot of expenses", which we do not really understand. He presented an ambitious project for UNAEC-Africa, but always with an economic connotation. Even with these ideas, he was authorised to start UNAEC-Africa, however, he did not deliver any results. A respectful email was sent to him asking whether or not he wanted to continue with the project, to which he replied no, that he should be released from his responsibilities and that he was retiring, but he was thanked for his efforts. With this, UNAEC-Africa is no longer active, we will try to rely on the existing correspondents in Africa.

J. R. Batiste commented on the same repetitive criticisms of P. Lokombe towards OMAEC over the last 7 to 8 years.

**5. TREASURY REPORT. D. LATTUADA**

At the request of Mr. Lattuada, J.R. Batiste proceeded to read the treasury report in Spanish, which showed that the organisation's finances were healthy:

"The banking situation is good.

In 2021, thanks to Laurent, we opened our own bank account in Paris and transferred to it all the money from our previous account in Spain. In 2021 we start collecting membership fees from our Paris bank account.

In 2021, we asked for 2020 and 2021 dues and also for the arrears of 2018 dues from those who had not yet paid, always attentive to the situation at the time; to be more attentive and fairer we reduced dues by 50% in 2020 to address the pandemic situation and from 2021 we adjusted the dues according to the GDP to the National Confederations.

UNAEC Europe (including CEAAAEC), UMAEL, Salésiens Don Bosco, Jésuites and AMASC have paid their dues for 2020-2021.

We are waiting to receive the dues from the American zone. They told us they would pay, but unfortunately, to date, despite writing and urging the various nations and UNAEC America, we have not received payment. The others, like Senegal, have never responded to emails.

In April 2022 we have requested the dues from the worldwide alumni associations UNAEC Europe and UNAEC America.

At the end of December 2021 we had 3.849,05 € in cash and today we have 4.944,32 €.

The only expenses we have had are for the maintenance of the current account and for the website.

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2020	<b>2190,49</b>		<b>Previous balance</b>
2021	983,00 €		UNAEC EUROPE 2020-2021
2021	100,00 €		CEAAAEC 2021
2021		8,50 €	Invoice WEB ALMAZENA capacity expansion
2021		169,00 €	Refund of the Spanish contribution 2020 - 50% (100,00) and bank charges Spanish current account
28-10-21	300,00 €		Salésiens Don Bosco 2020/2021
15-12-21	600,00 €		UMAEL 2020/2021
31-12-21	3,09 €		Interest on the passbook account
2021		24,65 €	Bank charges (4,93 € x5 month_ August-December 2021)
25-08-21		15,00 €	Bank action (to be recovered if we close our accounts at this bank)
28-10-21		14,39 €	Internet
10-02-22	900,00 €		Jésuites 2020-2021
10-02-22	200,00 €		AMASC 2020-2021
2022		19,72 €	Bank charges (€4.93 x4 months_ January-April 2022)
28-03-22		81,00 €	Internet
22-04-22	<b>4.944,32 €</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>

E. Garcia: The issue was raised with Argentina, apparently Mexico, they paid dues but they have not been received. FEDEMEX informed that they have paid to the UMAEL Paris account 255 Euros of the 300 Euros fee and left 45 Euros for the UNAEC-America fees, it is the only federation that has complied. From Paraguay we have good news, the Archbishop of Asuncion has given more time to the Paraguayan Confederation to rearm and revitalise itself. They are a group of lay people.

Peru has not responded, but their representative is coming to Santa Fe in a few days and will meet with E. García and S. Durini. As for the Argentinean Confederation, now E. García is the Vice-President, she will initiate steps for the payment of the dues, although the reality is that they have little money. J.R. Batiste suggested that D. Lattuada negotiate the issue with the Argentinean Confederation. Mr. Lattuada was invited to a meeting with UNAEC-America next Saturday to discuss the treasury issue with the treasurers of the four (4) national confederations.

A. Giraldo: the issue of Argentina is not only economic, but also a change of generation, of structure. More fundamental problem, urgent changes, little by little we are going and things will happen. He suggests before talking about any discount, to wait for the meeting of Mr. Lattuada with the treasurers of the member confederations of UNAEC-America.

**6. REPORT OF THE WORKING TRIP TO ARGENTINA - A. GIRALDO**

Yesterday we received the video of the interview with the University and the Magazine of Colegio La Salle de Buenos Aires. It is important to note that OMAEC funds were not used for any expenses related to this trip, the tickets were paid for by the host country (Colegio Ntra Sra Lourdes) and A. Giraldo covered his personal expenses, definitely not ideal, we hope in the future to have the resources for these institutional trips. The work trip took place from March



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25th to April 2nd, being very fruitful for our organisation, among the different activities carried out, the following stand out: 4

BUENOS AIRES: meeting with Colegio La Salle, we were very well received by the De La Salle Brothers, very nice building, tour of the whole school. Former students are very well organised, they have their own headquarters, in a building opposite Colegio La Salle, where a meeting was held with the former students, with excellent results. They expressed their interest in joining at the local level, in relation to which they were reminded that UMAEL is a co-founder and an important part of OMAEC. Father Marcelo Mendoza (Ecclesiastical Delegate of UNAEC-America) accompanied us in this meeting. They were told that the idea is to strengthen CONFAEEC, which in turn strengthens UNAEC-America and OMAEC. A meeting was also held at the traditional Jesuit school, Colegio Salvador, with the participation of the president and other members of the alumni. The Jesuit Father delegate, who was provincial of Argentina, was very receptive, and they were also invited to strengthen CONFAEEC.

We were fortunate to be received by the President of the Argentinean Episcopal Conference, Monsignor Oscar Vicente Ojea, who was very pleased with the signing of the agreement with the Catholic University of Santa Fe for the Diploma in Social Doctrine of the Church, and was very flattered by this meeting. I arranged with our president to meet him in Bogota during the next CELAM meeting in July this year, it would be an interesting opportunity to see if the Archbishop of Bogota receives us through him.

#### SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF SANTA FE - DIPLOMA IN THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH

The signing of this agreement was the main reason for this working trip to Argentina, our thanks to our Director of the Secretariat of Ongoing Formation - F. Jerkovich - who was the soul of the project. Jerkovich, who was the soul of the realization of this agreement, also doing an excellent teamwork with E. García. It should be noted that this is the first agreement of its kind signed by OMAEC, and it is of extraordinary importance for our organisation. In general terms, the course lasts 4 months at a cost of 100 USD/person, yielding a 10% profit for OMAEC. E. García, an alumnus of the Catholic University of Santa Fe, expressed her satisfaction with the way the university authorities had treated us and with the signing of this agreement.

J. R. Batiste ratifies our thanks to E. García and F. Jerkovich with the preparation of this whole working trip.

SANTA FE: A meeting was also held with Lourdes, with the same invitation to strengthen CONFAEEC. As can be seen, during the working trip, importance was given to the strengthening of CONFAEEC. We are grateful for the commitment of S. Durini and E. García, and we are sure that within a year we will have a completely renewed CONFAEEC. A national congress of former students of Catholic education will be held in Argentina, which will be an excellent opportunity to renew structures. S. Durini: everyone was very happy with the presence of our president, A. Giraldo, who made the presence of the whole OMAEC team effective.

## 7. ACTIVITIES REPORT (PROGRESS OF WORK OF THE SECRETARIATS) – J. R. BATISTE



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SECRETARIAT OF SOLIDARITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: Our Director - N.Moros - took the opportunity of his trip to Europe to hold very profitable meetings in relation to the secretariat. Since the beginning of our administration we have been discussing and reviewing the initiative of participating actively as an organisation in social work, fundamentally oriented towards three pillars: that it be in favour of children and young people, that it be related to education and that it be related to migration; based on these three pillars we arrived at the Fratelli Project, which is animated by the Marist Brothers and the Brothers of the Christian Schools (La Salle). The project consists of establishing schools on "hot" or problematic borders worldwide to serve the children of migrants. The project started about 7 or 8 years ago on the border between Lebanon and Syria, where a school abandoned by the Marist Brothers was taken over and now has 3000 children and young people. The project is financed by donations from the Marist Brothers, De La Salle Brothers and volunteers. In Melilla they have a similar, simpler project, which consists of a community where migrant children are cared for. There are other branches of the Fratelli Project in Sanlucar de Barrameda, and at present, they are initiating the procedures to start the project in Maicao (border town between Colombia and Venezuela). The Fratelli Project is coordinated directly by the Superior Councils of the Marist and Lasallian Brothers. In the case of La Salle, it is coordinated by Brother Rafa Matas, and with the support of J. R. Batiste, a meeting was arranged between N. Moros and Brother Matas at the De La Salle Generalate in Rome. The meeting of approximately two hours took place in a very fraternal atmosphere, where Brother Matas explained the project in more detail to N. Moros and offered to meet with our entire Executive Council when we so decided. The community in Maicao is already constituted and official matters are being finalised. We have the additional advantage that there are Venezuelan and Colombian members in our Executive Council. During the presentation, the location of the city of Maicao was shown on maps. J. R. Batiste reproduced a message from Brother Rafa to the entire OMAEC Executive Council.

YOUTH FORUM: J. R. Batiste working actively with S. Durini, looking for candidates to belong to the Youth Forum by sending mails to all our members, some replies have been received. After a reasonable period of time, a virtual meeting will be arranged. UNAEC presidents were asked to spread the request for a youth representative among all their members, especially in UNAEC-Europe.

## 8. ORGANISATION OF THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY - A. GIRALDO

In view of the fact that the pandemic has been minimised, we would like to analyse calmly if we could hold a face-to-face meeting at the end of the year, analyse costs, country, etc. When it is a congress, better prices could be obtained. J. R. Batiste: in his opinion, the war in Ukraine has been affecting the economy in Europe, there is no atmosphere of travel, of congress. The Assemblies are useful for members to feel informed, to be accountable, to inform. Let's start estimating a date for the congress in the 2nd half of the year. At our next EC meeting we will set the date. J. R. Batiste: between now and the next general assembly, we could have a conclave with the EC, the secretariats and the delegates and assistant delegates, on line, to motivate, to prepare the assembly, we could even present the web page on that day.

## 9. SPEECHES BY UNAEC'S PRESIDENTS



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UNAEC-Europe: since Russia's attack on Ukraine our national federations and associations have mobilised to send funds to aid associations working in Ukraine or in countries receiving migrants, either to help our associations' schools to take in Ukrainian children or by supporting various Catholic-inspired NGO launches. The European NGO conference comprises several thematic committees, we are especially active in the committees related to migrants' rights, with support for the education of migrants' children. We continue to follow up on the issue of Catholic schools in Lebanon.

UNAEC-America: The visit of our president to Argentina will not be discussed, as the subject has been extensively developed in the previous item. In relation to the synod, on April 30, the listening stage of all the different groups, parishes, dioceses, will end, after April 30, we will proceed to summarize the contribution of each of us, and then enter into a phase of dialogue and virtual meeting. A meeting with the treasurers was planned for Saturday 30th April, and on 7th May a timetable will be sent to us for a zoom on cyber-scramming, to be given by Marcelo Temperini.

**10. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS (SPEAKING TIME)**

The various points were dealt with in a timely manner during each part of the meeting.

**11. NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATE**

It will be set at a later date, but it will be around 23 July 2022.

Secretary General  
Vladimir Antonio Gomez Escartín