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## REPORT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

OMAEC's Executive Council meets, via online videoconference, at 09:00 h in Bogota, on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, chaired by Mr. Alfonso Giraldo Saavedra.

This Executive Council (EC) is governed by the statutes 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
LOPEZ, Hector Julio	Ecclesiastical Assistant	yes

### AGENDA

- 1) Prayer or reflection. - G. Mariano
- 2) President's greeting. - A. Giraldo
- 3) Approval of the Minutes of the EC of 01.05.2021 - V. Gomez
- 4) Report of Activities (Progress of work of the Secretariats)
  - a. CORRESPONDENTS: Proposal to abolish the Correspondents Secretariat - A. Giraldo / J. R. Batiste.
  - b. CORRESPONDENTS: New approach to the issue of Correspondents' responsibility and approval of the modification of the appointment protocol - J. R. Batiste.
  - c. CORRESPONDENTS: Ratification, termination and appointment. J. R. Batiste
  - d. PERMANENT TRAINING: University Agreement. A. Giraldo
  - e. YOUTH FORUM: Constitution of the Forum. M. Russo
  - f. SOLIDARITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: Project. A. Giraldo
  - g. COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY: Presentation of our new website. A. Caterina



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- 5) Report from the General Treasurer regarding the opening of an account in France - D. Lattuada.
- 6) Situation UNAEC-Africa - A. Giraldo
- 7) Proposed modification of RRI - V. Gomez.
- 8) Speeches from UNAEC Presidents
- 9) Other points (speaking time)
- 10) Date of the next Executive Council meeting

### 1. PRAYER / REFLECTION – G. MARIANO

Prayer related to St. Ignatius of Loyola, we are in the Ignatian year. He reflected on the Evangelium Gaudium.

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

Warm greetings motivated by G. Mariano's prayer, may Our Lady walk by our side and may we continue with the purpose of OMAEC. I am accompanied by an immense happiness for the team, I believe that it was the same Holy Spirit that enlightened me to form this team. Our Executive Vice President, José Ramón Batiste, in his vast experience within the organisation, affirms that we have done in these few months what had not been done in years. This is very satisfying. Much gratitude for the commitment that we have been carrying out. Hugs.

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE EC MINUTES OF 01.05.2021 - V. GOMEZ

The Executive Council unanimously approves the minutes of our meeting of 01.05.2021.

### 4. ACTIVITY REPORT (SECRETARIATS' WORK PROGRESS)

#### a. CORRESPONDENTS: Proposal for the Suppression of the Secretariat of Correspondents - A. Giraldo / J. R. Batiste.

Alfonso Giraldo commented that at the beginning of our administration the new structure was presented, in which the Executive Vice-Presidency was created with six (6) Secretariats, including the Secretariat of Correspondents, each Secretariat is coordinated by a Director. Particularly for the Correspondents' Secretariat, the appointed Director is P. Lokombe, with the approval of the Executive Council. In this process, we meet with the Director of each Secretariat, review objectives, progress and feasibility of each. As for the Secretariat of Correspondents, the situation in Africa in particular, historically speaking, is very particular, the same conception, the same teamwork, the same life is very different; historical situations lead to many disparities of criteria, and many situations and injustices of the past did not help the African people very much. We realised in the dialogue with P. Lokombe, that his conception is very business-like, but with the main objective of strengthening and moving the UNAEC-África forward, very different from the vision of Europeans and Americans, who have more emphasis on service and volunteering, in exchange for nothing, no remuneration, but the immense satisfaction that we are providing a service, returning the blessings that God has given us in life. P. Lokombe explained to us that



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in Africa things are different, since only goodwill is not enough, but also financial retribution, which eventually represented a complication for the performance of this Secretariat of Correspondents. The Director of this secretariat must be attentive to direct work with each and every one of the representatives or alumni who could represent the OMAEC without any financial interest, but with a sense of volunteerism and service, which implies sacrifices. Lokombe is a great element, a great person, and that OMAEC should take advantage of his entrepreneurial skills, but focused on strengthening OMAEC, that he, with his team, can attract donors, benefactors so that at a given time, if they reach healthy finances, he can indicate his fees and help OMAEC in this regard. P. Lokombe will only be in charge of UNAEC-Africa. For the management of the correspondents, a permanent working commission is created, which will study the credentials of the new candidates before their appointment and ratification by the Executive Council.

The Executive Council unanimously approves the proposal.

**b. CORRESPONDENTS: New approach to the issue of Correspondent responsibility and approval of the modification of the appointment protocol - J. R. Batiste**

José Ramón Batiste presented the new protocol, it was modified a little bit after our last meeting. Proposals for new correspondents are sent to our Secretary General, they must have a form and attach a curriculum vitae and photo. A Permanent Committee of Correspondents (CPC) is constituted (this is the main modification). The Secretary General sends the details to the members of the CPC and they give their opinion. The new correspondent is then presented at the next meeting of the Executive Council, who approve or disapprove the appointment of a correspondent. After approval, the official documents are sent to the OMAEC. Their animation, contact, mainly corresponds to the corresponding UNAEC, otherwise it is carried out by the CPC. The Executive Council unanimously approves the proposal.

**c. CORRESPONDENTS: Ratification, dismissal and appointment. J. R. Batiste**

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 a technical meeting was held with the former president, J.A. Cecilia, E. García, A. Giraldo and J.R. Batiste to evaluate the management of the current correspondents, with the following results:

**Ratify in their positions the following correspondents:**

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Cameroon               | DAVY TENEFOGNE          |
| • Tunisia                | RAOUL FONE              |
| • Brazil                 | SILVIO CALAZANS         |
| • Thailand               | VORAVIT CHANSIRI        |
| • Dem. Republic of Congo | PELAGIE MAHOLO FUKA     |
| • Chad                   | FELIX MBETE             |
| • Congo/Brazzaville      | RAOUL SIKA              |
| • Vatican                | FEDERICA ROSSI GERMANI  |
| • Costa Rica             | DANIEL LANGLOIS         |
| • Panama                 | LUIS WONG               |
| • South Africa           | POLYDOR LOKOMBE         |
| • Cuba                   | RODOLFO JOVA            |
| • Madagascar             | RAKOTOARIMALALA NY ANDO |



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- Japan TSUNETOSHI ITHO
- Côte d'Ivoire JEAN FRANCOIS KODO
- India RONALS D'ACOSTA
- Mozambique JOSE ZACARIAS BIBE

**The following correspondents are hereby relieved of their duties:**

- Colombia ALFONSO GIRALDO
- Dominican Republic FRANK AVILA
- Venezuela VLADIMIR GOMEZ
- Guatemala RAUL S HERNANDEZ
- Bolivia ALVARO GONZÁLEZ
- Ecuador ELIAS.J MORA SORIANO

Ratifications and resignations unanimously approved: The Executive Council unanimously approved the proposal.

New Correspondents: J.R. Batiste presented the new candidates, already verified and previously approved by the CPC; with additional references from the President, Vice-President UNAEC-America, as follows:

**New correspondents to be approved:**

- Colombia GUILLERMO GUTIERREZ PIRAQUIVE
- Dominican Republic MARÍA ISABEL PICHARDO
- United States of America QUENTIN WODON
- Chile CLAUDIO BAEZ LEIVA
- Bolivia CARLOS M. ARROYO GONÇALVES

The Executive Council unanimously approved the proposal.

**d. PERMANENT TRAINING: University Agreement. A. Giraldo**

This Secretariat is very important for us, as it directly benefits the formation of our members, including our young alumni. It is coordinated by F. Jerkovich (Santa Fe, Argentina). One of its main objectives will be the formation in the Social Doctrine of the Church -DSI-, in fact, F. Jerkovich is the Director of DSI of the Catholic University of Santa Fe. All his management is leading to the realization of an agreement with the Catholic University of Santa Fe to issue certificates, diplomas, short courses with a minimum of hours certified by the University and by OMAEC. The draft agreement is in the process of revision, and will be an extraordinary step forward for the OMAEC Secretariat, motivating similar agreements with other universities in different countries. Attendance is expected in mid-October for the signing of the agreement.

**e. YOUTH FORUM: Constitution of the Forum. M. Russo**

Through our Youth Forum, we have had meetings with the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, in fact, M. Russo was called to listen to us in an informal meeting with the delegates of the international and local movements (Italy) and about 10-12 young people. Speaking on behalf of



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OMAEC, we were listened to, they knew us, they gave us some advice for our work, for the formation of the Forum. We started an intergenerational dialogue to ask about our Catholic identity and to see if the adults have an effective Catholic identity, how to live it as young people today. They want us to participate in the next World Youth Day, the idea is to form at least one delegation as Catholic alumni from all over the world. At the direct organisational level of the Youth Forum, mail was sent to each of our members, inviting them to nominate a young person to be part of the Forum on behalf of their organisation. Once nominated, interviews with each of them are expected to begin in mid-September. UNAEC-America nominated young Santiago Durini for this activity. J. R. Batiste emphasized that all Executive Council members should help M. Russo with this activity, motivating members, or even ourselves, to look for young people who wish to participate.

**f. SOLIDARITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: Project. A. Giraldo**

We met with the Director -N. Moros-, this secretariat is very important, we will concretise our work towards the most needy, towards the migrants. Nelson Moros has already designed a programme in this regard, with entrepreneurs, we have a video to guide, we are waiting for a new meeting to specify.

**g. TECHNOLOGY and COMMUNICATION -ICT's Aaron Caterina**

The Director of this Secretariat, A. Caterina, joined the meeting and presented the new website. He gave thanks for the opportunity to present what we are doing in the Secretariat of Technology and Communications, ICT's, so far the priority has been the work on the website, our digital home. He presented a video with 90% of what is ready of our website, the same video will be the launching video of the website. He gave a short introduction to our website ([www.omaec.org](http://www.omaec.org)). E. Garcia suggested that the UNAECs have their states, their group, their place, since they integrate as an important branch of OMAEC. A. Caterina: the website is versatile, but we must keep in mind what is the message we want to send. The website will be adjusted according to our suggestions. The idea is to maintain a professional, attractive image, in these times it is more difficult for people to contextualise with texts, we must emphasise the graphic part. A. Caterina explained that the English and French versions will be managed through sub domains.

**h. COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY: Authorisation for the CVs of Executive Board members to appear on the website. V. Gomez**

M. Russo: will wait for official response, it may be a problem. He does not want to say things that in the end are not true. J. R. Batiste suggests just to add basic elements in the resume of each EC member (country, congregation, profession, formation, volunteering). Resume will be sent to each EC member for approval.

**i. COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY: Purchase authorisation request**

- Security certificate (padlock in address bar) for the OMAEC website. Includes certificate for main domain [omaec.org](http://omaec.org) and for subdomains [en.omaec.org](http://en.omaec.org) and [fr.omaec.org](http://fr.omaec.org). Function: Encrypt data sent from the browser to the server (contact forms, emails - Value: \$USD 66.99/year.



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- Google Workspace: Secure Secretary General's email, Video calls up to 100 participants, 30 GB cloud storage (for storing documentation), Security controls and basic support - Value: \$USD 6/month (Total: \$72)

The Executive Council unanimously approves the proposal.

#### **5. REPORT FROM THE TREASURER GENERAL ON THE OPENING OF AN ACCOUNT IN FRANCE - D. LATTUADA.**

We finally have an account in France (Crédit Mutuel, office at CCM Paris 1 2 Louvre Montorgueil, IBAN: FR 76 10278060310002091260155).

E. Garcia informed that UNAEC-America has a bank account number in Panama, and has already sent mail with the two treasurers where the debts that each member has are made known. We have different situations, Mexico and Paraguay have more debt, when they answer, that for sure that they will ask for a little time. A positive note is that Mexico and Peru have the same general bank, maybe the transfer is less expensive to send money transfers to Panama. The central bank of Argentina banned transfers abroad except for the purchase of medical supplies, i.e. the transfer cannot be made. The debt situation of each member was reviewed. D. Lattuada will be invited to attend the virtual meeting of UNAEC-America. Marco will receive an invitation to attend the virtual meeting.

D. Lattuada informed that the Treasury working group is in process of formation, important contacts have been made. J.R. Batiste informed that it would be the first time that there is a financial commission made up of some members of the Executive Council and external members. It is possible to think of some special financing, special, fast, cheap collection system. It would be an excellent idea that L. Grégoire and Q. Wodon be part of this economic council, D. Lattuada proposes an important politician from Milan to be part of the Treasury working group.

#### **6. UNAEC-AFRICA SITUATION - A. GIRALDO**

Included in point 4.a.

#### **7. PROPOSED RRI MODIFICATION - Vladimir Gómez**

According to what was discussed in our previous Executive Council meeting (01MAY21), particularly in Section 5 GENERAL TREASURY PROPOSALS, Proposal 3, with the desire to make the management more equitable, our Treasury working group suggested to reform the membership fees of the National Confederations so that everyone can contribute, but according to their economic situation, so we could divide the countries in 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.
- IMPLEMENTATION 2021 or 2022
- The proposal was approved with six (6) votes in favour and one (1) blank vote.

V. Gomez presented the proposed amendment to Article 3 of the Internal Regulations, as follows: "**Paragraph 3: Number of votes at the General Assembly**".



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This article refers to article 13 of the statutes for the number of votes at Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assemblies. 7

WORLD UNIONS: the amount of the membership fee is fixed by mutual agreement between the OMAEC treasurers and the member concerned. The membership fee could vary from 100 to 600 euro. The member then has one vote for every 100 euros of membership.

CONTINENTAL UNIONS: they only have a co-ordination and animation role and do not have to pay any membership fee to OMAEC, they have one vote.

NATIONAL FEDERATIONS: For national federations or confederations, our treasurer will classify the federation according to the most recent GDP per capita of the country to which the federation or confederation belongs (See Annex GDP per capita updated).

- TYPE A QUOTA: Countries with a GDP per capita of more than 10.000,00 Euros per person will be entitled to one vote for every 100 Euros of membership (See Annex).
- TYPE B QUOTA: Countries with a GDP per capita of less than 10.000,00 Euros per capita shall have a membership of 50 Euros, entitling them to only one vote (Type B Quota). When the national federation or confederation with a Type B Quota wishes to increase its number of votes, it would switch to the Type A Quota regime, i.e. one vote per 100 Euros.

To be eligible to vote, members must be up to date with their membership fees since the last General Assembly (or their admission if recent) up to the year preceding the General Assembly. Voting members may vote at the elective General Assembly.

The Executive Board unanimously approves the proposal, which will have to be ratified at the General Assembly.

## 8. WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENTS OF UNAEC'S

UNAEC-Europe: G. Mariano informed about the extraordinary meeting they organised with the participation of MP Fabienne Keller, Member of the European Parliament, with the Projects on Asylum and Migration. They are working in that direction. CONFEDEREX is working on a conference on DSI. G. Mariano apologised for having to leave the meeting early.

UNAEC-America: We were recently invited, especially M. Russo, through the laity department of Argentina, and by CELAM to be in the three planned moments: listening, dialogue, virtual meeting (November 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>). The invitation has already been sent to the four confederations and will also be sent to our correspondents. We have the opportunity to participate through the lay forum or through the women's forum, E. Garcia will participate through the lay forum. You must fill in and send the forms before August 17th. Among the dialogues to be held at the event, we highlight point 4, on the Global Education Pact, migrant situation, indigenous peoples, challenges 2022. Our new Ecclesiastical Assistant is to be confirmed.

## 9. VARIOUS MATTERS (SPEAKING TIME)

### Presentation of our new Ecclesiastical Assistant:

A. Giraldo informed about the appointment of our new Ecclesiastical Assistant, Monsignor Héctor Julio López, Bishop Emeritus of Girardot, he was Salesian Provincial, St. John Paul II



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appointed him Bishop Director of Missions, then he was appointed Bishop of Girardot, two years ago he left the pastoral work and now he is Bishop Emeritus of Girardot. He considers himself to be formed by the youth and for the youth. Each of the members of the EC introduced himself briefly to the Monsignor, who finally said a few words to us. Giraldo, he was a little afraid because he did not know our organization, but because we have in common the interest for the youth, he could not refuse and he took the risk to say yes, he hopes to connect with our mission and to be useful to us as far as possible, with joy and fear he is at our orders and he will try to know all our mission to serve with joy and enthusiasm and to give his best contribution to be one with each one of us.

#### **10. NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATE**

Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Secretary General

Vladimir Antonio Gomez Escartín