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REGULAR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At 16.00 in Rome, via Google Meet videoconference system, the ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the OMAEC begins, convened in due time and form according to the Statutes, on 26 November 2022.

The President of the OMAEC Alfonso Giraldo Saavedra will preside over this Assembly; the Secretary General Vladimir Antonio Gomez Escartín will coordinate and moderate, and we will be supported by Alejandro Galvan Illanes in English and Laurent Gregoire in French.

In view of the impossibility of attending the Assembly, our Ecclesiastical Assistant, Monsignor Héctor López, has prepared a video with a special prayer to start the Assembly and that all the participants raise it to the Lord.

The Executive Council approved at its meeting on 23 July 2022, that this General Assembly would be held by videoconference, given the global economic situation making it difficult to attend any event in person.

The following members of the Executive Board are participating in the Assembly:

- Alfonso Giraldo Saavedra - President
- José Ramón Batiste - Executive Vice President
- Vladimir Gomez - Secretary General
- Evangelina Garcia - Vice President (UNAEC-America)
- Giuseppe Mariano - Vice President (UNAEC-Europe)
- Debora Lattuada - General Treasurer

The following members of the OMAEC 2020-2023 team are also participating in the General Assembly:

- Laurent Gregoire - Deputy Treasurer, Representative to UNESCO
- Jose Antonio Cecilia - International Relations Secretariat
- Federica Rossi - Representative to the Holy See

Also present were the former OMAEC Presidents:

- Claudio Andreoli
- Guillermo Pires

Two (2) members of the World Confederation of the Mornese Daughters of Mary Help of Christians participated:

- María Carmen Castellón -President- Olivia Furlan -Vice-President- Olivia Furlan -Vice-President- Olivia Furlan -Vice-President
- Olivia Furlan -Vice President.



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The General Assembly opened with the following AGENDA:

1. Verification of accreditation of member organisations - Secretary General 2.
2. Opening prayer of welcome - President
3. Greetings from our Ecclesiastical Assistant - (Video) - Monsignor Héctor López
4. Approval of previous GA Minutes - Secretary General
5. Approval of the modifications to the Rules of Procedure - Secretary General
6. Approval of new members World Confederation of WMA Alumnae and Alumni/ae - President
7. Treasurer's report - D. Lattuada
8. Report of the President and Secretary General
9. Approval of the Treasurer's and President and Secretary General's Reports
10. Open speaking time - All
11. Final speech - President

1- VERIFICATION OF ACCREDITATION OF MEMBER ORGANISATIONS - Secretary General

The Secretary General proceeded with the verification of attendance and accreditation of votes of each of the member organisations.

WORLD ORGANIZATIONS	Representative	Votes
Organización Mundial de Antiguos Alumnos Lasallistas –UMAEL-	Alejandro Galvan	4
Unión Mundial de Antiguos Alumnos Jesuitas –WUJA-	Francisco Guarner	6
Confederación Mundial de Exalumnos de Don Bosco	Bryan Magro	2
Asociación Mundial Antiguos Alumnos Sagrado Corazón –AMASC-	Federica Rossi	4
CONTINENTAL ORGANIZATIONS	Representative	Votes
Unión Europea de Antiguos Alumnos de la Educación Católica –UNAEC-Europa-	Giuseppe Mariano	1
Unión de Exalumnos de la Educación Católica de América –UNAEC-América-	Evangelina García	1
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	Representative	Votes
Confederación Nacional de Antiguos Alumnos de la Educación Católica Argentina –CONFAEEC-	María Teresa Acro	1



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Confederación Española de Asociaciones de Antiguos Alumnos de la Educación Católica –CEAAEC-	José Antonio Cecilia	1
Confederación Italiana de Antiguos Alumnos de la Enseñanza Católica –CONFEDEREX-	Liliana Beriozza	1
Confederación Francesa de Alumni y Amigos de la Educación Católica –COFAEC-	Jocelyn Pinoteau	6
Unión de Antiguos Alumnos de las Escuelas Francesas de Turquía	Marc Buker	1
TOTAL		28

2- INITIAL WELCOME PRAYER - President

Our President -Alfonso Giraldo- proceeded with a welcoming greeting to all those attending our General Assembly.

3- GREETING BY OUR ECCLESIASTICAL ASSISTANT - (Video) - Monsignor Héctor López

Monsignor Hector Lopez excused his absence in advance, however he sent us greetings and blessings on video, which was presented at the General Assembly.

4- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS GA MINUTES (ONLINE - 20 MARCH 2021) - General Secretary

The participants had previously received the minutes of the General Assembly held online on 20 March 2021; given that this Assembly was held online, it had already been indicated that they would not be read out.

The minutes were approved by 28 votes in favour, no abstentions, no votes against.

5- APPROVAL OF THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE INTERNAL RULES - General Secretary

The Secretary General informs that during the previous months, the document of the Internal Regulations - RRI has been discussed, elaborated, studied and agreed upon, as it is foreseen in the Statute No. 29. At the Executive Council meeting of 30 July 2021, a version was drafted that would be presented during this Ordinary General Assembly. It was emphasised that the proposed modification seeks to give a more equitable participation to all members of our organisation.

This document has been sent to all member organisations for reading, indicating that it would not be read at this Assembly.

The modification made was in Paragraph 3 of the regulations, which is as follows:

"Paragraph 3: Number of votes at General Assemblies



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

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 Updated GDP per capita).

- 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, which entitles them to one vote only (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 can vote at the elective General Assembly".

Prior to our General Assembly, a proposal was received from Bryan Magro representing the World Confederation of Don Bosco Alumni where he stated in his points 2, 3 and 4:

"(2) We wish to express our concern to the Assembly about the proposed structure for membership fees. We believe that the payment of membership fees should not be a determinant of the number of votes obtained in a General Assembly and elections. This system is defined by giving more authority and power to those who can pay and disadvantages members who cannot afford to pay the higher fees. This method discriminates against members who cannot afford it (especially smaller organisations) and gives an unfair advantage to those who can afford it.

(3) As a Catholic Church organisation, we must give equal voice to all members and seek to minimise exclusion or discrimination. It is our role and responsibility to promote social justice. Pope Francis states that "there can be no justice where there is inequality". Giving more votes in decision making to the strongest organisations that can afford to



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pay, while denying equal voting weight to those who cannot afford it, may be falling short of true justice.

(4) As a member organisation, we propose to allow more time for reflection and consultation on the proposed amendment regarding the payment of membership fees and the number of votes. We call on all to reflect and discern in a synodal process to further study the current situation and the proposed new amendment in the light of the Church's teaching on equality and social justice".

In addition to B. Magro's proposal, Francisco Guarner (World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae -WUJA-) stated that for the representation in votes of each member organisation, the number of members that make up each organisation is an important factor, as it is relevant in terms of their representativeness. Evangelina Garcia (UNAEC-America) recalled that for our President, A. Giraldo, the most fair and equitable quotas for each of our members has always been a priority.

Taking into account B. Magro's proposal, a vote was taken on the approval of the proposed modification to the Internal Regulations and the creation of a working team for the revision of the Internal Regulations as well as of the membership dues, with the following results:

The amendment to paragraph 3 of the Rules of Procedure is approved with 28 votes in favour, no abstentions, no votes against. Subsequently, a working team will be appointed to revise our Rules of Procedure and membership dues scheme.

6. APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS MORNESE WORLD CONFEDERATION OF FMA ALUMNI AND FORMER ALUMNI - President

Before proceeding with the vote regarding the admission of the new member, our president, A. Giraldo, expressed the great joy and satisfaction for the whole OMAEC team that a founding member, such as the World Confederation of Mornese FMA Alumnae and Alumni/ae, will return to be part of our organisation.

After this, and in view of the fact that the documentation required for the new member was timely sent to all members of the organisation, the Secretary General put to vote the admission of the World Confederation of Mornese FMA Alumnae and Alumni to the OMAEC with the following results:

The new membership is approved by 28 votes in favour, no abstentions, no votes against.

The President of the World Confederation of Mornese FMA Alumnae and Alumni - Maria Carmen Castillon - expressed her joy and satisfaction to belong again to the organisation.

7. TREASURY REPORT - D. Lattuada

Our Treasurer General - D. Lattuada - proceeded with the presentation of the annual treasury report, clarifying that it was sent to our Commissioners, without any negative comments.

INGRESOS 2021		SALIDAS 2021	
09-ago	2.500,00 €	10-ago	4,93 €
28-ott	300,00 €	25-ago	15,00 €
15-dic	600,00 €	10-set	4,93 €
28-dic	500,00 €	10-ott	4,93 €
31-dic	3,09 €	28-ott	14,39 €
		10-nov	4,93 €
		10-dic	4,93 €
Total ingresos	3.903,09 €	Total	54,04 €
Total salidas	54,04 €		
Totale 2021	3.849,05 €		
Asignación de	645,96 €	Cuenta corriente	
	3.203,09 €	Cuenta de libreta	

REVENU 2021		SORTIES 2021	
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	3.203,09 €	Compte sur livret	

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8. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY GENERAL

8.1 EXECUTIVE COUNCILS

During the year 2021 three Executive Council meetings were held, it should be noted that since our EC we have taken great advantage of the lessons of virtuality, which has allowed us to hold more meetings online if we take into account the history of OMAEC. 01 May 2021 - First Executive Council Meeting with the attendance of the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President UNAEC-America, Vice President UNAEC Europe, General Treasurer, Director OMAEC Youth and Secretary General. During the EC meeting, issues related to the treasury were approved (pandemic quota, differentiated quota, treasury team, collection of dues through UNAEC's), additionally the support to



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the World Day of Catholic Education through our partners in the Global Pact was approved, as well as the protocol for the appointment of correspondents.

- 30 July 2021: Meeting in line with the attention of ALL Executive Council members, the following issues were discussed: abolition of the newly created secretariat of correspondents under Fr. Lokombe, where all its functions were transferred to a permanent working commission modifying the protocol for the appointment of correspondents; the progress on the draft of the Agreement with the Catholic University of Santa Fe (Argentina), for our Diploma in Social Doctrine of the Church was reported; our director of the Youth Forum reported on some meetings held with the Dicastery of Laity, Family and Life as well as the first steps for the creation of a Youth Forum working team; our Director of the Solidarity and Social Justice Secretariat informed about the outreach programme to entrepreneurs interested in supporting works of solidarity and social justice that we promote through our organisation; as a special guest, our Director of the ICT Secretariat attended our meeting, who presented the progress on our new website (omaec.org) as well as some technical/financial details regarding the security certificate for our website and a secure email for our Secretary General; our treasurer presented a report on the financial situation to date, taking into account the measures taken in our previous meeting; it was ratified that P. Lokombe would continue to be in charge only of the website. Lokombe would remain in charge of UNAEC-Africa only; it was informed that through the valuable support of our Deputy Treasurer -Laurent Gregoire- we now have a bank account in France; an important modification of our Internal Regulations was approved with the desire to have a more equitable management, where the affiliation fees of the national confederations were adjusted according to the economic situation of each country.
- 05 November 2021: Online meeting attended by the whole team with the exception of our Ecclesiastical Advisor Monsignor Héctor López. The following topics were discussed: the replacement of our Director of the Youth Forum, handing over the position from Marco Russo to Santiago Durini, M. Russo committed himself to continue supporting us through our delegate to the Holy See F. Rossi. Rossi; new correspondent in the Philippines was approved; for the sake of practicality, the protocol for the appointment of correspondents was modified; updated treasury report was presented; the progress of each of the secretariats was evaluated; it was reported that official correspondence was sent to all our contacts regarding our position on sexual abuse within our church.

8.2 ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES AND SECRETARIATS



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Throughout the year 2021, 28 online working meetings were held with the different administrative bodies and secretariats, the results of which are summarised below:

GENERAL SECRETARIAT: A joint meeting was held with the President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary General and Deputy Secretary to establish working mechanisms, especially with regard to the publication of news on our website, organisation of working meetings with the directors of the secretariats, management of the official mail of the organisation as well as our social networks, definition of our participation in the Global Compact for Education, the WhatsApp group of our Executive Council was created to keep in constant contact.

TREASURY: Working meeting with the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer where proposals were made regarding the revision of OMAEC's fixed expenses, as well as the design of a scheme of differentiated fees according to the economic situation of each member country of the organisation. It should be noted that one of the main fruits of our work meetings with the treasury team, with the invaluable support of our Deputy Treasurer, was the opening of our account in France, a project that had been underway for some years in the OMAEC.

VICE-CHAIRS: The projects and proposals of the Vice-Presidents UNAEC-America and UNAEC-Europe were reviewed, as well as laying the groundwork for how we would be doing our work. Basically, organisational and administrative aspects of each of the UNAECs and their programmes of activities for 2021 were discussed. Our participation in the World Day for Catholic Education with an official communiqué was discussed. We also insisted on requesting the support of our UNAEC Presidents on the issue of appointing correspondents.

SECRETARIATS: A meeting was held to present our entire team of directors of secretariats in order to get to know each other as well as to discuss projects and ideas for each of the secretariats.

SECRETARIAT OF COMMUNICATIONS (ICT): The domain omaec.org was acquired, in fact we already have a new website 80% advanced in its Spanish version, some details are missing, as well as the French and English versions. We opened our social media accounts on Instagram and LinkedIn. During the year 2021, more than 26 news items were published at no cost to our organisation and our digital newsletter e-OMAEC World Nº 41 was issued. Our Facebook account was refreshed, achieving page views of over 3,600 people during the year and an increase in members from 257 to 366. OMAEC's friends' email database increased by over 600 contacts. It should be noted that the focus



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of our news and social media posts took into account the suggestions and comments of our director of the communications secretariat in relation to studies conducted on our website through Google Analytics.

Our president prepared a promotional video of our website, yet to be launched.

SECRETARIAT OF CORRESPONDENTS: For the purpose of practicality in the execution of the work of this secretariat, it was replaced during the year by a permanent management team, made up of members of our Executive Council. As a result of this management, six (6) new correspondents were appointed during the year (Colombia, Dominican Republic, United States of America, Chile, Bolivia and the Philippines).

SECRETARIAT OF PERMANENT TRAINING: As part of our programme of organising Training Dialogues, the Prison Pastoral Training Dialogue was held. On the other hand, both internal and inter-institutional meetings were held which sowed the seed for the organisation of our Diploma in Social Doctrine of the Church together with the Catholic University of Santa Fe (Argentina), and the first drafts of the agreement were reviewed.

YOUTH FORUM: We are establishing the guidelines for the functioning of the team, also through M. Russo we will be present at the World Youth Day -Lisbon 2023-. We sent emails to all our members so that they could nominate young people to form the youth forum team.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: It was stressed that our relations with other organisations should be based on the promotion and defence of our values. It was recommended that we review and update our agreement with the OIEC, as it dates back to 1975 and we are already part of another macro agreement through the Global Pact for Education, where we are represented by our Executive Vice-President. Within the framework of this agreement, it was agreed to support the World Day of Catholic Education through an official communiqué. Furthermore, our Secretary General attended the OIDEL presentation of the EMIE (European Meeting of Independent Education) document entitled: "Position Paper on Ways to Achieve School Success" and provided support in the translation of the official document into Spanish.

Our status with the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life was reviewed.

SOLIDARITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: During the year, the idea of direct OMAEC support for a project related to migrants was developed, in view of the difficult situation of migrants worldwide and the sensitivity of Pope Francis in this regard. The director of our secretariat - Nelson Moros - has the idea of how to reach out directly to entrepreneurs.



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An institutional video was prepared in relation to the campaign for the labour certification of immigrants.

8.3 OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following official communications were issued:

- OMAEC's position on the paedophilia cases in our church.

9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORTS OF THE TREASURY AND OF THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY GENERAL - All

The Secretary General put the approval of the reports of the Treasury and of the President and Secretary General to the vote with the following results: Both reports were approved by 28 votes in favour, no abstentions, no votes against.

10. OPEN SPEAKER'S TURNOVER - All

L. Gregoire suggested to A. Giraldo to continue to work actively with UNESCO, particularly with regard to Catholic Education, and also suggested to send the video prepared by the Solidarity and Social Justice Secretariat for wide dissemination.

J. R. Batiste: stressed the importance of continuing to appoint OMAEC correspondents to further expand the reach of the organization, as well as to continue appointing youth representatives from each of our members, for this he requested the maximum collaboration of each of our members in getting new correspondents and appointing youth representatives to form the working team of the Youth Forum. He also reminded that during our next General Assembly (2023) there will be an election process, i.e. a new President of OMAEC will be elected.

F. Guarner: He congratulated the whole OMAEC team for the work they have been doing and at the same time expressed his willingness to work together with our organisation.

11. FINAL WORDS - President

A. Giraldo thanked everyone for their presence and emphasised the commitment of all our members to the organisation. He also thanked COFAEC for inviting us to the Congress of the International Catholic Education Office -OIEC- 2022. This type of event promotes fraternity and brotherhood between our organisations.



Vladimir Antonio Gomez Escartín
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