

**Resolution adopted by the
Extraordinary Session of the World Congress of
the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations (WFUCA)**

20 July 2005

We, the delegates of the following countries¹ participating in the Extraordinary Session of the World Congress of WFUCA held in Paris from 18 to 20 July 2005,

Having heard the report of the Ad hoc Committee for Renewal of WFUCA, and the proposals of the Ad hoc Committee, as amended by the members/delegates,

Having heard all the important interventions and proposals by members/delegates,

Considering that we live in an era of great violence, war and poverty, experiencing the recent terrorists attacks all over the world and the threats against environment,

Taking into consideration the great advancement in the area of technology and e-learning and the use of such technology in the promotion of communication and development all over the world,

Taking into consideration the extraordinary conditions, under which this Congress is held,

Having in mind that this Congress is a rescue operation by UNESCO and the Ad hoc Committee to overcome the existing crisis in the movement, which led the UNESCO's Executive Board to suspend in 2004 UNESCO's formal associate relations with WFUCA,

Considering the necessity of restoring these relations of WFUCA with UNESCO, if at all possible, before the 33rd session of the General Conference of UNESCO to be held in October 2005,

Realizing that although the work done by the Ad hoc Committee was remarkable and necessary, still, it is needed to have a transitional period, of the maximum two years, to bring the necessary unity in the movement, and to comply with the provisions of the Constitution,

Having in mind that, a new constitutional structure is to be applied and realizing that in this new constitutional structure, there are provisions which can not be applied within the limited time available by this Congress,

We the Delegates, members of WFUCA decide the following:

¹ The list attached as Annex I.

We approve and adopt the report of the Ad hoc Committee and we express our full appreciation for the work done by the Ad hoc Committee since its establishment by UNESCO in December 2003.

We adopt the proposals of the Ad hoc Committee in relation to the amendments of the Constitution of WFUCA after taking into consideration the remarks of certain members/delegates for some changes in the preamble, for some other cosmetic changes regarding the wording of the Constitution, for some provisions to promote the gender balance, and the presence of youth in the organs of the Federation. In addition, we stress the respect for the principle of one country - one vote and decide that the headquarters of WFUCA will remain in Paris. We take into consideration the sensitivities of the Spanish speaking countries and their request, with other similar requests from Russian-speaking and Arabic-speaking countries to forward through the transitional Executive Board.²

We elect the transitional Executive Board, which shall represent WFUCA in all its functions for the transitional period, which will be the maximum 2 years from now.

This transitional Executive Board shall consist of the following persons in an alphabetical order:

Arndt, Richard
Ben Slama, Rachid
Christophides, George
Diarra, Mamadou
Hattori, Eiji
Lopez, Yves
Moraga, Angelita
Noguchi, Noboru
Van der Lee, Hans

The above persons will participate in the transitional Executive Board in their personal capacity with full authority and rights to defend, coordinate the movement, and represent WFUCA in all aspects and to submit to the next session of the relevant Governing Body of UNESCO the request of WFUCA for the restoration of the suspended relations with UNESCO.

We acknowledge the historical and other factors, which were taken into consideration to form the transitional Executive Board, which consists of the same persons who formed the Steering Committee of the Ad hoc Committee and the statement by members of the Ad hoc Committee to consider the possibility of enlarging the transitional Executive Board according to the needs and priorities, or to cooperate with any member/delegate on an ad hoc basis. In addition, the Congress urges the transitional Executive Board to cooperate in regional issues with the President or other members of the Executive Boards of the existing Regional Federations and the existing College of Centres. We notice the will of the Ad hoc Committee to promote in collaboration with Latin American and Caribbean countries the establishment of regional federation in the area.

² Taking into consideration available funding sources.

We realize the important role the UNESCO Clubs movement can play in an effort to promote the ideals of UNESCO and develop through education, science, communication and culture, the full respect of the cultural diversity, and the tolerance so that to establish a platform of cooperation and practical defense against the existing development of terrorism all over the world. We appeal to all the governments to respect human rights and take all measures against terrorism in such a way so that human beings to continue working together for peace and development.

We propose the transitional Executive Board to consider the possibility of taking all necessary measures to promote e-learning and apply the technology advancement in the UNESCO Clubs Movement.

We authorize the transitional Executive Board to convene an ordinary world congress of WFUCA in 2007 after the restoration of the suspended relations with UNESCO and according to the provisions of the amended Constitution.

We authorize that the transitional Executive Board to meet regularly according to the needs and priorities.

From today, the only authority, which will represent WFUCA shall be the transitional Executive Board as a collective organ.

From today, the headquarters of WFUCA located at this moment at UNESCO NGO House (rue Miollis) shall be used by the transitional Executive Board to exercise its functions and authorities.

We expect from the transitional Executive Board to inform us frequently of any developments or decisions.

We expect that the transitional Executive Board shall follow the provisions of the amended constitution to the extent possible.

We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Director-General of UNESCO, the Sector for External Relations and Cooperation, and particularly the Section for UNESCO Clubs and New Partnerships, which helped the Ad hoc Committee for Renewal of WFUCA to organize this extraordinary session of the World Congress, and we appeal to UNESCO to continue its support and contribution in the framework of the full respect of WFUCA as an international NGO for the functioning of the Secretariat and all other statutory organs, provided in the Constitution of WFUCA