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INLW Management Board Meeting 26, 27 January 2007 in Barcelona

The INLW Board concentrated especially on the discussion and draft of an "INLW Action Plan" for the years 2007-2010 to be circulated between the Board members for amendments. Also the decision was made to submit a resolution for the next meeting to be held in Cancun/Mexico in April and finally a hand-over took place of documentation and signatures to the new Treasurer. The meeting was attended by INLW President, Joaquina Alemany, Vice-president, Bourchra Barrijal, Secretary-General, Margaret de Vos van Steenwijk, Treasurer, Marianne Kallen, Vice-secretary, Nuria Segú, Deputy Assistant, Silvia Flury and INLW members, M^a Luisa Florensa and Carmen Solsona.

51st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women/CSW 26 February - 9 March 2007, New York

The Commission focussed on: the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl-child.

The commission was attended by INLW President, Joaquina Alemany, Vice-president, Jeannine de Bocard, Secretary-General, Margaret de Vos van Steenwijk, Treasurer, Marianne Kallen, Carmen Solsona, Marisa Florensa and other INLW members.

INLW submitted a written statement on: "The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl-child" and an oral statement on: "Girls and Boys lost to peace and forced to make war".

INLW Board Management Meeting 30 April 2007 in Cancun/Mexico

The meeting was attended by INLW members and other interested delegation members to the LI Executive Committee Meeting. The main subject being dealt with was the draft of the INLW Action Plan and Agenda for 2007-2010. The decision was taken to reformulate the text and circulate it, in order for these to be approved in the Hamburg meeting. Further those present were informed of the substitution of the Vice-president for Latin America, by Ms. Marielos Alfaro, also from Costa Rica, MP and the appointment of Ms. Ulla Mallick, from Great Britain, as Vice-Treasurer, both Acting, up to the next General Meeting in 2008, where they have to be voted into the Board. Also those present were informed about the problems LI Human Rights Commission had with the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

The submitted INLW resolution seemed not to have been circulated by LI to member parties, so that it was impossible to have it adopted by LI Executive Committee. INLW was asked to resubmit this resolution to the LI Hamburg meeting.

INLW Management Board Meeting 16 November 2007 at the Haus der Patriotischen Gesellschaft in Hamburg/Germany

Ms Marianne Kallen explained to the audience that the drafted Action Plan and Agenda for 2007-2010, which was approved after some discussion by those present and which will be circulated between the INLW members. Furthermore the updating of the INLW website was another issue of debate and the proposal to put up a web forum was agreed on.

The resolution on "Trafficking on Human Beings" was adopted by LI Executive Meeting.

At this meeting of Liberals in Hamburg the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the creation of the World Liberal Federation in 1947 took place. It was a memorable day with a number of worldwide known Liberal Thinkers, taking the floor. The celebration was hosted by the German Liberal Party, at the historical site of the Haus der Patriotischen Gesellschaft.

INLW submitted a letter of support to the Human Rights Forum held at Singapore on 18th of November.

LI Conference on Human Rights and CALD General Assembly 8-10 December 2007 in Taipei/Taiwan

The key issue of the conference was "Strengthening Networks and Combating Human Trafficking", advocating for global human rights from a wide perspective of the liberal agenda, attended by Liberal Parties and stakeholders and by INLW Deputy Assistant, Silvia Flury representing INLW.

52nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women/CSW 25 February – 7 March

2008, New York

The priority theme was "Financing for gender equality and empowerment of women". The review theme "Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace-building" was the subject of the INLW statement, submitted to the Commission. INLW had terrible trouble in presenting the submitted oral INLW statement "NGO's for the financing of gender equality", due to long lists of NGO's wanting to deliver their statements. The Commission was attended by INLW President, Joaquina Alemany, Secretary-General, Margaret de Vos van Steenwijk and INLW members Carmen Solsona and Marisa Florensa. INLW Vice-president, Ms Candia Camara, was present accompanying the official governmental delegation of Côte d'Ivoire, which was a pleasure for us, knowing the difficulties this member had encountered before, when this country was in conflict. Joaquina Alemany, Margaret de Vos van Steenwijk and Marisa Florensa had a meeting with Minister for Family and Women's Affairs of Senegal.

Forthcoming event: INLW General Assembly and 55th Congress of Liberal International 15 -17 May 2008 in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The main theme is "Our Shared Future".

More information about the Congress you can read on the website: www.liberal-international.org