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**REPORT ON THE ELECTIONS  
OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
AND OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NGO-UNESCO LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**I. COMMISSION OF ELECTIONS**

In accordance with its Rules of Procedure, at its first plenary meeting on Monday 17 December 2018, the International Conference of NGOs appointed the Elections Committee to oversee the voting procedure. It consisted of four (4) tellers from among the organizations that were not standing for election to the office of Chairperson of the Conference or to the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee:

- Mr Pierre Benoit (New Humanity);
- Mrs Martine Levy (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts - WAGGGS);
- Mrs Béatrice Naegeli (CISV International);
- Mr Samyan Otero Alfayate (Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service - CCIVS).

**II. ELECTION FOR THE PRESIDENCY**

2. The election of the Chairperson of the International Conference was held in a single secret ballot on Tuesday 18 December 2018.

3. Three (3) persons, members of organizations in official partnership, were candidates for this election where one (1) seat was to be filled.

4. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure (Article G.3 of the Annex of the Rules of Procedure), the candidate having obtained more than half of the valid votes cast (not counting abstentions) was declared elected: **Mrs Marie-Claude Machon-Honoré presented by BPW International (International Federation of Business and Professional Women)** with 51 votes.

5. The detail of the counting of the votes is as follows:

Total numbers of electors	115
Number of voters	92
Number of proxy votes	10
Number of votes cast	102
Number of abstentions	1
Number of invalid ballot papers	0
Required majority	51

			Votes
<b>Mrs Archontia Anastasaki</b>	World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU)	Greece	<b>9</b>
<b>Mr Richard Francis Apeh</b>	International Young Catholic Students (IYCS)	France	<b>41</b>
<b>Mrs Marie-Claude Machon-Honoré</b>	BPW International (International Federation of Business and Professional Women)	Switzerland	<b>51</b>

### III. ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NGO-UNESCO LIAISON COMMITTEE

6. The election of the members of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee was held in two secret ballots to allow the election of ten member organizations, four (4) with associate status and six (6) with consultative status. The six regions as defined by UNESCO should also be represented by at least one NGO partner based in the region.

7. Twenty-three (23) organizations were candidates for this election where ten (10) seats were to be filled.

#### III.1 First ballot

8. **Six (6) seats to be filled for the first ballot** allowing the election of six organizations, each having its headquarters in one of the six regions as defined by UNESCO.

9. It should be noted that:

- **For the Latin America and the Caribbean region:** no organization of this region was candidate. This region will not be represented in the Liaison Committee for the duration of the 2019-2020 term of office (Article I.3 of the Annex of the Rules of Procedure).
- **For the Asia and Pacific region:** only one organization of this region was candidate. The organization was declared elected without the need to hold a ballot (Article I.2 of the Annex of the Rules of Procedure). The elected organization for this region is the **Akhil Bharatiya Sanskrutik Sangh (ABSS)**, India.
- **For the Africa region:** only one organization of this region was candidate. The organization was declared elected without the need to hold a ballot (Article I.2 of the Annex of the Rules of Procedure). The elected organization for this region is the **Arterial Network**, Cote d'Ivoire.
- **For the Arab States region:** only one organization of this region was candidate. The organization was declared elected without the need to hold a ballot (Article I.2 of the Annex of the Rules of Procedure). The elected organization for this region is the **Arab Institute for Human Rights (AIHR)**, Tunisia.

10. The first ballot therefore aimed to fill two (2) seats corresponding to the remaining regions: one seat for the Europe and North America region and one seat for the Eastern Europe region.

11. The first ballot was held on Tuesday 18 December 2018 and took place in two rounds.

### III.1.1 First round

12. For the Eastern Europe region (one (1) seat to be filled in), the candidate organization with the largest number of votes and hence declared elected is as follows:

- **V.I. Vernadsky Non Governmental Ecological Foundation** (consultative status), with 62 votes.

13. The detail of the counting of the votes for the Eastern Europe region is as follows:

Total numbers of electors	115
Number of voters	92
Number of proxy votes	10
Number of votes cast	100
Number of abstentions	7
Number of invalid ballot papers	1

Organisation	Votes
SOZOPOL FOUNDATION	30
V.I. VERNADSKY NON GOUVERNEMENTAL ECOLOGICAL FOUNDATION	62

14. For the **Europe and North America region**, (one (1) seat to be filled in), the organization with the highest number of votes (17) was BPW International. However, since the presidential candidate nominated by BPW International was elected, the said organization cannot be elected to the Liaison Committee (Rule 9.6 of the Rules of Procedure).

15. Two candidate organizations obtained, *ex aequo*, the highest number of votes (12) after BPW International: the **International Young Catholic Students (IYCS)** and **Soroptimist International**. As the number of candidates remained higher than that of the seats to be filled in, a second secret ballot was held, limited to the Europe and North America region (see below).

16. The details of the vote count for the **Europe and North America region** is as follows:

Total numbers of electors	115
Number of voters	92
Number of proxy votes	10
Number of votes cast	101
Number of abstentions	0
Number of invalid ballot papers	6

Organization	Votes
ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD (ACWW)	3
BPW INTERNATIONAL (INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN)	17
COJEP INTERNATIONAL	1

COMMUNITY OF MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITIES (CMU)	<b>1</b>
FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES PROFESSEURS DE FRANÇAIS (FIPF)	<b>1</b>
INSTITUTE OF AFRO-EUROPEAN CULTURES IN PARIS (ICAEP)	<b>6</b>
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS AND LECTURERS	<b>5</b>
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION (ICASE)	<b>4</b>
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS FOR FOLKLORE FESTIVALS AND FOLK ART (CIOFF)	<b>7</b>
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL	<b>4</b>
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL	<b>12</b>
TRADITIONS FOR TOMORROW	<b>6</b>
UNION INTERNATIONALE DE LA MARIONNETTE (UNIMA)	<b>1</b>
UNIVERSITY OF THE ARCTIC (UARCTIC)	<b>3</b>
WORLD FEDERATION OF SCIENTIFIC WORKERS (WFSW)	<b>3</b>
WORLD UNION OF CATHOLIC TEACHERS (WUCT)	<b>2</b>

### III.1.2 Second round

17. In the second round, the organization with the largest number of votes for the **Europe and North America region** is:

- **International Young Catholic Students (IYCS)** (consultative status), with 44 votes.

18. The detail of the counting of the votes is as follows:

Total numbers of electors	115
Number of voters	64
Number of proxy votes	9
Number of votes cast	73
Number of abstentions	1
Number of ballot papers invalid	0

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Votes</b>
INTERNATIONAL YOUNG CATHOLIC STUDENTS (IYCS)	<b>44</b>
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL	<b>28</b>

### III.2 Second ballot

19. The second ballot was held on Wednesday 19 December 2018 in the morning.

20. **Five (5) seats to be filled (4 + 1 remaining vacant from the region not represented)** for the second ballot (allowing the distribution of the remaining seats taking into account the status of partnership (associate and consultative): three (3) seats for organizations with associate status and two (2) for organizations with consultative status.

21. It should be noted, however, that following the first ballot, only three (3) organizations with associate status remained candidates. These organizations were thus declared elected without the need for a vote (Rule G.2 of the Annex of the Rules of Procedure). The organizations elected are as follows:

- **International Council of Organizations for Folklore Festivals and Folk Art**
- **Rotary International**
- **Traditions for Tomorrow.**

22. The second ballot was therefore intended to fill in the remaining two (2) seats for organizations with consultative status.

23. The candidate organizations having obtained the largest number of votes up to the number of seats remaining to be filled in were declared elected. These organizations are the following:

- **Maison de Sagesse** (consultative status) with 34 votes;
- **Soroptimist International** (consultative status) with 27 votes.

24. The detail of the counting of the votes is as follows:

Total numbers of electors	115
Number of voters	72
Number of proxy votes	9
Number of votes cast	81
Number of abstentions	0
Number of invalid ballot papers	0

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Votes</b>
ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD (ACWW)	Consultation	<b>5</b>
COJEP INTERNATIONAL	Consultation	<b>7</b>
COMMUNITY OF MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITIES (CMU)	Consultation	<b>1</b>
FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES PROFESSEURS DE FRANÇAIS (FIPF)	Consultation	<b>4</b>
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS AND LECTURERS	Consultation	<b>12</b>
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION (ICASE)	Consultation	<b>25</b>
INSTITUTE OF AFRO-EUROPEAN CULTURES IN PARIS (ICAEP)	Consultation	<b>10</b>
MAISON DE SAGESSE	Consultation	<b>34</b>
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL	Consultation	<b>27</b>
SOZOPOL FOUNDATION	Consultation	<b>4</b>
UNIVERSITY OF THE ARCTIC (UARCTIC)	Consultation	<b>9</b>
UNION INTERNATIONALE DE LA MARIONNETTE (UNIMA)	Consultation	<b>9</b>
WORLD FEDERATION OF SCIENTIFIC WORKERS (WFSW)	Consultation	<b>9</b>

#### IV. COMPOSITION OF THE NGO-UNESCO LIAISON COMMITTEE

25. The new composition of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee for 2019-2020 is as follows:

**Chairperson:** **Mrs Marie-Claude Machon-Honoré**, nominated by BPW International  
(International Federation of Business and Professional Women)

**Members:**

	<b>Headquarters</b>	<b>Partnership Status</b>
<b>AKHIL BHARATIYA SANSKRUTIK SANGH (ABSS)</b> <b>Representative:</b> Ms Ratna Wagh <b>Alternate:</b> Mr Hemant Wagh	India	consultative
<b>ARAB INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (AIHR)</b> <b>Representative:</b> Mr Abdelbasset Ben Hassen <b>Alternate:</b> Ms Lamia Gar	Tunisia	associate
<b>ARTERIAL NETWORK</b> <b>Representative:</b> Mr Daves Guzha <b>Alternate:</b> Ms Ghita Khaldi	Côte d'Ivoire	consultative
<b>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS FOR FOLKLORE FESTIVALS AND FOLK ART (CIOFF)</b> <b>Representative:</b> Mr Philippe Beaussant <b>Alternate:</b> Mrs Magdalena Tovornik	France	associate
<b>INTERNATIONAL YOUNG CATHOLIC STUDENTS (IYCS)</b> <b>Representative:</b> Mr Richard Francis Apeh <b>Alternate:</b> Ms Agathe Mossane Sagne	France	consultative
<b>MAISON DE SAGESSE</b> <b>Representative:</b> Ms Fatima Lahnait <b>Alternate:</b> Mr Bruno Gallois	France	consultative
<b>ROTARY INTERNATIONAL</b> <b>Representative:</b> Mr Cyril Noirtin <b>Alternate:</b> Mr Serge Gouteyron	United States of America	associate
<b>SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL</b> <b>Representative:</b> Ms Marie-Christine Gries de la Barbelais <b>Alternate:</b> Ms Rina Dupriet	United Kingdom	consultative
<b>TRADITIONS FOR TOMORROW</b> <b>Representative:</b> Mr Diego Gradis <b>Alternate:</b> Mr Jean-Louis Sabatié	Switzerland	associate
<b>VERNADSKY NON GOVERNMENTAL ECOLOGICAL FOUNDATION</b> <b>Representative:</b> Mr Andrey A. Cheshev <b>Alternate:</b> Mr Vladimir A. Grachev	Russian Federation	consultative