

# WORLD FORUM

OF FISH HARVESTERS AND FISH WORKERS



COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
LOCTUDY, BRITTANY (FRANCE)  
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**Monday, 24 April**

Member present

Thomas Kocherry, François Poulin, Pietro Parravano, André Le Berre, Harekrishna Debnath, Humberto Mella and Daniel Bernier (alternate to Earle McCurdy).

Absent members

Dao Gaye, Charles Caprichio and Silvia Gonzalez

Observers

Daniel Lefèvre, Dominique Saux – Galliano, Béatrice Gorez, Alain Le Sann, René-Pierre Chever, Jacques Brunet, Joan Parravano, Réginald Comeau and Danièle Le Sauce

Interpreters

Sebastian Losada, Ana Toupin and James Smith

Secretariat

Cédric Pincet and Pierre Verreault

## **1. Opening of the Coordination Committee meeting, 10:20 a.m.**

### 1.1 Welcoming

The Coordinator, Thomas Kocherry, welcomes the members and the collaborators to the Coordination Committee Meeting and asks Humberto Mella to do a short allocution.

Humberto Mella welcomes those present. He talks about the importance of the Forum and its role in protecting the environment and the small-scale fishing. He talks about the importance of the meeting and the Coordination Committee's responsibility toward its success. Mr. Mella also talks about the importance of the Forum as an international body in defense of fish harvesters' rights.

Thomas Kocherry invites Danielle Le Sauce to sing a traditional French marine song, "Loguivy de la mer".

Mr. Kocherry reads a letter from Earle McCurdy asking the Coordination Committee meeting to accept Daniel Bernier as alternate delegate to the meeting since he cannot be present. The meeting agrees with it.

### 1.2 Schedule of the Coordination Committee meeting

It is agreed that the meeting will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a lunch pause at 12:30 p.m. On 26 April the meeting will close at 4:00 p.m.

### 1.3 The agenda of the Coordination Committee meeting

The following agenda is agreed upon by the meeting:

- 1- Opening of the Coordination Committee meeting;
- 2- Sharing of the regional activities and experiences;
- 3- Adoption of the San Francisco Report and follow-up;
- 4- Draft report of "Delhi to Loctudy" to be presented at the WFF Constituent Assembly;
- 5- The World Forum Constituent Assembly logistic and related issues;
- 6- The Erika case;
- 7- Special visitors to the Coordination Committee;
- 8- Meeting Senator François Marc; Press Conference.

## 2. Sharing of regional activities and experiences

One after the other the members talk about their experiences and activities since the San Francisco meeting.

### 2.1 Pietro Parravano

The main points discussed by Mr. Parravano are:

- The revival of the small-scale fish harvesters' cause among the population;
- The pressure for increased aquaculture in the US;
- More emphasis on sustainable fishing;
- Work toward developing a nation-wide fish harvester organization;
- The WTO (WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION) meeting in Seattle. We should work toward having a small-scale fish harvester representative in WTO.

### 2.2 Arthur Bogason

The main points discussed by Mr. Bogason are:

- The North Atlantic Fish Harvesters Association;
- The Supreme Court case where the ITQ system was taken to task and was lost;
- His hopes of having a productive meeting;
- The need for political actions.

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### 2.3 Humberto Mella

The main points discussed by Mr. Mella are:

- The small-scale fish harvesters are struggling against the industrial fleet;
- The government policies favoring the industrial fleet;
- They are working against ITQs which were put into place in 1991;
- They are trying to reinforce the coastal fishery with small-scale fish harvesters and characterize it with high quality landings.

### 2.4 André Le Berre

The main points discussed by Mr. Le Berre are:

- The increase in the fish workers and the population's consciousness on the state of the fishery;
- That Brussels and other national and supranational organizations are not aware of the fishery issues and the way of life of the fish harvesters and their families;

- He said that it is important to understand that there are differences from one country to another about what is small-scale fishing and that it is important to respect it;
- The Erika case;
- Daniel Lefebvre reviews the World Fishing Day in Cherbourg, France.

## 2.5 Daniel Bernier

The main points discussed by Mr. Bernier are:

- He shortly explained why Earle McCurdy was not able to attend the meeting;
- The similarities between the different countries' situations and common problems;
- The Australian meeting focuses on property rights in the fishery and concentration of capital. However, we were able to show them the alternate policies of small-scale fishers. i.e. John Kurien and Sebastian Mathews presentations;
- People now realize that property rights have gone too far;
- The Canadian Council General Assembly adopted a proposition on owner-operators;
- The environmentalists and the seals issue.

## 2.6 Harekrishna Debnath

The main points discussed by Mr. Debnath are:

- The cyclone that devastated 300km of coast last October;
- The World Fisheries Day: celebration in different parts of the country;
- The destructive development related to tourism, agriculture and industrial aquaculture;
- The organization of manifestations across India.

Mr. Debnath talked about his colleague and friend, Col. (Retd) Pratap Save. Mr. Save was the Chairman of the Umbargaon Committee of Port Sangarsh Samiti. In response to the government's plan to set up an international port in Umbargaon, the Umbargaon Committee organized manifestations. Following one of the manifestation, in the night of 7 April, the police arrested Mr. Save together with 100 other protestors, and beat him up. From then, Mr. Save was in coma from that date until his death on 20 April from the wounds he had suffered in the night of 7 April. This situation is creating a lot of tension in India. According to Mr. Debnath, the situation is very explosive. Manifestations are now being organized all across India.



## 2.7 François Poulin

The main points discussed by Mr. Poulin are:

- The situation opposing coastal small fish harvesters and the corporate views of the industry;
- The Federal government fishing policy review in the Atlantic;
- The Coordination Committee meeting.

## 2.8 Thomas Kocherry

The main points discussed by Mr. Kocherry are:

- The struggle of the small-scale fish harvesters and coastal communities against the corporate fisheries;
- The organization of manifestations;
- The environmental problem related with the industrial exploitation of the resource.

## 2.9 Discussions

### *Political action*

Thomas Kocherry suggests that the Forum undertake political action before the General Assembly.

François Poulin suggests that the Erika case could be the case for this action.

André Le Berre agrees, especially since France will have the European Presidency from July.

Pietro Paravanno thinks that it could even be discussed tomorrow during the Senator's visit.

**The Committee agrees that this issue will be discussed tomorrow morning.**

## **3. Adoption of the San Francisco Report and issues that arise from the Report**

Daniel Bernier is introducing the Report.

### **Lunch Break**

*The Coordination Committee meeting is adjourned for lunch.*

## Re-opening of the Coordination Committee meeting, 2:30 p.m.

### 3.1 Revision of the San Francisco Coordination Committee Meeting Report

Arthur Bogason would like to add to the San Francisco Coordinating Committee Meeting Report that the Coordinating Committee should like to give its special thanks to Christine Hunt for the presents she kindly offered to the Coordination Committee Members in San Francisco. Following this proposition, the Committee also wishes to thank Arthur Bogason for the same reasons.

In Decision 1 of the French version, in brackets, it should be read "*désormais la Branche française du Forum mondial des pêcheurs et des travailleurs de la pêche*" instead of "*l'agence française*".

In section Accepted Proposals, on October 6, paragraph j), in country relations, the name of *Arthur Bogason* should be taken off Hispanic countries; *the Netherlands* should be omitted; and *Pietro Parravano* should be taken off as responsible for Japan and China.

André Le Berre agrees to review Appendix 4 in order to complete any missing information, review some figures and to verify bank entries.

#### 3.1.1 Discussion

##### *About the meeting attendance*

André Le Berre asks why Silvia Gonzales is not attending the meeting

Daniel Bernier says that he tried to call her but he was not able to get in touch with her.

Humberto Mella explains that she works in a post office and cannot always have vacation to go abroad. He also says that she was the only woman on the Coordination Committee and, since she is not here, it starts to look like discrimination.

Arthur Bogason asks why Charles Caprichio is not here.

André Le Berre does not know exactly but he thinks that his passport had expired.

André Le Berre asks why Pauline Tangiora is not invited.

Thomas Kocherry says that she was never asked to be part of the Coordination Committee since the Committee has not made a decision to invite her or not.

**After these modifications the meeting agrees to adopt the minutes of the San Francisco Co-ordination Committee Meeting Report.**

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### 3.2 Issues that arise from the Minutes

#### *Decision 2*

Thomas Kocherry says that Food Allied Workers' Union of South Africa has about 20 000 members – women from food processing plants and 1000 workers from industrial fleets

Daniel Bernier says that Mandla Gxanyana, from this union, works towards small-scale fishing development.

Thomas Kocherry also says that the *Association des pêcheurs et pisciculteurs de la République du Mali* is composed of about 10 000 members from the small-scale artisanal sector and workers of the same.

#### **Decision A**

**The Coordination Committee meeting agrees to accept these two associations as members of the WFF.**

#### Decision 3 of the San Francisco meeting

Thomas Kocherry says that some associations have not paid their membership fees. After sending them a letter, some of them answered and paid. However,, some others have not paid.

Arthur Bogason encourages all members to pay their membership fee but believes that, since the Forum is a young organization, the policy on membership fee collection should remain flexible.

#### **Decision B**

**The Coordination Committee meeting agrees with Mr. Bogason's proposition and all member associations should be invited to the Constituent Assembly.**

#### *Decision on the accepted proposal h)*

Daniel Bernier announces the financial participation of *La Fondation Léopold Mayer pour le Progrès de l'Homme*. The contribution is twofold. One part is to finance the development of policies for the Forum and the other part is to finance traveling expenses for members from the South. The total contribution should be around 225 000 FF to 250 000FF.

#### *Decision on accepted proposal i)*

André Le Berre thinks that the International Maritime Organization should be invited as an observer because it is responsible for safety at sea.

Pietro Parravano thinks that Victor Mincotti from the Global Economic Forum should be invited as an observer.

Arthur Bogason suggests that all these organizations should also be approached for financial contribution.

François Poulin says that Jacques Diouf, Secretary General of the FAO, is very interested in the Forum and supports it. It is proposed that he should be invited as Honorary Chairman of the General Assembly

Daniel Bernier asks if we are planning to invite José Bové to the General Assembly.

Alain Le Sann is invited to expose the situation in relation with José Bové and Brittany.

Pietro Parravano proposes to invite Adriana Nasoulas who works with fish workers in the US.

Daniel Bernier asks to invite observers from The National Sector Seafood Council, which represents the unionized workers.

### **Decision C**

**It is agreed upon that the member who proposed their invitation should invite all the above persons to the Constituent Assembly. That person should then send a copy of the invitation letter to the Coordination Committee. However, the decision on whether to invite José Bové or not and how to make the invitation is left to the discretion of the French Branch. As soon as they reach a decision they are asked to inform the Coordination Committee in order that they may, in the case of a positive answer, send the invitation.**

### **Decision D**

**It is agreed upon that if we invite new fish harvester and fish worker organizations that agree with the interim WFF constitution, the regional Coordination Committee member, the Assistant Coordinator or the Coordinator have to make the decision whether to accept the applicant organization or not.**

### **Decision E (pending)**

**The coordination meeting agrees to accept a limited number of observers from the member associations and asks that their names be submitted to the Coordinator and the Assistant Coordinator.**

### **Adjournment of the Coordination Committee meeting**

*The decision on the role and the rules related to the observers' participation is reported to tomorrow after a presentation on logistic issues from the French organizers.*

*The coordination Committee meeting is adjourned until Thursday, 25 April, 9:00 a.m.*

**Tuesday, 25 April**

Member present

Thomas Kocherry, François Poulin, Pietro Parravano, André Le Berre, Harekrishna Debnath, Humberto Mella and Daniel Bernier (alternate to Earle McCurdy).

Absent members

Dao Gaye, Charles Caprichio and Silvia Gonzalez

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## **Re-opening of the Coordination Committee meeting, 9:20 a.m.**

*Thomas Kocherry opens the meeting. Thomas Kocherry suggest to report the adoption of yesterday's minutes to the end of the day and that the morning agenda should be as followed:*

- *Presentation of the organizing committee;*
- *The Erika case;*
- *The "Delhi to Loctudy" Report.*

*It is agreed by the meeting.*

### **4. Presentation of the organizing committee**

At the request of the Coordinating Committee, the organizing committee presents some logistic issues concerning the General Assembly. James Smith and René-Pierre Chever give the presentation.

### **5. The Erika case**

#### **5.1 Erika case briefing**

Upon the Coordination Committee's request, René-Pierre Chever gives a brief historical review of the Erika case. He also explains the issues concerning fish harvesters, which are the following:

- The oil spill directly affects a part of the French coast where the fish harvesters usually fish.
- Even at sea, where the level of the pollution is low, the spill caused serious damages to the catches, especially to the Dublin bay prawns.
- The future is still uncertain, since 15 000 tons of refinery residues remain in the wreck.
- Total – Fina should pump it out from June to September. The fish harvesters will only be satisfied if the residues are entirely pumped out of the wreck.

#### **5.2 Discussion**

André Le Berre says that this situation is like to have a sword hanging over one's head, since the future of the fishery in the area remains uncertain. He also says that the situation is particularly unacceptable, since the catastrophe happened while carrying waste from a northern country to a southern one. He says that the Forum ought to undertake actions.

François Poulin agrees with André Le Berre and thinks that, since it is a global problem, the Forum should act at an international level.

André Le Berre wants the International Maritime Organization to be at the General Assembly because they have to understand that fish harvesters are directly concerned with maritime transportation and that fish harvesters must be listened to.

Thomas Kocherry says that these catastrophes happen every day around the world and we must therefore act. He stresses that carrying waste from the North to the South is unacceptable and that practice must stop.

André Le Berre considers that the maritime rules are not enough strict and they should therefore be reinforced. He quotes the Exxon Valdez's example and the new US regulation.

Arthur Bogason also stresses that it is unacceptable to carry undesired toxic waste from the North to the South.

Daniel Bernier says that if the new US maritime rules protect the US coast, they should also apply to the other parts of the world.

Thomas Kocherry says that in order to establish the Forum action, the following three points should be considered:

- The French Branch of the Forum should apply pressure on the French government;
- Stricter maritime transport regulations should apply;
- The principle of the polluter – payer should apply.

Humberto Mella says that such a catastrophe directly concerns the Forum, since such situations affect its members. Also, since it is a worldwide situation, the Forum should develop an action strategy to make the Erika case a symbol. In addition, the Forum should inform the French government and the population of its position.

## **Decision F**

**It is agreed upon that the organizing committee will draft a proposal concerning the Coordination Committee discussions and present it to the Coordination Committee on Wednesday, 26 April.**

## **6. "Delhi to Loctudy" Report**

According to the Coordination Committee's request, Thomas Kocherry prepared and now distributes the document "Delhi to Loctudy". Mr. Kocherry withdraws the document.

François Poulin proposes that four documents should be produced. A historical document, a financial report, the Draft Constitution and a policy document.



### **Decision G**

It is agreed upon that for the Constituent Assembly, four documents will be produced. These documents are a historical document, a financial report, the Draft Constitution and a policy document.

### **Decision H**

It is agreed upon that Daniel Bernier will be responsible for the production of the historical document. In order to help him in his task, Thomas Kocherry gives him a document that he has already prepared.

### **Decision I**

It is agreed upon that the financial report should be prepared shortly before the Constituent Assembly.

*The Draft constitution and the policy document will be discussed later during the meeting.*

### **Lunch break, 12:40 p.m.**

*The meeting is adjourned for lunch break*

### **Re-opening of the Coordination Committee meeting, 2:30 p.m.**

## **7. Meeting with Senator François Marc**

### **7.1 Welcoming**

André Le Berre welcomes François Marc and thanks him for his support.

### **7.2 Presentation of the Forum**

Thomas Kocherry does a short presentation of the Forum. The main points of the presentation are:

- The historical review;
- The Forum's mission and the objectives;
- The composition of the Forum and its membership;
- The role of women in the Forum.

### **7.3 Senator Marc's comments**

François Marc says that he appreciates this invitation. His main comments are:

- He believes that the Forum is responding to a need.
- He appreciates that the Forum has decided to have its Constituent Assembly in Finistère and he is proud to support the Forum.
- He believes in the objectives of the Forum and also believes that it should facilitate the collaboration between fish harvesters and politicians.
- He will remind Minister Glavany that he should be present at the Assembly and will also try to convince the French Prime Minister and the President to participate as well.
- He wishes all the best and success to the Forum.

François Poulin also thanks François Marc for its visit and support. He also says that the Finistère department can count on the Forum's support in its action in the Erika case.

## 8. Financial report

### 8.1 Financial Report of 20 April 2000 (Annex – 1)

Yves Piton explains the amended financial report.

The meeting adopts the amended document.

### Decision J

**From now on, the income section of the financial report should be presented in two sections. The first section consists of membership fees. This section will be divided into two parts. Part one is the number of associations that have paid and the amount that each one represents. Part two consists of the estimated amount of money to be received. The second section will indicate the income coming from the other sources.**

### 8.2 Previous Financial Report

Daniel Bernier presents an audited statement and a detailed expenses document covering 1 March 1997 to 31 October 1998. He goes through the report to explain it. In this report, the expenses are equal to the revenues.

Harekrishna Debnath asks what happened with the surplus of \$ 5 000 that appeared in the provisory report in Namur.

Daniel Bernier explains that some expenses were not accounted for at that moment. He also explains that exceeding expenses have been covered by the Canadian Council.

Harekrishna Debnath asks why some expenses were paid for people like Lucie Breau from the Northern Delegation.

Daniel Bernier explains that when the figures are in brackets, it means that it is an income coming from a reimbursement by the person.

Harekrishna Debnath asks what happened with the \$ 25 000 from the FAO meeting in Québec that should have been sent from the Canadian Council to the Forum.

François Poulin explains that, technically, since the money came from the Government of Québec, the money had been given to the *Alliance des pêcheurs professionnels du Québec*. Afterwards, the *Alliance* was planning to give it to the Canadian Council, who would have sent it to the Forum. However, the Board of Directors of the *Alliance* has decided that the money should not be sent to the Canadian Council. Mr. Poulin then presents a financial statement that explains the expenses made by the *Alliance* for the Forum.

Harekrishna Debnath says that this situation has been creating a lot of tension and wonders in India and asks why it took three years to produce the documents.

Daniel Bernier answers that the audited statement had been sent in winter 1998 to all the members of the Coordination Committee, to all participants of the Delhi meeting, to funders of the Forum and to potential funders.

Arthur Bogason proposes to carefully take the minutes on this issue since the discussion already occurred few times.

Thomas Kocherry says that the \$ 25 000 dollars has been announced in India and, since it never came, it has created problems and tensions.

Daniel Bernier sincerely apologizes and explains that unfortunately the technical problem previously exposed has impeded the Canadian Council to send it.

Thomas Kocherry asks why the audited statement had not been presented at the Namur meeting.

Daniel Bernier answers that the request was only made at the Namur Coordination Committee meeting.

Arthur Bogason proposes that, in the light of the discussion and the documents, the discussion should be closed.

Thomas Kocherry is ready to close the discussion but still believes that the Canadian Council owns the money. He also says that he will have to ask for a reimbursement for some of the secretariat's expenses.

*The discussion on Policies is reported to Wednesday, 26 April, 9:00 a.m.*

**After reading and amending the minutes of the precedent day, the Coordination Committee adopts them.**

## **9. Logistics**

It is decided that, for the workshops, the Assembly will be divided as followed:

- One group with simultaneous translation in French and English;
- One group with simultaneous translation in English and Spanish;
- One group with simultaneous translation in Spanish and French;
- One English group composed of people from the different continents.

## **Adjournment of the Coordination Committee meeting, 7:05 p.m.**

*The meeting is adjourned until Wednesday 26 April, 9:00 a.m.*

**Wednesday, 26 April**

Member present

Thomas Kocherry, François Poulin, Pietro Parravano, André Le Berre, Harekrishna Debnath, Humberto Mella and Daniel Bernier (alternate to Earle McCurdy), Dao Gaye.

Absent members

Charles Caprichio and Silvia Gonzalez

Observers

Daniel Lefèvre, Dominique Saux – Galliano, Béatrice Gorez, Alain Le Sann, René-Pierre Chever, Jacques Brunet, Joan Parravano, Réginald Comeau and Danièle Le Sauce

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## **Re-opening of the Coordination Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m.**

Thomas Kocherry opens the meeting. He announces the special visitors Mr. Thomas Liebert and Jean Desrues from the CCFD (Comité catholique contre la faim et pour le développement).

### **10- Visit of Thomas Liebert and Jean Desrues**

#### 10.1 Thomas Liebert's presentation

The main points of Thomas Liebert's presentation are:

- The collaboration with *Pêche et développement* in defense of small-scale fisheries;
- The importance of the Forum in the new-world order;
- The importance in improving the French population's consciousness of the small-scale fisheries.

#### 10.2 Jean Desrues's presentation

The main points of Jean Desrues' presentation are:

- The importance and the role of volunteer workers;
- The role and actions of the CCFD in relation with oceans.

#### 10.3 The India Letter Proposal

Pietro Parravano reads the letter project concerning Mr. Save's death (Annex – 2)

### **Decision K**

**It is agreed upon that the letter will be signed by the Coordinating Committee and will be sent to the Prime Minister of India and Chief Minister of Gujarat, India.**

## **11. Logistics of the Assembly (continuation)**

#### 11.1 Budget and financial matters

François Poulin presents the decisions reached in a short meeting between Thomas Kocherry, François Poulin, André Le Berre and Yves Piton concerning the budget and financial matters related to the organization of the Assembly.

There will be two budgets, the French budget and the Forum budget.

#### 1) The French Budget:

The organizing committee controls that budget and manages it according to the Coordination Committee's decisions. This budget is used to set up the Assembly. The organizing committee must present a financial activity report to the Assembly and to the Coordination Committee in October.

The revenues of this budget are mainly French. The different sources include:

- The French departments;
- The French government;
- The local governments;
- The local committees and;
- French associations (like the CCFD).

The expenses to be covered by this budget are:

- Lodging and boarding for 150 people;
- Translation and interpretation;
- Documentation and information;
- Local transportation;
- Other costs related to the logistic of the Assembly.

#### 2) The Forum budget

The Forum manages this budget. The Forum treasurer will manage it in France. It means that the authorization of the Coordinator and the Assistant Coordinator is required before engaging any expenses related to it. A financial report will have to be presented to the Assembly in October.

The revenues are:

- Peace and Development
- *Entraide et Fraternité*
- *Fondation Léopold Mayer pour le Progrès de l'Homme*
- Other international sources

The expenses of this budget are:

- Plane tickets for the Southern delegation;
- \$100 US for Southern delegation to cover transit costs, visa costs and other incidents;
- Health insurance for the Southern delegation;
- Southern delegations are from Asia (except Japan), Latin America, Africa and the Pacific.

The Southern delegation is asked to pay for its transportation costs and asks for reimbursement once in Loctudy. Where it is impossible, the Forum will make bank transfers to pay for the tickets. In exceptional cases, pre-paid tickets could be used.

### 11.1.1 Discussion

Daniel Bernier proposes to make an assessment of the required funds for the Assembly in order to be able to estimate how much funding is still needed. Such a budget would help in raising the missing funds.

### **Decision L**

**It is agreed upon that Daniel Bernier produce the document to facilitate fund raising.**

Since the visitors from the CCDF are still there, Thomas Kocherry takes the opportunity to ask them if, in the case of money shortage, it would be possible for the CCDF to extend its funding to cover the missing part. Although Mr. Liebert could not commit the CCDF for a specific amount, he thinks that in the event of money shortage, it could be possible to extend funding to the Forum.

### 11.2 The estimated attendance to the Constituent Assembly

In addition to the present members of the Forum, the following countries are potential participants in the Constituent Assembly:

#### Africa:

- Benin
- Madagascar

#### Latin America:

- Colombia
- Peru
- Nicaragua
- Ecuador
- Brazil
- Guatemala

#### Europe:

- Spain
- Italy (the application is pending)
- Denmark

#### Asia:

- China
- Japan

### **Decision M**

**As the Draft Constitution stipulates it, the delegates to the Constituent Assembly of the World Forum must be nominated at least 90 days before the**



**Constituent Assembly.** It is therefore agreed upon that the closing date for new entrant members and delegate nominations is 30 June. The application for new members and nomination for delegates must be sent to the Forum's secretariat in Valiathura, Thiruvanamthapuram, India.

The estimated assistance is therefore as followed:

Delegates from present members	56
Delegates from potential members	<u>18</u>
Total delegates	74

Because the organizing committee expects to pay boarding and lodging for 100 people, the following decision has been taken:

### **Decision N**

**It is agreed upon, if possible, that the present members of the Forum are allowed to bring one observer with their delegation for whom the organizing committee will assume lodging and boarding costs.**

### 11.3 Women's Participation

Danièle Le Sauce is invited to present women's point of view. She says that according to the third objective of the Draft Constitution, one of the two delegates to the Constituent Assembly should be a woman. However, looking at the Coordinating Committee, she wonders if this would be respected and she asks to the Committee members if their delegation would be composed of one man and one woman. She insists that the Forum should be a leader on this issue and that the organization Women from the South and the North and she are ready to collaborate in order to establish the parity in women' representation. She also noted that the discussions, which occurred in San Francisco and led to the adoption of the 3<sup>rd</sup> objective of the Draft Constitution, are not in the San Francisco Coordination Committee Report.

### **Decision O**

**It is agreed upon by the meeting that the San Francisco Coordinating Committee Report should be amended to include that decision.**

### **Decision P**

**It is agreed upon by the meeting that article 13 a), 13 b), 16 a) of the Draft Constitution should be reported in the San Francisco Coordinating Committee Report as agreed decisions.**

After sharing their point of views on parity, all Committee members agreed with Danièle Le Sauce that one of the delegates should be a woman.

The meeting also explains the reasons why Silvia Gonzalez was unfortunately not able to be here.

#### 11.4 Invitation to the Assembly

As soon as new member countries and names of delegates are known, the organizing committee should be informed in order to facilitate the organization of the Assembly.

#### **Decision Q**

It is agreed upon that, apart from the observers enumerated at point 3.2 of these minutes, one speaking observer with no right to vote is allowed per member.

#### **Decision R**

It is agreed upon that an unlimited number of auditors representing fish harvester association members of the Forum are allowed. These auditors have no right to speak and no right to vote. They must cover their own boarding, lodging, travel expenses and any other expenses.

#### **Decision S**

It is agreed upon that Green Peace, International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and multinational companies are not invited to the Constituent Assembly.

#### **Decision T**

It is agreed upon that the Constituent Assembly should be an environment conscious meeting; for example, not using plastic products or multinational products.

#### **Decision U**

All delegations participating at the Assembly should bring a banner and a flag of their respective organization to the Constituent Assembly.

#### **Decision V**

It is agreed upon that, in order to facilitate the communication flow, as soon as information is received at the secretariat in India about new members, delegates' names and any other pertinent information, the Indian secretariat must send the information to the Canadian Council. The Canadian Council will then distribute the information to the Coordination Committee members and to the organizing committee.

#### **Decision W**

It is agreed upon that Thomas Kocherry will send the invitations for the Constituent Assembly as soon as he returns to India. A reminder a month will also be sent.

**Adjournment of the meeting for lunch break, 12:50 p.m.**

**Re-opening of the meeting, 2:30 p.m.**

## **12. The policy document**

Daniel Bernier explains his views on how the policy document should be developed and explains the funding from *the Fondation Léopold Mayer pour le Progrès de l'Homme*. It is twofold:

The first part is a synthesis to establish the politics platform of the Forum.

The second part is to build case studies of different countries' situations (for example: the Icelandic and New-Zealander ITQ case, the owner-operator, the coastal zone in Chile, coastal zone regulations modification in India, etc.)

*The Fondation Mayer* will provide approximately FF 125 000 for the creation of the policy paper.

### **Decision X**

It is agreed upon that the policy committee will be composed, if they agree, of Gisli Palsson, Michael Ourbach, Charles Menzies, Aliou Sall, John Kurien and Danièle Le Sauce.

### **Decision Y**

It is agreed upon that Daniel Bernier will be in charge to facilitate and finding the resource persons to achieve a policy document based on the Forum's objectives. Then, it should be circulated among the Coordination Committee members before printing it for discussion at the Constituent Assembly.

## **14. The Erika Case Proposal**

François Poulin reads the proposal on the Erika case prepared by the organizing committee. After few minor amendments, the proposal is accepted and signed by the Coordinating Committee. (Annex – 3)

## **15. Issues that arise from the Minutes (continuation)**

On point j) Dao Gaye is presenting the application of *l'Union nationale des pêcheurs artisans de Guinée* for its membership to the Forum.

### **Decision Z**

It is agreed unanimously that the *Union nationale des pêcheurs artisans de Guinée* is accepted as a member of the Forum and will represent Guinea.

Dao Gaye presents a resolution from the *Collectif national des pêcheurs artisanaux du Sénégal*. This resolution is related to the objective of keeping one representative association per country and the need to carefully examine new applicants in collaboration with the regional coordinator. (Annex – 4)

After a few details, the document is accepted.

## **16. The agenda of the Constituent Assembly**

### Saturday, 30 September

Arrival of Coordination Committee

### Sunday, 1 October

Arrival of all the delegates, the observers and the Coordination Committee Meeting

### Monday, 2 October

Morning:

Opening Chairs: - General Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator

Inauguration by President or Prime Minister or Fisheries Minister of France:

André Le Berre- Treasurer- a woman

Afternoon:

Plenary

Presentation of the Draft Constitution (Chairs : Harekrishna Debnath, Earle Mc Curdy, woman)

Constitution work groups

### Tuesday, 3 October

Morning

Constitution work-groups (4)

Afternoon:

Plenary

Policy presentation. (Chairs: Pietro Parravano, Humberto Mella, a woman)

### Wednesday, 4 October

Morning

Policy work group (4)

Afternoon:

(Free time for the delegates, observers and auditors)

2 committees finalize the draft of the constitution and the policy statement and copies are made for presentation on the following day.

Thursday, 5 October

Morning:

Plenary session. (Chairs: Coordination Committee (finalize constitution))

Afternoon:

Plenary session-finalize Policy Statement

Friday, 6 October

Morning:

Plenary session – Election Chairs by the Coordination Committee.

Afternoon

Press Conference and concluding session: Chairs-New coordinator and new assistant coordinator and new coordination committee.

Saturday, 7 October

Departure

*Departure of Harekrishna Debnath from the Loctudy CC meeting*

Harekrishna leaves us.

He thanks everybody.

He says that he would propose a change in the proposed change:

Under Membership Article 3: Active Members after d) he would like to include the number B of the interim constitution of the WFF:

- Large corporation and allied affiliates owning fishing vessels or engaged in harvesting, processing and distribution of fish, and those carrying out destructive industrial aquaculture cannot be members of the Forum.

Daniel Bernier raises the point that the French Branch of WFF uses the name in French: "*Forum mondial des pêcheurs artisans*".

This is not equivalent to the World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers.

After a discussion, it was agreed that we should use *Forum mondial des pêcheurs et travailleurs de la pêche*.

- In each workshop two members from the Coordination Committee will facilitate the discussion on the Constitution and policy statements. The group will nominate a chair and a rapporteur.

### **Decision AA**

The proposal of Harekrishna Debnath will be an alternate proposal for discussion in the group while part of the draft constitution is agreed. It is also agreed that the agreed articles should be in normal text and the disagreed articles should be in block letters so that the difference is clear.

## **17. The Constitution**

### **Decision BB**

The Coordination Committee decided that the entire Constitution with agreed and disagreed articles will be presented to the Constituent Assembly for discussion and consensus.

## **18. Closure of the meeting**

The Coordinator thanks everybody.

**Closing of the Loctudy Coordination Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.**

# Annex 1

## Financial Report

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## **FINANCIAL REPORT OF 20 APRIL 2000**



## World Forum – membership fees

	Membres du Forum	1998-99	EURO	Frais ban.	Net euro	Net FF
Bangladesh	Bangladesh Jele Federabon					
Belgium	Entre-aide et Fraternité	150,000 fb	3713,86	15,63 fb	3698,23	24258,81
Canada	Développement et Paix	30,000 cnd	18450,18	15,63	18434,55	120922,74
Canada	Conseil Canadien Pêch. Prof.	500 US\$	437,7	4,57	433,13	2841,15
Chile	Conapach					
France	Branche française du forum	500 US\$	450,49	0	450,49	2955
Iceland	Landsamband Smabataeigende	500 US\$	451,93?	?	451,93	2964,47
India	National Fishworkers Forum	500 US\$	480,98	8,89	472,09	3096,71
Malaisia	Penang Inshore Fishermen's W					
Mexico	Sector Pescero Vaso presa					
Mexico	Red National de Percadores					
New-Zelande	Rongomalwasine Trust Inc.					
Norway	Norges Kistfiskadag					
Paquistan	All Pakistan Fisherfolk Fédér.					
Paquistan	Fishing Community Network					
Perou	Fed.Integraclony Unif.Pes					
Philippines	Bigkis-lakas Phil.Inc.					
Sénégal	Coll.Nat.Pêch.Artsans Sénégal	500 US\$	437,7	4,57	433,13	2841,15
South Africa	Informal Fishing Communités					
Sri Lanka	United Federabon of Labour					
Sri Lanka	National Fisheries Solida@	250 US\$	259,16	31,16	228	1495,6
Sri Lanka	Women Development Federabon					
UK	South Devon Cannel Shell Fish.	160 £	241,16	31,32	209,84	1376,49
USA	Pacifie Coast Fed.Fishermen's...					
USA	Gloucester Fishermen's Ass.	100 \$	96,2	1,78	94,42	619,35
CMB	intéréts, 1999				49,31	323,44
	total		20853,57	113,55	24955,12	163694,91
	from A.LE BERRE to WFF Coordinators	20/04/00				

**EXPENSES**

Date	entry	in FF	in EURO	bank fees.	net euro	net FF
19/11/99	WFF 3,487 \$	22338,22	3405,44	32,42	3437,86	22550,88
03/12/99	C.C.A.P.PR.1532,8ca\$	6805,42	1037,48	32,42	1069,90	7018,08
	ICTAM 72745 fbe	11828,87	1803,30	20,22	1823,52	11961,53
27102/00	C.C.A.P.PR751,07ca	\$3524,33	537,28	32,42	569,70	3736,99
		44496,84	6783,50	117,48	6900,98	45267,48
		TOTAL	118427,40			

## **Annex 2**

Resolution on Port of Gujarat



Prime Minister of India  
Parliament House  
New Delhi, 110001  
India

Sir,

The World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fishworkers (WFF) condemns the atrocious acts of the Gujarat police on the night of the 7th April 2000 and 8th April 2000 thereafter at Umbergon Taluka; where they beat up innocent people which led to hundreds of injuries plus the death of a Retd. Army colonel – who was the leader of the peoples resistance movement against Maroli-Umbergaon post project.

The WFF is an international organization representing the coastal family fishermen of 21 countries from all continents. The WFF is the single voice for the artisanal fishing men and women who have harvested food from the Oceans for centuries.

We condemn the actions of the Gujarat Government to allow a project that benefits only a few at the cost of the existing livelihoods of tens of thousands of fishing families.

We condemn the indiscriminate use of teargas, beating and torture inflicted on the helpless fisherwomen and children; the arrest of peaceful protestors on false charges; use of third degree on protestors in the police lock up; starving of those arrested and confining them in a tiny cell.

Our livelihoods depend on access to the Oceans. This proposed project will impede the activities that have been the economic base for the adjoining coastal communities. We request on investigation into the killing, and beating suffered by the protesters.

We also request that immediate halt to the Maroli port project, which is planned for construction by the Hatelco-Unocal multi national organization.

Thomas Kocherry, (India )  
WFF co-ordinator

François Poulin (Canada)  
WFF assistant co-ordinator

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Humberto Mella (Chili)

Daniel Bernier (alternate to Earle McCurdy) (Canada) Dao Gaye (Senegal)

Arthur Bogason (Iceland)

## **Annex 3**

Erika Resolution