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ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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ROMA - ITALY

Countries present: BENIN – BRAZIL – BURKINA FASO – DENMARK – SPAIN – ESTONIA – FRANCE – GREECE – ICELAND – ITALY – MALI – MALTA – MONACO – THE NETHERLANDS – PORTUGAL – ROMANIA – SAN MARINO – SENEGAL – SWITZERLAND – TUNISIA – MOROCCO – LUXEMBOURG

Country having given full powers:: ALGERIA (to the Continental Delegate Africa) – CAMEROUN (to the President of the IFBDO)

Absent: POLAND



The meeting is opened at 14h20.

President Niels MIKKELSEN recalls all the documents which were sent by the Secretary-general to all Associations, in February and March and which relate to our meeting of ROME directly.

**I) ADOPTION Of THE AGENDA**

After the Secretary-general proceeded to the roll-call of the Associations, President Niels MIKKELSEN reads out various items on the agenda; he proposes to add to it, under any other business, the creation of the IFBDO Foundation. The agenda suggested is accepted by the General Assembly.

**II) MANAGEMENT REPORT (BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL)**

The report read and submitted to the approval of the Members present, is not the subject to any remark and is adopted unanimously. It is joined to the present official report.

### **III) BALANCE SHEET (BY THE TREASURER GENERAL)**

The Treasurer General reads and comments the income and the expenditure of 2005, in which one also finds the budgetary heading corresponding to the IYC (Income: 7 396,94 €- Expenses 6 443,78 €). the result of 2005 is then a surplus of 1 153 € (table attached).

In the chapter of the contributions, the Treasurer General draws the attention of the General Assembly to the recurring lack of income coming from the absence of payment of the contributions of almost 35 countries. This chronic situation is not acceptable because it leads to difficulty for the rational operation of the IFBDO. Awaited receipts were 13 200 € , while the actual receipts were 6 515 €(from which a loss of earnings adds up to 6 685 €).

Robert LABADIE, the outgoing Treasurer General, initially warmly thanks all the adherent Associations with which he had much pleasure to work since the year 1999 when he was, for the first time, elected Treasurer General, and then he addresses his best wishes to his successor, Olafur, whom he ensures of his support.

### **IV) THE CONTROL COMMISSIONS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

In his capacity as President of the Commission, Claude PIOTTON (SWITZERLAND) reads out this report.

*"the Audit Board met Friday April 7, 2006 in ROME, from 14h00 to 16h30.*

*We noted that a balance sheet of 2005 pertaining to the accounts of young people (IYC) was presented to us; according to the statutes', we recall you that they form integral part of the accounts of the IFBDO and that, normally, they can obtain money only by one entry in our accounts then with an exit of these same accounts.*

*Only 15 countries paid their contribution for the year 2005 out of 51 Member States of our Federation: as you will note, there is still much work to do before all returns in order.*

*We once again will not hit on the nail, by hoping however that the next year we will fill the tank.*

*Our Commission could not control all the writings of 2005 which were made by our former Treasurer Robert LABADIE; but with the new Treasurer General, who took over his work since January 1, 2006, we are persuaded that all will be perfect in the future.*

*The new Treasurer will have imperatively to make a comprehensible list, concerning the payment of the contributions of the Member States of our Federation, over the five last years.*

*The Control Commission asks to take part in all Executive Councils, as in the past, with at least one of these three representatives.*

*Our Commission proposes to the General Assembly to accept and give final discharge to the Treasurer General on the accounts of the year 2005.*

*We wish our new Treasurer General a good continuation and good courage for his work.*

*The Control Commission remains obviously fully at its disposal, in the compliance with the rules of accounting.*

President Niels MIKKELSEN notices that in order to allow to ensure the best possible transition between the Treasurers going in and going out, and in agreement with them, the Executive Council decided to ask Robert LABADIE to continue his work until the end of 2005, while Olafur KJARTANSON, elected at the time of the General Assembly from July 2005 in PARIS, would fully take up his duties as of January 1, 2006.

As for the participation of a Member of the Control Commission in the meetings of the Executive Council, the rigour in the use of the scanty resources of the Federation resulted in deciding not to convene it for the meetings. But nothing is opposed to it's taking part under the express condition that it assumes its own corresponding expenses and intervenes only on the questions of a financial nature.

The President stresses that the estimated budget of the International Youth Committee was drawn up by the Treasurer General of the IFBDO, Olafur KJARTANSON.

Returning to the contents of the Control Commission's report on the accounts, Robert LABADIE was not able to understand the lack of possibility to control all the accounts of the management of the fiscal year 2005. For him, it must be a kind of misunderstanding because, in fact, all the documents and all the accounting records of the fiscal year referred to above are there and at the disposal of the Members of the Commission.

Ibrahima KONATE (MALI) estimates it necessary and essential that the Control Commission can do its work, in all independence, as stipulated in the Statutes. For that, it is thus preferable that it does not take part in the work of the Executive Council.

According to the Statutes, this Commission has two roles, José Coll (FRANCE) points out, one to check the regularity of the accounts the other consists in checking the good execution of the accounting. In this respect, the Control Commission cannot make an appreciation on the opportunity of the decisions which the Executive Council takes, and it is not healthy, from this point of view, that the Members of the Commission take part in the Executive Council. On the other hand, it is clear that it has absolutely the right and the authority to ask, that all the necessary elements are supplied enabling it to complete its work. Therefore, let us stay attentive to the separation of the roles in order to avoid confusions.

Diego SALA (ITALY), Member of the Control Commission, who was at the origin of the request for participation in the Executive Council, finds it necessary to specify that in no case did it come to his mind to carry an unspecified distrust of the Executive Council. Its motivation only aimed at being able to obtain, in a regular and normal way, all the documents enabling him to correctly do the work for which he was elected. He adds that in ITALY, the members of the control commission take part in the work of the Executive but without ever giving an opinion on the choices retained by the aforementioned Executive. Lastly, he affirms his position as for the integration of the budget of the International Youth Committee into the general budget of the IFBDO.

Gerard VANHOVE (FRANCE) co-editor of the Statutes makes a point of recalling that article VIII stipulates that it really is the President who is responsible for the Association and nobody else; in the budgetary and the accounting field, it is he who schedules the expenditure and signs any paper emitted from the Federation.

No more interventions being made on the balance sheet of 2005, President Niels MIKKELSEN submits it to the vote of the General Assembly. It is unanimously adopted by the members present.

## V) **PROPOSED BUDGET 2006**

President Niels MIKKELSEN is pleased that, for the first time for a long time, the IFBDO is able to work out and to present an estimated budget. This budget takes into account, obviously, the foreseeable receipts coming from the payment of the contributions by the Member countries. The debate which will come before the vote of this budget is thus essential and has an enormous importance on the appreciation that each one of us will be able to bring to the collegial reflexion.

The income necessary to the rational operation of the IFBDO cannot come only from the contributions: it is thus necessary to proceed in the search of complementary resources by the means of sponsors. These financial contributions will also and especially allow for the development of activities in the various continents.

The sums collected in the Continents should be used in these Continents, even if it is necessary that solidarity between countries must continue, in particular between rich countries and poor countries.

The organisation of regional meetings or conferences would limit the number of travels - and instead the President or the Secretary-general of the IFBDO could take part. This would allow for substantial economies on travel expenses.

The income coming from sponsoring will be distributed equitably between the Continents and the International Youth Committee, whose projects relate to the whole of the adherent countries of the IFBDO.

Several organizations would be likely to help us financially in the achievement of our objectives, but for that, we must endeavour to assemble complete and concrete files, and to submit them so that they might plan to support them. In any way, the objective that each country must set for itself is the permanent search for financial means able to make it possible to reach the decided objectives and to carry them out.

The Treasurer General, Olafur KJARTANSON hears well what has just said by the President of the IFBDO about the production of income from sponsorship, which remains nevertheless very elusive. The general budget of the IFBDO must be fed initially by the fixed receipts coming from the contributions of the Member countries which have the absolute obligation to pay them regularly.

To help with the financing of the International Youth Committee, 7400 € were versed by the means of DENMARK, but this is exceptional and thus does not have a systematic character.

Mathias BAYILI (BURKINA FASO) thanks President Niels MIKKELSEN for the support which the affluent countries should bring to the countries in the process of development. These countries receive, some times, assistance of their States, assigned to the activities and not to the payment of contributions.

To consider the payment of the aforesaid contributions by a friendly country would place a defective Association in a dependency position to this country, which is completely inadmissible and not to be envisaged. Then, it rests with the countries in the process of development, if they want to be able to have the right to a representation within the IFBDO, to be treated of equal to equal with the other Members, to pay their contributions normally.

Ibrahima KONATE (MALI) recalls that the payment of the contributions forms part of the obligations which the members of a Federation must satisfy. These contributions are necessary to the development of the activities of the IFBDO and must thus be used for this purpose. However, by reading the draft budget

2006, one notes that the amount of the allocated assistance, in the form of subsidy, in the African Continent, is only 1 000 Euros by continent, therefore definitely insufficient to allow to support the projects of the countries concerned.

This credit thus does not represent, for the African countries, a source of motivation to go forward, except considering that the only solution must pass by the search for funds by sponsoring to be able to ensure the development of the country.

President Niels MIKKELSEN states initially that the amounts assigned to each Continent correspond to a part of the foreseeable financial availabilities of the budget of the IFBDO which, as everyone knows, are not very important and also depend on the resources coming from the contributions. Then, he considers that it is preferable, that each Continent attempts to work out a project, duly argued and quantified, for instance a project which should privilege training .

Charlemagne DAMASE RYNCE AGASSOUSI (BENIN) is pleased with the orientation taken by the new President of the IFBDO to help the countries in the process of development. While recognizing the obligatory character of the payment of the contribution, Charlemagne would wish that the Members of the Executive Council make the decision to cancel the debt represented by the financial arrears of countries, with the burden for the latter to commit itself to pay their contributions and that of 2006 regularly. In addition and within the framework of partnership, he asks that twinning be carried out, to be concretized, directly from Association to Association, without having to be forwarded through the IFBDO.

President Niels MIKKELSEN recalls article III of the Statutes which stipulates and defines the role of the IFBDO in particular in the contribution that it brings in the operations of co-operation or twinning between countries. This principle must be respected and applied.

For what concerns the obliteration of the arrears, there cannot be any discussion about making exceptions because, indeed, other Associations of the other Continents "also forget" to discharge their contributions. This subject must be analysed by the Control Commission, which will have to attempt to draw up, initially, who are the Associations which did not satisfy their obligations and since when; then to quantify the amount of the outlay and finally to seek the reasons, the causes which led to this situation of unpaid contributions. The exhaustive and detailed report will be submitted, before the end of 2006 with the Executive Council in order to be able to be presented to the General Assembly of 2007.

For Robert LABADIE, it is clear that the large countries which do not pay their contributions must be able to explain the reasons of them. There cannot be recall.

The estimated budget 2006, presented by the Treasurer General and subjected to the vote of the General Assembly, is unanimously accepted by the members present (Budget joint in appendix).

Reconsidering the assistances of which could profit member-associations, Mathias BAYILI asks the President of the IFBDO to benefit from one of his meetings with WHO to invite them to transfer, whole or part, of the appropriations placed at the disposal for the celebration of the World Blood Donor Day of June 14, to finance the aforesaid Associations.

Niels MIKKELSEN hears well the proposal which is not likely to succeed insofar as this organization is in same financial precariousness as the IFBDO. Moreover, it already happened that WHO requested a financial assistance of the IFBDO to conclude its actions to help development.

President Niels MIKKELSEN estimates it's reasonable to consider the possibility of modifying the amount of the demanded basic contribution, but without amending the three levels of contributions, as stipulated in the Rules of Procedure.

## **VI) IFBDO FOUNDATION**

President Niels MIKKELSEN introduces the subject by recalling the decision to create this Foundation taken at the time of work of the Executive Council of April 7, 2006, following the committed general reflection with the Executive Council of DAKAR on October 15, 2005 on the process of launching.

The island of MALTA offers very interesting administrative characteristics for the granted facilities for the creation of such a Foundation, so the Executive Council had charged Philip CHIRCOP (MALTA) and Filippo DRAGO (ITALY) to work on a project for the constitution of the Foundation.

Philip CHIRCOP then goes through the project which defines and specifies, as an introduction, the strategic plan of the Foundation which is in fact an institution of solidarity of the IFBDO, the latter having the supervision of it.

This Foundation combines the criteria of an NGO, but also allow for participation from the public sector and also from the private sector.

The legal aspect of the Foundation implies the installation of a Parliament and an organization with Members. The Parliament holds the legal responsibility for the Foundation. The Members are gathered in three categories: the Founding members, institutional participants and non-institutional participants.

President Niels MIKKELSEN proposes to indicate, as Founding members, the representatives at the platform, i.e. Philip CHIRCOP, Olafur KJARTANSON, Jean-Marie DURANT, Filippo DRAGO and Niels MIKKELSEN. He suggests the possibility for other people to engage themselves at the side of the Founding members in order to join the establishment of this Institution.

Filippo DRAGO follows the direction of the President, while highlighting the need for equipping the IFBDO with such a Foundation on which he has worked in liaison with Philip CHIRCOP. He adds that it will be necessary to consider meetings of work in MALTA where the creation of the Foundation will be registered.

Gerard VANHOVE (FRANCE) makes a point of recalling that at all the meetings during which the project of creation of a Foundation was examined and studied, it was always clearly affirmed, as a precondition, that the IFBDO would be the supervisor of this Foundation. The five people which have just been indicated are, to some extent, the Board of directors of the Institution and will always have the majority in the supervision of the Foundation. They will thus be the guarantee of its correct operation.

Andrea TIEGHI (ITALY) gives his agreement to the constitution of this IFBDO Foundation. He specifies that AVIS wishes to take part in it actively. The creation of the Foundation must be made by the IFBDO, which is the supervisor, to be accompanied by the physical people who just had been designated.

Farid BELOUAFI (MOROCCO) makes a point of rectifying that the place, where the decision of launching the project of creation of an IFBDO Foundation was debated the first time, was not DAKAR but Rabat, where the General Assembly took place itself in May 2003. On the composition of the Founding members, he gives a favourable opinion but proposes to add to it a representative of the African Continent in the person of Amadou BA.

Charlemagne DAMASE RYNCE AGASSOUSI (BENIN) recognizing the quality of the Foundation having as supervisor the IFBDO, privileges the adherence of national Associations of the IFBDO to be Founding members and not of the individuals, whatever their competences are.

Philip CHIRCOP (MALTA) responds that the Members were appointed because they were members of the IFBDO, have many major responsibilities within the IFBDO, but also in the Associations that are members.

Georges MARTINIS (GREECE) notes that there are not other methods to create such a Foundation, but he wants, however, to know, if it would be possible to integrate in the Board of directors a Representative of each Continent and two Legal advisers?

Gerard VANHOVE (FRANCE) perceives a certain incomprehension which is shown between the request formulated by President Niels MIKKELSEN and the various speakers who have just followed one another. The request simply consists in obtaining a delegation from the participants in this Ordinary General Assembly in order to be able to create the Foundation. When it is created, there will be the founding texts, a Board of directors and Statutes. Today, it is simply a question of allowing this creation, to set up people duly entitled to be able to intervene in the name of the IFBDO, to make all the administrative steps necessary and, essential with this constitution, to work out the Statutes of the Foundation. The management itself of the Foundation will be the second step with the designation of new mandates.

Questioned by President Niels MIKKELSEN on the mandate to be granted to the five designated Members, the participants in the Ordinary General Assembly decide in favour of this.

Then, Philip CHIRCOP, Vice-president, reads the content of the resolution taken for this purpose: *"the General Assembly, at this meeting in ROME on April 8, 2006, takes note of the presentation by the Vice-president of the IFBDO, the explanations on the objectives and the projections recorded concerning the process of establishment of an IFBDO Solidarity Foundation, to be registered in MALTA.*

*The General Assembly gives an agreement in principle to the establishment of this Foundation as explained by the Vice-president and authorizes the Executive Council of the IFBDO to continue the legal and administrative procedures necessary to the establishment and the registration in an effective way, of the IFBDO Foundation in MALTA "*

## **VII) CONTRIBUTIONS 2007**

Some people agree to recognize the non-payment of the contributions by several Member countries as being a recurring subject.

President Niels MIKKELSEN considers this situation inadmissible, because it is contrary to the principles enacted in the Statutes of the IFBDO adopted at the Extraordinary General Assembly in July 2005 in PARIS, even if he can analyze with all necessary objectivity the financial problems which the Member countries have - and in particular the countries in the process of development. To be adherent to an Association, whatever it is, implies duties, among which there is the payment of the contribution, decided in a collegial way.

Referring to the list presented by the Treasurer General and on which it is easy to note which are the members who do not pay at all or in a regular way their contributions, President Niels MIKKELSEN proposes the revision of the contributions for 2007 - a revision which would result in a substantial fall of

the basic contribution, so that the countries, which currently have financial difficulties, can pay their contributions brought down to an acceptable level. The contribution will be raised, in the other hand, for the countries known as 'developed'.

Contributions proposals for 2007:

- basic contribution → 100 €(150 €previously)
- intermediate contribution → 450 €
- normal contribution → 800 €

These proposals demonstrates well a marked will to reach a situation, where all the Member States are in capacity to be able to satisfy, without too much difficulties, with their obligations with respect to the IFBDO.

The Secretary-general regards the step as important but also essential for the rational operation of our Federation. Admittedly, it's necessary with regard to the difficulties which certain countries in the process of development have to regulate their contributions. Continuing his reflections he explains why this new graduation of the amount of the contributions has sense only if it is followed by respect of the engagement of the countries in the process of development or emergent, to pay this moderate contribution regularly.

The use of the system of payment of the contributions by credit card is one of the possibilities offered to the Member countries: in our opinion, it is not sufficiently used, remarked the Secretary-general, whereas it makes it possible to reduce, to even remove, the inherent expenses with the postal transfers or banking.

Anyway and considering the significant number of countries which are not up to date for their contributions, the Executive Council of October 2006 will have to examine the report drawn up in due form by the Control Commission and to establish the decisions to take against the defective countries.

Farid BELAOUAFI (MOROCCO) appreciates, in his turn, the proposal which consists in bringing back from 150 to 100 Euros the basic contribution; He announces that under these conditions, his national Association will discharge payment of the contribution but also arrears (applause).

The Secretary-general points out the proposal of assistance, as well by the IFBDO as by FRANCE, at the time of the Executive Council in DAKAR for the training and information of the countries in the process of development. This proposal had been met with interest and satisfaction: we are always waiting for the projects which were to be transmitted to us from the interested Member countries.

Within the framework of the plan for search of resources, President Niels MIKKELSEN recalls the sponsoring operation initiated by the IFBDO - an operation which did not yet produce all the hoped effects but which must be continued with the assistance of all the forces of our Federation. He thus asks G VANHOVE to give, on this subject, a report on the situation of this operation.

As a start, G VANHOVE attempts to inform about the active partnerships which already, in particular exist between AVIS and the SENEGAL, but also between the PTT/FT National Union of FRANCE and the BURKINA FASO and this for 15 years.

Then, he explains since when and how, the search for funds by the means of sponsoring functions and is expressed. The action was started again in 2006 thanks to the new information obtained at the end of meetings where there were exhibitors. That made it possible to carry out sending in several countries of the world targeted correspondences: the first sending related to 81 companies (BANGKOK file) and the last 30 companies (ATHENS file). The principal companies contacted through these correspondences are:

CHIRON, HAMILTON, HAEMONETICS, IMMUCOR, TERUMO, ABBOTT, JMS, but also several national companies in the BANGKOK file.

The forwarding costs and postage amounts for 2006, to 94,02 €+ 181,06 €and are covered completely as an expense by the budget of the French Federation.

Admittedly, the results are still not very significant although it represents, over three years of exercise, the cumulated sum of 14 750 € So we need a more important and more constant engagement on behalf of all the members of the IFBDO to make it so that this long-term operation bears more fruits.

President Niels MIKKELSEN asks for the support of all the countries in the practical realization of this operation; he recommends also direct contact with the staff of the companies, often a precondition for a better response to the request.

He notes that the General Assembly unanimously approves the contributions suggested for 2007. He asks the Treasurer General to prepare the budget 2007 on this basis, according to the principles approved for the budget 2006.

### **VIII) NEW ADHESIONS TO THE IFBDO**

Four new requests for adhesion were addressed to the Secretary-general who, and as it is the rule, after having sought and having obtained the favourable opinions of the Continental Delegations concerned, deposited the files duly indicated on the agenda of the Executive Council, held on April 8, 2006 in ROME.

They are the countries or Associations:

- The PHILIPPINES
- SAO TOME E PRINCIPLE
- PALESTINE
- VIETNAM

about which the General Assembly is asked to come to a conclusion. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT, by acclamation, is given by the Ordinary General Assembly.

On a remark made by Farid BELOUAFI (Continental Delegate for Africa), the Secretary-general explains that the requests for adhesion deposited by the Republic of CONGO and CAMEROUN could be taken into account and be examined only after complementary investigation and information from the Delegate of the Continent.

### **IX) GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 2007**

According to the established calendar, President Niels MIKKELSEN informs the Ordinary General Assembly of the candidature of SPAIN for the arrangement of the General Assembly in 2007. Two cities are proposed by the Spanish delegation, MADRID and BARCELONA, the choice depends on the possibilities offered by these cities.

For President Niels MIKKELSEN, it is essential that the organizing country attempts to locate the place of a meeting near an international airport and this in order to facilitate the transfers and to reduce the costs of them. Agreement is given by the Ordinary General Assembly to this candidature.

Mathias BAYILI (BURKINA FASO) notes his disappointment on the fact that the candidature of BENIN for the organization of a General Assembly in Sub Saharan Africa was not taken into account. What is the reason?

Answering Mathias, President Niels MIKKELSEN reminds him, that an application form must be deposited in the forms and the required times to the Secretary-general, by means of a specific formula. The received candidatures are the subject of an attentive examination at the time of discussion in the Executive Council.

Charlemagne DAMASE RYNCE AGASSOUSI (BENIN) indicates that he had had the occasion to present a candidature at the time of the General Assembly which had taken place in Sao Paulo in BRAZIL, but it was never taken into account. He will thus deposit, within the rules, a request for candidature for the organization of the General Assembly of 2008.

Philip CHIRCOP (MALTA) says he is very worried by the candidatures of Member countries which already have chronic problems to pay their statutory contribution to the IFBDO. How, under these conditions, could they assume the responsibility of organizing a General Assembly?

President Niels MIKKELSEN wants to be more clear by specifying that the choice of the IFBDO between candidatures also will depend on the effective payment of the member-contributions.

Ibrahima KONATE (MALI) request that one dissociates, before any decision-making, all the elements entering the financing of such an organization, because, concerning Africa in general, the inherent expenses for the organization will be supported by the country and not by Association.

#### **X) THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE IFBDO**

President Niels MIKKELSEN reads his annual report while stressing several important and major subjects, among which the organization of the 6th Youth Forum in TUNISIA (in August 2006), the participation of the IFBDO in the World Congress of the ROTARY, June 14, in COPENHAGEN, the World Blood Donor Day, the increasing work by the Continental Delegations, the establishment of a Group of Medical Advisers in order to help the reflection of the Executive Council and the distribution of the various tasks within the Executive Council.

The annual report is appended to the present report.

#### **XI) REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE (IYC)**

Leticia CORTES FERREIRA (President of the Committee) presents the report of activities of the Young People Group for 2005-2006 (attached).

Among important points, it underlines preparation of a guide (in phase of finalization) to help with creation of National Youth Committees, realization of a poster specific to the International Youth Committee with the assistance of Italian donors (a poster which will be presented during the next statutory meeting), the revision of the Rules of procedure of the International Youth Committee, as was asked by the Extraordinary General Assembly, the bringing on line on the IYC Internet site of a questionnaire. She finishes her intervention launching a pressing call in direction of National Associations in order to bring forward members to the International Youth Committee.

Christos PROTOPAPAS (Greece) addresses his compliments to the of the Youth Committee for excellent accomplished work. He announces that the documents and other texts produced by IYC were translated into the Greek language and at once transmitted to all the young people in order to be used as models.

## **XII) REPORT OF THE CONTINENTAL DELEGATIONS**

### **XIII) South America**

Leticia CORTES FERREIRA (Continental Delegate) draws the picture of the principal actions which took place during the past period:

- BOLIVIA: creation of a National Association in the presence of the President of the IFBDO. Around fifty donors took part in this meeting during which the young elected President presented projects for the organization of the collections of blood but also of projects for the search for funds necessary to the operation of the structure.
- URUGUAY: the country counts 7 000 donors. A project for the development of consumer loyalty of the donors is launched for 2006.
- BRAZIL: continuation of the important work undertaken for the reorganization of the associative Movement.
- VENEZUELA and ARGENTINA: contacts were made with these countries to encourage them to adhere to the IFBDO.

Niels MIKKELSEN is pleased with the concrete work carried out on the ground but wishes that in the future the meetings of work or dialogue be prepared at an early date.

Pascual SEGOVIA ARMERO (SPAIN) mentions the installation between SPAIN, the PEROU, GUATEMALA and the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC of training schemes. Nevertheless, he is himself very interested in and asking for information coming from country having already experience of exchanges with other countries.

Leticia CORTES FERREIRA (BRAZIL) wishes that the International Youth Committee (IYC) also be able to profit from information of the same type, initially to reinforce and extend knowledge and the experiments, but especially to avoid de facto travels which one knows has an impact on the very limited budget of the Committee.

### **XIV) Africa**

Farid BELOUAFI (Continental Delegate) made the minutes of the meeting which was held on April 8, 2006 in ROME and in which took part MOROCCO, the BENIN, MALI, the BURKINA FASO, the SENEGAL and TUNISIA.

After adoption of the agenda, the Members present made, in turn, the point on the situation of the gift of blood in their respective countries. It arises from the examination of the situation in each country the conclusion that in some of them, there is an absence of self-sufficiency in blood products such as defined in the provisions of WHO on the matter. The principal reason lies in the difficulties that the Associations of these countries have to assume their action plans of promotion of the gift of blood. However, one notes a clear progression of the donations in certain countries.

This difficult situation in which Associations of Africa find themselves is the consequence of their debtor position with respect to the treasury of the IFBDO. Moreover, the presence of the majority of the African

countries to this General Assembly was only possible with the contribution of certain partners present in this room and to which we address all our thanks.

On this occasion we want to express the wish to accentuate twinning between countries of the North and countries of the South. This partnership would without any doubt be a great contribution within the framework of the training and the equipment of African Associations.

The meeting also made it possible to examine the work plan prepared by the Continental Delegate and to add the observations and the improvements necessary for its implementation. This plan was then adopted. But the challenge could be taken up only with the assistance and the cooperation of the IFBDO and the partners.

With regard to the next Youth Forum, TUNISIA is ready to accommodate it under good conditions.

In addition, the African Delegations received the requests for adhesion to the IFBDO deposited by Mauritius, SAO TOME E PRINCIPE and the REPUBLIC OF CONGO, for which it gave a favourable opinion.

This report is not exhaustive and could be supplemented by certain elements before being communicated to the Secretary-general of the IFBDO.

#### XV) Europe

Francis FERRUA (Continental Delegate) points out the work completed during the meeting of constitution of the new team which was held in December 2005 in PARIS.

The minutes of this meeting were used as platform for the tasks to undertake and in particular, initially, the contacts with the European Community and the Parliament.

Associated with the training and information to be undertaken the basis for projects were considered. But all this passes initially by a better knowledge of the experiences gained by National Associations composing the European delegation in order to be able to work out concrete projects likely to interest or relate to the greatest number.

The delegation must be also a force of proposal in the preparation of the texts being used as bases with the writing of the European Directives on blood. A detailed report, for this purpose, will be addressed soon to all Associations of the European zone.

The agenda being exhausted, the meeting ends at 6h15 PM

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