

## **RESOLUTIONS OF THE 40<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

***IPPF - Africa Region (IPPFAR), 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010 held its annual statutory meeting, the Regional Council, in Nairobi, Kenya which has brought over 150 delegates from Member Associations. The Regional Council is the supreme body of the institution. It meets once a year to examine how policies and decisions are implemented under the coordination of the regional office.***

***The 40th session of the Regional Council adopted the following resolutions:***

### **Resolution 1: Vote of thanks to the Government and People of the Republic of Kenya**

Acknowledging the unwavering support of the Government and People of the Republic of Kenya towards IPPFAR;

Recognizing the warm and truly African welcome by the Government and People of the Republic of Kenya to the

delegates and guests to the 40<sup>th</sup> IPPFAR Regional Council, and the provision of a conducive environment in which to conduct its business;

The Regional Council extends its gratitude and sincere thanks to the Government and People of the Republic of Kenya for the hospitality.

**Resolution 2: Acknowledgement of the participation of Dr Meskerem Grunitsky Bekele (Director of UNAIDS West and Central Regional Office), Dr Norman Chorn (Management Consultant) and Mr Jacques Van Zuydam (Head of Population Department Government of South Africa), all of them members of IPPFAR Strategic Advisory Group**

Having been informed by the EXCO Chairperson about the participation of three members of the strategic advisory group in the 85<sup>th</sup> session of the EXCO;

Noting that their respective presentations during that 85<sup>th</sup> session of the EXCO will be helpful for IPPFAR strategic thinking process

The Regional Council expresses its gratitude to the three honorable guests, and assures them of its commitment to continue to engage them in the consultative process which benefit IPPFAR

### **Resolution 3: Membership Categories**

Considering the on-going discussion on IPPF Membership categories at various levels of the Federation, having been informed by the Executive Committee (EXCO) about the review of the current membership categories and the fact that IPPF AR re-iterates its commitments to IPPF Standards and Responsibilities of Membership,

Noting the consequences for IPPFAR of the decisions that will be taken by the Governing Council (GC) in November 2010.

The Regional Council (RC) approves the resolution 3 passed by the 85th EXCO as follows;

- i. Existing Associate and Full Members Associations categories to be maintained and all members must be accredited as per the current IPPF Standards and Responsibilities of Membership and the existing procedures,
- ii. In the event that an Association does not comply with the Standards and Responsibilities of Membership, or if there are special circumstances which warrant special focus and presence in any country it is recommended that the organisation be treated as a project to undertake specific activities and this agreement being defined in a MOU. Such organisation may be given an observer status and

their participation in the Regional Council as an observer be decided according to the terms of the MOU

- iii. If IPPFAR wishes to partner with an organization in country or in a region, it might establish a partnership with an MoU and grant to the organization an observer status with the nature and modalities of participation defined in the MoU

#### **Resolution 4: Funding agreements**

Noting the delay in the submission of the required documents described in the funding agreement between Mas and ARO,

Considering that these delays have a negative impact on IPPFAR and especially on IPPFAR integrity,

Remembering the resolutions taken in the past about zero tolerance,

The Regional Council instructs ARO to continue to strictly apply the conditions stipulated in funding agreements.

## **Resolution 5: Commitment to IPPF's core values, Sexuality and Right base programming**

Considering IPPFAR commitment to Sexual Rights and Health in Africa:

Noting concerns from the 4th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights about the inadequate integration of rights based sexuality programming within SRHR programmes

The RC commits to promoting transformative programmes for the most marginalised communities including sexual minority groups by strengthening the integration of sexuality and sexual rights.

## **Resolution 6: Achievement of the MDGs**

Realizing the delay taken by governments to achieve MDG 5,

Noting the decrease of the service statistics

Being involved in a new strategic planning process,

Impressed by the idea of the Regional Office 'Five in One and One in Five' concept to increase access to quality SRHR services,

The RC directs all the MAs to focus on Access and report on their achievements in terms of best practise and lessons learnt.

The RC instructs the RO to promote its Vision, Mission Values and this idea of 'Five in One and One in Five'

## **Resolution 7: Resource base**

Considering the key challenges IPPFAR is facing at present and in the next five years  
Having been informed about the reduction of funds provided through IPPF,  
Considering IPPFRA commitment to SRHR despite the funding constraints,

The RC calls upon all the MAs to explore local funding in order to increase resources to implement their programmes.

The RC takes this opportunity to thank and congratulate MAs which shared their respective experiences in the area of resource mobilization.

### **Resolution 8: HIV and SRHR Linkage**

Impressed by the experience shared by the MA of Swaziland and Nigeria on HIV and SRHR linkage,  
Noting that this experience is appreciated at the international level,  
Conscious that this strategy is relevant to increase Access to SRHR service by reducing stigma and discrimination vis a vis the PLHIV,

The RC urges the MA to capitalize on this experience in their own context and come up with concrete proposals to address the issues of SRHR and HIV linkage.

### **Resolution 9: Appointment of audit committee**

Noting that the process of appointment of the audit committee has just been started

The RC hereby authorises EXCO to appoint the audit committee by the end of the 86th session of EXCO

### **Resolution 10: Youth representation to RC**

The RC endorses the following countries Niger, Mali, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nigeria, CAR, Chad, Congo Brazzaville, Mauritius, Swaziland, Zambia, Mozambique, Benin, Comoros, Cameroon, Kenya, Botswana, Rwanda, Tanzania and Ethiopia as representing the 30% quota of youth attendance at the RC for the next three years

### **Resolution 11: The Association of Chief Executives of Member Associations in the Africa Region (ACEMAAR) and Youth Forum**

The RC acknowledges the resolutions passed by ACEMMAR and the Youth Forum