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DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND CONSTITUTIONAL RULES

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I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND CONSTITUTIONAL RULES

1. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 10 OF THE CONSTITUTION AND RULE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RULES

Submitted by

The Executive Board

The 29th General Assembly

Decides to modify article 10 a) of the Constitution and Rules 4.3 and 4.4 of the Constitutional Rules as follows:

CHAPTER 3

RESOURCES

Article 10 Financial resources

Current Text

Proposed Text

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New text underlined

The financial resources of the WVF include:

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- a) dues from ordinary members, the amount of which is to be set by each General Assembly for the following years and payable annually in advance on the 1st January in each year on the basis of the calendar year beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31;

- a) dues from ordinary members, the amount of which is to be set by each General Assembly for the following years, ~~and~~ payable annually in advance ~~on the 1st January in each year on the basis of the calendar year beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31~~ to reach the WVF no later than 30 June of each year;

RESOURCES

(Chapter 3 of the Constitution)

Rule 4

Refers to Article 10 of the Constitution

Current Text

Proposed Text

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3) The Secretariat shall inform the member organizations in writing no

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later than early October of each year about the amount of dues for the next year. Ordinary members shall transfer the required amount no later than the 1st of January.

- 4) In case of an ordinary member being unable to pay its membership dues it shall provide, before the end of February of the relevant year, written and detailed explanation to the Treasurer General, who will consider the situation on the basis of the information and justification provided. Failing this, the organization concerned shall be considered at fault.

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- 4) In case of an ordinary member being unable to pay its membership dues it shall provide, before the end of ~~February~~ July of the relevant year, written and detailed explanation to the Treasurer General, who will consider the situation on the basis of the information and justification provided. Failing this, the organization concerned shall be considered at fault.

Argument:

This change to the WVF Constitution was initially proposed in Circular Letter REF: 7 of 2016 and relates to the introduction of the new membership dues scale currently in force.

Effect if Ratified by General Assembly:

The recommended wording of Article 10 a) should facilitate membership dues payment for member associations.

2. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 9 OF THE CONSTITUTION

Submitted by

The Executive Board

The 29th General Assembly

Decides to modify article 9 of the Constitution as follows:

CHAPTER 2

MEMBERSHIP

Article 9 Suspension and expulsion

Current Text

Proposed Text

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New text underlined

...
2) An ordinary member which fails to pay its membership dues for two consecutive years without written consent of the Treasurer General will have its membership suspended by decision of the Executive Board. Such suspension will end on the day payment of membership dues is received by the WVF Secretariat.

...
2) An ordinary member which fails to pay its membership dues for ~~two consecutive~~ any given year without written consent of the Treasurer General will have its membership suspended by decision of the Executive Board. Such suspension will end on the day payment of membership dues is received by the WVF Secretariat.

Argument:

This change to the WVF Constitution was initially proposed in Circular Letter REF: 7 of 2016 and relates to the introduction of the new membership dues scale currently in force. The aim is to encourage members to meet their obligation of paying membership dues to the WVF annually.

Effect if Ratified by General Assembly:

The recommended wording of Article 9 will enable the Executive Board to take the necessary action to sanction members at fault.

3. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 14 AND ARTICLE 17 OF THE CONSTITUTION

Submitted by

The Executive Board

The 29th General Assembly

Decides to modify article 14 1) and article 17 4) & 5) of the Constitution.

CHAPTER 5

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 14 Meetings

Current Text

- 1) The General Assembly shall meet at least once every three calendar years in ordinary session;

Proposed Text

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New text underlined

- 1) The General Assembly shall meet at least once every ~~three~~ two calendar years in ordinary session;

CHAPTER 6

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 17 Authority and responsibility

Current Text

- ...
4) It shall submit to each General Assembly a report on the activities of the WVF over the three years preceding the General Assembly.
5) It shall propose to the General Assembly the scale of membership dues for the following 3 years.

Proposed Text

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New text underlined

- ...
4) It shall submit to each General Assembly a report on the activities of the WVF over the ~~three~~ two years preceding the General Assembly
5) It shall propose to the General Assembly the scale of membership dues for the following ~~3~~ 2 years.

Argument:

This change to the WVF Constitution represents the wish of the current Executive Board to unite all its members every two calendar years and therefore facilitate the communication and shared expertise from all our members around the world more often.

Effect if Ratified by General Assembly:

The organisation of WVF General Assemblies shall therefore be more efficient. It is suggested that Member Countries willing to hold a WVF General Assembly arrive with a proposition on the next plenary sessions to be held in Paris (France) on 16-18 February 2019.

4. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 25 OF THE CONSTITUTION

Submitted by

The Executive Board

The 29th General Assembly

Decides to modify article 25 of the Constitution.

CHAPTER 7

FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 25 Remuneration

Current Text

- 1) The Members of the Executive Board shall not be remunerated by the WVF.

Proposed Text

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New text underlined

- 1) The Members of the Executive Board ~~shall not~~ could be remunerated by the WVF.

Argument:

Due to the reduction/suppression of the WVF Secretariat Staff, the workload will be highly increased for the Executive Board Members. An assigned task could then be remunerated if it requires the amount of time and work that the other Executive Board Members see fit for remuneration.

Effect if Ratified by General Assembly:

Given the very tight budget the WVF Executive Board will have to work with until the next General Assembly, the remuneration will only remain occasional and within the limits of the approved budget. The decision to remunerate an Executive Board Member shall be taken by the Executive Board.

5. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 32 OF THE CONSTITUTION

Submitted by

The Executive Board

The 29th General Assembly

Decides to modify article 32 2) of the Constitution.

CHAPTER 10

APPLICATION AND AMENDEMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Article 32 Amendments to the Constitution

Current Text

Proposed Text

Crossed out text to be deleted
New text underlined

2) Any proposed amendment, in formal draft and accompanied by supporting statements, shall be in the hands of the Executive Board at least six months before the opening of the General Assembly, and shall be communicated by the Executive Board to the ordinary members at least three months before the opening of that Assembly.

2) Any proposed amendment, in formal draft and accompanied by supporting statements, shall be in the hands of the Executive Board at least ~~six~~ three months before the opening of the General Assembly, and shall be communicated by the Executive Board to the ordinary members at least ~~three months~~ six weeks before the opening of that Assembly.

Argument:

The aim of the WVF is to facilitate the organization of Meetings every two calendar years as stated in the Amendment to the Constitution Ref. EB/AS-3 and therefore put less strict deadlines for the submission of documents for our Member Organizations.

Effect if Ratified by General Assembly:

The numeric era allows for late submission of Meeting documents. The proposed Amendment should therefore have no impact on the preparation of a meeting such as the General Assembly.

6. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE 10 OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RULES

Submitted by

The Executive Board

The 29th General Assembly

Decides to modify Rule 10 1) of the Constitutional Rules.

**THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
(Chapter 6 of the Constitution)**

Refers to Article 16 of the Constitution

Current Text

- 1) Being the elected Chairperson of a Regional Standing Committee each Vice-President will come from one of the four regions (Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe).

Proposed Text

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New text underlined

- 1) Being the elected Chairperson of a Regional Standing Committee each Vice-President will come from one of the ~~four~~ five regions (Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and Middle-East).

Argument:

The Standing Committee for Asia and the Pacific is too large and must be divided to include more efficiently veterans from all areas in the WVF, and especially in the Middle-East.

Effect if Ratified by General Assembly:

A new Standing Committee will be implemented, requiring the Election of a new Chairman and the set-up of new Working Groups.

7. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE 11 OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RULES

Submitted by

The Executive Board

The 29th General Assembly

Decides to modify Rule 11 of the Constitutional Rules.

**THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
(Chapter 6 of the Constitution)**

Refers to Article 17 of the Constitution

Current Text

- 1) No public statement on the position of the WVF in respect to any international issue shall be made on behalf of the Executive Board by any of its members without prior consent of the board.

Proposed Text

Crossed out text to be deleted
New text underlined

- 1) No public statement on the position of the WVF in respect to any international issue shall be made on behalf of the Executive Board by any of its members without ~~prior consent of the board~~ respecting the Credo and the Preamble of the WVF Constitution to their principles.

Argument:

The Members of the Executive Board are educated and highly trained veterans who shall be able to make statements on their own and seek advice from others Executive Board Members if necessary without prior consent of the board.

Effect if Ratified by General Assembly:

The General Assembly will have to vote for the new Executive Board Members bearing in mind that the newly elected Executive Board Members know the WVF to its core and principles, as stated in the Credo and Preamble of the Constitution.

**8. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION
Submitted by**

**THE HIGH COMMISSION FOR FORMER MEMBERS OF THE RESISTANCE
MOVEMENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE LIBERATION ARMY
OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO**

The 29th General Assembly

Decides to modify the introduction of the Preamble of the Constitution

PREAMBLE

Current text

Proposed text

New text underlined and in

bold type

We, the war veterans who have fought for the right of self-determination of peoples and so that mankind might live in peace and dignity, resolve to unite in order to actively contribute to the realization of the aims which the United Nations has thus formulated in its Charter :

1. To maintain international peace and security, and, to that end: to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to breach of the peace;
2. To develop friendly relations among nations, based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace;
3. To achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion;
4. To be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends.

We, the war veterans who have fought for the right of self-determination of peoples and so that mankind might live in peace and dignity, resolve to unite in order to actively contribute to **the defence of the moral and material interests of the community of Veterans and War Victims and their dependents throughout the world, and to** the realization of the aims which the United Nations has thus formulated in its Charter **for**:

1. Maintain international peace and security, and, to that end: to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to breach of the peace;
2. Develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace;
3. Achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion;
4. Be a centre for harmonizing the

actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends.

ARGUMENTS:

In order to comply with the provisions of Article 2 of the WVF Constitution, which states that the primary objective of the WVF is " to defend the spiritual and material interests of veterans and victims of war and their families by all available legal means " the High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance Movement and Former Members of the Liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco considers that this objective must be stated in the Preamble of the WVF Constitution, as primary objective.

CONSEQUENCE IF RATIFICATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Aligned with the noble missions and objectives of the WVF, the new wording recommended in the preamble of the WVF's Constitution will certainly contribute to the clarification and confirmation of the essential purpose for which the WVF was created, namely the defence of moral and material interests of Veterans and War Victims and their dependents around the world.

9. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION

Submitted by

**THE HIGH COMMISSION FOR FORMER MEMBERS OF THE RESISTANCE
MOVEMENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE LIBERATION ARMY
OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO**

The 29th General Assembly

Decides to modify points d), e) and f) of Article 2 of the WVF Constitution as follows:

CHAPTER 1
GENERAL STIPULATIONS

Article 2: Aims

Current text

d) to further friendly relations among national as well as international organizations of veterans and victims of war;

e) to encourage cooperation and partnership between national organizations and/or institutions and the exchange of expertise and experience in all fields of common interest;

f) to promote and maintain the sacred duty of historical remembrance, both national and shared, and to spread its values and its profound significance among all sectors of society so as to establish understanding, rapprochement and solidarity amongst peoples.

Proposed text

Merging paragraphs d) and e)
by reformulating them as follows:

d) to further friendly relations among national as well as international organizations of veterans and victims of war with a view to encouraging the exchange of their expertise and experience in areas of common interest;

Following the merging of paragraphs d)
and e) above, paragraph f) would be
named e) instead of f) as follows:

⇒ e) to promote and maintain the sacred duty of historical remembrance, both national and shared, and to spread its values and its profound significance among all sectors of society so as to establish understanding, rapprochement and solidarity amongst peoples.

ARGUMENTS:

The High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance Movement and Former Members of the Liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco is firmly convinced of the view that it is necessary and important that it be made clear in paragraphs d and e of Article 2 of the WVF's Constitution, that it is indeed **the institutions and organizations members** and not any other national organizations of Veterans and Victims of War. Hence the need to add the term "**members**".

On the other hand, the High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance Movement and Former Members of the Liberation recommends the merging of paragraphs d and e mentioned above since they have the same content, that is to say, they are both aimed at developing and encouraging relations of friendship, solidarity, cooperation and partnership between Member Institutions and Organizations.

CONSEQUENCE IF RATIFICATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance Movement and Former Members of the Liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco considers that the merging and the reformulation of paragraphs d and e of Article 2 of the WVF Statutes, certainly will ensure the member institutions and organizations and their Governments and Public Opinion that the World Veterans Federation (WVF) works exclusively for the cause and interests of its members **(member institutions and organizations)**, and consequently will strengthen the legitimacy and legality of the initiatives and actions of the WVF.

10. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES 6 AND 9 OF THE CONSTITUTION

Submitted by

THE HIGH COMMISSION FOR FORMER MEMBERS OF THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE LIBERATION ARMY OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO

The 29th General Assembly

Decides to modify point 1 of Article 6 and point 1 of Article 9 of the WVF's Constitution as follows:

CHAPTER 2 MEMBERS

Article 6: Responsibilities and rights of members.

Current text

1) Members agree to subscribe to this Constitution and its Rules, and pledge themselves to adhere to the aims, objectives and principles of the WVF as long as they are members.

Proposed text

Reformulate this point 1 as follows:

1) Members agree to subscribe to the present Constitution and Rules of WVF as well as to its aims, objectives and principles as long as they are members.

Article 9 : Suspension and expulsion

Current text

1) If an ordinary member fails to comply with the WVF's Constitution, or behaves in manner likely to bring the WVF into disrepute, a motion for its suspension may be set down for consideration by the Executive Board. The organization involved will be advised about such motion and it will be afforded the opportunity to be represented at the relevant meeting of the Executive Board to show cause why the suspension should not be effected. If it fails to do so the organization shall be suspended from the WVF by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board, which may lift the suspension by a similar majority vote at its discretion.

Proposed text

Reformulate this point 1 as follows:

1) If an ordinary member or a member of the Statutory bodies fails to comply with the WVF's Constitution, and its Rules, or behaves in manner likely to bring the WVF, or hindering its normal running, a motion for its suspension may be set down for consideration by the Executive Board. The ordinary member involved will be advised about such motion and it will be afforded the opportunity to be represented at the relevant meeting of the Executive Board to show cause why the suspension should not be effected. If it fails to do so the organization may be suspended from the WVF by a vote of the General Assembly, which may lift the suspension by a similar majority vote at its discretion.

ARGUMENTS:

The proposed amendment to the point 1 of Article 6 of the WVF's Constitution, submitted by the High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance Movement and Former Members of the Liberation

Army of the Kingdom of Morocco, will provide more precision and clarification to a few terms or expressions used, in order to remove any ambiguity and avoid any inaccuracy.

It is therefore recommended to replace the expression "(...) to subscribe to this Constitution and its Rules and pledge themselves to the aims (...)" by a clearer expression "(...) to subscribe **to the present Constitution and Rules of the WVF and its aims** (...) "; to show that it is matter of the WVF's Constitution and its Rules and not something else; especially since the use of the demonstrative pronoun **these** in this case remains indefinite since it does not clearly determine which kind of Constitution or Rules.

CONSEQUENCE IF RATIFICATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

In the case of ratification by the General Assembly, the amendment recommended in point 1 of Article 6 of the WVF Constitution will avoid any ambiguous interpretation and will provide further clarification to the legislative and regulatory text of the WVF.

ARGUMENTS:

In proposing the amendment to the point 1 of Article 9 of the WVF Constitution entitled "Suspension and expulsion", the High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance Movement and Former Members of the Liberation Army considers that the provisions of this point should not be apply only to the ordinary members of the WVF (National Institutions and Member Organizations), but also to the members of the statutory bodies of the WVF, namely the Executive Board, the Regional Standing Committees, the Standing Committee on Women and the Financial Committee.

Similarly, the High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance Movement and Former Members of the Liberation Army considers that the decision that the decision of suspension or expulsion should be taken by the General Assembly and not by the Executive Board; especially since the General Assembly is the supreme authority of the WVF, as stipulated in the point 1 of Article 13 of the WVF Constitution.

CONSEQUENCE IF RATIFICATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The proposed amendment recommended in the point 1 of Article 9 of the WVF Constitution, is aligned with the WVF core values of accountability, transparency, equality and impartiality. The ratification of this proposal by the General Assembly will allow to put on the same level of equality all the members of the WVF, whether ordinary or members of statutory bodies, regarding the application of the decision of suspension or expulsion in the event of non-compliance with the Statutes or damage to the reputation of the WVF. It will also enable WVF members to become fully engaged in achieving the noble aims and objectives of the WVF in a climate of transparency and accountability.

11. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 16 OF THE CONSTITUTION

Submitted by

**THE HIGH COMMISSION FOR FORMER MEMBERS OF THE RESISTANCE
MOVEMENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE LIBERATION ARMY
OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO**

The 29th General Assembly

Decides to modify Article 16 of the WVF Constitution as follows:

CHAPTER 6 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 16: Composition

Current text

The Executive Board shall be composed of the President, the Deputy President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer General, and the Chairpersons of the Regional Standing Committees and the Standing Committee on Women as Vice-Presidents.

Proposed text

New text underlined and in bold type

The Executive Board shall be composed of the President, the Deputy President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer General, and as Vice-Presidents: the Chairpersons **in office** of the Regional Standing Committees and the chairperson **in office** of the Standing Committee on Women.

ARGUMENTS :

The amendment to Article 16 of the WVF's Constitution, proposed by the High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance Movement and Former Members of the Liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco, recommends that the Vice-Presidents of the WVF, as members of the Executive Bureau and Presidents of the Regional Permanent Commissions, must exercise their functions within their institutions or national organizations in charge of Veterans and Victims of War; and in case of resignation or removal from office, they automatically lose their position as Vice-President of the WVF, since they are not appointed to that office in their personal capacity but under their quality and function (as managers) within their National Institutions or Organizations of Veterans and Victims of War, especially since they have the support of their Governments.

CONSEQUENCE IF RATIFICATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

In the event of ratification by the General Assembly, the proposed amendment to Article 16 of the WVF Constitution will strengthen the management capacity and improve the performance of the Executive Board which is one of the most important statutory bodies of WVF, by benefiting more from the expertise, know-how and skills of its members among the Chairpersons **in exercise** of the Regional Standing Committees.

12. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 17 OF THE CONSTITUTION

Submitted by

**THE HIGH COMMISSION FOR FORMER MEMBERS OF THE RESISTANCE
MOVEMENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE LIBERATION ARMY
OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO**

The 29th General Assembly

Decides to modify Article 17 of the WVF Constitution as follows:

CHAPTER 6 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 17 : Authority and responsibilities.

Current text

- 9) It may recommend to the General Assembly that it confer specific honorary titles or rewards on indicated persons, organizations and/or institutions.

Proposed text

New text underlined and in bold type

- 9) It may recommend to the General Assembly that it confer specific honorary titles or rewards on indicated persons, organizations and/or institutions **working for the same causes, ideals and principles of WVF.**

ARGUMENTS :

The proposed amendment to point 9 of Article 17 of the WVF's Constitution is intended to encourage individuals, institutions or organizations **working for the same causes, ideals and principles of the WVF.**

The current text of point 9 above does not specify the justifications and reasons why the General Assembly may award honorary titles or awards to certain persons, organizations or institutions. Hence the need to condition and justify the awarding of these honorific titles and awards, by indicating the conditions and reasons for giving them.

CONSEQUENCE IF RATIFICATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

By proposing the amendment to point 9 of Article 17 of the WVF's Constitution, the High Commission for Former members of the Resistance Movement and Former Members of the Liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco is firmly convinced that it will certainly contribute to the justification and the legitimization of the attribution of honorific titles and awards on the one hand, and encourage and persuade more people, institutions and organizations to work for the same causes, ideals and principles of the WVF and to support its efforts and initiatives for Veterans and Victims of War around the world.

13. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 27 OF THE CONSTITUTION

Submitted by

**THE HIGH COMMISSION FOR FORMER MEMBERS OF THE RESISTANCE
MOVEMENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE LIBERATION ARMY
OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO**

The 29th General Assembly

Decides to modify Article 27 of the WVF Constitution as follows:

**CHAPTER 8
THE REGIONAL STANDING COMMITTEES
AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON WOMEN**

Article 27 : Rules of Procedure.

Current text

The Regional Standing Committees and the Standing Committee on Women shall draw up rules defining the modalities of their operation. The Rules shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

Proposed text

**Strikeout text deleted
New text underlined and in bold type**

The Regional Standing Committees and the Standing Committee on Women shall draw up rules defining the modalities of their operation. The Rules shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

However, these Commissions must respect the periodicity and regularity of the holding of their ordinary sessions. Otherwise, the non-active Commission will be deprived of its representativeness within the Executive Board of the WVF.

ARGUMENTS :

The proposed amendment to Article 27 of the WVF's Constitution is submitted by the High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance Movement and Former Members of the Liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco, with the aim of activating and energizing the important role the Permanent Regional Commissions and the Women's Coordination Commission, as statutory bodies of the WVF.

In fact, these Standing Committees constitute the executive organs of the noble missions and objectives of the WVF, in the various geographical regions, in terms of the defence of the moral and material interests of Veterans and Victims of War as well as the dissemination of the principles, values and ideals of the WVF.

It is therefore necessary that these Standing Committees hold regularly and periodically their ordinary sessions, in accordance with their Rules, with a view to assessing the results of their achievements

and the development of their action programs. Respect for the regularity and periodicity of holding ordinary sessions of these commissions is indeed imperative to ensure their proper functioning and good governance.

CONSEQUENCE IF RATIFICATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The adoption of the amendment to Article 27 of the WVF's Constitution, as proposed by the High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance Movement and Former Members of the Liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco, will give a new and strong impetus to the actions and efforts of the Regional Standing Committees, including the Standing Committee on African Affairs (SCAA), which has difficulty holding its sessions regularly. Likewise, the ratification of this amendment will have a positive impact on the performance of these Commissions for the general good of Veterans and Victims of War.

**14. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE 8
OF THE WVF CONSTITUTIONAL RULES**

Submitted by

**THE HIGH COMMISSION FOR FORMER MEMBERS OF THE RESISTANCE
MOVEMENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE LIBERATION ARMY
OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO**

The 29th General Assembly

Decides to modify paragraph 2 of Rule 8 of the WVF's Constitution Rules as follows:

RULE 8

Refers to Article 14 of the Constitution.

Current text

- 2) Any draft resolution which the Executive Board recommends for withdrawal or amendment shall be returned to the proposers for action. If their reply has not been received at least one month prior to the date of the General Assembly the recommendations of the Executive Board shall be regarded as having been accepted.

Proposed text

New text underlined in bold type

- 2) Any draft resolution which the Executive Board recommends for withdrawal or amendment shall be returned to the proposers for action. If their reply has not been received at least one month prior to the date of the General Assembly, **the related recommendations of the Executive Board and the draft resolutions in question may be submitted to the General Assembly for processing, in accordance with provisions of paragraph 6) below.**

*** ARGUMENTS :**

The proposed amendment to Rule 8 of the WVF's Rules, submitted by the High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance Movement and Former Members of the Liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco, aims at ensuring the conformity of paragraphs 2 and 6 of the above-mentioned point 8, which deals with the question of the Executive Board's prerogatives with regard to the prior examination of draft resolutions that are controversial or harmful to the interests of WVF, with a view to recommending either their withdrawal or their modification.

Indeed, paragraph 2 and paragraph 6 shall complement and articulate harmoniously: if the provisions of paragraph 2 allow the Executive Board to issue recommendations or reject or modify the draft resolutions submitted by the Institutions and member Organizations, the provisions of paragraph 6 shall specify the conditions of their application.

It is therefore strongly recommended to introduce the amendment proposed by the High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance Movement and Former Members of the Liberation Army in order to allow the institutions and organizations, submitting such draft resolutions, subject to withdrawal or modification by the Executive Board, to have a second chance to reach a compromise solution, on the occasion of the holding of the General Assembly, with a view to a possible adoption of their draft resolutions.

*** CONSEQUENCE IF RATIFICATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

The ratification by the General Assembly of the proposed amendment to Rule 8 of the WVF's Constitution Rules, submitted by the High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance Movement and Former Members of the Liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco, will have a positive impact on the debate and addressment of the issues and affairs of Veterans and Victims of War. Indeed, it will enable Member Institutions and Organizations to have more freedom and flexibility in voicing their concerns and suggesting their views and recommendations with regard to the obstacles and problems that hinder the achievement of their goals, objectives, expectations and aspirations relating to the well-being of the community of veterans and war victims.

**15. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 24 OF THE CONSTITUTION
Submitted by**

The Royal British Legion – United Kingdom

The 29th General Assembly

Decides to modify article 24 of the Constitution and Rules 4.3 and 4.4 of the Constitutional Rules as follows:

CHAPTER 7

**FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Article 24 The Treasurer General

Current Text

Proposed Text

New text underlined

The financial resources of the WVF include:

- a) 1) The Treasurer General shall be responsible for the financial affairs in accordance with the relevant guidelines and decisions of the General Assembly and the Executive Board.
- 2) He shall be responsible for the preparation of the annual budget and for its presentation to the Executive Board for approval.
- 3) He shall be responsible for ensuring that statements of accounts of the assets of the WVF are kept. Furthermore, he shall ensure that the accounts are prepared for auditing.
- 4) He shall initiate appropriate action upon any recommendations of the Financial Committee.

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- a) 1) The Treasurer General shall be responsible for the financial affairs in accordance with the relevant guidelines and decisions of the General Assembly and the Executive Board.
- 2) He shall be responsible for the preparation of the annual budget and for its presentation to the Executive Board for approval.
- 3) He shall be responsible for ensuring that statements of accounts of the assets of the WVF are kept. Furthermore, he shall ensure that the accounts are prepared for auditing.
- 4) In conjunction with the Executive Board he shall be responsible for the dissemination to all WVF Member Organizations of the Annual Fiscal and Auditors Report as soon as possible on completion by the appointed independent Auditor
- 5) He shall initiate appropriate action upon any recommendations of the Financial Committee.

Argument:

The Royal British Legion International Committee strongly believes that the WVF Executive Board, and the Treasurer General in particular, have a role and responsibility to practice good governance, ensure accountability, provide reliability and offer assurance to its paying Member Organizations by providing an Annual Fiscal and Auditors Report completed by a qualified external independent auditor.

Effect if Ratified by General Assembly:

The recommended new wording of Article 24 is aligned to the Core Values of the WVF of accountability and transparency. An Annual Fiscal and Auditors Report completed by an external independent auditor will provide all WVF Member Organizations information on the financial health of the WVF.

2. **RESOLUTIONS**

II. **INTERNAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

BUL-1

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Submitted by

The Veterans Alliance Association of Bulgaria

**FOR THE GLOBAL CELEBRATION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END
OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND VICTORY ON FASCISM**

The 29th General Assembly,

1. **Proposes** to the Member Associations of all the countries represented in the WVF to organize celebrations on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the victory over fascism according to the possibilities of each countries, in collaboration with state institutions and other patriotic organizations.

BUL-2

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Submitted by

The Veterans Alliance Association of Bulgaria

**FOR AWARENESS OF YOUNG GENERATIONS THROUGH INTERVENTIONS AT
SCHOOL**

The 29th General Assembly,

1. **Proposes** to the Member Associations of all the countries represented within the WVF, in collaboration with the principals of the schools, to organize meetings between the students and the veterans to exchange memories of the tragic events of the wars and explain their consequences, allowing young generations to fight against wars, terrorism, xenophobia and for peace and a quieter world.

MOR-1

DRAFT RESOLUTION
Submitted by

**The High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance
and the liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco**

**Preservation And Valorization Of The Shared Historical Memory Between
Nations: Case Of Morocco And Vietnam**

The 29th General Assembly,

2. **Referring** to the noble missions of the World Veterans Federation (WVF) aimed at promoting and preserving the sacred duty of Historical Memory, both national and shared, and disseminating its values and its deeper meanings among the different segments of society in such a way as to make it a channel for cultural understanding, social empathy, rapprochement between civilizations and active solidarity among communities »;

3. **Emphasizes** that the Shared Historic Memory between nations and peoples is one of the fundamental components of Universal Memory that consists essentially of documented and collective Memory, thereby covering an important part of world cultural heritage;

4. **Recalls** the provisions of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage , adopted by the 17th session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), held in Paris from 17 October to 21 November 1972 ;

5. **Refers** to the provisions of the Resolution n° 20 entitled: « For the restitution of the national Historical documents stored in foreign archive centers » and the Resolution n°19 entitled «for the international protection of the cultural and natural heritage against the new dangers of destruction», respectively adopted by the 27th and 28th General Assemblies of the WVF, held in Jordan from 18 to 22 November 2012 and in Poland from 31 August to 4 September 2015;

6. **Given** the provisions of the resolutions relating to the preservation and accessibility of documentary heritage, including the digital heritage , adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization UNESCO during its 38th session, held in Paris from 3 to 18 November 2015 ;
7. **Welcomes** the noble initiatives undertaken by the WVF Moroccan and Vietnamese institutions; namely the High Commission of Former Resistance and Members of the liberation Army and the Association of War Veterans of (VAVN), in order to value and preserve the Memory of the Common struggle for the defense of National Independence and National integrity; as part of the efforts aimed at implementing the provisions of the friendship and Cooperation Agreement concluded between the two Parties in Hanoi on 3rd August 2010 and the Memorandum of Understanding concluded in Rabat on 4th September 2012;
8. **Notes with great interest** that the relevant initiatives undertaken by Moroccan and Vietnamese Institutions were crowned by the organization of important international scientific colloquiums in Rabat in 2012 and Hanoi in 2017, and by the publishing of an interesting publication upholding the Shared Memory between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; the purpose being to Highlight and diffuse its deeper meanings to the younger generations of the two friendly countries and to make it a source of inspiration for promoting friendship and solidarity between Morocco and Vietnam as well as for addressing the current and future challenges and building a better world.
9. **Notes with concern** that the Shared Memory between Nations and the common experience of people throughout the world against a background of globalization, are increasingly threatened by oblivion and amnesia;
10. **Recommends** that the institutions and WVF member Associations continue their efforts, initiatives and actions, in coordination with public authorities and civil society in their respective countries in order to:

- Enhance the Shared Memory between Nations and peoples by promulgating laws relating to the preservation of the historical heritage both national and international in order to transfer its fundamental values from generation to generation:

- Sustain the culture of historical Memory both national and shared for the benefit of the youth , and lend it a long- term global vision, in close coordination and interaction with the sectors responsible for primary , secondary and higher education, culture, Youth and Sports; besides the involvement of the representative Institutions, national and local authorities, academics , researchers, civil society actors, Mass-Media and experts;

- Facilitate the documentary heritage that is part of the world memory through the use of the most appropriate techniques , and by allowing a universal access to this heritage, particularly through the encouragement of the production of digitized copies and catalogues available on the Internet, and by publishing and distributing books ,CDs, DVDs and other products as widely and as equitably as possible;

- Preserve and transmit the Shared Memory between Nations as an essential and important part of the world documentary heritage for the benefit of each person, making it permanently available and without any obstacles, taking account of the specificities of cultural diversity and its related cultural practices,

- Support the Institutions of Memory (repositories archives, Museums, Libraries, public administrations and cultural centers... .) to meet their original objective of managing and preserving the documentary heritage available to them and develop training programs as well as programs for Skills development , in order to best guarantee the identification, safeguarding and accessibility of documentary heritage

- Exchange with the concerned countries the copies of information of documentary heritage coming from other countries, or which are of particular importance for other countries, notably in what concerns archives and documents about the Shared historical Memory between Nations, owing to the historic nature of their common or linked history;

- Implement the provisions of the present resolution in accordance with the provisions of the resolution relating to the preservation and accessibility of documentary heritage, including the digital heritage, adopted by the 38th session the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), held in Paris from 3 to 18 November 2015.

MOR-3**DRAFT RESOLUTION****Submitted by****The High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance
and the liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco****For The Organization Of The 8th International Conference On The
Legislation Of War Veterans And War Victims****The 29th General Assembly,**

1. **In accordance with** the strategic goals and objectives aimed at improving the legislative framework governing the issues relating to the community of war veterans and war victims throughout the world, to ensure that their right to a dignified, honorable and happy life is guaranteed;
2. **Recalling** the Resolution 4 entitled : « The regular updating of Veterans Affairs and war victims legislation” , activating the findings of the “7th international conference on the legislation of war veterans and war victims » adopted by the 27th WVF General Assembly, held in Jordan from 18 to 22 November 2012 ;
3. **Recalling** also the recommendations arising from the final Document of the 7th international conference on the legislation of war veterans and war victims », held in Paris (France) in November 2010;
4. **Highlights** the importance of the regular updating of the legislative and regulatory texts, relating to war veterans and war victims and to constantly adapt them to social, economic and political transformations in an increasingly globalized world which is constantly changing ;
5. **Urges** the institutions and member associations of the WVF to attach greater importance to the updating of the legislations and regulations with respect to the community of war veterans and war victims, in particular through an exchange of experiences and expertise between them in the field of legislation and regulation governing war veterans and war victims, in a spirit of cooperation and partnership;
6. **Invites** the WVF Executive Board to instantly make necessary arrangements to organize the 8th international conference on the legislation of war veterans and war victims, for the purpose of conducting a comparative study for the alignment of legislations relating to war veterans and war victims of the WVF member countries.

MOR-10

DRAFT RESOLUTION
Submitted by

**The High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance
and the liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco**

Providing Greater Protection For War Veterans And War Victims

The 29th General Assembly,

1. **Referring to** Resolution 1 entitled: « **Rights of war Veterans and War Victims**», adopted by the 24th WVF General Assembly, held in Johannesburg, in South Africa from 1 to 5 December 2003;
2. **Considers** that the challenges and difficulties of modern times should not ,under any circumstances, shift attention away from the situation facing war veterans, war victims and their families, in particular the families of those who have sacrificed to secure the freedom and Independence of their countries , and who deserve our respect and admiration;
3. **Underlines** that the majority of veterans and war victims reached old age, and therefore it is urgent that a major effort be undertaken with a view to facilitating and improving their material and moral conditions in general;
4. **Believes** that as their precarious health becomes more serious with negative effects on their sanitary conditions, war Veterans and War Victims should benefit from preferential treatment in this respect;
5. **Recommends** that the Institutions and member Associations continue their efforts aimed at providing the community of war Veterans and War Victims with all forms of compassion and care, by undertaking the following actions:
 - a. meeting the basic requirements of medical care to allow for the treatment of physical and mental illnesses to which they are exposed and have them treated by medical specialists in diseases related to ageing;
 - b. Defending the material and moral interests of war Veterans and war Victims and their dependants, and promoting their full reintegration into societies;
 - c. Improving the legal framework governing their Statutes to adjust it to socio-economic changes, in particular, the High cost of living;
 - d. exploring partnerships with non-profit organizations especially the Associations which volunteer to help older persons living in old age homes to enable war veterans and war victims to benefit from their programs, services and benefits, particularly in the field of health care, travel and entertainment.

III. ORIENTATION AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES

MOR-2**DRAFT RESOLUTION****Submitted by****The High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance
and the liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco****Protection Of The Environment, An Indispensable Approach In The
Sustainable Development Process****The 29th General Assembly,**

1. **Recalling** the provisions of the Resolution n°16 entitled: « Sustaining life on earth » adopted by the 19th General Assembly of the world Veterans Federation, held in Manila in Philippines in December 1988, and the resolution 30 entitled: « follow up to the implementation of the 22nd agenda », adopted by the 22nd General Assembly of the world Veterans Federation, organized in Seoul (South Korea) in November 1997;
2. **Recalling equally** the provisions of the Resolution n°25 entitled: «the Ratification of the Kyoto Protocol » adopted by the 23rd General Assembly of the world Veterans Federation, held in Paris (France) in December 2000;
3. **Deeply concerned** by the degradation of the biological diversity, following certain irresponsible human activities which threaten the balances of life system, which can be damaging to the continuity of all lives on our planet, including human life;
4. **Given that** Humanity is currently struggling with intense ecological problems with diverse ramifications, so that the degradation and the ensuing imbalances in ecosystems cause adverse effects on the conditions of man's living environment and lifestyle;
5. **Given that** it is his duty to contribute effectively to initiatives and efforts, on both national and international level, in the field of rehabilitation of the environment;
6. **Calls upon** institutions and member organizations of the WVF to intervene with their Governments and the relevant Institutions in their own countries for the expansion of activities aimed at:
 - protecting animals and plant life and biodiversity against all forms of pollution and degradation, no matter what their origin; through sound management, in order to preserve all species and guarantee a proper ecological balance ;

- Combating desertification, flooding, disappearance of forests, erosion, losses of arable land, soil pollution. ;
- Respecting international agreements when formulating both development programs and environmental legislation and regulations ;
- Taking into consideration the protection of the environment and ecological system balance when initiating and implementing land use plans;
- Defining the orientations of the legal technical and financial framework concerning the protection and management of the environment;
- Promoting environmental education and conduct awareness-raising campaigns among different social groups and social and economic actors, in order to facilitate the transition towards “the green economy” ;
- Contributing effectively to the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the 22nd conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 22), held from 7 to 18 November in Marrakech, in the Kingdom of Morocco; in order to tackle climate change across the world, within the framework of cooperation and international solidarity among developed and developing nations through an approach based on the close relation between the protection of the environment and sustainable development ,in such a way that the agenda for sustainable development of 2030 and its sustainable development goals are supported and fostered.

MOR-4

DRAFT RESOLUTION Submitted by

**The High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance
and the liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco**

Fostering A Secure, Regular And Orderly Process Of Migration

The 29th General Assembly,

1. **Recalling** the appeal to the international community on the occasion of the 28th WVF General Assembly, held in Sopot (Poland) from 31 August to 4 September 2015; deploring the inhuman situation of migrants and refugees displaced by armed conflicts and tensions which continue to plague many regions in the world ;

2. **Given that** migration, by its scope and complexity, has become a global fact that requires a global, balanced and innovative approach based on dialogue, consultation and cooperation among all concerned actors ;
3. **Believes that** the answers to the challenges posed by migratory flows should contribute to transcending identitarian closure, combating xenophobic attitudes and harnessing the beneficial impact of migration and the enormous potential it embodies for the world economy and for understanding between peoples and civilizations ;
4. **Considers that** the international Organization for Migration remains in this context the biggest actor of the world migration and an essential component of the governing of this crucial problem, and should therefore meet its responsibilities by playing the full role conferred on it by its Statute as a leader of the world migration arena; with the ultimate aim of coping with the rapid changes of the world and the world migration landscape;
5. **Calls for** deeper innovative and balanced Nord-South co-operation, aimed at promoting legal mobility by turning it into a major pillar of the fight against Illegal migration; as part of a Partnership based on development of human capacities , eradication of poverty and investment in areas of high migration potential;
6. **Highly appreciates** the formal adoption of the Global Compact by the United Nations Member States, on the occasion of the Intergovernmental Conference, held in Marrakech (Kingdom of Morocco) on the theme of a secure, regular and orderly process of migration, and invites them to contribute effectively and decisively to the implementation of the provisions of this important UN Document dealing with the question of migration in all its aspects;
7. **Recommends that** the international community and all the actors be concerned by this unprecedented migratory phenomenon, and make more efforts, in a spirit of shared responsibility, to provide great impetus to the North-South solidarity that should be translated into operational action plans and convergence of views between origin, transit and destination countries with respect to the need for an innovative and balanced partnership based on a comprehensive vision encompassing both development and security.

MOR-5

DRAFT RESOLUTION Submitted by

**The High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance
and the liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco**

Addressing The Growing Scourge Of Extremism And Terrorism

The 29th General Assembly,

1. **Recalling** the resolution 14 entitled : « helping and supporting African countries in their fight against Boko Haram terrorist groups» and the resolution 15 : « fighting terrorism in all its forms and manifestations », adopted by the 28th WVF General Assembly, held in Sopot (Poland) from 31 August to 4 September 2015;
2. **Reiterates** its strong condemnation of all forms of terrorism and extremism by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes, especially as they poses a serious threat and a great danger to international peace and security;
3. **Considers that** the acts, methods and practices committed by terrorists and extremists in all their forms and expressions are aimed at the destruction of human rights, fundamental freedoms and democracy; and threaten the territorial integrity and security of States; destabilizes legitimately formed Governments; hence the necessity for the international community to take the necessary measures to promote cooperation to combat the growing scourge of terrorism and extremism;
4. **Confirms that** terrorism and extremism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group and calls for the determination of the UN member States to spare no effort to cope with the spread of terrorism and extremism all over the world;
5. **Calls upon** all governments organizations, international Institutions as well as the United Nations organization to fulfill their obligations and assume their responsibilities to eradicate terrorist and extremist acts in all their forms; in conformity with the provisions with the UN Security Council resolutions and with those of the international Anti-terrorist strategy which is an effective and permanent way of allowing the international community to consolidate its efforts in the fight against terrorism, within the framework of the measures and steps aiming particularly at the elimination of the conditions conducive to the propagation of terrorism, the enhancement of States ' capacities for the fight against this scourge, the establishment of respect for human rights, and the supremacy of law as a fundamental basis of the fight against terrorism.

MOR-6

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Submitted by

**The High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance
and the liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco**

Respect For Sovereignty And Territorial Integrity Of Nations

The 29th General Assembly,

1. **Recalling** the provisions of (point B) of Article 2, chapter 2 of the Statutes of the WORLD VETERANS' FEDERATION (WVF), aimed at

promoting international peace and security through the faithful implementation of the Charter of the United Nations Organization UNO , in letter and in spirit ;

2. **Recalling also** the provisions of the Resolution 1514 entitled: «the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples» ,adopted by the UN General Assembly on 14 December 1960, stating that « Any attempt aimed at the partial or total disruption of the national unity and the territorial integrity of any country is incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations», and that « all States shall observe faithfully and strictly the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations Organization, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the respect for the sovereign rights and the territorial integrity of all peoples»;
3. **Notes with concern** that the persistence of conflicts and antagonism in many regions of the world is a decisive impediment to the establishment of peace and political stability, and consequently to the achievement of development, especially in developing countries;
4. **Reaffirms** that between independent states, the respect of territorial sovereignty and integrity is a necessary foundation for international relations and that between sovereign and equal states, each one must respect one another's territory, considering the fact that territory is an attribute that represents the physical form of sovereignty over which State competences are exercised with regard to the persons present;
5. **Also confirms** that each State has the right to exercise all its rights over its territories and make sure that its equals do the same;
6. **Considers** that all states attach great importance to respect for their states' sovereignty and territorial integrity which they consider as an essential component for their existence and identity, and the cornerstone of international relations;
7. **Given that** the principle of intervention is sometimes illegally used at the expense of national sovereignty and represents an encroachment upon the sacrosanct principles of countries and of their territorial integrity and political independence;
8. **Appeals** to the United Nations, to the relevant international institutions and all the living forces of the International community for the purpose of contributing effectively and concretely to the respect and defense of the sacred values of national and territorial integrity of developing countries, in order to allow governments and their peoples to pursue freely their grandiose development projects and to establish relations of friendship, solidarity and cooperation and partnership among States, based on fundamental principles of good neighborly relations. , peaceful coexistence and mutual respect for territorial integrity and State sovereignty;
9. **Recommends** that the General Secretariat of the WVF disseminate the following resolution among the competent United Nations bodies and all the regional unions, such as the European Union, or the African Union,

the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) and the Association of South East Asian States (ASEAN) as well as the Governments of WVF member countries, to help ensure the full activation of its provisions by any adequate and appropriate means.

MOR-7

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Submitted by

**The High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance
and the liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco**

**Stopping The Recruitment Of Children In
Military Forces**

The 29th General Assembly,

1. **Recalling** the Resolution n° 1 entitled « Child soldiers», adopted by the 25th WVF General Assembly, held in Kuala Lumpur, in Malaysia from 2 to 7 December 2006;
2. **Expresses its concern about** the abduction and recruitment of children in military forces by civil militia and paramilitary forces to be used as children soldiers and sex slaves, or simply to serve as work force; in flagrant violation of standards and international laws,;
3. **Deeply regrets** that the illegal recruitment of children is a consequence of the dismantling of State Institutions, destruction of school buildings, chaos and lack of security in some countries in a state of war or armed conflict;
4. **Draws attention** to the fact that following this criminal exploitation of children, facilitated by the loss and absence of their families as well as by the circulation and easy access to small arms and light weapon, a significant number of them are killed or injured by landmines , which cause their physical and psychological disability;
5. **Considers** that the Situation of the “Child Soldier” entails a loss to human richness for countries in a state of conflict, and hampers efforts to achieve development and reconstruction efforts for these countries, besides instilling hatred and hostility in generations to come ;
6. **Recommends** that the Institutions and WVF member Associations raise the awareness of their Governments about the need to respect international legislations prohibiting the recruitment of children in Military forces and to undertake the following actions:
 - providing psychological support for child soldiers to help them recover from the trauma of war;

- Rehabilitate and reinsert child soldiers into society, ensuring that they have access to education vocational training as well as to an independent and decent life;
- Implement the provisions of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights concerning the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict;

7. Urges the UN and UNICEF to continue their actions aiming at:

- ensuring the respect for the conventions and international laws banning the military recruitment of children, and making the international community aware of the dangers related to the recruitment of children into armed forces ;
- toughening laws on the circulation of light and small arms which can be easy to handle by children involved in armed conflict ;
 - Providing for Socio-economic programs with the aim of reintegrating child soldiers into the community after combat. .

MOR-8

**DRAFT RESOLUTION
Submitted by**

**The High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance
and the liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco**

The Protection Of Personal Data And Privacy In The Digital Age

The 29th General Assembly,

- 1. Recalling** the Resolution n°8 entitled « computer networks and peace in the world», adopted by the 22nd WVF General Assembly, held in Seoul in South Korea from 10 to 15 November 1997;
- 2. Referring to the** Article 12 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which provides that "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary or unlawful interference neither with his family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honor and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks »;
- 3. Given that** the safe handling of personal data online as we live in a world that is increasingly connected by the Internet , becomes extremely important and represents a significant challenge for the respect of the individual's right to privacy ;

4. **Worried about** the fate of personal data generated by the massive use of digital technologies and the Internet ,which is continuously collected ,analyzed and explored digitally by groups and firms gaining access to a full set of metadata and massive databases (internationally known as BIG DATA) for illegal , harmful and immoral purposes, without individuals being aware of it;
5. **Recommends** that adequate and effective measures be taken by the international and state authorities responsible for the control of automated processing and Digital analysis of personal data; in order to prevent the potential adverse effects of the use of metadata (Big Data) on human dignity), Human Rights, individual and collective fundamental freedoms; in particular as regards the protection of personal data and confidentiality of private life;
6. **It also recommends** that the relevant international and state authorities work towards a greater transparency concerning the use of personal data by public and private Bodies; ensure equilibrium between respect for individuals' personal lives and organizations' need to use personal data in their activities and develop an international Internet filtration system, with a view to introducing a new code of conduct to undertake digital literacy skills , particularly for young people to help them take full advantage of technological and information systems innovations, without threatening their lives or their parents' when using social media networks ,or losing control over their personal data.

MOR-9

DRAFT RESOLUTION **Submitted by**

**The High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance
and the liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco**

An urgent need for a comprehensive, just and lasting solution to the Palestinian question

The 29th General Assembly,

1. **Referring** to the Resolution 17 entitled «to end the Arab-Israeli conflict », adopted by the 28th WVF General Assembly, held in Sopot (Poland) from 31 August to 4 September 2015;
2. **Has** **deep concerns about** the disastrous humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, characterized by an acute food shortage, lack of medical care, deportations, house demolition, desecration of cemeteries, violation of human rights; Besides the ongoing illegal settlement activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territories;
3. **Expresses concern** about the brutal repression committed by the Israeli Army against Palestinian people, and which represents a major obstacle to peace in the whole of the Middle East and a flagrant violation of Human Rights, in particular, the Rights recognized by the 4th Geneva Convention of 12 August

1949 on the Protection of Civilians in Time of War, and is also a factor in generating tension and violence in an extremely troubled region;

4. **Denounces** the practices of the Israeli authorities aimed at the policy of Judaization, as well as the decision by the United States that recognizes the holy city of ALQODS as the capital city of Israel and the transfer of its Embassy to this city ; which is a flagrant violation of international legality and the relevant Security Council resolutions ;
5. **Considers that** the illegal Israeli blockade imposed on Palestinian people as unacceptable and contrary to international law, particularly given that it deprives the Palestinians of development opportunities, freedom and security; thus increasing their sense of frustration, injustice and hatred and threatening peace and stability in the Middle East ;
6. **Draws attention to** the disastrous impact that the UNRWA 's funding decline may have on the Palestinian refugees' daily lives; a factor which is liable to create a humanitarian tragedy in the occupied Palestinian territories and in Palestinian refugee camps in countries of destination. ;
7. **Appeals** to the Israeli authorities to respect the historical and legal status of Al-Qods and to return to the table of negotiations towards finding a fair and lasting solution allowing for a just, comprehensive and lasting settlement of the Israeli- Palestinian conflict, allowing for the establishment of an Independent and viable Palestinian State living side-by-side in peace and mutual understanding with Israel;
8. **Also appeals** to an inter-Palestinian reconciliation on the basis of the agreement reached in Cairo and signed in October 2017 between Fatah and Hamas, through the mediation of Egypt; to an immediate halt to the current cycle of violence and to the resumption of negotiations between the Israelis and the Palestinians;
9. **Invites** Israel to the decolonization of Palestinian territories and the lifting of its blockade unfairly imposed on the Palestinian population, and to show the political will to restart the peace process between Israelis and Palestinians towards a lasting solution allowing for the establishment of a Palestinian State, living side by side in peace and security with Israel, in keeping with international legality,
10. **Invites also** the international community to express their full and entire solidarity to the Palestinian question, so as to allow the Palestinian People to attain their inalienable and legitimate rights guaranteed by History and International Law; in order to implement the United Nations resolutions concerning the legal, spiritual and historical status of Al-Qods;
11. **Insists on** the need to deploy more diplomatic efforts to ensure the adoption of legally binding resolutions in favor of Alqods in such a way as to preserve the spiritual, historical and political status of the city; as well as on the necessity to provide Palestinians with the needed social and humanitarian assistance.

UK-1**DRAFT RESOLUTION
Submitted by****The Royal British Legion International Committee****Data collection on Commonwealth Veterans and their Dependants****The 29th General Assembly,**

- 1. Notes with interest** the recent research report “Meeting the Needs of Commonwealth Personnel and Families: A Map for Service Provision” (note 1) sponsored by several Armed Forces Charities in the United Kingdom.
- 2. Acknowledges** that United Kingdom organisations providing health, welfare and employment advice to Commonwealth serving personnel, veterans and their dependents are faced by several challenges owing to the complexity of the issues under consideration.
- 3. Supports the recommendation** that data on Commonwealth serving personnel, veterans and their dependents seeking support in the United Kingdom should be captured at the earliest point of contact with welfare services to assess patterns of need and inform future service provision.
- 4. Urges in particular** further consideration by the relevant agencies in the United Kingdom to:
 - a. The financial impact and increased costs of visas and immigration.
 - b. A review of the minimum income threshold.
 - c. The introduction of an online information training programme on immigration rules,
 - d. Assistance for welfare services advising on visa and immigration issues,
 - e. Greater collaboration across the military welfare sector.
 - f. Data collection on Commonwealth serving personnel, veterans and dependants.

Notes:

1. <https://www.fim-trust.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/20180316-Commonwealth-Final-Report.pdf>

RUS-1

DRAFT RESOLUTION Submitted by

All-Russian public veteran Organization “BATTLE BROTHERHOOD”

Addressing the Human Rights Violations aimed at Political Blackmail

The 29th General Assembly,

1. **Recalling** the resolution 16 entitled: «THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, A NECESSITY TO PRESERVE HUMAN DIGNITY, TO ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND FAVOUR PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY IN THE WORLD», adopted by the 28th WVF General Assembly, held in Sopot (Poland) from 31 August to 4 September 2015;
2. **Reiterates** its strong condemnation of all forms of human rights violations and abuses by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes, especially as they poses a serious threat and a great danger to international peace and security;
3. **Considers that** the acts, methods and practices, which are aimed at the destruction of human rights, fundamental freedoms and democracy, destabilize legitimately formed Governments; hence there is the necessity for the international community to take the necessary measures to promote cooperation to combat the human rights violations and abuses;
4. **Confirms that** human rights violations and abuses cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group and calls for the determination of the UN member States to spare no effort to cope with the relevant cases all over the world;
5. **Calls upon** all governments organizations, international Institutions as well as the United Nations organization to fulfill their obligations and assume their responsibilities to follow the International Bill of Human Rights, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), and to track and to protest and immediately apply relevant measures against any violations and abuses of this.

RUS-2**DRAFT RESOLUTION****Submitted by****All-Russian public veteran Organization “BATTLE BROTHERHOOD”****Addressing The Growing Scourge of Terrorism Implemented by ISIS [in the Syrian Arab Republic particularly]****The 29th General Assembly,**

1. **Recalling** the resolution 14 entitled: « helping and supporting African countries in their fight against Boko Haram terrorist groups» and the resolution 15: « fighting terrorism in all its forms and manifestations », adopted by the 28th WVF General Assembly, held in Sopot (Poland) from 31 August to 4 September 2015;
2. **Reiterates** its strong condemnation of all forms of terrorism and extremism by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes, especially as they poses a serious threat and a great danger to international peace and security;
3. **Considers that** the acts, methods and practices committed by terrorists and extremists in all their forms and expressions are aimed at the destruction of human rights, fundamental freedoms and democracy; and threaten the territorial integrity and security of States; destabilizes legitimately formed Governments; hence the necessity for the international community to take the necessary measures to promote cooperation to combat the growing scourge of terrorism and extremism;
4. **Confirms that** terrorism and extremism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group and calls for the determination of the UN member States to spare no effort to cope with the spread of terrorism and extremism all over the world;
5. **Calls upon** all governments organizations, international Institutions as well as the United Nations organization to fulfill their obligations and assume their responsibilities to eradicate terrorist and extremist acts in all their forms; in conformity with the provisions with the UN Security Council resolutions (particularly Resolution 2249. Which directed all states to actively fight against terrorists) and with those of the international Anti-terrorist strategy which is an effective and permanent way of allowing the international community to consolidate its efforts in the fight against terrorism, within the framework of the measures and steps aiming particularly at the elimination of the conditions conducive to the propagation of terrorism, the enhancement of States ‘ capacities for the fight against this scourge, the establishment of respect for human rights, and the supremacy of law as a fundamental basis of the fight against terrorism.