



Commission 1: International Justice, the Rule of Law and Human Rights

Resolutions

International Justice

Resolution 1:

Supporting the resolutions on the International Criminal Court from previous WFM Congresses, San Francisco '95, Chennai '98, and particularly London 2002, and

Bearing in mind that much remains to be done to make the International Criminal Court fully operational and accepted by the whole international community, and

Remembering that WFM serves as the Secretariat to the Coalition for the International Criminal Court and is a leader in the NGO community on this issue, and

Affirming the leadership of the WFM in securing worldwide national ratification of the Rome Statute by supporting the universal ratification campaign, including the monthly focus on various areas of the world, and

Endorsing the concept and practice of universal jurisdiction to ensure that national courts are able to investigate, prosecute and bring any perpetrator of genocide, war crimes, or crimes against humanity to justice, regardless of the location of the crime, or the nationality of the accused, or the victim,

This 25th Congress calls on WFM

to continue as a matter of priority its work with the Coalition for the International Criminal Court,

to urge member states in cooperation with the International Criminal Court to develop effective mechanisms for arrests, seizure of assets, and transfers of accused to the ICC,

to contribute to the completion strategy of ad hoc tribunals, including, but not limited to: residual appeals, archiving documentation, fully completing trials and detention of those convicted,

to support the development of strong implementing legislation, given that the ICC is the first permanent international judicial body capable of trying individuals rather than states,

to generate international understanding and informed public support for the ICC especially by key government officials and civil society.

Resolution 2

Recognizing that international law continues to evolve to respond to emerging international events, and

Noting that the ICC has codified sexual crimes such as rape, sexual slavery, forced prostitution, forced pregnancy, forced sterilization, trafficking of women and children and sexual violence as evidence of gender based persecution, and

Bearing in mind that the allegations of rape, sexual violence and crimes far outnumber the killings reported in the Central African Republic,

This 25th congress calls on WFM

to monitor the current situation in Central African Republic and other states on allegations of horrific and widespread sexual crimes that are demanding the development of new procedures for the ICC, such as rules of evidence to protect victims and victims' participation.

Rule of Law

Resolution 3

Whereas the WFM supports transparency, good governance and anticorruption practices globally,

This 25th congress calls on WFM

To continue to support global efforts in this arena, including but not limited to the Anti-Corruption Treaty.

Resolution 4

Advocating for a renewed commitment by governments to accept the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice and for strengthened influence of this Court, and

Affirming the essence of the rule of law, emphasizing that it applies to both powerful and vulnerable countries, and

Recognizing the ruling of the International Court of Justice that Serbia did not conspire to or commit genocide, but that it did nothing to **prevent** genocide, and

Affirming the understanding that under the Genocide Convention, the accused country must hand over persons who have committed crimes to the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), and

Noting the precedent setting nature of this situation for the future of international law,

This 25th Congress calls on WFM

To monitor developments and analyze the Feb 10/07 ruling of the International Court of Justice on Serbia and genocide, as to how this sets a precedent for international law.

Human Rights

Resolution 5

Taking into consideration and applauding the UN's decision to formally establish Human Rights as one of the three pillars of the UN,

This 25th Congress calls on the WFM

to recognize the creation of the Human Rights Council as an important step within the human rights system, and

to support the Human Rights Council especially over the next critical time period as it develops procedures and operational norms, and

to support the High Commissioner for Human Rights and welcome the increased budget for her office, and

to affirm the support for the UN Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and its equal status to the UN Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and their optional protocols, and urge national governments to pass domestic legislation to support these norms of international law, and

to support the development of the UN Declaration of Indigenous Peoples, and

to collaborate with partner agencies to defend and protect human rights defenders.