



Commission 1: Final Resolutions

International Justice, the Rule of Law and Human Rights

International Justice

Resolution 1

Supporting the resolutions on the International Criminal Court from previous WFM Congresses, San Francisco '95, Chennai '98, London '02, Geneva '07, 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 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 26th 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.

to encourage the adoption of the amendments developed at the 2010 Kampala review conference including the crime of aggression.

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 there continues to exist numerous allegations of rape, sexual violence and gender crimes,

This 26th congress calls on WFM

to monitor and raise awareness regarding relevant situations and allegations of horrific and widespread sexual crimes

to encourage the development of procedures for the ICC, such as rules of evidence to protect victims and victims' participation.

Rule of Law

Resolution 3

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, including through greater use of the court's advisory opinion powers, and

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

This 26th Congress calls on WFM

with respect to international criminal tribunals, encourage all states to honor their obligation under international law to hand over persons accused of crimes falling under the jurisdiction of international courts or tribunals to the relevant authorities.

And that the 26th WFM Congress,

- Acknowledging recent up-risings, with democratic aspirations, in North Africa and the Middle East;

- Recognizing the complexity and uncertainty of rapidly unfolding events in the region;
- Recognizing variation and the role of religion in the implementation of evolving democracy;

Encourage the expansion of democratic processes beyond elections to include respect for the rule of law and an independent judiciary;

AND

Support the freedom, protection and participation of all peoples, with attention to the just treatment of minorities.

Human Rights

Resolution 4

Recognizing human rights as one of the three pillars of the UN, and

Recognizing the need for greater human rights education, and understanding of the UN human rights system, and

Recognizing and supporting the important work of the Human Rights Council and the High Commissioner for Human Rights,

This 26th Congress calls on WFM

to work to improve the Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review processes, 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 in particular calls on the WFM

to acknowledge and support the rights of users of the internet to exercise their freedom of expression, free from threat of intimidation or persecution under the UN Declaration of Human Rights, Article 19, and

to support the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and

to support the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders, and

to encourage universal ratification of the Migrant Workers Convention.

Resolution 5

Recognizing:

That the 2008 UN Human Rights Council Resolution 7/23 emphasizes that climate change will negatively impact the enjoyment of human rights in many nations around the world, and

That climate change will potentially displace millions of people in the coming decades, and

That the impacts of climate change will disproportionately affect the rights of the vulnerable,

This 26th Congress calls on WFM

to acknowledge that climate change is a human rights issue, and

to advocate for the inclusion of the human right to a sustainable environment in a UN declaration or convention.