

## **Report of WUCWO activities in the International agencies during 2012**

### **UN New York**

- **56<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on the Status of Women**  
27 February - 9 March 2012
- **45<sup>th</sup> Session Committee on Population and Development**  
23 - 27 April 2012

### **UN Geneva**

#### **At the Human Rights Session at the UN Geneva in March 2012, WUCWO co-signed:**

- An oral statement on the role of Faith-Inspired Organizations in the promotion and protection of the Right to Health.
- An oral statement on The Promotion and Protection of the Right to Health of People Living with HIV: the Engagement of Faith-Inspired Organizations
- A written statement: Appeal for Urgent Attention to the Situation of Children Living with HIV or with HIV/TB co-Infection
- 5 (five) oral statements focusing on children's rights and the right to education in the following countries: Venezuela, Thailand, Haiti, Togo and Timor Leste.
- Oral statement: Right to Development: from rhetoric to action of which the main point was that the implementation of the right to development is successful only if centered on the human person.
- Oral statement: "Toward Preserving the Universality of Human Rights" submitted at the General Debate at the Regular Session of the Human Rights Council Panel Discussion on "Discriminatory laws and practices and acts of violence against individuals based on their sexual orientation and gender identity".

### **Council of Europe**

Our latest actions include:

- Religions and Human Rights working group: on-going active participation in elaborating a report "Human Rights and Religions" in this working group, including a summary memo emphasizing what is at stake for freedom of religion and expression.
- Position taken in the case of the pedophile association Martijn in the Netherlands. A written question was submitted with our support to the Council of Ministers by the EMP M. Omtzig in regards to this association and the Lanzarote convention with a favorable outcome, the association being declared illegal and ordered to disband.
- Correspondence with Mme Chavanon, President of the Commission on democracy, social cohesion and global issues to indicate to her that the expression "sexual orientation" is neither relevant nor a right. Favorable response.
- Oral declaration made to maintain the word "*woman*" in the official texts.

## **UNESCO**

- Our Representatives worked in the following Mixed Programmatic Committees (CPM): Human Rights, Dialogue between Cultures, Poverty Eradication and Education for Sustainable Development.
- Organized for an expert to come to speak on “Christians’ contribution to development and to Human Rights in Asia.”
- Written statement on the inclusion of “sexual orientation” in the texts at the Human Rights Commission.
- Active participation in the preparation of the International Day of Peace.

## **FAO**

- World Food Day October 16<sup>th</sup> 2012
- Monthly participation in the Ad hoc group of NGOs