**First meeting**

**February 01, 2015**

**Istanbul, Turkey**

**Minutes,** Draft

**Participants**

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| **Presents** | **Region** | **Statute** |
| **Moaffak Alkhafaji** | DPI Arab Region | Chair |
| **Shoji Nakanishi** | DPI Asia Pacific Region | Chair |
| **Jean-Luc Simon** | DPI Europe Region | Chair |
| **Giampiero Griffo** | DPI Europe Region | WC member, past Chair of DPI-E |
| **Kim Dae Song** | DPI Asia Pacific Region | WC member& Regional Officer |
| **Video Conference:** |  |  |
| **Nawaf Kabbara** | DPI Arab Region | WC Member & Regional Officer |
| **Kalle Könköllä** | DPI Europe | DPI Information Officer |

**Draft Agenda of the Meeting (revised)**

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| January 31 | | | | |
| AM | 1 | | Formation of the DPI Inter Regional Platform (DPI-IRP) | |
| 2 | | Arab region issue (Regional agreement between DPI Europe, DPI Asia Pacific and DPI Arab) | |
| PM | 3 | | DPI membership fee (How much should we pay) | |
| 4 | | Venue of next DPI World assembly (It supposed to be this year) | |
| Evening | 5 | | How to conclude and make presentation of this meeting | |
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| February 1 | | | | |
| AM | | 6 | | How should we make relationship with international organizations, such as IDA |
| 7 | | Analyze Javed’s strategy and future plan of DPI |
| PM | | 8 | | Strategic target of DPI |
| 9 | | Draft the declaration statement |
| Evening | | 10 | | Modify and adopt the declaration statement |

**Report**

This meeting is constitutional and participates to the DPI development. It is a meeting of the Chairs from 3 regions who represent at least 71 National Assemblies (Europe 28, Arab 8, Asia Pacific 35)

The Chairs from Arab, Europe and Asia Pacific Regions decide to meet due the illegal decisions and functioning of the last World Council meeting that was hold in New Delhi:

* + - Elected members of the World Council were not invited,
    - National Assemblies were dismissed without the legal procedures (Lebanon, Morocco, Iraq ...),
    - Non-elected members were invited without the legal procedures.
    - There was no transparency on the reimbursement of the travel expenses.
    - The proposed amendments from Europe to the drafted minutes of the WC meeting were not included.

Based on the DPI history and constitution principles, the reports of the Regions and their recommendations are the essential pieces of the DPI functioning and action plan, the World Council members are elected by the Regional Assemblies. These reports are essential and need to be circulated to all members of the WC, and must include the minute of the last Regional Assembly with the list of the members, the list of the voters present and of the voters by proxy when it's the case, the list of the candidates and the result of the election of the Board Members, the list of the executives and of the World Councilors elected.

To make the World Council Members able to decide and to lead DPI, the reporting is essential. Since October 2012 and the closure of the Headquarter in Canada, the DPI members and Regional Offices don't receive regular reports, and no action plan is diffused. Financial supports to the Regional development offices have stopped in 2013; some WC Members received no financial support to participate to the meetings, the membership fees was doubled for the National Assemblies from the “rich countries” without consultation and discussion among the members.

DPI has no action plan and the initiatives taken by the Chair without communication with the Officers have discredited and isolated DPI from the disability community and the international and Regional Institutions.

To rebuild DPI as the civic organization we know in accordance and respect to its history and Constitution, the participants decide to formalize an Inter Regional Platform to change the actual development.

The Istanbul Declaration is adopted.

**Decision**

**The DPI Members refuse to pay the fixed amount of the DPI membership fees that has doubled without discussion with the members and the World Council.**

**The DPI Region will collect the membership fees until a legal World Council decision will be take and endorsed by the General Assembly.**

**Based on Article 18 of the DPI Constitution, the DPI IRP submits this proposal to the World Council and the World Assembly for its adoption.**

**To be done:**

* **South America:** Contacts Henrique: Giampiero will call him and asks for a Skype Chat with Shoji, Kalle & Jean-Luc on **February 15th**
* **Africa:** Skype meeting with [Muzi Nkosi](http://dpi.org/AboutWorldRR3) from South Africa will be organized with Kalle, Shoji & Giampiero & Jean-Luc.
* **North America & Caribbean:** Jean-Luc will speak with Steve and with Olga Enns about the DPI archives and the DPI evaluation.
* **Membership Fees:** Discuss for adoption by the Regional Boards of the decision to collect the DPI membership fees at the regional levels until the legal World Council meet and takes legal decisions.
* **World Assembly:** Shoji will contact the Chair of Rehabilitation International, who is also the Chair of DPI China, and discuss the perspective to hold the General Assemblies of RI and DPI. He will contact also Venus Ilagan and will evaluate her potential collaboration.
* **IDA:** Giampiero will speak with Yanis and Javier about the DPI IRP membership to IDA.

**Istanbul declaration**

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Final

Due the fact that the World DPI Headquarter was closed in 2012 and stop until now to work, to finance & to support the RDOs and to send information to the DPI members.

Due the fact that the DPI executive and World Council Members are not consulted and associated to policies and decisions taken on behalf of the organization

Due the fact that since 2011 efforts were invested by all of signatories below through meetings, reports, letters, to arrange the situation without any success,

Due to the amount of non constitutional decisions taken by the actual leadership without the consent and approval of the Executive committee and of the World Council, like accepting new members and dismissing legal members without reference to the Constitution, in particular related to the Arab Region and members

Due to the increasing conflictive situations created among disability community because of all these malfunctions.

The chairs of DPI Asia Pacific, DPI Arab and DPI Europe and members of the World Council who met in Istanbul Turkey on the 31th of January and 1st of February 2015 to discuss the running affairs of the organization call for the following:

* 1. The reconstruction of DPI on a democratic and constitutional basis by asking all regions to send the minutes of their last Regional Assembly with the list of the Regional members, the list of the elected Officers and the list of the World Council Members.
  2. The organization of a World Council meeting based on the legitimate members provided by the legitimate regions as soon as possible to discuss the organization of the coming General Assembly and to put DPI into the constitutional track again.
  3. The establishment of the DPI Inter Regional Platform (DPI-IRP) formed of the different regional chairs to enter into force immediately with the objective of enhancing democratic practices, consultancy and communication among DPI constitutional bodies, regions and National Assemblies in order to force for the respect of the constitution, to push the executive committee to play its constitutional role in running the affairs of the organization and to get a legal World Council in action.
  4. Prepare a plan of actions to implement the rights of persons with disability related to international and regional agenda.

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DPI Arab Chair DPI Asia Pacific Chair DPI Europe Chair