

Board of Trustees
21, 25, 26 November 2022

Agenda Item 7 Membership Committee Report to the Board of Trustees

Summary:

This report contains a summary of the agenda items considered and discussed by the Membership Committee at its meeting on 27th October 2022 except for the reports relating to recommendations for the expulsion and suspension of five IPPF Member Associations which the BoT recently approved electronically.

Action Required:

The Board of Trustees to consider the individual requirements under each subheading.

Membership Committee

Report to the Board of Trustees

The following attended the 27th October 2022 virtual meeting of the Membership Committee (MC):

Committee Members:

Ms Donya Nasser, Chair
Mr Ulukbek Batyrgaliev, Member
Mr Amadou Bah, Member
Ms Ann Hendrix-Jenkins, Member
Ms Jossy Dukere, Member
Mr Vinod Kapoor, Member

Ex-officio:

Ms Aileen McColgan, Honorary Legal Counsel
Dr Alvaro Bermejo, Director-General

IPPF Secretariat:

Ms Marie-Evelyne Petrus-Barry, Regional Director, Africa
Ms Eugenia Lopez Uribe, Director, Americas & the Caribbean
Ms Fadoua Bakhadda, Regional Director, Arab World
Ms Tomoko Fukuda, Regional Director, ESEAO
Ms Caroline Hickson, Regional Director, European Network
Ms Sonal Mehta, Regional Director, South Asia
Mr Achille Togbeto, Director, Governance & Accreditation
Ms Karen Watson, Accreditation Adviser

Minutes Taker:

Ms Caroline Dickinson

1. ACCREDITATION REVIEW OUTCOMES

Membership Committee reviewed the accreditation review outcomes of the following two Member Associations that underwent an accreditation review under accreditation phase three:

- **Kiribati** - Kiribati Family Health Association
- **Vietnam** - Vietnam Family Planning Association

Noting that there are standards with which these Member Associations do not yet comply and are taking steps to remedy this, the Member Associations of Kiribati and Vietnam cannot currently be re-accredited under the third accreditation phase and will remain accredited members of IPPF, under accreditation Phase 2, with no change to their membership status.

➤ **Action required: BoT to note this information**

2. ACCREDITATION REVIEW FOLLOW-UP

The Membership Committee reviewed the progress reports of the following twenty Member Associations that underwent an accreditation review under the third accreditation phase:

- **Cameroon** - Cameroon National Association for Family Welfare
- **Tanzania** - Uzazi na Malezi Bora Tanzania
- **Sierra Leone** - Planned Parenthood Association of Sierra Leone
- **Mozambique** - Associação Moçambicana para Desenvolvimento da Família
- **Mali** - Association Malienne pour la Protection et la Promotion de la Famille
- **Chad** - Association Tchadienne pour le Bien-Etre Familial
- **Guinea-Bissau** - Associação Guineense para o Bem Estar Familiar
- **Niger** - Association Nigérienne pour le Bien-Etre Familial
- **Democratic Republic of Congo** - Association pour le Bien-Etre Familial/Naissances Désirables
- **Namibia** - Namibia Planned Parenthood Association
- **Indonesia** - Indonesian Planned Parenthood Association
- **Republic of Korea** - Korea Population, Health and Welfare Association
- **China** - China Family Planning Association
- **Samoa** - Samoa Family Health Association
- **Vanuatu** - Vanuatu Family Health Association
- **Belgium** - Belgische Federatie voor Seksuele en Reproductieve Gezondheid en Rechten / Fédération Belge pour la Santé et les Droits Sexuels et Reproductifs
- **Romania** - Societatea de Educatie Contraceptiva si Sexuala
- **Slovak Republic** - Spoločnosť pre plánované rodičovstvo
- **Israel** - Israel Family Planning Association
- **Nepal** - Family Planning Association of Nepal

Noting that there are standards with which the afore mentioned Member Associations do not yet comply and that they are taking steps to remedy this, they cannot currently be re-accredited. The respective Regional Offices should continue monitoring the implementation of the follow-up action plans within the period agreed. During that period, the Member Associations of **Cameroon; Tanzania; Sierra Leone; Mozambique; Mali; Chad; Guinea-Bissau; Niger; Democratic Republic of Congo; Namibia; Belgium; Romania; Slovak Republic; Israel; Indonesia; Republic of Korea; China; Samoa; Vanuatu;** and **Nepal** will remain accredited members of IPPF, under accreditation Phase 2, with no change to their membership status.

➤ **Action required: BoT to note this information**

3. UPDATE ON THE CARIBBEAN FAMILY PLANNING AFFILIATION MEMBERS' JOURNEY TO ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Membership Committee reviewed the update and noted that only one, (Martinique), of the five members of the Affiliation that embarked on the journey to become Associate Members of IPPF following the separation of the Western Hemisphere Region from IPPF has yet to submit its application. The affiliates of Antigua and Dominica successfully applied for Associate Membership in October 2021 and the former affiliate of Aruba in May 2022. The affiliate of Guadeloupe submitted its application during this meeting.

A team from the Americas and the Caribbean Regional Office visited the Martinique affiliate in June 2022 to provide technical support and follow up on the status and implementation of constitutional amendments. The team was advised that the revised constitution had been ratified at the general assembly and that the Regional Office would be provided with all outstanding documentation and supporting evidence to ensure compliance with IPPF's governance and constitutional checks for organizations applying for IPPF Associate Membership.

Unfortunately, since the visit, the Regional Office have not heard from any representative of the Martinique affiliate, despite the many attempts by the Regional Office to contact the organization.

The Regional Office request that the affiliate of Martinique's application for Associate Membership be deferred until they are able to work with the organization so that they are prepared to apply in the future.

➤ **Action required: BoT to note this information**

4. UPDATE ON THE ACCREDITATION PILOT

The Director, Governance & Accreditation provided Membership Committee with an update on the accreditation pilot which took place in September. Secretariat governance and accreditation staff were conducting a governance workshop in Thailand and made use of the opportunity by adding an additional day to the visit to pilot the revised accreditation tools with the Thailand Member Association.

Volunteers and staff of the Association worked in groups with the secretariat team to review various accreditation documents including the self-assessment document; definition of terms; suggested list of evidence; and must have policies. Feedback from the Association has been taken on board and the documents further amended as a result.

The Association welcomed the opportunity to participate in the pilot and look forward to undergoing a review under the fourth accreditation phase.

➤ **Action required: BoT to note this information**

5. RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCREDITATION

The Membership Committee reviewed the accreditation review results of the Member Associations of **Zambia; Comoros; Egypt; Algeria; Somaliland; Cook Islands; Hong Kong; Republic of Serbia;** and **Afghanistan**, which were all found in full compliance with IPPF Membership Standards under the third accreditation phase, and **recommends** to the Board of Trustees that **Planned Parenthood Association of Zambia;**

Association Comorienne pour le Bien-Etre de la Famille; Egyptian Family Planning Association; Association Algérienne pour la Planification Familiale; Somaliland Family Health Association; Serbian Association for Sexual and Reproductive Rights; Family Planning Association of Hong Kong; Cook Islands Family Welfare Association; and Afghan Family Guidance Association be re-accredited as Full Members of the Federation.

➤ **Action required: BoT to approve this recommendation**

6. APPLICATIONS FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Membership Committee reviewed the application from the Guadeloupe affiliate of the Caribbean Family Planning Affiliation for IPPF Associate Membership. Noting that the application meets the requirements, as outlined in Procedure 6 of the IPPF Standards and Responsibilities of Membership, the Membership Committee **recommends** the application from La Maternite Consciente Association Guadeloupéenne Pour Le Planning Familial be approved by the Board of Trustees.

➤ **Action required: BoT to approve this recommendation**

Membership Committee reviewed the application from Colectivo Rebeldía, the collaborative partner in Bolivia, for IPPF Associate Membership. Noting that the application meets the requirements, as outlined in Procedure 6 of the IPPF Standards and Responsibilities of Membership, the Membership Committee **recommends** the application from Colectivo Rebeldía be approved by the Board of Trustees.

➤ **Action required: BoT to approve this recommendation**

Membership Committee reviewed the application from the Mauritius Family Planning & Welfare Association, the collaborative partner in Mauritius (and former Member Association), for IPPF Associate Membership. Noting that the application meets the requirements, as outlined in Procedure 6 of the IPPF Standards and Responsibilities of Membership, the Membership Committee **recommends** the application from the Mauritius Family Planning & Welfare Association be approved by the Board of Trustees.

➤ **Action required: BoT to approve this recommendation**

7. CONFIRMATION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Membership Committee noted that the Associate Membership of the Iraq Member Association is not being renewed.

Following recommendations from the Regional Directors, IPPF Americas and the Caribbean, IPPF Arab World Region and IPPF ESEAOR, Membership Committee **recommends** to the Board of Trustees that the Associate Membership of the Antigua, Aruba, Dominica, Yemen, Australia and Papua New Guinea Member Associations be confirmed for the period 2022 – 2023.

➤ **Action required: BoT to approve this recommendation**