

Resolution on EN/RE's activity with institutions of the European Union

- 1) The EN/RE will carry on its activity as a conviction-based organisation with EU institutions with a view to make Catholic voices heard besides that of the Hierarchy.
- 2) **As part of its activity as a conviction-based organisation with EU institutions and relying on the acknowledgement deriving from the participatory status at the Council of Europe, the European Network Church on the Move decides, in spite of the reservations raised by the current texts with respect to laicity, to enter democratically into the «open, transparent and regular » dialogue** of which the Lisbon treaty sets out the principles in its articles I-9, I-11 et II-17, the procedures and practices still having to be defined,. It will fight interpretations of article II-17 contrary to the requirements of a democratic dialogue and in particular, could legitimate a privileged treatment, notably of some religious conviction-based organisations, compared with the treatment of the rest of organisations.
- 3) The European Network intends this dialogue to be structured so as to allow public expression of currents of Christian conviction or culture and spirituality referring to the Gospel, that are not represented by the Churches (even though they are part of them) and that do not wish to be represented by them. In fact, some of these Churches refuse any democratisation of their structures and fail to respect in their internal life certain fundamental values of the European Union, notably the equality between women and men.
- 4) Within the framework of the dialogue into which it agrees to enter with European authorities, notably the Commission and the Parliament (see point 2), the EN/RE which neither can nor wants to exert a power :
 - will carry within and outside the EU concrete claims of justice, integrity of creation and solidarity and in particular those from the most destitutes,
 - will carry out a work of watch and alert by bringing to light the possible discrepancies between stated principles and law-making in the social, economic, environmental, military fields...
 - will defend laicity/secularism which keeps religious institutions outside of state structures,
 - will cooperate with humanist as well as confessional organisations sharing these convictions.
- 5) **The *European Network Church on the Move* will carry on its activity as a conviction-based organisation in the European Parliament *All party Working Group Separation of Religion and Politics*. It will commit itself together with concerned NGOs so that the Group can carry on its activity after the European election in June, 2009.**
- 6) The European Network Church on the Move will carry on its commitment in the field of EU immigration policy and it call on its members to carry on their commitments in their respective countries. The European Network commits itself also to work in order to have a greater social equity preferred to privileges of those who have and the powerful in Europe as well as in the rest of the World.
- 7) The European Network Church on the Move will carry on its endeavours with a view to establish relationships with Polish groups , considering the feasibility of an meeting in Poland, and will go on supporting Alicja Tysiac's fight for women's rights.
- 8) The worldwide crisis imposes on the European Network to reaffirm its involvement for social justice and for a social Europe, and to address such a call to the institutions of the European Union for the coming European elections.
- 9) The team 'European institutions' is charged with implementing the above decisions.