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2021 ACTIVITIES REPORT

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New Humanity International Association with registered office in via Piave 15, Grottaferrata (Rome - Italy) is configured as an "International Non-Governmental Organization" (INGO) and pursues civil, solidarity and socially useful purposes, in accordance with the rules of the Third Sector (Legislative Decree 117/2017).

The purpose of the Association is to contribute to achieving the unity of the human family in full respect of the identity proper to each of its members. It is one of the expressions of the Focolare Movement, in various fields of action, and is inspired by the spirit and values that animate it.

Its main mission is to spread the idea and practice of a united world in the variety of languages, cultures, religions, promoting in all spheres of society and at every level the spirit of universal fraternity proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article No. 1).

It is also committed to contributing to the pursuit of unity and peace at all levels, building relationships between individuals and institutions based on mutual respect, interreligious and intercultural dialogue, mutual knowledge and forms of active cooperation.

The number of Members as of December 31, 2021 is 41. During 2021, five new legal entities applied to be admitted as Members of the Association (four individuals and one organization).

The Ordinary Members' Meeting was held, electronically due to the Covid-19 pandemic, on 16 April 2021, with the participation of 29 members on their own or by proxy.

Since the three-year terms of office of the Association have expired, the assembly has appointed the following Directors for the next three years: Alexander Simoen, Catalina Hinojosa, Corinne Raboud, Lucia (Maria Loreta) Compostella, Lucia Fronza Crepaz, Marco Desalvo, Marco Provenza, as well as the members of the Control Body in the persons of Ennio Buri, Fabio Egidi and Lucia D'Auria.

The Board of Directors subsequently unanimously appointed Marco Desalvo as President and Catalina Hinojosa as Vice President for the Board of Directors, and Fabio Egidi for the Supervisory Body.

The Board expressed sentiments of deep gratitude and appreciation to the previous directors, in particular to Federica Chiaro, Paolo Frizzi, Cecilia Landucci, Alessio Valente and Angelo Spinosa (former members of the Board of Directors and the Board of Statutory Auditors), for the qualified and generous contribution they have made to the growth and consolidation of the Association and its image at national and international level.

The Assembly also approved the opening of a new New Humanity representation in Vienna, where officially a UN headquarters is located, working particularly for global denuclearization, peace and ecological development, fundamental issues for New Humanity.

During 2021 the Board of Directors met 11 times (11/01 - 16/03 - 23/3 - 16/04 - 29/04 - 27/05 - 24/06 - 26/08 - 07/10 - 28/10 - 25/11).

The Board of Directors also met with the representatives of the foreign offices of the Association 4 times (20/02 - 17/04 - 26/06 - 16/10). In addition, the Board met with representatives of the Paris office on 27 November, with representatives of the New York office on 11 December, and with representatives of the Geneva office on 14 December.

Two associates work full-time with benevolent work. In addition, 13 people volunteer internationally, while other volunteers are part of the Supervisory Body and the Board of Directors and meet once a month.

The representatives of New Humanity for the year 2021 were:

New York: Joe Klock (Main Representative), Maddalena Maltese, Nicholas Johnson.

Geneva: Jorge M. Dias Ferreira (Main Representative), Esther Salamanca, Juan García Gutiérrez.

Paris: Chantal Grevin (Main Representative), Marie-Annick Benoit, Melissa Mejia Flores.

Brussels: Isabelle de Moffarts (Main Representative).

Nairobi: Justus Mbae (Main Representative).

Vienna: Mathias Kaps (Main Representative), Juan Camillo Poveda, Susanne Tomecek.

During 2021, the Association's activities developed, as in previous years, according to the two main guidelines concerning representation and presence in the international institutions of the UN (Economic and Social Council and Human Rights Council), UNESCO and FAO, and in support of activities and projects in particular in the youth field. In addition, in May 2021 the Association was accredited as an observer of UNEP, the United Nations Environmental Programme. A special thanks goes to the valuable work carried out by the representatives of New Humanity and to the commitment of members, councillors, experts and collaborators.

Alessio Valente has been appointed representative of the Association to the FAO, and Nino Puglisi, - researcher, doctor in Chemistry - at the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP).

Towards the end of 2021, Melissa Mejia Flores' collaboration for the Communication Strategy also began, and a new 36-page brochure on the Association was published, in English, Italian and Spanish, which can also be downloaded in PDF format from the website.

During the year 2021, the commitments of the representatives of the NGO New Humanity in the various offices continued. In particular, we emphasize,

At the U.N. in New York:

- Miguel Moratinos, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, High Representative of the UN Alliance of Civilizations, sent a video message to the virtual conference organized by the Chiara Lubich Center entitled '[Chiara Lubich in dialogue with our times](#)' (February 18, 2021).
- Nino Puglisi participates in the environmental committee of the Multifaith Advisory Council. His speech in presenting the Focolare's commitment to protecting the environment was considered an effective contribution to the work of UNEP (United Nations Environmental Protection Agency).

On 28/05 the NGO New Humanity was formally accredited by UNEP (<https://twitter.com/iyadabumoghli/status/1398167710282956801?s=09>).

Signed the Appeal, "SECURE AN EQUITABLE, NATUREPOSITIVE, NETZEROWORLD" by non-state actors to governments to strengthen the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (23/8/2021)

- Participation of Maddalena Maltese in the annual interreligious prayer service and reception organized by the Mission of the Holy See, before the opening of the General Assembly.
- Presentation of a document for the 60th session of the Commission on Social Development, follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the 24th special session of the General Assembly to be held from 7 to 16 February 2022, entitled "Calls for greater fraternity among communities and nations as the world responds to the COVID-19 pandemic", E/CN.5/2022/NGO/ (5 November 21).
- Joe Klock's engagement as treasurer of the NGO Committee on Migration during 2021, managing the committee's finances, collecting dues, producing monthly reports, and filling out tax paperwork. Participation in the Subcommittee on Children in Migration. Preparation of a forum on the role of mayors in the reception of migrant children. The subcommittee also worked to produce a short video about the experience of migrant children in New York up to the age of 8.
- Joe Klock was engaged as Secretary of the NGO Committee on Development Finance, carrying out various tasks, which ended in April. Later in the year, Anne Schanklin took on the role of representative of the NGO New Humanity on the committee.

At the U. N. in Geneva:

- Participation in the various annual sessions of the Human Rights Council.
- Signing of about 20 documents concerning the various issues of work at the UN, especially in the field of International Solidarity, Education, Development, children's rights. In addition, texts concerning the situations in Syria and Venezuela in the field of human dignity and human rights have been signed.
- Prepared, for the first time, 2 requested interventions of the Special Rapporteur in view of the preparation of their reports to the UN on Migrants (Esther Salamanca) and on Digital Education (Juan Garcia Gutierrez).
- Offered various contributions to the "Working Group" on the Right to Education and the Forum on the Right to Education.
- Participation and collaboration in various "Working Groups" with other faithless or non-confessional NGOs in particular with regard to the right to education, international solidarity, development
- Quote from New Humanity in the Report: 'Right to education: the cultural dimensions of the right to education, or the right to education as a cultural right' (A/HRC/47/32, p. 6, párr. 22).
- Contribution by Juan Garcia Gutierrez on "New technologies and transhumanism" at the Seminar "New Frontiers of Human Rights: Transhumanism" (10 October 2021).
- After 5 years of coordinating the Forum of Catholic-inspired NGOs in Geneva, Jorge Ferreira left this task which is now carried out by APGXXIII and OIDEL. Close relations continue with the Apostolic Mission of the Holy See to the UN in Geneva. Jorge Ferreira has also been appointed a

member of the Board of Founders of the International Forum of Catholic-inspired NGOs, participating in various sessions of this body.

At UNESCO in Paris:

- Preparation and participation in the Online Forum on World Citizenship in the framework of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee. This Forum brought together 200 people from all over the world, mainly NGOs as well as UNESCO members and delegations.
- Offered answers to UNESCO's questionnaire on UNESCO's programme for the next 2 years.
- Juan Garcia Gutierrez's participation in the preliminary work on the ethics of artificial intelligence. In addition, Mr. Gutierrez participated as an Observer of the NGO New Humanity in the intergovernmental meeting on the draft UNESCO recommendation on the ethics of Artificial Intelligence (26/30 April and 21/25 June 2021) and in the 12th session of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee - IGBC (23-24 September 2021).
- Appointment of Melissa Mejia Flores (July 2021) as a representative to participate in the working group "Beyond Celebrations: A Call for Youth Engagement!" to go beyond a simple celebration of the 75th anniversary of UNESCO's creation and use the occasion to call on all NGOs in official partnership to put a greater focus on young people at the center of their operations.

The working group drafted a position paper that allows to mobilize young people and was officially launched on December 17, broadcast on the [Youtube](#) channel, entitled: *Building towards a Sustainable Future using Synergies with, and among, Youth, UNESCO-NGO Position Paper on Youth and Advocacy*. (http://www.ngo-unesco.net/unesco_75.html)

- Participation and intervention of Melissa Mejia Flores, as representative of the NGO New Humanity, during the 41st session of the UNESCO General Conference to support Global Citizenship (<https://www.new-humanity.org/en/news/global-citizenship-pathway-to-a-united-world/>).

At the U.N. in Nairobi:

- The "Together for a New Africa" project has been organized, promoted, and supported, has ended its first three-year cycle of training, despite the numerous challenges faced, not least that of Covid19.
120 young students and young professionals from 7 East African nations successfully completed the program.
- Preparatory work for the expansion of the program so as to cover more countries and more students. 14 countries have asked to be considered for the second cycle of training. These include: Angola, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, DRC, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda.
- Commitment to expanding collaboration in other programs within the work of International Institutions in Nairobi.

At the European Commission in Bruxelles:

- Preparation and inauguration (August 2021) of an office used as the headquarters of the NGO New Humanity in Brussels, located in the European Institutions district. The international commission that coordinates the Political Movement for the Unity of the Focolare Movement met there (October 2021). On that occasion, the idea of a European section of the Political Movement for Unity arose.
- Training of a group of about 15 people interested in collaborating and supporting the activities in the interaction with the European Institutions and with those who work or provide services in them.
- Direct collaboration with a group within the Focolare Movement called 'Multipolar Dialogue', whose aim is to be a facilitating environment for rapprochement and mutual enrichment between the western, central and eastern areas of Europe, often divided by strong differences.
- The collaboration with the 'In Touch' association of Brussels, also committed to interreligious dialogue, continues.
- Committed to promoting and participating in the work of the Conference on the Future of Europe (September 2021).
- Procedures have begun to register the NGO New Humanity in the transparency register of the European Commission.

At the U.N. in Vienna:

- Submission and approval of the accreditation of the NGO New Humanity at the United Nations Headquarters in Vienna.
- Liaison with other NGOs for the submission of joint calls.
- Studies to offer young people the opportunity to attend an internship at the headquarters of the NGO New Humanity in Vienna.

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