



Minutes of the WFTO-Europe Board meeting, 22 April 2015, 10.00-12.00, via Skype.

Present: Giorgio Dal Fiume (President), Emilie Durochat, Bertil Hogberg (Treasurer), Tadeusz Makulski (Secretary), Sophie Tack, Marijke Visser and Francesca Giubilo (Coordinator).

Excused: Gabriella D'Amico.

AGENDA
1. Approval minutes 9.04.2015
2. Approval of AGM documents
3. European Representative in the WFTO Global Board
4. Feedback about WFTDay and Belgian Fair Trade week and possible collaboration with Fashion Revolution and Clean Clothes Campaign
5. WG on Charter for FT principles (Milan Global AGM)
6. decision about the Sergi/FTAO proposal for a workshop with Fairtrade International at the Milan Expo
7. AOB

1. Approval minutes of previous Board meeting

The minutes of the Board meeting held the 9th of April via Skype were unanimously approved.

2. Approval of AGM documents

All the documents for the AGM were officially approved. Some minor comments on the layout of some of them will be further sent to the Coordinator, who will then revise the documents accordingly and send it to the members the 24th of April.

3. European Representative in the WFTO Global Board

Sophie informed the Board that she will be able to get back to them with a final word on her candidature at the Global Board only the 23rd of April. The Board agreed to wait for that date before looking at other candidates. In order to be fully transparent with the members, a specific message on this topic will be sent to all the members within the week from the 27th to the 1st of May.

4. Feedback about WFTDay and Belgian Fair Trade week and possible collaboration with Fashion Revolution and Clean Clothes Campaign

The Coordinator briefly gave an update on the following issues:

a) WFTDay.

The office of WFTO-Europe will be involved in the campaign called "End of imbalances: fight for fair trading practices in the food supply chain". This motto allowed WFTO-E to merge WFTO theme "Be an agent for change" with the Power in Supply Chain campaign, launched with the FTAO. During the WFTDay, WFTO-E staff will be at "Open doors of the EU" with Oxfam Magasins du Monde to raise

awareness about the campaign and the WFTDay in general. Further information on it will be uploaded soon also on the website.

b) Belgian Fair Trade Week

As every year, the Belgian Fair Trade Week will take place in October and in particular from the 7th to the 17th of October 2015. In order to submit a proposal to the Belgian Technical Agency by the 11 of May, the Coordinator informed the Board about her idea of getting in contact with Fashion Revolution people and Clean Clothes Campaign to organise an event focused on textile on the 14th of October. Francesca shared also a calendar of activities for the second week of October, which include the EU advocacy network meeting, the FT breakfast (organised by the FTAO) and right after the event on textile and the WFTO-Europe possible Board meeting (15-16 October). The Board discussed briefly this FT Marathon of October and agreed with both of the ideas: to organise something on textile with the other partners as well as to book on its agenda the 15-16 of October for a face-to-face Board meeting in October.

5. WG on Charter for FT principles

The President informed the other Directors that the official invitations to attend the “closed” working group on the Revision of the Charter for FT principles were sent by Global the day before. Giorgio, Sophie, Tadeusz and Francesca will then have a separate meeting to discuss the introductory of the workshop on the 4th of May from 4pm to 5pm.

6. Decision about the FTAO proposal to organise a workshop with Fairtrade International at the Milan Expo

The President briefly shared the proposal received by Sergi to let the Italian Fair trade movement organised something together in the Milan Expo. Introducing this idea, Giorgio also shared his concerns regarding the proposal, due to the criticism of the WFTO-E’s Italian movement to the Expo theme and the weak collaboration with the Fairtrade International movement in Italy. On the other hand, he stressed the good opportunity that this event might have for the FT actors.

7. AOB

The next face-to-face Board meeting will be held in Milan on the 25th of May most likely from 6pm to 7pm.

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