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Minutes of the Board of Directors of Non c'è Pace Senza Giustizia ETS of Tuesday 24 October 2023

Chair:	Tara O'Grady
Board Members:	Present in person: Albert Alejo, Alison Smith; Remote: Marco Perduca (apologies received from Carmelo Palma)
Invitees:	Niccolò Figà Talamanca, Secretary General; Guglielmo Gebbia, Control Body
NPWJ team:	Antonella Casu, Camilla Taddei, Frej Fenniche, Gianluca Eramo, Giulia Schiavoni, Nicola Giovannini
Interns:	Felix Rodriguez, Giacomo Canossa, Leonie Capot, Micol Benini, Sofia Capelletti

The Board of Directors of Non c'è Pace Senza Giustizia “No Peace Without Justice” has convened on 24 October 2023 in hybrid format. A quorum being established, the President called the meeting to order at 16h20.[1]

The Board adopted the agenda and validated the minutes from the previous meeting, noting that Board minutes may be approved in between Board meetings by written silence procedure.

The Secretary General reported on updates in the Belgian investigation; progress of the judicial appeals to lift the seizure order in Belgium and Italy; ongoing communications with donors and partners in respect of the seizure order, including interactions with donors in respect of funds that had been intended to support NPWJ activities; and the plans for ongoing activities and donor and partner engagement.

Board Member Marco Perduca reported on developments in respect of public outreach and media strategy, including specific opportunities for positive engagement. Board Member Alison Smith reported on recent meetings with media and other actors to support implementation of the strategy. The Board welcomed these updates and encouraged the continued participation of staff members and former staff members in the work of the ad hoc committee.

Team Members Frej Fenniche, Giulia Schiavoni, and Alison Smith reported on the status of current and projected NPWJ projects in relation to Afghanistan, FGM, Lebanese prisons, Libya, Roma populations and Tunisia. Board Member Albert Alejo reported on potential opportunities for the Philippines, requesting the support of NPWJ staff to update the website to reflect our



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work in that country. The Board thanked Father Albert for his briefing and staff for their ongoing efforts and encouraged continued attention to these priority areas.

The Secretary General proposed opening a public subscription campaign to ask for support (financial and political) from NPWJ's partners and supporters over the year. The Board thanked the Secretary General for this suggestion and decided to put it on the agenda for the Assembly meeting on Thursday, 26 October 2023.

The Secretary General reported on the search for a Treasurer. A highly suitable candidate has been identified and has in principle accepted to be proposed to the Assembly, subject to confirmation with his current employer.

The Board discussed the next steps and decided on the following action points, by consensus:

The Board mandates Board Member and Legal Counsel Alison Smith to continue the work on identifying specific criteria for seeking and accepting donor funds, including a due diligence process, to be included among NPWJ policies and procedures (Resolution 1).

The Board decides to delegate responsibility of accepting new members to the Treasurer, who would bring any doubts in respect of membership applications to the Board. The Board discussed potential threats inherent in "open membership" as foreseen in the Statute and decides to develop a risk management strategy in relation to those threats (Resolution 2).

The Board considered that its current number be maintained, notwithstanding current vacancies. The Board therefore will request the Assembly to ratify that proposal and confirm that the Board retains authority to coopt a new member to replace any member who resigns (Resolution 3).

The Board assigns to staff member Camilla Taddei the task of mentoring others in the drafting process the 2023 Bilancio Sociale, noting the Board retains responsibility for the Bilancio Sociale as foreseen in the Statute (Resolution 4).

The Board proposes to maintain the annual fee for membership for 2024 at its current levels, to allow a public subscription campaign to begin immediately (Resolution 5).

The President recognised the dedication of staff in continuing to dedicate their time on a voluntary basis over the past few months and thanked everyone for the extraordinary work being done under very challenging circumstances. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 18h47.



Verbalising Secretary

Niccolò Figà Talamanca



Presiding

Tara O'Grady

[1] unless otherwise specified, all times are Rome (CET)