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INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) held its 12th General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on the 6th to the 8th of April 1993. More than two hundred delegates from eighty-five countries attended the Assembly to set new agendas, share information, and provide WAY with a solid foundation for its future work in the years to come.

The theme of the Assembly was “New World Order – Development and Democracy” reflecting the changes within the global community in the last four years and highlighting the area most challenging to youth organizations and young people in today’s changing world. The Assembly sought to create an environment and provide a platform for youth councils and youth organizations to come together to voice common concerns and to provide support. Issues covered will assist the youth field to create an internationally atmosphere which continues to effectively express and address the needs of young people, no matter how diverse.

The importance of an organization such as WAY was highlighted as national youth organizations and council now interact at a level never before experienced. WAY is seen as the global platform for the voice of young people.

The Minister of Finances, **Mr Anwar Ibrahim**, Inaugurated the 12th WAY Assembly on behalf of the Prime Minister of Malaysia, and presented the 2nd Prime Minister of Malaysia’s Word Youth Award. The Award was presented to the Youth Council of Slovakia, with Zimbabwe Youth Council and the Indian Committee of Youth Organisations being presented awards for 1st and 2nd runners up, respectively.

WAY President **Mr Ole Lovig Simonsen** welcomed all to the 12th WAY Assembly. He spoke of the privilege of being involved in WAY for over 17 years and spoke of freedom and democracy especially in the days to come, of the importance of policy and guidelines, the rights of all speech and being heard. He also spoke of the importance of good leadership, with particular reference to the upcoming WAY elections.

Mr Simonsen noted the development of WAY within the last ten years, especially how the organization had emerged from difficult times, of poor membership, low involvement from other organizations and an alienation from young people and their organizations to the present scenario of the reunion with the European youth committees, of a heightened presence in developing countries and an enhanced relationship with other international organizations, particularly those associated with the UN. All this has resulted in WAY finding a new relevance among young people and their organizations through it’s programmes and other activities.

Mr Simonsen spoke of differences among delegates going beyond skin deep, referring to cultural and political differences etc. and highlighted that all at the Assembly had come together on common ground for the good of youth throughout the world. He went on to say that this gathering was not a playground for budding politicians or for promoting individual regional and local bandwagons, but rather, it was a platform for promoting youth needs.

Opening messages were then given. Speakers included the following:

Mr Amr Ghaleb from the Policies and Programmes Unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs Centre of the United Nations read the message from **Mr Boutros Boutros-Ghali**, Secretary General of the United Nations.

Mr Arthur Gillette, Director of the Youth and Sports Division of UNESCO, also noted the contributions of both the current outgoing President and the Secretary General. He then read the message from the Director General of UNESCO, **Mr Federico Mayor**.

Others who address the Assembly with messages from their organizations were :

- **Ms Rosie Dunn, President of the Council of European National Youth Committees**
- **Mr Richard Torrell, International Union of Socialist Youth**
- **Mr Fuad Hassan, President of Asian Youth Council**

These messages highlighted the relationship WAY had with these organizations and expressed possibilities of continuing the increasing cooperation between organizations. There was a feeling of global community, a unity in future goals and a willingness to work together for the benefit of youth everywhere. The presence of representatives from these organizations contributed to the global representation present at the Assembly. All three organizations expressed an eagerness to work closely in partnership with WAY on specific projects.

Mr Simonsen thanked the present youth organizations for their attendance at the Assembly, their contributions to WAY and to the youth of the world. He especially thanked the host of the Assembly, the **Malaysian Youth Council**.

The Deputy Minister of Youth, Sports and Social Mobilisation from Sierra Leone, **Col. Marray Conted**, addressed the Assembly on youth issues relating to Sierra Leone

The Assembly approved the following nominations for the 12th WAY Assembly Credential Committee:

Mr Nonofu Molefhi	(Botswana)
Ms Sonia M Miranda	(Puerto Rico)
Mr Kwang Sun Cha	(Korea)
Mr Ali Nisar Ahmed	(Fiji)
Mr Aleksander Gabelic	(CENYC-Sweden)

Mr Shiv Khare, Secretary General of WAY presented his report to the General Assembly (See Appendix II). He reported that WAY had consultative status with all UN bodies including the World Bank and that WAY works with at least one organization per region. He also addressed the development of WAY over the last ten to fifteen years and outlined WAY's recent activities not only in terms of regions but also of different issues. He provoked discussion regarding the democratization of youth councils and the excessive involvement of Government and Government officials in youth organizations and councils in some countries.

The Secretary General Report was adopted, unanimously and thanks were given for the report. The Assembly noted with tribute the contribution of Mr Shiv Khare as Secretary General over the last four years.

It was requested that the next Secretary General provide more information regarding ways youth non-government organizations could assist and support WAY. Issues of membership fees and the recuperation of those fees were deferred to Administrative Commission.

Major amendments to the Charter included redefining National Youth Councils and Committees and the abolition of WAY national committees. In some cases where youth councils did not exist, WAY would establish national WAY branches to fill the vacuum. These WAY branches can no longer exist under the current changes.

Under the proposed changes, the Executive has been extended in number to five board members and six Executive Members and also now make it possible for regional youth organisations to take up observer or consultative status with WAY. This will assist more equitable representation the ever increasing membership WAY has been experiencing and provide a more representative nature to WAY's membership.

The Credential Committee examined the applications for membership on the Charter criteria and made recommendations regarding full, associate or observer membership with WAY. These were passed by the Assembly.

In final discussions regarding the membership applications of youth organizations and councils, discussion were intense and covered much ground. Clarification was sought regarding several issues. Membership status was discussed at length. Some organizations requested their applications be considered on an individual basis. These included: Bangladesh, Benin, Togo, the Philippines, USA and a request from the Esone representative(Greece) to consider the use of the name "Macedonia" by the Youth Council of Macedonia(Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia).

Participant joined one of the three Commissions to discuss and consider WAY's activities and policies in the three areas: Population, Political, and Administration. The Commissions presented their reports and the Assembly proceeded to deal with the business of policies for the next four years in relation to the work of the Commissions.

The Assembly formally recognized he contributions of both Mr Ole Lovig Simonsen and Mr Shiv Khare and offered thanks for all their contributions during their terms of offices. Tributes were raised for the outgoing President and Secretary General, who have been effective key leaders in WAY the recent past.

THE COMMISSIONS AND ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

The work of the 12th WAY Assembly was based on the commissions: the Development, Political and Administrative Commission. These Commissions first discussed relevant issues and resolutions. Thus resolutions and special action programmes were proposed, discussed and approved in the Commissions, before being considered by the Assembly.

All recommendations appear as they were adopted, by vote, by the 12th WAY Assembly

The Development Commission

This Commission examined WAYs policy and programmes in the field of Development which includes Health, AIDS, Population, etc. The Commission provided programme guidelines, suggested special programmes including workshops and seminars and all other types of relevant programmes.

Resolutions from the Commission adopted by the Assembly were as follows:

The 12th WAY Assembly:

YOUTH IN THE SERVICE OF CHILDREN

- Calls on national governments to ratify the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the Child
- encourages national youth councils to have children's sections within their organisation framework, and to collaborate with national agencies that are working with children
- mandates the Secretariat to assist in organising regional and international initiatives with special emphasis on the rights of child
- calls upon governments to recognize that all children have the right to grow up as adults, being given proper training, education and employment
- calls upon all government to enact legislation or other necessary means to help eliminate exploitation from irresponsible employers
- mandates the Secretariat to compile figures on child labor or conduct universal activities on child labor with a view to determine how WAY can help to minimize the exploitation of children

HUMAN RIGHTS

- notes with concern that Human Right abuses are increasing world wide
- believes that youth and youth organisations can play an important role in not only educating young people about Human Rights but also act as a watchdog on Human Rights abuses
- recommends a special working group be established on Human Rights which can submit a report for the next General Assembly
- recognizes that the concept of Human Rights differs from one country to another and therefore one country should not dictate its views on another. However, all countries should abide by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

- proposes that WAY assist to encourage youth exchange which contributes to youth leadership training
- is concerned that the development of voluntary youth leadership is hampered by several local and national factors
- proposes that the concept of leadership training for youth leaders from political, social and religious youth groups and internship programmes be encouraged to develop voluntary youth leadership
- mandates the WAY Secretariat to organize national, regional and international youth leadership training courses to assist youth leaders to properly run and develop voluntary youth organisations and to especially develop their potential

DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCILS

- recognizes that the concept of national coordinating bodies of youth organisations is being accepted by governments, regional and international agencies including those within the UN system
- calls upon national governments to promote independent, democratic voluntary national youth councils which may be a constructive training ground for youth leadership, and will assist to channel youth energies towards national development
- mandates the Secretariat to solicit support of governments in establishing and maintaining independent youth councils
- recognises the peculiarities under which a particular youth organisation operates and encourages, under normal circumstances that the basis of NGOs and youth organisations relationship should be a co-operative one rather than confrontational

EARLY PARENTHOOD AND ADOLESCENT FERTILITY

- views with concern the neglect of reproductive health of young people, and lack of information available to them regarding their sexuality. Programmes need to provide information, before young people embark on any sexual activity, and specifically information about their sexuality, birth control, contraceptive use and cautions concerning complications of early pregnancies
- acknowledges the different cultural, socio-economic and religious attitudes regarding reproductive health and understands that these differences need to be taken into consideration when dealing with issues to produce the most effective programmes, statement, reports, research, etc.
- mandates the Secretariat to give greater emphasis to adolescent health programmes and the involvement of young women in those programmes and encourages the Secretariat to continue its cooperation with the Adolescent Health Programme(ADH), of the World Health Organisation (WHO), United Nations Population Fund(UNFPA) and International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). WAY should also try to establish teams of local experts for resourcing where possible.

HIV/AIDS

- recognizes that AIDS is becoming a very serious problem with diverse concerns for young people.
- reaffirms its commitment to AIDS education and prevention. Youth organisation at national, regional and global level must play a more active role in changing the sexual attitudes of young people.

- notes with deep concern that youth are amongst those most at risk of infection. Preventative behavior is currently the only available weapon in the fight against AIDS
- believes that public education in HIV prevention and AIDS control must be youth targeted. Young people must be involved in this process, taking into account their framework of thought and behaviour.
- mandates the Secretariat to develop a system of support - in terms of resources, information, expert advice, resource personnel - which can be made available to youth organisation, youth leaders and youth themselves and which is YOUTH SPECIFIC. This should be done in cooperation with already existing programmes and organisations such as the World Health Organisation, national health ministries and NGOs such as national AIDS committees.
- mandates the Secretariat to continue to devote special efforts towards preventative education and activities, the development of education programmes and strategies to increase awareness regarding HIV prevention and AIDS control, and make efforts to expand the Youth and AIDS" newsletter
- recognizes that one of the effective ways to counter the AIDS problem is the need for a change of lifestyles and the promotion of safe sex practices in society.

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

- believe all young people have the right to productive roles in the society they live in
- mandates the Secretariat, together with national youth councils, to work in collaboration with government departments responsible for youth affairs in training, enterprise and development programmes which will consist of representatives of NGOs, active youth groups, trade unions, women's groups and business communities as well as representative from other regional organisations that are interested in developing income generation for self employment opportunities for young people

YOUTH AND ENVIRONMENT ACTION PROGRAMME

- recognizes the work done by WAY at the Earth Summit in Brazil and the Youth 92 Conference in Costa Rica and believes that youth need to be the prime target for environment education
- mandates the Secretariat to continue working on environment education in integrating population and other programmes, issue special youth and environment related publications, posters and reports, focus attention on environment education and training with a specific reference to the conservation of nature, work closely with UNEP and the World Conservation Union (IUCN) towards the implementation of the World Conservation Strategy and the World Charter for Nature.
- gives full support to national youth organisations which engage in public awareness campaigns that address youth and the environment.
- encourages national youth councils to participate in international tree planting day.
- encourages the inclusion of young people in environmental protection programmes.
- encourages WAY to collaborate with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) agencies in environmental action programmes.
- encourages WAY to continually encourage governments to actively implement effective environment programmes.

YOUTH AND HEALTH EDUCATION

- recognizes that the primary means by which WAY seeks to promote health education amongst its constituents are through workshops, conferences, seminars and research which educates and trains youth leaders in specific areas of health knowledge and skills. These skills can then be employed by these leaders in their national organisations for the formation of health education strategies and programmes. These programmes should provide technical input in an environment that encourages young people to formulate strategies and programmes that genuinely reflect their perspectives.
- recognizes and supports the work being done by other organisations such as WHO. WAY seeks to compliment this work specifically in the youth area.
- recognizes three major elements are lacking in making current systems accessible to youth and youth organisations:
 - i. youth health concerns are not clearly identified as being of a different nature to general health concerns. Hence existing health networks often do not give this a priority.
 - ii. health personnel who deal with youth health issues need to be able to communicate and deal with youth in a way which facilitates programmes and strategies that genuinely reflect youth perspectives and concerns. Such personnel need themselves to be able to respond and communicate with youth so as to make their services relevant and effective. At present health networks can be alienating and remote from young people themselves.
 - iii. finally, there is a need for a co-ordinate effort to promote good health amongst youth.
- mandates the Secretariat to continue to devote its resources and efforts towards preventative education and activities, mobilization of youth services and organisations to assist health services reach young people, and the development of education programmes and strategies to increase awareness about health and prevent disease at a grassroots level and increase its cooperation with WHO and its regional offices.

YOUTH AND POPULATION

- recognizes the gravity of the growing population and its consequences on young people
- recommends that young people should be the prime targets for population programmes. National Youth Councils and Youth Organisations should be provided with every assistance to ensure young people are adequately informed regarding population issues.
- mandates the Secretariat to continue to organise population and related programmes in consultation and cooperation with National Youth Councils and Organisations to meet the following challenges :
 - i. improve education about family planning and reproductive health and standards of living among vulnerable and deprived youth
 - ii. improve standards of living
 - iii. develop peer counseling programmes among youth

YOUTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- recognizes that youth are the future leaders of the world. WAY encourages youth policy makers to bear in mind the very special needs of youth to be given concrete reasons for hope in the future, and of their value as members of society.

- asserts that the unique experience, perspective and skills of youth world-wide should be valued and employed in all areas of concern to youth.
- calls upon national governments and international agencies to employ youth in such a way as to reflect the value of youth as an important human resource, that is, to involve youth in all levels of decisions making, policy implementation and activity.
- encourages national governments and international organisations to continue working for an international economic order that will guarantee an equitable distribution of resources adequate to the provision of the necessities of life for youth.

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN WAY

- recognizes that women should be placed at the centre of development programmes and not at the margins, and that it is imperative to all successful programmes that men become more involved, educated and take more responsibility in the area of reproductive health to alleviate some of the pressures placed on women.
- recognizes that representation of young women in WAY programmes has not been very encouraging, especially from Africa and some countries in Asia.
- calls upon youth organisations around the world to promote participation of young women in youth programmes at all levels.
- mandates the Secretariat to organise special programmes for young women.
- recommends that the WAY Secretariat develops strategies to ensure equal representation of women on the WAY Executive.
- actively encourage the participation of young women in all regional and international affairs.
- recommends that WAY should have a special commission that looks specifically at gender issues.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING DEMOCRACY

- recognizes that more than 50 per cent of the world population is below 25 years of age and that this group will be responsible for shaping future society.
- acknowledges the need to educate and train young people and their organisation in democracy.
- urges youth and youth organisations to maintain their commitment to the effective establishment of true democracy globally. In particular, we encourage them to work towards democratic institutions that will ensure equitable distribution of resources and guarantee social justice and right for all members of society.
- mandates the Secretariat to explore the possibilities of organising national and regional workshops and programmes to educate and train young people in democracy.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (IYY)

- mandates the Secretariat to cooperate with the UN Office at UNCSDHA, UNESCO, and other UN agencies and work out a plan of cooperation to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of IYY in 1995.
- recommends that WAY should organise international and regional events.
- recommends WAY to encourage youth to share their creative skill and talents through various international cultural festivals.

THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW WORLD ORDER

The Development Commission expressed grave concern about the lack of participation of young people in the 1993 General Assembly. We recognize the need for young people to be a force to be reckoned with in the so-called new world order. While we recognize the need to utilise the experience of older people within WAY, the Development Commission feels that the leadership of WAY should make every effort to ensure that all those elected to participate in the next Assembly and all future commissions be not over the age of 35.

The Political Commission

WAY in the last 10 years has devoted its main focus on development and grassroots needs of young people in developing countries. With the reunion of National Councils of Europe and with the current changes in the world today, it is essential that WAY should start taking a stand on political and social issues facing young people.

This Commission carefully reviewed WAY's options in this area and suggested programmes and resolutions dealing with these issues.

Resolutions from the Commission adopted by Assembly were as follows:

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NON VIOLENCE AS A CATALYST FOR CHANGE

- supports peaceful efforts of protest, which does not encourage or involve any form of force.
- mandates the Secretariat to educate and create awareness among young people to use non-violence as a method of change, and develop and run programmes encouraging **change through non-violence.**

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL TOLERANCE

- is concerned that with the end of the cold war, regional and religious conflicts are increasing, impeding World Peace.
- calls upon youth to be at the forefront of creating cultural and religious tolerance.
- mandates the Secretariat to organize and international multi-religious and multi-cultural youth meeting to create and encourage an atmosphere for religious and cultural tolerance among young people.
- mandates the Secretariat to develop programmes to help the understanding and tolerance of cultural and religions.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

- recognizes the International Year for Indigenous People this year, 1993
- recognizes the special needs, cultures and rights of all indigenous peoples.
- calls upon all governments to recognize people and for the provision of services and opportunities for indigenous people to play an active and meaningful part in the life of all communities.

- mandates the WAY Secretariat to work with the Secretariat of the International Year of Indigenous People.

The Administrative Commission

The Administrative Commission examined administrative aspects of WAY including: the operation of the WAY Secretariat, staff needs and how they can be met, budgets and accounts, membership fees, WAY Charter and By-Laws, Internships and Housing.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

Resolution from the Women's Group

A women's special interest group was convened by delegates and recommended that a women's issues group should be included in future Assembly agendas. Discussion then occurred, suggesting that this group be not only for women on women's issues but rather based on gender issues for everyone.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

The following resolutions were passed by the Assembly:

- All future WAY publications contain a women's page.
- In preparation for the 1995 UN Women's Conference to be held in Beijing, the WAY Secretariat be directed to assist in the organisation of Regional Women's Conferences. The Secretariat should contact the appropriate body in each region by 1 August 1993. Delegations of young women from each region will be nominated to represent their region at the 1995 UN Women's Conference to ensure that young women's issues are adequately addressed.
- WAY require the Executive to make contact with the United Nations in order to encourage the participation of women in peacemaking processes throughout the world. Women and children are the victims of war, however their voice is seldom heard. Women must be involved in all international mediations as a natural part of the peacemaking process.

FUTURE DIRECTION OF WAY

The Assembly urged WAY to work in the new areas mentioned in the Secretary General Report to the Assembly. The Assembly asked WAY to diversify its current workload. Other comments and suggestions regarding future activities of WAY included: to look at countries affected by wars and/or national disasters, the recognition that development programmes need to continue and grow, that political and development work should go hand in hand, and that the Secretariat requires an increase in support, especially more staff to achieve more.

Executive Committee should develop regional plans and four year plans. It was noted that WAY can do much to assist young people to go beyond this Assembly and that WAY cannot give directives to youth organisations but can encourage all political youth organisations to join and work better together in a more cohesive fashion.

WAY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following were elected to the WAY Executive Committee:

President

Datuk Mohd li Bin Rustam (Malaysia)

Secretaru General

Mr Heikki Pakarinen (Finland)

Treasurer

Mr Lydon C Berry (St Kitts)

Vice Presidents

Mr Stig Fog Jensen (Denmark)

Ms Mure Carmen (Bolivia)

Mr Jefferson D Kirton (Barbados)

Ms Ngamau-O-Rongo (Cook Islands)

Revd N. N. Nanyak (Nigeria)

Executive Members

Ms Rambha Gobin (Mauritius)

Mr Ravi Narayan (India)

Mr Nelson Eddy (Indonesia)

Mr Anwar Maolad Thibam (Iraq)

Mr Albert Otruba (Slovakia)

The Executive Committee was mandated by the Assembly to fill one position.

Appendix I AGENDA

April 6

1430 - 1600 hrs Session I

Opening Remarks by WAY President,

- Mr Ole Lovig Simonsen

Messages:

- Hon'able Minister of Youth of Sierra Leone, Col Murrey Conteh
- Mr Amr Chaleb, Chief of Youth Unit, UNCDHA
- Mr Arthur Gillette, Director Youth & Sport, UNESCO
- Ms Rosie Dunn, CENYC
- Mr Ricard Torrell, IUSY
- Hon'able Fuad Hassan AYC

Adoption of Agenda

Election of Credentials Committee

Adoption of WAY Report

Adoption of Financial Report

Amendments to the Charter

Announcement of Nominations of Officebearers

- One President
- Five Vice Presidents
- One Secretary General
- One Treasurer
- Six Other Members

1630 - 1730 hrs Session II

Formation of Commissions

April 7

1000 hrs Session III

Report from the Credentials Committee

Commissions' Meeting

- Development
- Political
- Administration

1430 hrs Session IV

Report from Commissions

Discussion and Adoption of Resolutions

(Continuation)

Session VI

Adoption of Future Programmes and Work Plan

Adoption of Budget

Session VII

Election of Ne Office Bearers

Closing Remarks

1930 - 2000 hrs Farewell Dinner hosted by Hon. Dato' Sabariddin bin Chik, Minister for Culture, Arts and Tourism Malaysia at Nirwana Ballroom, Kuala Lumpur Hilton

Appendix II
Secretary General's Report

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) has made steady progress in 1988-92. One of the major achievements of the years was receiving financial assistance from the World Bank and re-establishing working relations with the Council of European National Committees (CENYC) in Europe. The number of WAY programmes and members have increased during this period. The World Youth Award function in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia was yet another milestone in the history of WAY.

The WAY General Assembly in Karlslunde, Denmark in 1998 was instrumental in strengthening the organisation. Fifty-five countries sent their delegates to attend and the associated workshop also included representatives from Europe. The Assembly presented possibilities of receiving funds from the United States Agency of International development (USAID) as well as new avenues of cooperation within the Middle East.

1990 was also the year of new political realities in Europe which resulted in WAY being able to enter formally forbidden countries, i.e. Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Mr Niels Elberling of the European Confederation of Youth clubs (ECYC) and a member of the Danish WAY Committee visited the USSR and made a number of contacts with various youth organisations and the Vienna European Youth Workshop on AIDS was attended by several Eastern European countries. These countries are looking for financial and resource support.

As previously mentioned, WAY has re-established a working relationship with CENYC. Mr Ole Lovig Simonsen, President of WAY, was instrumental in initiating discussions with the Danish Youth Council (DUF) who in turn helped organise a meeting with CENYC. This meeting was attended by Mr Shiv Khare and Niels Elberling of WAY, Mr Anders Ladekarl, Secretary General of DUF and Ms Rachel Kyte, Secretary General of CENYC. Discussions centered on areas which may present obstacles in mutual cooperation. The WAY delegation clarified several issues and an exchange of information, especially through publications and attending each other's meetings was agreed on, hence building stronger relations and together exploring areas of common interest.

As a result of this meeting and subsequent contact with DUF, WAY was invited to the CENYC General Assembly in Dublin. The WAY delegation included Mr Ole Lovig Simonsen, Mr Shiv Khare and Ms Mona Langballe. The adopted CENYC Programmes for 1990-1992 included maintaining relationships with WAY. This meeting was followed by a meeting with Mr Jens Christiansen, Vice President of CENYC and Mr Lars Høgh Hansen, International Secretary of DUF, Mr Lovig Simonsen and Mr Khare represented WAY and discussed concrete ways and means of further strengthening the relationship of cooperation including a greater role for DUF in WAY affairs.

WAY invited CENYC to attend the WAY Executive Committee meeting in Montreal hosted by Canada World Youth, and Mr Lars Høgh Hansen represented CENYC. The Executive Committee decided to appoint a committee to review the WAY Charter to suggest amendments to enable WAY to confront the new realities facing youth movements today. The Review Committee suggested certain amendments, primarily making WAY a platform of National Youth Councils only and removing other definitions of full membership. It also made provisions to provide Consultative status to regional youth structures who have 'NYC' as a base. The Executive Meeting in London approved these amendments.

NORDIC COUNTRIES BECOME MEMBERS

These amendments encouraged confidence in WAY as a platform also for NYC's of Europe, resulting several NYC inviting the WAY Secretary General to their Executive Committee meetings to provide detail information about WAY and its programmes. The Danish Youth Council was first to apply for full members in WAY, followed by Sweden, Iceland and Finland. CENYC, in its General Assembly in Paris unanimously decided to seek consultative membership of WAY. Several other NYC may also join WAY soon.

This now brings an end to 20 years of separation of the NYC's of Europe and WAY. This is a historic opportunity for WAY, whose NYC's from North-South, East-West will come together at one platform irrespective of their size and economic strength.

WAY currently enjoys close working relations with several UN agencies especially the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organisation (WHO), the World Bank, and to some extent with the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) of the UN. We need to further strengthen our relations with FAO, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), who are providing assistance to NGO's. We should also begin negotiations with USAID for support to "Women in Development", as well as AIDS prevention programmes for youth.

REGIONAL REPORTS

ASIA

The Prime Minister of Malaysia WAY World Youth Award function held in Kuala Lumpur, in 1991 was an outstanding and memorable event attended by 600 local guests and 40 foreign youth representatives including the Prime Minister of Malaysia who donated the Trophy. This has given WAY a new image in Asia. The 1992 World Youth Award will be even more successful. Efforts are being made to obtain UN recognition for the Award.

The International Youth Workshops on Co-operatives, also in Kuala Lumpur, in August 1990 attracted the interest of the ILO through a joint project to survey the current level of youth cooperation in Asia. A programme to increase the participation of youth councils in co-operatives is being considered by ILO. The International Co-operatives Alliance (ICA) is also interested in youth related programme.

The Safe Motherhood Action Research Project in Bangladesh was approved, but did not immediately commence due to problems with the Jatiyo Tarun Sangha. The project was only recently commenced.

The Lahore Asian Workshop on Leprosy was very successful. Several national level projects were identified. This workshop was the first one in a long time which WAY organized in Pakistan.

Apart from Pakistan and Malaysia, the Secretary General visited Japan and China. In Japan, discussions were held on the possibility of hosting the World Youth Assembly on Health and Development. Discussions are being continued to explore potential areas of support. The National Council of Japan expressed its inability to host this event due to lack of resources, but the Youth department within the Prime Minister's Office showed interest.

WAY conducted regional events in Lahore (Pakistan) Hosted by the All Pakistan Youth Federation and Goa (India) hosted by Indian Committee of Youth Organizations and IPOH (Malaysia) hosted

by Malaysian Youth Council. WAY also was represented at the Asia Youth Council (AYC) General Assembly at Tokyo.

WORLD YOUTH AWARD

One of the most important achievement is the World Youth Award and the Prime Minister of Malaysia Trophy for the Award. The first Award function was preside by the Hon. Prime Minister himself and the selection Committee for the second Youth Award includes the Chief of the UN Youth Office, and the Director of the Youth Division UNESCO. This Award is becoming another milestone in the progress of WAY.

AFRICA

WAY has always given special importance to the African continent, not because of its size but because of the problems of oppression and exploitation by interested parties. In the past, mainly population and development related activities were conducted. Now WAY is also conducting health-related activities such as a narrative research on Adolescent Health in six countries of East Africa, an African workshop on AIDS, and a manager's workshop on narrative research in Zambia and Kenya. WAY also conducted the World Bank supported regional workshop in Ghana in order to promote working relations with youth NGO's, national governments an UN agencies at the local level.

WAY membership or contacts are present in every country in East Africa excluding Angola and Ethiopia. West Africa does not have many democratically constituted national youth councils. Therefore, there are many Associate Members. WAY does not have substantial contact in several West African Countries. The Somalia Revolutionary Youth Council and Liberian Federation of Youth are no longer functioning as a result of change of governments.

The Secretary General visited Kenya, Zambia, Ghana and Cameroon. Discussions were held with affiliates as well as with governments youth department and ministries. There is a need for the democratization of some NYC's in East Africa and the development of NYC's in West Africa.

CARIBBEAN

Three regional and one national course were organized in the Caribbean region. It has been requested that WAY should conduct more activities in this region and support some of the national level activities. WAY maintains close working relations with the Caribbean Youth Congress, a body of political party youth wings. Some of the youth councils' existence in the Caribbean fluctuate. WAY should closely monitor the development of youth councils in the region. The presence of several NYC from this region at the Assembly is an indication of WAY contacts.

LATIN AMERICA

Substantial gains were made in Latin and Central America due to Spanish speaking staff in the Secretariat. One regional and one sub-regional course were attended by all the countries in the region. Progress was made in enrolling members, however, more work needs to be done. Latin and Central America are the areas where NYC's need to be promoted further. WAY is currently working with IPPF on their "Youth to Youth" programmed which is being conducted in Columbia. WAY should also seek to work with the Nordic Youth Councils in the region as they are helping to develop and support National Youth Councils in this area. New contacts with Bolivia, Chili, Uruguay, and Nicaragua NYC are being developed.

The Secretary General and WAY Programmed Director visited Guatemala, Uruguay, Argentina, Ecuador, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Peru where they made useful contacts.

PACIFIC

WAY has also given special attention to the small island countries within the Pacific region as mandated by the WAY Assembly and has relations with all major island NYC's. The Pacific is one area where WAY conducted at least one event each year. A regional event is currently being planned. There have been a few changes in Australia and a new coordinating body has been established, known as Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition (AYPAC), which has applied for full membership. New Zealand currently does not have a NYC.

ENVIRONMENT

The environment, with youth participation as a theme, has been a major programme area for WAY. The 1988 WAY General Assembly theme was "Population, Environment and Development" at which WAY campaigned to involve youth organizations in environmental programmes. Since then, tree planting has become part of all WAY events. Youth from different parts of the world have also become involved in environmental education programmes. Poster and essay competitions were organized in cooperation with national newspapers in Kenya, India and Sri Lanka. These have helped to create a greater awareness among youth at the grass roots level.

Special national training course were organised in Asia, the Pacific and the Caribbean related to the issue of the environment and resources, population and health. WAY has received the UNEP 500 honour for work in this area.

The WAY President has been instrumental in the WAY environment cause due to his commitment to the environment issues. He is the official Parliamentary spokesperson for the Danish Centre of Our Common Future. Having such a crusader for the environment has enabled WAY to benefit from his leadership in promoting environmental issues as a major programme area.

WAY became a member of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) to strengthen its non-format education components and to make it available to youth organisations. Unfortunately, the non-format education segment of IUCN is very weak and WAY has not been able to make a significant impact.

The 1988 WAY Assembly in Karlslunde, Denmark; the International Youth Workshop on Population Resources and Development was attended by fifty countries. The Baghdad International Symposium on the Environment and Resources were steps to strengthen the NYC's' involvement in environment-related programmes.

WAY also worked towards the Brazil Earth Summit in 1992 during which there were two youth events. WAY also attended the Preparatory committee meetings of UNCED in Geneva, and NYC affiliates attended the regional consultations.

WAY was the member of the preparatory Committee of the Costa Rica Youth Conference on environment and Development to provide youth input to the main conference in Brazil. WAY affiliates from India was also the regional focus point for the Youth 92.

WAY will continue to work to involve National Youth Councils in Environment Programmes. There is a need to work closer with UNEP. WAY is a member of International Union of Conservation of Nature, Mr Ole Simonsen has been appointed to the advisory Committee of their Information, Education and Communication Programme.

POPULATION

WAY continues to work towards youth involvement in population related programmes. A Latin American youth and population workshop was organised in Piriapolis, Uruguay which was attended by national level youth organisations from all Latin American countries. It was the first regional event in Latin America after a long period of time, and it opens new contacts in several countries. A Cuban representative from IUS was also in attendance.

A 1990 youth population wall chart has been published in English, French, and Spanish. The same type chart was produced in 1985 and was well received. A twenty-minute film on successful youth and population projects has been made as has a training kit on youth population for youth leaders. Both of these projects were funded by UNFPA. A new four-year plan for national level activities needs to be submitted to UNFPA soon. WAY has conducted Regional events in the area of Population (see under list of activities)

WAY has had a very useful working relationship with **Population Concern, UK** since 1984. They have supported several national and regional level training courses and WAY has also had the benefit of Ms Rajamani Rowley, Director of Population Concern as a resource person in some of WAY's programmes. WAY hopes to work continue this working partnership on long-term projects, and young women's training courses.

ADOLESCENT HEALTH

WAY began collaborating with the Division of Family Health of WHO in 1984, and since then the cooperation has extended to several units in WHO. WAY Secretary General, Mr Shiv Khare is a member of the Task Force of the Steering Committee on Adolescent Health, WHO and also attended meetings of the Steering Committee on Adolescent Health, WHO.

WAY, in cooperation with the Adolescent Health Programme (ADH) of WHO, conducted a youth-to-youth survey on adolescent health in Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Malawi, and Tanzania. The methodology used included youth leaders preparing a questionnaire on the basis of a real life story. The questionnaire were then distributed by the youth leaders through group discussions. Results were discussed at a survey managers' workshop organized by WAY and ADH plan to analyze the results in order to help establish programmes to meet the needs of youth in these countries.

HEALTH EDUCATION

WAY has made efforts to provide an insight into the reasons for educating youth for their own benefits. Regional workshops and training courses were organised in Arusha, Tanzania, New Delhi, India; Bamako, Mali; Lisbon, Portugal and Barbados.

LEPROSY

WAY, with encouragement from WHO, established contacts with AHM-Leprosy Relief Organisation in Munich, Germany and initiated a programme to involve youth organisations in

leprosy control. As a result of the Nairobi regional workshop, the Munich International symposium and the Lahore Asian regional workshop, some national activities are now being undertaken. There is also a possibility of cooperation in the Latin American regions.

AIDS PREVENTION

WAY was quick to respond to the needs of youth education in AIDS prevention. The Global Programme on AIDS (GPA) of the WHO provided support and technical assistance for WAY programmes including; the Chicago International Youth Service Conference, USA; the African regional workshop in Yaounde, Cameroon; the Caribbean regional workshop in Barbados the European regional workshop in Vienna, Austria; and the Asian workshop in GOA, India. WAY also worked with the Health Education Centre in Utrecht, the Netherlands and the WHO Collaborating Centre in Munich, Germany on AIDS prevention.

Also, WAY attended the International Education Conference in Yaounde, Cameroon and the NGO Conference in Paris, France. Currently WAY is working the WHO Regional Office for South East Asia(SEARO) and the WHO/PAN American Health Organisation (PAHO) on AIDS prevention programmes.

WAY needs to develop a detailed strategy for youth and AIDS. An occasional newsletter - "Youth AIDS Update" has been published from time to time.

DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

WAY has been encouraging youth councils to work in the field of drug abuse control. Two regional consultations in Lahore and Nairobi indicated their interest in this area. The UN Drug Abuse Fund has twice given a small amount of support. The Fund has since been recognized. There is a need to have programme discussions with them. WHO has also established a new programme which focuses on demand reduction, and WAY has initiated discussion with them.

YOUTH IN THE SERVICE OF CHILDREN

In collaboration with UNICEF and approximately 20 international youth networks, WAY participated in the Youth NGO Round Table for Children in Geneva in September 1990. The Round Table was part of the world initiative for children's rights as part of the World Summit for Children held in New York and attended by over 70 Heads of State or Government. WAY has a delegation representing 25 different countries and also on the consultative group of organisers. As a follow-up, an action kit was developed by members of the youth NGO consultative group which is a resource guide providing information on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, project proposal development, advocacy for children and an international directory of youth NGOs.

STREET YOUTH

WAY is a founding member of CHILDSHOPE, an agency working for street children and youth. Street youth are a growing problem, and NYC's and NYO's should address this issue by highlighting the situation and by working closely with UNICEF. WAY has had an ongoing dialogue with CHILDSHOPE and UNICEF as to how NYCs can promote programmes for street youth.

NEW AREAS

More attention needs to be devoted to community and rural development; leadership training and project development skills training. Programmes for young women is also an area for future exploration.

SOCIO-POLITICAL ADVOCACY

As indicated at the Karlslunde WAY Assembly, WAY has encouraged discussion on non-violence as a method for change. WAY has also made its position on apartheid, human rights, and democracy clearly known. There is much more that need to be done in the area of socio-political advocacy.

DEMOCRACY

A review needs to be conducted of the democratic system and government control of the NYC's and youth organisation. The situation of government control is becoming serious in Africa and the Pacific, whereas Asia has largely democratically elected NYC's. WAY needs to take a stand and have open dialogue with the appropriate authorities.

WAY & UN AGENCIES

WAY is a member of several UN related committee, and is invited to attend a number of their meetings. For example, WAY is a member of the Coordinating Committee of NGOs with UN status (CONGO); the Geneva Informal Meetings (GIM); the UNESCO Youth Consultation (elected to the Steering Committee); the UNESCO NGO Consultation; the UNESCO NGO Committee and the WHO Task Force of the Steering Committee on Adolescent Health. WAY also has representatives in Vienna, Geneva, Bangkok, New York and Nairobi to maintain liaisons with the specialized agencies and regional offices. WAY's representatives in Paris and New York have provided excellent support.

UN YOUTH FORUM

The Youth Unit of the UN Centre of Social Development and Human Affairs (UNCSDHA) organised the UN Youth Forum in Vienna from 27-19 May 1991. Unfortunately, the Youth Unit had no funds to service the meeting, therefore WAY provided support to NYC for developing countries to attend the forum. This also provided an opportunity for WAY and CENYC to work together in a productive active way.

WAY is also making efforts to inform and educate NYC's to organise special programmes for the 10th Anniversary of IYY.

WAY'S FINANCIAL SITUATION

WAY does not have core funding for administration and therefore there is always a shortage of staff. WAY must negotiate and accept funds from agencies who offer minimal influence. The 1988 Karlslunde Assembly removed the restrictions of receiving funds from USAID or any other US Government funding agencies.

There is also a need to organise leadership training courses to educate and train youth leaders in developing NYC's.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

WAY has now organised the General Assembly of WAY for 1993 to provide the mandate for the next four years. Institutional development of NYC/NYO's and development of management skills for the leadership of NYC/NYO's should be a focus of WAY activities. WAY should also make special

efforts to promote the participation of young women in the NYC/NYO's, especially in Africa. Development should continue to be a theme of WAY programmes.

WAY is now being accepted in Europe as a global forum of Youth and with the cooperation from European youth institutions, WAY should work towards the democratization of youth organisations and also persuade governments to allow free and independent National Youth Councils. The tendency to set up and run national youth councils is growing in governments in Africa and the Pacific and in some countries of Asia. The major task for the future leadership of WAY will be for the Executive Committee to educate these governments and the National Youth Organisations that independent and democratic coordinating bodies of youth organisations is essential for the development of the countries.

OUR THANKS

WAY extends its thanks to the UNFPA, WHO, World Bank, Australian Overseas Development, and Population Concern for their support and special thanks to the Danish Youth Council and CENYC for their support and understanding.

Shiv Khare
General Secretary
World Assembly of Youth

ACTIVITIES

1992

Malaysia	The World Youth Award
Bangladesh	Action Research Programme on IEC Activities for Young Mothers
India	National Training Course on Youth Leadership
Zimbabwe	National Training Course for Youth Leaders in Population and Development Project Management
Barbados	Sub-Regional Training Workshop on Young Women in Population and Development
Mauritius	National Training Workshop for Young Women on Literacy, Adult Education and Population
Malaysia	Asian Regional Youth Population and Resource Workshop

1991

Zimbabwe	National Workshop on Population, Workshop on Population & Project Management
Gambia	National Leadership Training course in Population and Development Management
India	Inter country Workshop on Youth Mobilisation for AIDS Prevention
Bangladesh	Safe Motherhood Action Research Project
Pakistan	Inter country Workshop on Youth in Uganda, Population and Environment Awareness
WHO	WHO Task Force
Canada	WAY Executive Committee Meeting

Austria	United Nations Youth Forum. Helped organise by providing Third World participants
England	Participated in the IPPF Youth to Youth Programme Steering Committee
Switzerland	Participated in the UNCED Preparatory Committee Meeting
Romania	Participated in the 17th UNESCO Collective Consultation of Youth NGO's
USA	Participated in the UNFPA Youth Consultations
Austria	Participated in the Drafting Committee Meeting of the UN World Youth Programme
England	WAY Charter Review and Executive Committee Meeting

1990

Uruguay	Latin American Regional Workshop on Population Health & Development
Kenya	Adolescent Health Survey Meeting
Ecuador	Andean Youth Workshop to Provide Skills in Communication and to Develop Health Messages
Ghana	Inter country Workshop of Youth NGO's and Government to promote Adolescent Reproductive Health
Bangladesh	Inter country Workshop on Youth Involvement in Leprosy Control
Iraq	International Youth Symposium on Development and Environment organised with NUISY
Malaysia	World Youth Award Presentation Ceremony
Switzerland	Youth NGO Round Table for Children with UNISCEF
The Netherlands	European Meeting on AIDS and Organised Youth

1989

Germany	International Youth Workshop on Leprosy & Health
Solomon Islands	Sub Regional Training Workshop on Development, Management & Leadership Skills
Fiji	Pacific Regional Workshop on Youth Counselling & Adolescent Reproductive Health
India	Inter country Workshop on Youth Involvement in Health Development
Portugal	European Regional Workshop on Youth & Health Development for All
Suriname	Caribbean Regional Young Women's Training Workshop on Health Development
Grenada	National Training Workshop on Youth Participation in Development
Cameroon	Inter country Youth Consultation on AIDS prevention
Vienna	European Regional Workshop on Youth, Sex, Drugs and AIDS
Barbados	Caribbean Regional Youth Workshop on AIDS Prevention & Development
Malawi	Consultative Meeting on Identifying Family Life Needs
Uruguay	Latin American Youth Workshop on Population, Health & Development
Switzerland	WHO Technical Discussions on Youth & Health World AIDS Day
WHO	Six East African Countries National Adolescent Health Survey

1988

Denmark	International Youth Workshop on Population Development - Environment
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Zambia	Sub Regional Youth Training Workshop in Survey Methodology
Kenya	African Regional Youth Workshop on Leprosy
Nepal	National Youth Counselling Workshop
Mali	Regional Youth & Development Workshop
Somalia	National Youth Workshop on Population & Environment
Malawi	Consultation on Family Life Education
Suriname	Regional Young Wmen's Workshop
Grenada	National Training Course
Solomon Islands	Development Mangement & Leadership Skills
Switzerland	International Youth Leadership Colloquium
USA	International Youth Services on AIDS & Drugs
India	National Consultation on Youth & Drugs
USA	International Conference on Drug Abuse and AIDS Prevention Programmes, with WHO. WAY sponsored developing countries participation from Africa, Caribbean and Central America

PUBLICATIONS

1. **WAY Information** - A bi-monthly bulletin of WAY Activities
2. **Youth Round-up** - An International Youth Press Service published 10 times a year
3. **Youth and Family Planning Booklet**
4. **WAY Booklet** - The background of the World Assembly of Youth
5. **Youth and Leprosy** - Report of the 1988 African Regional Workshop
6. **Reports on Workshops conducted by WAY** (Colombo, Aalborg, Fiji, and the Maldives)
7. **The Worlds Youth : a Profile**
8. **Posters** on Health, Drugs Abuse, Environment, Population, Development and Literacy
9. **Youth and Family Life Education** - training Kit (Funded) 1992
10. **Successful Youth and Development** - Film Project (Funded) 1992

INTERN PROGRAMME

The intern programme began in 1986 to offer young people the opportunity to train and obtain hands on experience in the youth and/or development area. The programme offers a minimum of two positions for a period of 6 to 12 months and is based at the Copenhagen Office. Interns are full participants of the WAY workload and have helped organise and run workshops, written and researched for the World Press Service and assisted with the organisation of World Assemblies. Interns have been involved in every facet of the work WAY does.

Appendix III

Messages to the 12th WAY Assembly

UNITED NATIONS



NATIONS UNIES

SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MESSAGE
TO THE 12TH WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

Kuala Lumpur, 3 - 7 April, 1993

I am sorry that I cannot be with you in Kuala Lumpur to attend this twelfth World Assembly of Youth. I send warm greetings to the Prime Minister of Malaysia, His Excellency Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad.

It is also my pleasure to greet the President of the World Assembly of Youth, Mr. Ole Lovig Simonsen; and I greet the member organizations, and all those who have come to participate in this Assembly.

The end of the bipolar era has ushered in new opportunities for international cooperation. The nuclear arms race no longer poses the threat to the planet which it once did; ideological barriers to international cooperation have come down. The challenge today is to build new systems of international cooperation, based on the United Nations Charter, so that the countries and peoples of the world can tackle together, in a cooperative spirit, the many and serious issues the world faces. I believe that young people and their organizations have an important contribution to make the process of building new approaches to international cooperation.

We need new ideas and new concepts. We need to end the compartmentalized divisions of the past and form a new, integrated vision of peace and progress, encompassing international peace and security, economic and social development, democracy, and respect for human rights. To see this process through will require imagination, creativity and generosity - qualities which young people possess in abundance.

Since its inception, the work of the World Assembly of Youth and the principles guiding its work have been followed with interest and sympathy by the United Nations. WAY has been seen as a symbol of peaceful cooperation among young people across national and ideological barriers, transcending differences of culture and creed. The cooperation of WAY with the United Nations during the celebration of International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace, in 1985, was greatly valued.

Preparations are now under way for International Youth Year in 1995. We are looking forward to WAY's contribution to the preparation of the Year. The commemoration of the tenth anniversary will provide an opportunity to renew efforts to improve the situation of young people worldwide. This can be done by developing targets and goals and by taking innovative concrete steps to raise interest in and awareness of the concerns of youth throughout the world.

The Commission for Social Development recently considered a draft World Youth Programme of Action Towards the Year 2000 and beyond, which will go before the General Assembly in 1995.

The interests, concerns and rights of young people must be an important concern of the United Nations. But the United Nations can also draw on the energy and idealism of youth, and on the vision of young people for a futer, and better, world.

Boutros Boutros-Ghali
United Nations



**Message of Dr. Nafis Sadik
Executive Director
United Nations Population Fund
to
the 12th World Assembly of Youth
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 3-7 April 1993.**

On behalf of UNFPA I would like to congratulate the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) for organizing this 12th World Assembly of youth organizations from all over the world. It is both a pleasure and an honour for me to participate through this message in this important gathering of world youth organizations and to share with you some thoughts on youth empowerment and participation in national development, a subject that is of great concern to me personally, to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and to all of you gathered here today.

Young people in all countries are confronted with global concerns, those that deal with war, justice and survival of the poor and disadvantaged, and the fragility of the environment. Along with the concern for technological exploitation of natural resources which is threatening the ecosystem, there is also an increasing awareness about the dangers of too rapid population growth and uneven population distribution. World population has more than doubled during the last forty years to become 5.6 billion today, from a little over 2.5 billion in 1950. World population is growing faster than ever before, with over 90 million added every year. Overall, the youth population, that is people aged 15 to 24 totalled 1.5 billion in 1992 or 28 percent of world population. More than 82 percent of them live in developing countries.

Meeting the various needs of this large number of young people, the parents of the next generation, is a formidable challenge. These young women and men must be given every opportunity to develop their full potential, to participate in the community and society, and to be free to make choices. They must learn how to plan their own lives, including how to plan for and rear healthy children. Early parenthood, for both girls and boys but particularly for girls, may seriously limit their social and educational development and the ability to achieve full status in society. Pregnancy and childbearing at too early an age places both the young mother and her infant at much greater risks of death and illness.

In many cultures, young women are encouraged to marry and have children early. Yet adolescent childbearing has serious health, social, demographic and economic consequences. From the health point of view, the single greatest health risk young women in developing countries face after they reach puberty is childbirth. Maternal death among women aged 15-19 is twice as high as among those aged 20-24. At the same time, infants born to mothers under 20 are less likely to survive than others. The first child of a teenage mother is 80 percent more likely to die than the second or third child of a woman aged 20-24. The tragedy is that this situation can be prevented by delaying women's first pregnancies. Also, a large proportion of the estimated 50 to 60 million abortions every year are to adolescents.

In terms of demographic implications, early childbearing often means larger families which, together with shorter time spans between generations, contribute to rapid population growth, which in turn, in societies with limited natural resource bases, often contributes to the precarious balance between population and environment as a social and economic issue, adolescent fertility generally is a roadblock to girls' and women's educational achievement, to their status, and to their full participation in the development of the community. It narrows their life option.

Along with issues related to early childbearing, we must not forget the millions of children and youth who are marginalized, living in the streets, or otherwise deprived. Current population projections indicate that the majority of urban population in developing countries will be youth in the decades ahead. Urban youth already face many problems, including drug abuse, violent crimes, and the desperation of trying earn a living in crowded slums and polluted environment.

Unless countries plan to provide these youth with education, health and family planning services, they will produce more children into countries ever more crowded and burdened.

In UNFPA's works with young people, we encourage them to be actively involved, and aim to empower them to make decisions and choices concerning all aspects of their lives. Our youth projects mainly involve education and communication, dealing with, for example, population growth, family life, sexuality, peer counselling and family planning.

In funding such projects, UNFPA works closely with other organizations in the United Nations system, such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and also with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) like the scout movement, multi-purpose youth groups of political or religious organizations, the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and the World Assembly of Youth (WAY).

UNFPA has among others assisted youth-related NGOs in the collection and dissemination of population-related information and training activities for youth workers and youth leaders. These activities have included workshops and seminars and support of preparation and distribution of population publication. For example, UNFPA has provided support for Youth Preparatory Activities for the World Population Year (1974); a Workshop on Teen Parenthood in the Caribbean (1987); Pacific Region Workshops on Youth Population and Environment in the Cook Islands (1988); and, the ongoing interregional and global action programmes for the World Assembly of Youth (WAY).

We, at UNFPA, are pleased to have been associated with the work of WAY to promote youth empowerment, participation and involvement in national development. We hope to continue to strengthen our cooperation with you in the years ahead and wish you every success in your deliberations as well as in the implementation of you future programme of work.

Thank you.

“On the occasion of the Twelfth World Assembly, I should like to congratulate the World Assembly of Youth on its accomplishments.

At the present time more than half the people of the world are younger than 25 years of age, and about a third, 1.5 thousand million people, are between the ages of 10 and 24. These young people constitute a great resource for all societies but for them to lead constructive and fulfilling lives, and to avoid risks to their health, in the present and in the future, they need both support and opportunity. Changing conditions in the world, including rapid urbanization, the expansion of telecommunication across cultural and geographical boundaries, increasing migration and tourism, greater access to harmful substances and a decline of the family, have to lead to changes in the behavior of young people which put them at risk. These include new patterns of sexual behavior, the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs and an increase in some kinds of accidental and intentional injury. Health problems among the young are related to the advent of AIDS as well as an increase in sexually transmitted diseases and include also the continuing problem of adolescent pregnancy, excessive risk-taking often associated with alcohol or drug use, and long term problems such as cancer, cardiovascular disease and respiratory illness arising from tobacco or alcohol use which often begins in adolescence. In addition, there continue to be problems of communicable diseases and malnutrition, especially where poverty is endemic.

But while some problems are, so is our understanding of the value of young people as a resource in their own right. Following the technical Discussion held during the Forty Second World Health Assembly in 1989, a resolution, WHA 42.41, was adopted on the health of youth, calling on Member States and WHO to work in partnership with nongovernmental organization and young people themselves, in promoting the health of young people throughout the world. The World Assembly of Youth played an important part in those discussions and indeed has been an active partner with WHO for some ten years in a wide variety of activities for and by young people. WHO and the World Assembly of Youth share the belief that young people benefit most when they are a part of the planning, implementation and evaluation of activities meant for their benefit and for their communities. In common with the World Assembly of Youth we place great value on human development and on the spirit of cooperation that exists among the world's many cultures, expressed through their young people.

Again, I commend the accomplishments of the World Assembly of Youth under its able leadership and look forward to our continuing cooperation in promoting the health and development of young people throughout the world.”

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Dear Mr. Simonsen,

I should like to thank you for your letter of 12 January 1993 addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Boutros Boutros – Ghali.

We have been informed that the office of the Secretary-General is in the process of preparing a message for the 12th World Assembly of Youth, which will be held from 3 to 7 April 1993 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Allow me to express our deep appreciation for the long-standing support and cooperation of your organization with the United Nations Youth Programme. In particular, I should like to thank you for the valuable inputs engendered by WAY to the preparations for, and observance of , the tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year (1995).

I look forward to our continued collaboration in the field of youth.

Yours Sincerely

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MESSAGE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIROMENT PROGRAMME

On behalf of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) for its dynamic leadership since 1941 in the field of youth.

In 1998, UNEP honored WAY by giving the global 500 Award in recognition of WAY's outstanding achievements in environmental protection.

We at UNEPO Greatly value our cooperation with WAY through our Youth Outreach Programmme.

The theme of your 12th World Assembly is highly relevant for today's concerns and aspirations.

We are confident that you will continue to meet the challenges of you with the same kind of dedication and commitments. Indeed, every one of us today, especially the youth, is responsible for shaping the destiny of tomorrow's world.

We wish you in success in your deliberations.

Tore J. Brevik
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Dear Mr. Simonsen,

I would like to congratulate the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) on organizing its 12th World Assembly in Kuala Lumpur in April 1993.

Young people represent our best hope for the future. Investing in their health, education and training is fundamental to both economic and social progress in every country.

WAY is playing a valuable role in promoting the development of young people. I can assure you that the World Bank is also committed to investing in this most precious human resource.

I wish you a productive and successful meeting.

Sincerely,

**INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE
GENEVA**

It is indeed a pleasure for a s Director General of the ILO, to offer my organization's encouragement on the occasion of the 12th World Assembly that you are about to hold in Kuala Lumpur, In choosing as the theme for this major event, "New World Order :

Democracy and Development," the World Assembly of Youth is associating itself with the far-reaching reforms taking place around the globe and the hopes of billions of people for a freer and better life. In this spirit I wish to share with you the following thoughts which I hope will a source of inspiration during the days of reflection and debate that representatives of youth organizations from around the world will be devoting to this important set of tissues.

The increasing popularity of the concept of the concept of democracy is in large part due to the that it is identified with a system participation, which is turn holds a key to satisfying people's aspiration. By releasing individual and group initiatives and giving them full play, I am convinced that the democratization process will promote the development of a modern economy.

It is clear, however, that in order to build a more prosperous society based on democracy values, many obstacles have to be overcome. The transition to democracy, often combined with major efforts to achieve economic reform, presents national societies with many challenges. With a view examining this situation, rich in opportunity but also fraught in risk. I chose "Democratization and the ILO" as the theme of my report to the last year's International Labor Conference. Democratic values were enshrined in the ILO's Constitution upon the Organization's establishment in 1919 and have been staunchly upheld ever since. As my report stressed, respect for fundamental human rights , including the principle of non-discrimination, and a tripartite system of labor relations in which the state, employers and workers maintain their independence while striving to reach agreement and solve problems in the common interest, establish a foundation for the democratic process.

I believe that an understanding of the importance of respect for such basic democratic values in germane to the discussions that no doubt will take place in the course of your World Assembly of Youth. But I also wish to underscore another message that figured prominently in my Conference report. "States will not advance towards lasting, peaceful and democratic development unless there are capable of creating sufficient productive and very useful employment". It is all too evident that the frustration and despair caused by widespread unemployment, underemployment and poverty constitute the most serious democratization itself. The expansion of productive , adequately remunerated and freely chosen employment is not only a key requirement for poverty alleviation, it is an important condition for the strengthening of social cohesion.

It is particularly true today that young people hold the key to the future of our societies. Repeatedly we witness how recession and structural change hit youth entrants to the labor market, resulting in sharp increases in youth unemployment, underemployment , and sometimes marginalization that can mark young people for their entire lifetime. It is, therefore, or vital importance to provide young people with adequate initial skills, establish better links between the world of education and training on the one side and the world work on the other and introduce programmes which , through better design and targeting , aim to overcome and , where possible, prevent marginalization. At the same time, the economic and labour market policies as well as the regulatory framework within which societies operate, have to be geared towards encouraging productive investments, the creation of enterprises and jobs as well as properly functioning labor markets. These considerations take on special importance when we address the legitimate aspirations of the young people who will be present in large numbers in Kuala Lumpur and who will no doubt be representing the hopes of countless thousands of other youth from around the world.

The challenges that I have online above arc, of course, enormous. Each institution or set of social actors can make a limited contribution in its sphere of competence. But standing together, guided by a common vision of a better world. I truly believe that we are capable of responding to the needs and aspirations of our young people for meaningful work

and fulfilling lives. I wish to assure you that the ILO remains committed to playing an important role by assisting its member states: (1) to establish a framework of laws and regulations guaranteeing respect for fundamental rights and adequate protection of rights of workers; (2) to promote the creation of productive, income-generating employment and to improve the means of livelihood for the poorest sections of the population; and (3) to extend social protection coverage to hitherto totally unprotected population groups.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to wish you success in your deliberations. By adopting and subsequently applying concrete measures aimed at furthering democracy and development, your World Assembly can significantly contribute to meet the challenges of today and establishing the conditions for a brighter tomorrow.

Your Sincerely,

Michel Hansenne



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24 March 1993

Mr Ole Lovig Simonsen
President, World Assembly of Youth
Copenhagen

Sir,

Subject: 12th World Assembly of Youth

Many thanks for your letter of 12 January 1993 announcing the 12th WAY Meeting to be held in Kuala Lumpur from 3 to 7 April this year.

For over twenty years now, UNV Specialists and Field Workers have been supporting the participation of young people in society and, in particular, their increased participation in development activities. This has been through various modalities e.g. formal education and training of teachers, practical skills training for out-of-school youth and school drop-pouts, leadership skills training for youth leaders, training of youth workers, facilitating youth exchanges, etc. Much of UNV's contribution to youth development is channeled through Youth NGOs and, from this experience, UNV has come to realize the key role played by coordinating bodies of Youth NGOs. Not only do they facilitate the extension of youth work through respective member organizations but, as a collective voice for youth, they also provide considerable weight in the advocacy of youth issues at national as well as at international policy-making levels. UNV has long been aware of the important contribution of the World Assembly of Youth in both domains and would like to convey its sincere congratulations for the work already done as well as its full support of your organization's future planned activities in favour of youth worldwide.

With our wishes for a successful 12th World Assembly of Youth,

Yours sincerely,

Brenda G. McSweeney
Executive Coordinator, UNV

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THE ROYAL
HASHEMITE COURT

March 7, 1993

It gives me great pleasure to address your very important symposium. You have, certainly, chosen a very relevant and timely subject for your deliberations which, I hope, will be productive and comprehensive in its tackling of such a fundamental topic "New World Order: Democracy and Development".

The events of the last four years have, undoubtedly, affected a new balance of power globally. They have, also, led to a shift in people's focus and nations' priorities. However, while old power structures have been redefined, concomitant old modes of thinking, particularly on the part of the principal players have not changed. We only witnessed a transformation from global contest to global hegemony.

Rivalry, competition and the drive for domination still motivate most nations' behavior. Old policies are still pursued through novel means. Democracy is still a dream rather than a reality in many parts of the world. Likewise, development is still handicapped by the shackles of uneven distribution of wealth, economic disparities and disadvantageous world economic structures.

Humanity is today facing great challenges. Poverty, deprivation and oppression are rampant. The gap between the North and South is widening. The spread of weapons of mass destruction can only be halted by serious and genuine efforts on the part of leading powers to deal effectively with the underlying causes of violence and war; a matter which is still lacking.

The United Nations which many small and peace-loving nations have looked for as a beacon of hope has fallen short of people's expectations. Innocent civilian populations in many parts of the world who are threatened by occupation, war, civil strife and ethnic violence look for the World body for some relief. However, its peace-keeping operations, which both Jordan and Malaysia have supported, are hampered by the practice of selectivity.

For all practical purposes, the "New World Order" is more of a slogan than a workable political structure or set of interrelationships between nations predicated on justice, legality and harmony.



The youth of every nation bears a special responsibility in affecting the necessary change toward building their respective societies on sound and viable premises. They are the repository of energy, dynamism and determination as well as unadulterated national attachment. With proper guidance from their visionary elders and respective leaderships they represent the future in its brightest and most promising form.

In Jordan youth associations and organizations play a leading role in the economic, political and social development of the country. They have our full support. There is a separate Cabinet Portfolio for Youth which looks after youth in all domains. I hope that you and your Jordanian counterparts will initiate successful dialogue and mutually beneficial interactions. We are trying to make of Jordan an example for others in the region in terms of respect for human rights, democracy and self-sufficiency.

I wish your meeting every success, and hope it will contribute to a new dawn where democracy and development will be the solid foundations of a real "new World Order".

His Majesty King Hussein I
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

**MESSAGE FROM HIS MAJESTY BIRENDRA BIR BIKRAM SHA DEV,
KING OF NEPAL, TO THE 12TH WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH HELD
IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA FROM 3 TO 7 APRIL 1993**

It gives me pleasure to learn that the 12th World Assembly of Youth is being held in Kuala Lumpur from 3 to 7 April 1993.

The youths constitute an important asset of the nation. Their role in national development and social process is vital. The World Assembly of Youth's endeavor over the years to develop this human resource of great potentialities is noteworthy. Its 12th Assembly provides the youths from all over the world a forum to interact with each other on a topical theme - New World Order: Democracy and Development - which I hope will enable them to contribute more constructively and responsibly to the socio-economic and political development of their respective countries and also the world in general.

I wish the Assembly all success!

Der Bundespräsident

March 26, 1993

Dear Mr. Simonsen,

For more than 40 years, the World Assembly of Youth has been a strong and courageous voice for young people throughout the world in their search for development and justice. By its various programmes, WAY has continuously contributed to the promotion of international understanding and co-operation.

Dedicated to the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to non-violence, WAY always emphasize clearly that young people must have the right to participate in the national and international efforts to cope with the major social, economic and political challenges of our time.

Today, after freeing themselves from authoritarian rule, many countries all over the world are on the way to democracy. Considerable obstacles still remain. They will only be removed, if we - South and North, East and West, do our best to find solutions to the various conflicts threatening the newly gained freedom.

The young generation has played a crucial role in bringing these changes about. The 12th World Assembly of Youth in Kuala Lumpur 1993 will provide a welcome occasion to give expression to the concerns and aspirations of the youth in the world.

I send you my best wishes for a successful outcome of your deliberation.



President
Ole L. Simonsen
Denmark



**MESSAGE FOR THE 12TH WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA
FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT
DR CHEDDI B. JAGAN
PRESIDENT OF THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA**

Dear Friends,

I am greatly pleased to have this opportunity to greet you on the occasion of your 12th World Assembly.

As an International Umbrella Organisation of youth, the WAY has a very crucial role to play in shaping the future of our planet. On this score, I note with deep satisfaction that you have chosen as your theme "NEW WORLD ORDER: Democracy and Development." This is most fitting.

The Youth of our world need a new world order - one in which the remnants of the cold war will be totally removed and violence and tensions will be reduced and ultimately stopped. You are correct in identifying this new world order as one of Democracy and Development.

Democracy is the only true path to development. The absence of democracy in any form hinders progress. It frustrates the youths by killing their initiative and diverting their energies. I look forward to your strenuous efforts for the promotion of democracy everywhere in the world especially where it is suppressed or threatened.

Youth also hold the key to world development. It is the young generation which will tomorrow inherit the results of today's efforts. It is therefore of vital interest to the youth to actively engage in the worldwide struggle to guide the development process in the direction of satisfying the broadest needs of the peoples of our world.

You have a great contribution to make in destroying the drugs menace, in eliminating violence and war, in protecting our environment and in charting the course of sustainable development.

I wish your World Assembly the greatest success. I eagerly await your positive resolutions and stand ready to assist in the realization of our noble objectives.

CHEDDI JAGAN

1993-03-03



THE PRESIDENT OF MALTA

9th February, 1993

The Hon. Ole Lovig Simonsen
President, WAY
Ved Bellahay 4
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Copenhagen
DENMARK

Dear Mr. Simonsen,

I wish to send a message of greetings and good wishes to all those attending the 12th World Assembly of Youth (WAY) in Kuala Lumpur.

I have great confidence in the youths of today, who will take over from us the burdens, the hopes and the opportunities in the years to come.

*With best regards,
Yours sincerely,
Censu Tabone*

CENSU TABONE

President of Malta.

CARLOS SALINAS DE CORTARI
PRESIDENTE CONSTITUCIONAL DE LOS ESTADOS
UNIDOS MEXICANOS

Amigos de la Asamblea Mundial de la Juventud:

El mundo vive profundos cambios que han modificado la forma de convivencia política y económica al interior de las naciones y en las relaciones internacionales. Se han abierto esperanzas para la construcción de un nuevo orden mundial basado en la equidad, la paz y el desarrollo compartido. Sin embargo, el fin de los equilibrios de la segunda posguerra ha despertado voces de intolerancia, tendencias a la fragmentación y viejos conflictos regionales que hoy amenazan la paz y el desarrollo. En lo económico, la formación de zonas económicas regionales que pueden ser un incentivo para un comercio más dinámico, corren el riesgo de convertirse en áreas cerradas al intercambio que fomenten el proteccionismo y la competencia desigual; anuncios de potenciales guerras comerciales.

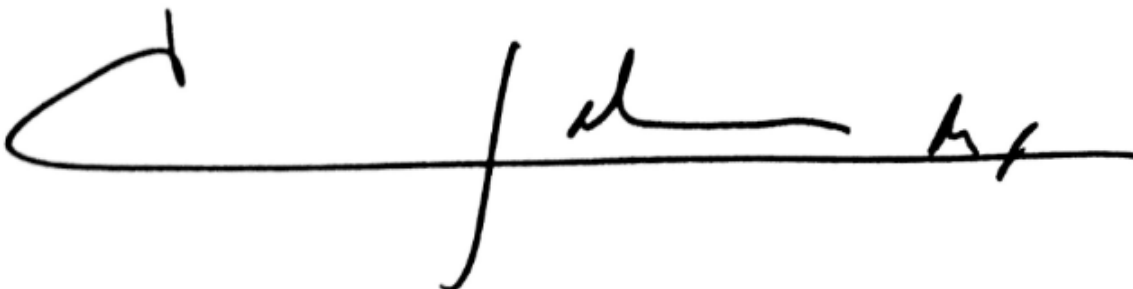
Por ello, es necesario que a nivel mundial y en cada nación amplíemos la demanda por una cultura de tolerancia, de respeto al derecho de gentes, de compromisos con la cooperación y en la búsqueda de un desarrollo más amplio y compartido. Con esta visión de un mundo rejuvenecido en los términos de convivencia, el cambio interno y la cooperación entre las naciones pueden ser dos mecanismos para enfrentar los retos de la humanidad: la paz el desarme, el respeto a los derechos humanos, la lucha contra la pobreza y favor del crecimiento económico con pleno respeto al medio ambiente, la lucha contra el narcotráfico. La batalla es tan grande como valiosa. Sólo el empuje, el sueño de la juventud, puede eliminar la desconfianza en el futuro.

Por eso, la construcción del nuevo orden mundial, reclama de una participación más activa y comprometida de los jóvenes. Muchas naciones, como México, tienen una población mayoritariamente joven, más del 50 por ciento son menores de 18 años; y, por ello, la construcción de mayores horizontes democráticos y de oportunidades tienen en los jóvenes su mayor impulso y su mejor destino. Entre jóvenes hay un dialogo especial, más comprometido, mas libre. Esta es la conversación que WAY propicia. El mensaje a todas las nociones es: formemos juntos el entorno en el mundo y

CARLOS SALINAS DE CORTARI
PRESIDENTE CONSTITUCIONAL DE LOS ESTADOS
UNIDOS MEXICANOS

en cada país para liberar a todos de la enfermedad, de la ignorancia, de los rezagos, de la intolerancia. Participar es comprometerse y es lo que más necesitamos ahora. En la juventud tenemos la señal de nuevos caminos y desafíos; no podemos confiar en un futuro pleno de acción y oportunidades si no trabajamos y atendemos la fuente de nuestra continuidad y crecimiento.

Estoy convencido que los trabajos de esta reunión de la Asamblea Mundial de la Juventud, en donde participan más de 200 organizaciones de jóvenes de todo el mundo, contribuirá a impulsar la participación de la juventud en los procesos de desarrollo al interior de sus propias naciones y en la construcción de un orden mundial en donde impere la justicia, la equidad, los principios democráticos y el respeto al derecho internacional.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carlos Salinas de Cortari', written over a horizontal line.

Republic of Namibia

The President

State House
Windhoek

Ref: 9/7

11 February 1993

Ole Lovig Simonsen
President, Way
(Member of the Danish Parliament
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Copenhagen
DENMARK

Dear Sir

RE: Message of Encouragement

May I thank you for your letter dated 21 January 1993, wherein you requested me for a message of encouragement.

My message to today's young people all over the world is that they must do everything possible to conserve our nature and preserve our environment in order to ensure future for humanity.

I wish you renewed strength in your deliberations.

Sain Nujoma
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA.

MESSAGE

Warmest greetings and best wishes to World Assembly of Youth (WAY), an international coordinating body of National Youth Councils and National Youth Organizations from over 92 countries worldwide.

The staging of WAY's 12th world Assembly participated in by more than 200 youth organizations representing all countries of the world, speaks well of the unity and solidarity of the organization.

Since its founding in 1949, WAY has proved itself worthy of its reputation as the prime mover in youth empowerment, development and leadership around the world.

Its recognition with a consultative status by the United Nations Economic and Social Committee and by the UNESCO, as well as its official relations with UNICEF and other UN bodies, is a clear manifestation of WAY's outstanding qualities and achievements in promoting the interest of the world's youth.

The theme for the 12th Assembly this year, "New World Order: democracy and Development" is a timely and fitting tribute especially to the young peoples of the newly independent and democratic States of Eastern Europe and those of nations in the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics whose aspirations and empowerment had long been without a voice. This new breed leaders are expected to carry on the task of democratic reform in order to sustain and develop their countries' advocacy of peoples' rights and liberties, and lead the march to progress and prosperity.

I am glad to associate myself with the noble objectives of the 12th World Assembly of Youth and take the opportunity to extend my warm congratulations to all its organizers and participants.

I also wish the World Assembly of Youth every success in its continued efforts in uplifting the condition of millions of other young peoples of Asia and Africa in the Third World countries.

MABUHAY!

MANILA

April 3, 1993

Message of Encouragement and Assurances from his Excellency
Mr France Albert Rene, President of the Republic of Seychelles

HIS EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA, DR.
MAHATHIR BIN MOHAMAD,

THE PRESIDENT, WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH AND MEMBER OF
PARLIAMENT OF DENMARK, MR. OLE LOVIG SIMONSEN,

MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS,

DELEGATES TO THE 12TH WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I CONVEY TO YOU WARM GREETINGS FROM THE PEOPLE AND IN
PARTICULAR THE YOUTH OF SEYCHELLES.

IT IS AN HONOUR AND A PRIVILEGE TO ADDRESS A MESSAGE TO THE
12TH WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH, CONVENED ON
THIS REMARKABLE COUNTRY WHERE, I HAVE NO DOUBT, THE
ASSEMBLY WILL RENEW ITS CALL FOR THE YOUTH OF THE WORLD
TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO A GREATER PARTICIPATION IN
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

MR. CHAIRMAN, THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF SEYHELLES ARE FOR THE
FIRST TIME REPRESENTED AT THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH. IT
FOLLOWS CONTACTS MADE WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD
ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH AT A PREVIOUS FORUM HELD IN 1992 AND IS
AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE NEW STRATEGY WE ARE PURSUING IN
THE CONTEXT OF OUR OWN LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

INDEED, SEYCHELLES IS RESPONDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF
THE NEW WORLD, AS ARE SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES, AND IS
PRIVILEGED TO NOTE THAT OUR PEOPLE HAVE GRASPED THE
WISDOM OF RECONCILIATION AND NATIONAL UNITY. THIS WE

BEQUEATH TO THE YOUNG GENERATION WHO WILL TOMORROW,
LEAD THE COUNTRY.

I WISH TO EXPRESS MY PROFOUND CONFIDENCE IN THE YOUTH OF MY COUNTRY AND INVITE ALL LEADERS OF GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES REPRESENTED HERE TO SPARE NO EFFORT TO GIVE OUR YOUTH EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS AND POTENTIALS TO THE MAXIMUM. WE NEED TO BE THERE ALONGSIDE TO GUIDE THEM TO BE INDEPENDENT AND FULLY PREPARED TO ASSUME THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES THAT SURELY AWAIT THEM TOMORROW.

OUR REWARD SHALL BE THE HAPPY AND JOYFUL VOICES OF OUR CHILDREN WHEN WE HAVE GUIDED THEM AWAY FROM THE PITFALLS OF DANGEROUS LIFESTYLES SUCH AS THOSE PRESENTED BY AIDS AND DRUGS

LET OUR RESPECTIVE NATIONS COMMIT OURSELVES TO GIVING OUR YOUTH THE ATTENTION THEY DESERVE. LET US PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. TRULY IF THE DYNAMISM OF YOUTH ARE NOT CHANNELLED INTO THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT, A DEVELOPING COUNTRY IS FALLING TO HARNESS ONE OF ITS MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCES.

IN MY COUNTRY WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO ORGANISE THE YOUTH AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH BETTER OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE TASK OF NATION-BUILDING.

WE ARE ACTIVELY REASSESSING OUR NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY AND TO REVIEW THOSE AREAS WHERE YOUTH PARTICIPATION CAN BE EXPANDED. WE ARE ALSO REVISING OUR NATIONAL YOUTH STRUCTURES TO GIVE AN IMPETUS TO YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND GUIDE THEIR ENERGIES INTO AREAS WHERE THEY ARE LIKELY TO HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT.

THESE ADJUSTMENTS REFLECT THE NEW WORLD ORDER AND MUST PROVIDE ADEQUATE RESPONSES TO THE COMPLEX AND DIVERSE CHALLENGES THAT THE YOUTH OF THE WORLD ARE TODAY FACING.

WE ARE OPTIMISTIC IN THE FACE OF THE GLOBAL AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH IS AN EXAMPLE OF THIS GLOBAL AWARENESS AND A UNITING FORCE WHICH BRINGS THE YOUTH OF VARYING CULTURES TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL SOCIETIES AND THE WORLD SOCIETY AT LARGE.

I WISH THE 12TH WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH EVERY SUCCESS.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE, CDE. R.G. MUGABE, TO THE 12TH WORLD
ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH (WAY) KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

3 – 7 APRIL, 1993

It gives me great pleasures to address the 12th Conference of the World Assembly of Youth gathered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Greetings to all participants.

The theme of your meeting, “New World Order: democracy and Development”, is a particularly appropriate and timely one. Over the years, humanity has constantly striven for the realisation of those two objectives. And as we help give shape to the emerging new world order, we too must strive for the achievement of these twin objectives of democracy and development.

Our world today is beset by many problems. There are the regional conflicts and civil wars that invariably make newspaper headlines. There are the heart-rending instances of human suffering occasioned by both natural and man-made disasters. There is also the misery and degradation of humanity occasioned by perennial poverty, hunger and disease.

According to the 1992 report of the World Food Council, in 1990 over 550 million people were hungry. In 1991 there were 40million people around the world from whom food aid was the only life-line. In 1990, over 40 years since the adoption of the UNESCO charter recognising everyone’s “right to education”, a hundred million children, a least sixty million of them girls, were still without access to primary schools.

At the same time, more than 960 million adults, two-thirds of them women, were illiterate. Similarly, grim statistics can be cited in the other social indicators such as health, housing and sanitation, employment and underemployment, and income distribution and poverty.

The tasks therefore that confront those organisations, such as WAY which aim at building a humane and prosperous world, are immense indeed. Through its emphasis on the participation and involvement of youth and national development, WAY plays a crucial role not only for present but also for the future. The programmes that WAY has supported in the fields of family planning, population, adolescent health, combating drug abuse and spread of AIDS, nutrition, leprosy eradication. Environment, sustainable development and income generation have greatly improved the quality of life of many people here and now. Besides, by engaging the youth in these programmes, WAY has also assisted in creating better citizens and leaders for tomorrow.

The new world order that WAY must strive for should be characterised, as the theme of your meeting states, by democracy and development. It should be an international system permeated through and through, by the ideals of justice and equity. It should be an international system that responds fairly and expeditiously to crises and other breaches to peace, an international system based on equitable international relations. It should be a system where human rights are respected, where man's inhumanity to man is not tolerated.

Indeed I should be a system where poverty, hunger, illiteracy and one similar affronts to human dignity are done away with.

Making the new world order safe for democracy and conducive to development is not going to be easy. But this difficulty of execution does not detract either from the nobility of the goals or from their urgency. Your meeting in Kuala Lumpur is an important aspect of that struggle, and I wish you every success in your deliberations.

Appendix IV **Participants' List**

<i>Country</i>	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Name</i>
Albania	Albanian Youth Federation	Valbona Cela Barahyl Ukcama
Anguilla	Anguilla National Youth Council	Trevor Hodge
Australia	Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition	Paul Turley Linda Whatman Jenifer Rahmony Daele Healey
Bangladesh	Bramha Kumaris Jatiya Tarun Sangha	Peter Connelly Md Borhan Uddin Mohammad Fazlul Haque
Barbados	Barbados Youth Council	Jefferson Kirton
Belize	Belize National Youth Council	Felix Sutherland
Benin	Association Beninoise pour le Development	Joel Houndolo
Bolivia	National Council Bolivian Youth	Maure Carmen
Bostwana	Bostwana National Youth Council	Nonofu Molefhi
Brunei Darussalam	Brunei Youth Council	Hj Abu Baker B Hj Zainal
Burundi	Ministry of Youth and Craft Teaching	Nibona Gervais
Canada	Canada World Youth	Zonny Woods
Chile	National Council of Youth	Jose Seron
China	All China Youth Federation	Guan Ping Jiang
Colombia	Comite Nacional de la Juventud	Javier Zapata

Coromos Islands	National Union of Youth	Akhbar A Saleh
Cook Islands	Cook Islands National Youth Council	Tou Ngamau-O-Rongo
Czech Republic	National Youth Council of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia	Peter Pyscha Radek Novacek Claus Anderson Jonny Tang Stig Fog Jensen Hans Kargaard Thomsen
Fiji	Fiji National Youth Council	Ali Nisar Ahmed
Finland	The Finnish Youth Cooperation Alliance	Heikki Pakarinen
Germany	German National Youth Council	Harald Albert Swik
Ghana	National Youth Organising Commission	Edmond Nawurah
Greece	ESONE, National Youth Council of Greece	Anglis Ilias Angeliki Douni Anthony Papadimitriou
Guatemala	Comite Para Dedarrollo de la Juventud	Hugo Fuentes
Guyana	Georgetown Youth Leaders Council	Ronald Greene
Iceland	National Youth Council of Iceland	Johanna Magnusdottir
India	Indian Committee of Youth Organisation	Ravi Narayan T.K. Sukumaran Ranjit Kumar Pattanaik
Indonesia	Komite Nasional Pemuda Indonesia	Dwie Ria Wenny Nasution Francisco Kalbuadi NelsonEddy Faisal Saleh Oemar Thahir Rizaldi Algamar Irianto Lambrie
Iraq	Iraqi Assembly of Youth	Syuryadi Abidin Ong Anwar Mawlud Thiban

Jamaica	Jamaica National Youth Council	Washington Alcott
Japan	National Council of Youth Organisation in Japan	Shinya Yamamoto
Jordan	The National Union of Jordanian Youth	Omar Aljazy
Kenya	Young Womens Christian Association	Ebisibah Nyanchama Mercy Mutua Arthur Aseka
Korea	The National Council of Youth Organisation in Korea	Kim Jip Young-Jun Park Kwang Sun Cha
Latvia	Latvian Youth Council & Latvian Youth Progress Union	Baiba Latzane
Lesotho	Department of Youth and Womens Affairs	Ernest Ichotso Mpsa
Libya	The World Permanent Organisation	Housni S. Thabi Ayad Elkurdi
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Youth Council of Macedonia	Dragan Panevsui Zoran Kostov Lucisa Popovska Darko Serafimorski
Malawi	Youth and Malawi Young Pioneer	Patrik Chakholoma Mathias Thamusi Chawanangwa W. Nkambule
Malaysia	ABIM	Ahmad Azam Mohd Anuar Tahir
	MCA Youth Malaysia Parti Gerakan Rakyat Majlis Belia W. Persekutuan Majlis Belia Malaysia Majlis Belia Negeri Sembilan	Chang See Tan Saw Ho Hoo Mohd Mustafa b. Latif Md Sirat Abu Mohd Amar b. Mohd Di Arjunan Rethinam Mohamad B Yahya
	MGBM Pemadam Majlis KBBT Malaysia Majlis Belia Malaysia	Md Sh b. Mistam Rosli Abdullah K.M. Krishnan Wan Liz Ozman Wan Omar Hj. Mohd Noor Nordin Khalek Awang Bodayah Harun Abdul Halim Ahmed Ramli b. Mohd Noor Mustaffa Kamil

		Abd. Rahman Palil Abdul. Halim Ahmad Tee Tong Laz Parimelazhagan s/o Ellan Mohd Azmi Abd Hamid Yeow Leong Swee Jan Wing Chan
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Mongolia	Mongolian Youth Federation	
Montserrat	Montserrat National Youth Council	
Morocco	Jeunesse Ouvraire Marocaine	Adbel Majid Bennis Ben Amar Mohamed Mohamed Sadour Simou Wajat Khalafa Fatiha Abbassi Metusalem Hamukwaya
Namibia	SWAPO Youth League	
New Zealand	Ministry of Youth Affairs	Nic Mason
Nepal	National Youth Council of Nepal	Bhuban Pathak
Nicaragua	Consejo de la Juventud de Nicaragua	Sofia Gutierrez Hidalgo
Nigeria	National Youth Council of Nigeria	Nanchang Nanyak

Norway	Youth Council of Norway	Gunnstein Isteilfjord
Pakistan	All Pakistan Youth Federation	Tariq Haleem Chaudrey
Palestine	General Union of Palestine Students	Radwan Husein
Papua New Guinea	National Youth Service	Jame Yalya
Philippines	Presidential Council for Youth Affairs	Anna Marie Periquet Regina Emily Venzon Kamar P Mindacano Jr Gerald Ortiz Rebecca Santillan Von Mark R Mendoza
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Poland	The Polish Youth Council	Przemyslaw Czyz
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Full Membership Organisation	Country
Anguilla National Youth Council	Anguilla
Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition	Australia
Barbados Youth Council	Barbados
Belize National Youth Council	Belize
National Council of Bolivian Youth	Bolivia
Botswana National Youth Council	Botswana
Brunei Youth Council	Brunei
National Youth Council of Chile	Chile
National Youth Council of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia	The Czech Republic
Comite Nacional de la Juventud	Colombia
Cook Islands National Youth Council	Cook Islands
National Union Youth of Comoros	Comoros
Danish Youth Council	Denmark
Fiji National Youth Council	Fiji
Ezone - National Council of Hellenic Youth Organisations	Greece
Finnish Youth Cooperation - Alliance	Finland
Youth Council of Macedonia	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
National Youth Organising Commission	Ghana
National Youth Council of Iceland	Iceland
Indian Committee of Youth Organisations	India
Komite Nasional Pemuda Indonesia	Indonesia
General Federation of Iraqi Youth	Iraq
Jamaica National Youth Council	Jamaica
The National Union of Jordanian Youth	Jordan
Kenya Association of Youth Organisation	Kenya
The National Council of Youth Organisations in Korea	Korea
Malaysia Youth Council	Malaysia
All Mauritius Youth Council	Mauritius
Mongolian Youth Federation	Mongolia
Montserrat National Youth Council	Montserrat
Social Youth Council of Nepal	Nepal
Consejo de la Juventud de Nicaragua	Nicaragua
National Youth Council of Nigeria	Nigeria
All Pakistan Youth Federation	Pakistan
Plataforma Nacional Coordinacion Organizaciones Jeunesse	Peru
Youth Organisation Council of Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico
Conseil National de la Jeunesse du Senegal	Senegal
Sierra Leone Federation of Youth Organisations	Sierra Leone
Suriname National Youth Assembly	Suriname

Youth Council of Slovakia	Slovakia
National Youth Council of Slovenia	Slovenia
Solomon Islands National Youth Congress	Solomon Islands
National Youth Services Council	Sri Lanka
National Council of Swedish Youth	Sweden
St Kitts Youth Council	St Kitts
Thailand National Council of Youth and Child Development	Thailand
Tongan National Youth Congress	Tonga
Western Samoa National Youth Council	Western Samoa
National Youth Development Council	Zambia
Zimbabwe Youth Council	Zimbabwe

Associate Membership Organisation

Country

Jatiya Tarun Sangha	Bangladesh
Bhutan Youth Association	Bhutan
Canada World Youth	Canada
Gambia National Youth Bureau	Gambia
Comite Para Desorollo de la Juventud	Guatemala
Georgetown Youth Leader's Council	Guyana
SWAPO Youth League of Namibia	Namibia
Mozambique National Youth Council	Mozambique
The Polish Youth Council	Poland
Umoja Wa Vijana	Tanzania
Tunisia National Union of Youth	Tunisia
Illinois Collaboration on Youth	USA

Consultative Status Organisation

Region

Asian Youth Council (AYC)	Asia
Committee of European National Youth Councils (CENYC)	Europe

Observer Status Organisation

Country

Albanian Youth Federation	Albania
Association Beninoise pour le Development	Benin
Guinea Bissau Institute of Youth	Guinea Bissau
Jeunesse Ouvriere Marocaine	Morocco
Youth and Malawi Young Pioneers	Malawi
National Youth Service	Papua New Guinea
Presidential Council for Youth Affairs	Philippines
SPPF Youth League	Seychelles
Youth Activities Service	Turkey
Vietnam Youth Federation	Vietnam