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For Decision

NOMINATIONS

1. Central Committee

- a) A postal vote has taken place for Ms Marloes Keller to replace Rev. Wies Houweling. Ms Keller obtained the required majority.

Suggestion action: the executive committee to confirm Ms Marloes Keller as a member of the central committee.

- b) The Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches informed the General Secretary that Dr Christoph Stückelberger will resign from the central committee by the end of 2007. The Federation suggests as a successor to Dr Stückelberger, Rev. Dr Martin Hitzel, newly appointed executive secretary for ecumenical relations at the Federation. The central committee will have to take an action at its meeting in February 2008.
- c) Pastor Sombepouire Lazare Kinda of the Association of Evangelical Reformed Churches of Burkina Faso passed away. In consultation with his church (according to article V.2b.3 of the WCC constitution) a proposal will be brought to central committee in February 2008 for action.

2. Nominations for Faith and Order

- a) The standing commission was appointed by central committee immediately following the assembly (February 2006). One change is requested.
- b) Rev. Dr Lisa Wang (Anglican Church of Canada) is unable to attend meetings of the standing commission. Her church has asked (and standing commission agrees with this) that she be replaced on standing commission by Ms Natasha Klukach, a woman and a youth (Ms Klukach attended the standing commission meeting in June 2007 and made an excellent contribution). Lisa Wang is being nominated for the plenary commission.
- c) Rev. Dr Neville Callam has indicated that he will have to withdraw from the standing commission, in view of his heavy duties as new general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. A replacement will be nominated following appropriate consultation.

Suggestion action: The executive committee to approve Ms Natasha Klukach as member of the faith and order standing committee.

- d) Nominations were presented to central committee (September 2006), at which point faith and order was asked to revise the list in view of balances. Working with the WCC youth desk (Natalie Maxson) and the networks of persons with disabilities (EDAN, Samuel Kabue) and indigenous persons (Eugenio Poma), new nominations were identified and agreed by their churches. The percentages are for the commission as a whole (including standing commission). Responses are still expected from two member churches.

Suggested action: The executive committee to approve the membership of the faith and order plenary commission as per attached list.

3. Youth Body

For one of the pending seats in the youth body an application was received from YMCA for Ms Sophia Gergis (Presbyterian, Egypt), director of the International Programme, National Council of YMCAs of Egypt.

Suggested action: The executive committee to appoint Ms Sophia Gergis as a member of the youth body.

4. Programme Committee

In a working session between the staff leadership group and the moderator of the programme committee, it was suggested that the programme committee would have (a) a steering group during its meeting, including the moderator, vice-moderator, two rapporteurs and one staff member, to accompany the group, and (b) a core group to work between governing body meetings including the steering group plus one or two other members of the programme committee.

Suggested action: The executive committee to encourage the programme committee to bring proposals for a steering and a core group to the central committee.