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PHA CHARTER PRESENTATION AT UNESCO

The Congress on Global Health Equity was held at UNESCO on 25-27 June, 2001, in Paris, France, where Noble Laureate Professor Amartya Sen and Dr Mohammad Yunus of Grameen Bank gave their presentations. Lucien Bigeault, a participant of the PHA 2000 from France, was invited to give a presentation on PHA at the Congress. He gave a presentation on PHA at a workshop on 26 June 2001, where the Civil Society and NGOs group joined the government and inter-governmental organizations group. During the workshop, 70 copies of the PHA Charter (People's Charter for Health) were distributed among the participants there. The International Council for Global Health Progress (ICGHP) presented a paper at the Congress at UNESCO. In the Congress paper the mission of ICGHP has been mentioned as follows, "the aim of ICGHP is to contribute to a new global vision and approach of health which are deemed to be increasingly needed. This body is interested in the equality of life of men and women of all ages. Its mission is to elaborate international recommendations in order to take part in the improvement of health the world over." Lucien Bigeault observed that the problem of ICGHP is that they are working with "experts", who are far from the ordinary people. He felt that they certainly need to have their experts confronted to the civil society.

PHA FINANCE GROUP AND STRATEGY MEETING

The PHA Finance Group and Strategy Meeting was held on 2nd and 3rd April 2001 in London, UK. Dr Qasem Chowdhury, Alifia Chakera, Olle Nordberg, Andy Rutherford, Pam Zinkin, Maria Zuniga were present at the meeting. At the beginning Qasem gave a brief overview of the present arrangement and activity of the PHA Secretariat. Later he and Andy Rutherford presented a brief report on the financial matters. Some budget items were under expended due to increase of own contribution. But other areas were higher than budgeted, especially food and accommodation due to participation of more people. Overall there is still a deficit budget. At the meeting a number of actions were decided, such as, Olle would ask for release of remaining US\$30,000 from the Dutch Government; Andy would make claim from DFID for balance fund; WSM would make claim fund from the Belgian Government. The revised tentative budget for the period 1st April 2001 to 31 March 2002 was done there. It was agreed in the meeting that we must look for new donors. Olle would present requests for funds based on the new budget to SIDA, Dutch Government and the Rockefeller Foundation. Andy would try to raise fund from other donors. Some seed money had to be kept for the next budget for different countries/regions. It was decided at the London meeting that the provisional list of the participants at the PHA-2000 event should be completed by May 2001. A total of 1,500 copies of the list will be printed for the participants with a request to amend errors when seen. Everybody was pleased with the format of the Charter with an introduction. Copies can be ordered from the secretariat. Qasem proposed to request those organizations that have websites to put the Charter in their websites. During the discussion Secretariat was asked to send letter/e-mail asking initial PHA organisers for their level of commitment, and who are they representing. A five-member reference group was formed to help the PHA Secretariat in advisory capacity till 31 December 2001. The members of the group are Pam, Maria, Olle, Prem and Andy. It was decided to hold the PHA follow-up meeting in October 2001 and the venue is Savar.

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