**Contribution to discussion on Criteria for joining the WSF International Council (**Caritas representation in IC- April 2021**)**

**One page synthesis** (document downloadable in <http://openfsm.net/projects/wsfic_fsmci/ol21feb-input5-en> )

**A/ Discussion about Criteria for joining IC have resumed after 4 years** (January 2017 Porto Alegre) The transcription of interventions in the recent discussion April 10th is visible here (finalization in progress) and can give way to more discussion.

**B/ 4 basic issues appear after this** first round of exchange,

1/ Need to formalize in terms of behavior and not in terms of opinion,the relation of IC members  to an explicitly defined mission and tasks list of IC, that are linked to a set of WSF principles, which can be discussed and changed. (The Casablanca 2013 IC meeting description of IC task is joined as document) (introducing criteria 1 & 2)

2/ Need to internalize formally the possibility that the WSF set of principles be discussed and changed in IC along protocol of consensus decision. (criteria 1 & 2)

3/ Need to clarify specific aspects of inclusion of facilitating groups of social forum processes**,** which are intrinsically different from IC member organizations. (introducing criteria 7 & 8)

4/ Need to monitor through IC meeting agenda and tasks, relevant usage of available energy in IC towards WSF process facilitation 2021/2022. This includes deciding at which pace we want to take this discussion on criteria and further and how, proactively or not, we want to use those criteria in the way to Mexico should we get to agree on them.

**C/ Discussion in this first session has not reached maturity**; and requires more discussion sessions. Finalizing it and further agreeing on how and when to use those criteria, may not be a priority task in IC in the coming months**.**

**D/ Outline of a set of** [**8 Criteria**](http://openfsm.net/projects/wsfic_fsmci/ol21feb-input5-es/#IID) **for inclusion in IC – Also a compact Term of reference for IC**

**1 (added) Manifesting understanding, and support/agreement or acceptance/respect, of the following existing consensus formulation of mission of IC, reading as (formulation to be discussed serving as minimum Terms of Reference for IC)**1A/ facilitate process World scale WSF manifestations –1B/ be at the core of WSF facilitating community – 1C/ update/ approve WSF principles – 1D decision by consensus – 1E/ protocol for political expression

**2 (added) Manifesting understanding, and support/agreement or acceptance/respect, of the following consensus formulation of generic facilitation tasks of IC to be contributed to in criteria 5** (list to be discussed using Casablanca task list as a base

**3. civil society organizations organicity and relation to WSF principles**3A/ Organicity: web presence Decision and representation protocols - 3B/ assert some, or all, generic values, goals, actions, mentioned in WSF principles - 3C/ assert agreement with the whole set of WSF principles

**4. international dimension and age of entity**4A/ international activity - 4B/ active participation, in presence or on line, in one earlier WSF event or 2 years existence principles

**5. Time and resource for Contribution to IC mission and tasks**5A/ previous participation in IC commission - 5B/ commitment to presence in IC meetings and contribution to IC tasks - 5C/ commitment to a WSF facilitation contribution annual report

**6. Recommendation for inclusion from 3 IC member entities (one recommendation per year)**

**7.(added) case of social forum process facilitation groups, (alternative to Criteria 3)**7A / Facilitated process: Level of compliance with all the principles of the WSF - 7B / Effective activity of the group (past and future event - frequency of meetings) - 7C Inclusiveness of the group - 7D / Facilitated process: Direct participation of participants in events of WSF world scale

**8 (added) Case of inclusion of past “world WSF event” local facilitation committees**8A/clarify the willingness to use this possibility