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Background

- **1st HI FOUNDATION CONGRESS.** January 7, 1989, Florence, Italy.
- **IInd HI CONGRESS** October 4th to 6th, 1993, Moscow, Russia.
- **1st WORLD HUMANIST FORUM** October 7-9, 1993, Moscow, Russia, organized by HI and the Russian Academy of Sciences.
- **EXTRAORDINARY HI CONGRESS.** Tribute to SILO. January 7, 1999, Santiago, Chile.
- **1st LATIN AMERICAN HUMANIST REGIONAL CONGRESS OF HI.** January 7, 1999, Santiago, Chile,
- **1st EUROPEAN HUMANIST REGIONAL CONGRESS OF HI.** July 7, 1999, Madrid, Spain.

Considerations for the operation of HI.

1- Unlike the founding of the Humanist International (HI) at the end of the 1980, whose main components were the National Humanist Parties (NHP), now these HP, organized as such, make up the International Federation of Humanist Parties (IFHP). This consideration is central to the further development we give to HI, as it is a new, open and broader space for participation.

Synthesizing the above, and taking into account the organizational guidelines established in the new organization of HPs in August 2009, we can say that: **the organic space is the Federation (IFHP) and the non-organic space is the International (HI).**

1.1 One of the first issues to address is that the new non-organic space conceived does not undermine or overlap with what IFHP covers today.

2- The operational design of the HI must be more flexible than that of the IFHP.

2.1 When we study the organic designs of the HI (1989-1993), conceived at the time when the Humanist Movement (HM) operated based on councils, levels, orientators and sectors, we understand that all this organicity was typical of that moment of the HM. But it is not relevant after the restructuring of HM (August 2009) given the clear guidelines of building a larger, non-organic space.

3- By definition in the new IFHP organization of 2009, HI, as a broad and non-organic space, has the only clearly explicit interest in exchange. The specified areas are: Forums, Meetings and exchanges of all types.

Textual quote from the document created in 2009 of the current organization:

6. Organic International.

"...In addition to the national humanist parties that organically form part of the federation, special importance will be given to the area of the Humanist International, as a (non-organic) space for the convergence of other parties, organizations and people who adhere to humanist approaches. This space of convergence, promoted by the International Humanist Party, but open to broad participation, will be able to organize international forums, meetings and all types of exchanges."

HI OPERATION.

The Humanist International is promoted by the International Humanist Party. Its exchange activities are promoted by a team formed within the existing International Coordination Team (ICT) of the IFHP.

At the beginning of the biennium that each ICT lasts, it will be determined which members will be responsible for promoting HI's actions. Taking into account the special importance that has been established for the ICT in promoting HI, we consider it appropriate, by self-appointment, that a minimum number of 3 members of the ICT take on this task.

The HI is made up of:

1- All full members, adherents and affiliates of HPs in each country.

2-All people, organizations and other parties that adhere to the proposals of the International Humanist Party. In this case, the form of adherence to HI is defined by explicit adherence to the Humanist Document, Letter 6 of the book "Letters to my Friends". Silo 04/05/93

Activities

HI promotes:

1-Forums

2-Meetings

3-All types of exchanges.

The activities promoted by the Humanist International are developed based on exchange. Humanists consider exchange a central tool for strengthening organizations, groups and individuals.

Exchange implies horizontal relationships, aspiring to generate joint intelligence and convergence of diversities towards humanist approaches.

In each Forum, Meeting or other type of exchange environment, promotional teams will be formed that will be made up of ICT members who nominate themselves, and other organizations and people who are members of HI. In these areas that are formed, the scope of probable conclusions, statements, syntheses, etc., goes as far as agreement, convergence and joint intelligence allow.

HI does not have established fixed savings. Virtual support (Web, Virtual Platform, etc.) is maintained by IFHP. The different areas of exchange (Forums, Meetings or other types of activities that are promoted), establish from their promoting teams and coordinations what the resource needs will be and how to obtain them. In all cases the savings are related to the expenses of the promoted expenses, the HI does not accumulate or manage any type of permanent funds.

HI does not organize action campaigns. It is the IFHP's that organize the campaigns, and those who are members of the HI can join them. This type of relationship is reciprocal and therefore other organizations and parties that make up the HI can invite them to the activities they carry out.

HI has no influence on the relationship and degree of coincidence in action in each country, either between the Federation's HPs and other parties or local organizations, or on their relationship with each other.

HI prepares the ground for exchange, trusting that this tool will serve to improve the praxis of its members. For humanists, exchange is an end in itself.

In these times of fragmentation and disruption, this tool based on the intangibles of horizontal exchange can positively contribute to the cohesion and strengthening of people, groups and parties in achieving a common objective: the union of all humanists in the world, to build the Universal Human Nation

“Good is what unites people, bad is what separates them” (Silo 1/11/1981).

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