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Terms of Reference for the Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace Reference Group

1. Preamble

The Reference Group on the Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace (RGPJP) is an advisory group to the WCC general secretary and reports through the general secretary to the WCC governing bodies.

The work of the RGPJP is based on the recommendations concerning the PJP of the assembly (Programme Guidelines Committee) and the central committee.

The document Gen 05 of the 2014 central committee *An Invitation to the Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace* provides the spirit in which the work of the RGPJP is carried out.

2. The Purpose and Scope Of The Work

The Reference Group fulfils an important advisory function for the WCC general secretary. It has the following mandate:

- to give advice on how the member churches can take forward the pilgrimage of justice and peace.
- to monitor the activities of the member churches, ecumenical partners and civil society related to and relevant for the pilgrimage of justice and peace.
- to help strengthen and promote the cooperation between member churches, ecumenical partners and people of good will in the planning, implementation and reporting on activities on the pilgrimage of justice and peace.
- to contribute to the theological study process on issues related to the pilgrimage of justice and peace following the recommendation by the report of the Programme Guidelines Committee of the 10th assembly.
- to accompany the WCC's pilgrimage of justice and peace staff group in carrying out the recommendations of WCC governing bodies and to offer advice on further development of the work on the pilgrimage of justice and peace.
- to prepare reports on its work and process to the executive committee and central committee meetings through the general secretary.

3. Structure and membership

The reference group needs to reflect in its membership the constitutional balances of the WCC and should comprise persons who are in decision making positions, with knowledge and experience in different dimensions of the pilgrimage of justice and peace (just peace, climate change, economy of life for all, theology etc.); representatives of relevant governing and consultative bodies of the WCC; ecumenical partners. Representatives of the Roman Catholic Church and other faith communities shall be invited as observers:

- 6 representatives of member churches;
- at least 2 representative from WCC governing bodies (executive and central committee);
- at least 4 representatives ecumenical partners (e.g. 2 from the Christian world communions and 2 from specialized ministries);
- 5 representatives of the 5 commissions (F&O, CWME, CCIA, EEF and ECHOS)
- 1 representative of the Roman Catholic Church (observer)
- 2 representatives of other faith communities (observers)

Functioning as a flexible instrument that needs to be responsive to shifting points of emphasis and priorities as the pilgrimage of justice and peace unfolds; the membership will be reviewed at central committee meetings at the request of the WCC general secretary.

The group will meet annually.