

Dear FEZANA Association Presidents and Representatives,

Many of you may have observed that after the report and discussions at the Tampa AGM of May 2004, further negotiations continued between members of the G-10 group in London and Barcelona in July 2004 and subsequent numerous telephone conversations and e-mail exchanges between them.

Some other respected Dastoorjis and prominent members of the community from India, North America and Europe were also consulted.

It is recognized that so far we have not received direct participation from any representation in Iran.

However, it is anticipated that such participation will be available at and after the next World Zarathushti Congress in London, UK in June 2005.

The **G-10 group** comprises of the following:

Minoo Shroff, President of FPZAI and Chairman and Trustee of BPP

Keki Gandhi, Secretary, FPZAI

Dinshaw Tamboly, Chairman, WZO-India and Trustee of BPP

Dorab Mistry, President, ZTFE

Malcolm Deboo, Secretary, ZTFE

Rumi Sethna, Imm. Past Chairman, WZO - UK

Rustam Dubash, President, WZO-UK

Rohinton Rivetna, Past President, FEZANA

Behram Pastakia, President, ZAMWI

Firdosh Mehta, President, FEZANA

FPZAI = Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian Associations of India

BPP = Bombay Parsi Punchayet

ZTFE = Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe

WZO = World Zoroastrian Organisation

In order not to jam the memory of your email server. Three attachment files will be sent to the same distribution as follows:

1. the IZO Draft Constitution - Rev. 8, 12th March, 2005,
2. the Draft No. 3 of WZOF of 12th March, 2005
3. the Draft of WZOI Articles of Association & By-laws dated 7th February, 2005, (updated on 20th March, 2005).

If you do not receive any of them please contact me at fdjmehta@telus.net

In order to get the feedback of all the FEZANA Member Associations, please review the attached drafts with your members and Executive Boards and respond

by May 21, 2005, so that you may have 60 days to respond.

THIS IS NOT A BALLOT AND WE ARE NOT ASKING THE ASSOCIATIONS TO VOTE AT THIS TIME.

The major Regions (INDIA, EUROPE & NORTH AMERICA) have been working together, and converging on the structure IZO-WZOF-WZOI, along with WZO.

The purpose of this exercise is for the Executive to know where most Associations stand in terms of furthering this convergence that has been achieved to date.

The proposed structure of the World Body as discussed by the G-10 for over the last two years is as follows:

Federations and Associations (where Federations do not exist), from Regions as defined in the Draft, to be Members of **WZOF**.

Individuals (and existing Association Members of WZO with only one vote) will be Members of the new revised **WZOI**.

WZOI and WZOF will be the only two members of a coordinating umbrella body, the **IZO**, which will be the **ONE World Body**.

The functions of the WZOI and WZOF are clearly included in the IZO Charter and reiterated in the respective Drafts of WZOI and WZOF.

FEZANA's role would be as one of the "Founding Regions" of **WZOF**, which in turn, would be a member of **IZO**.

The WZOI Draft is attached for your perusal only and to understand it in context of the IZO.
NOTE: FEZANA will NOT be part of WZOI.

Concern has been lodged and recorded by some members of the community in India and many of the Member Associations of FPZAI, of the possibility of usurping of Parsi infrastructures and properties in India by the IZO in the distant future. In the opinion of the G-10, adequate protection is not only recognized as it exists today in legal precedence and title deeds of such Parsi community institutions, but is also enshrined in the Constitutions of IZO/WZOF by various clauses of protectionist nature to allay the potential fears of those concerned with this aspect. If you have concerns about the same, please contact the Executive.

It is recognized that our community is dwindling in numbers in the parental homelands of Iran and India, and in some other countries.

However, there is also much growth in the western world and areas of new settlements in far flung places.

In future, the community in Diaspora, though spread apart by thousands of miles, will require to be a close knit and a harmonious entity, by virtue of an organization that will keep it connected.

This is the legacy we need to leave behind for our future generations to feel as part of our community, no matter how far distances may keep us apart.

This is the legacy we want you to consider in a solemn way, by considering FEZANA's membership to WZOF and by extension to a One World Body, the IZO.

The World Body is not conceived by the G-10 as a organization to spread, promote or conduct any proselytizing activities of the Zoroastrian faith, nor to participate in any missionary type activities. It is not intended to be a Religion Apex Body or a edictive body. Religious authority will be the prerogative of the Mobeds Councils. Also note that the Autonomy clause in the FEZANA Constitution gives each Association and its individual members, complete and unfettered autonomy in terms of its governance, membership, assets, religious practices and beliefs, etc.

The World Body's primary purpose will be to establish a worldwide organization for the mainstream Zarathushtis today, and for their future generations; to have a vehicle for communications and connectedness and to undertake projects for the common good of Zarathushtis around the world in terms of social, cultural, welfare, sports, seniors and youth support, educational excellence, even religious education in an informative awareness way, and mutual progress and promotion of the economic growth of our community etc.

NEW AD-HOC COMMITTEE:

An Ad-hoc Committee comprising of **Farrokh Mistree, Homi Gandhi, Purvez Rustomji, Sarosh Collector and Chaired by Khorshed Jungalwala**, is hereby appointed to facilitate the process of continuing and evaluating the direction laid down in the last AGM 2004 and to report by the next AGM 2005.

You are requested to send in your responses and any other questions you may have regarding the documents, which they will respond as best as they can;

to this Committee's Chair, Khorshed Jungalwala at <kayj2@earthlink.net>

If additional explanations are required, this Committee will contact the FEZANA Members of **G-10**, and revert back to you.

Your responses will be compiled and collated and presented by this Committee at the next AGM May 28 - 29, 2005 in Pittsburgh.

At the AGM the Committee's report and the responses from the Associations will be discussed and deliberated, and a future course of action will be developed, and this will be the vital information on which FEZANA's position will be further discussed and presented at the World Body Session at the next WORLD CONGRESS in LONDON, UK.

Your formal concurrence on this matter will be requested after the WORLD CONGRESS World Body Session, and a report of this Session will be presented by me, upon my return from the WORLD CONGRESS.

At this time we request your response as one of the following opinions, and **NOT** as a formal commitment, in the following format:

OPINION 1: The (*Name of your Association*) is agreeable to FEZANA becoming a Founding Region of WZOF, as indicated in the Drafts of IZO, WZOF and WZOI.

OPINION 2: The (*Name of your Association*) is generally agreeable to FEZANA becoming a Founding Region of WZOF, as indicated in the Drafts of IZO, WZOF and

WZOI, with the following comments/suggestions/reservations.

(Please list your comments/suggestions/reservations, by referring to the Title of the document, Article No. and Clause No.)

OPINION 3: The (*Name of your Association*) disagrees with FEZANA becoming a Founding Region of WZOF, as indicated in the Drafts of IZO, WZOF and WZOI.

(Please list your reason(s) for your disagreement, for us to work on them towards convergence)

Please indicate the name of your President or Representative, date it and e-mail it to Khorshed Jungalwala at kayj2@earthlink.net before **May 21, 2005**.

Please send a copy to Rita Engineer FEZANA Secretary for our official records at ritaengineer@yahoo.com.

Your review and response of these documents, after informing your Members, and getting their feedback, is most important and crucial for the FEZANA Executive to chart the future course of action for this World Body. We request your reply and support to accomplish this task, as best as we can for you.

We look forward to meeting you all at the Pittsburgh AGM.

With best wishes for A Prosperous JAMSHEEDI NAVROOZ & KHORDAAD SAAL.

PLEASE RESPOND.

Sincerely,

Firdosh Mehta

FEZANA President

for and on behalf of FEZANA Executive

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