

## V INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF THE PAULO FREIRE FORUM

# VALENCIA LETTER

The founders and directors, or title holders, from Paulo Freire Institutes from a variety of countries, reconvened in Valencia, from September 12 to 15, 2006, to consider:

- 1 - The expansion of Paulo Freire Institutes (IPFs), or similar institutions, driven with the reinvention of Paulo Freire's ideology;
- 2 - The necessity articulation of Paulo Freire Institutes, spread over five continents;
- 3 - The creation of Paulo Freire Universities (Unifreire), in the International Meeting of the Paulo Freire Forum in Bologna, held in 2000;
- 4 - The expressive insertion of IPFs in contemporary social movements, such as articulation with other institutions and organizations, as well as the World Social Forum and the World Education Forum, that fight for the construction of another possible world;

### RESOLVED:

Art. 1. - Create a Paulo Freire Institute World Counsel (PFIWC) that, with this letter, can establish the principles, the structure, the attributions and the operations.

Art. 2. - The PFIWC will be the International deliberation and articulation organ for the Paulo Freire Institutes, already existing or existing in the future, in any country of the world, and will have as principles:

I - Work for the World distribution of the Paulo Freire canon.

II - Defend the audience of the expressed voices of the oppressed people, recognizing them as political, epistemological and cognoscente subjects.

III - Fight, unreservedly, against any kind of discrimination and for the inclusion of all the oppressed people around the world for each to benefit from the prerogatives of Planetary Citizenship.

IV - Stimulate IPF's articulation, as well as its organic integration with social movements and other institutions and organizations that combat any form of oppression.

V - Establish the location, the theme and those responsible for the international conferences of the Paulo Freire Forum, serving as an adequate Freirian reference.

Art. 3. - The PFIWC is composed of:

I - 5 (five) founders from the IPF: Carlos Alberto Torres (Argentina/EUA), Francisco Gutierrez (Costa Rica), José Eustáquio Romão (Brasil), Moacir Gadotti (Brasil) and Walter Esteves Garcia (Brasil);

II - one director, or similar title holder, from each one of the constituting Paulo Freire Institutes and institutes recognized by PFIWC;

III – one coordinator of Unifreire.

Unique Paragraph – Each one of the representatives will have a substitute, who will replace him/her when he/she is away or has any kind of impediment; he/she can also assist the principal representative when he/she is present at the meetings.

Art. 4. – PFIWC ATTRIBUTIONS:

I – Be responsible for the worldwide Freirian proclamations, recognizing and revoking Paulo Freire Institutes.

II – Establishing the politics of IPF's articulation.

III - Indicate and guide IPFs, regarding the integration of the Freirian movement with other social movements, such as with other institutions, organizations and programs, plans and projects with a Worldwide character.

IV – Create political publications that enables the spread of Freirian ideas and actions, to disseminate the Paulo Freire legacy and what has been implemented by Unifreire.

V – Assure the celebration and coordination of the International Meetings and Forums, respecting each IPF autonomy.

VI – The proposal that one or more institutes, enunciate the social and educational politics, analyzing the impacts on the popular classes, proposing and developing any necessary actions.

VII - Stimulate, promote and develop actions to create Paulo Freire Institutes all over the World, participating, equally, in the events that are promoted by institutions and organizations, to develop democratic and freed education practices.

VIII - Stimulate and support educational, cooperative and social projects in international arenas and, specifically, promote cooperation and adhere to actions, initiatives and campaigns that defend the universalization of Literacy.

X – Evaluate the developed actions that happened every two years and propose biannual action plans.

Art. 5. – The decisions taken by PFIWC will be made effective by the coordinators of Unifreire and by each one of the affected Paulo Freire Institutes, as their executive demands.

Art. 6. - The PFIWC will meet ordinarily twice in two years, for the time of International Paulo Freire Forum, and sporadically, when necessary, called for by its Coordination.

Art. 7. – The decisions of PFIWC will be taken by the consensus of members present at the meetings.

Art. 8. -The position of permanent secretary of PFIWC was created, who is responsible, between each last Paulo Freire International Forum and the next one, will be from de Institute that organized the event.

Art. 9. – The omitted cases will be solved at the PFIWC plenary and this letter start being efective on the date of the 85th Paulo Freire birth aniversary on 19 September 2006.

Valencia, September 15, 2006.