



## FIMARC ANNUAL REPORT 2010

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### **Introduction**

The World Assembly of FIMARC which took place Paraguay in March 2010 decided the orientations for the next 4 years .The theme proposed to the movements to reflect on is decrease/ less is more or the measurement of parameters for a reasoned growth that enables development for all, while preserving our nature capital for future generations. In the present context of food ,energy and financial crisis .It is evident that food sovereignty within the framework of a solidarity economic system can give many answer to the problems caused by these crisis and its repercussions such as migration or climate change etc . Number of hungry people surpassed 1.1 billion marks at the peak of food and financial crisis and most of them are living in rural world. As a movement of rural people, it is our responsibility to sensitize and initiate concrete actions to reduce this hunger crisis at different levels  
This report is based on the action plan 2010 respecting the same structure. In a general way the activities of 2010 was bit limited as we were in a year of World Assembly The first quarter of the year 2010 was completely devoted to the preparation of the Assembly. It is important to mention that 2010 was an exceptional year for our organization because

- We organised our World Assembly quite successfully in Atyra ,Paraguay with the participation of of majority of the member movements ..
- The out gone secretary general have been working as part time and finished her term of office in April 2010 after the world Assembly . During the transition period from May 2010 until August 2010 the present secretary general and the outgone secretary general offered their services on volunteer basis .this really helped us to save the cost of the secretariate .The present Secretary General has been working only as part time from September 2010 onwards
- As like in 2009 , there was a reduction of support from the catholic donors

### **Global objectives and working lines**

**The global objective of FIMARC remains the same:** keeping rural populations in their living environment, enabling them to live a dignified life.

## **Main working lines that has to be adapted according to movements' and continental realities:**

- Food sovereignty: access to land, keeping rural people in their environment;
- Decrease /Less is more
- Solidarity economy;
- Human Rights.

### **Specific objectives:**

- Training of organizations and rural movements to help them in organizing their advocacy and lobbying actions through publishing documents and educational material; organizing exchanges between farmers; training seminars etc
- Make the voice of the rural people's to be heard in the decision-making bodies;
- Animating continental coordination's and ensuring efficient global coordination for all regions and in all the domains of intervention.
- Supporting the movements and member organizations;
- Strengthening our network;

## **1 - Formation Activities**

1,1 **world seminar** - 4 days of formation session was organised prior to the World assembly in Atyra ,Paraguay .The main theme of the session was « decrease » The seminar focussed on different aspects of the theme with the wide range of presentations and testimonies from the members of the movements as well as from the resource persons .

1st day: testimonies of delegates of the 4 continents to find out the present challenges around the world as well as to have an understanding about the world wide situation .

2<sup>nd</sup> day: an exposition by a resource person on the theme of globalization: how the capitalist system developed and reached up to its state of today . How the recent crises created ? Which are the responses these crises brought? What are the consequences for the rural areas

3<sup>rd</sup> day: an exposition on decrease as a possible way towards solidarity economies? Which are the advantages and the limits of this suggestion? Which are the indicators necessary to be put in place to verify the relevance of our alternate and viable actions ?

4<sup>th</sup> day: an ethical and spiritual base on the theme...

Expected results : Sharing of experiences ,better understanding of the topic on decrease ,Sound Analysis of the continental and world realities in terms of economy ,Agriculture ,Environment etc formulation of the final resolution ,preparatory work for the work plan 2010-2014

Evaluation :The methodology of the sessions were quite interactive .As mentioned above there was the expositions from the resource persons but also the testimonies

and exchanges from the participants of the 4 continents . The seminar came to an end with a resolution that was presented later to the the world assembly and approved and this resolution would be the text of reference for the establishment of the continental action plans

## **1.2 Exchanges of peasants to peasants**

3 days of exchange programme was organised for the delegates to see the rural realities of Paraguay during the world Assembly . The objective of this programme was not only to promote exchanges between the actors of country and the delegates, but also to evolve concrete elements for the seminar. One of the strong realities of this country is the question of access to land ,which is one of the major theme and concern for FIMARC . This program is in preparation for the Assembly allowing all the people to make a preparatory work prior to the Assembly .

Expected results : A better understanding about the situation of the rural areas in Paraguay. A better general understanding about the mechanisms to work in the different countries that allow us to form strategies for our global struggles .

Evaluation : The very warm welcome and openness to share with rural people of other countries and continents provided more knowledge on the working conditions, market, access to land etc . Difficulty in access to land ,Competition of the big Multinationals,Lack implementation of Agrarian reforms , Lack of interest of the young people involving in Agriculture ,bad working conditions for Women were some of the key challenges identified through the field visits .The organization of the small peasants, in co-operatives or in producer groups ,fight for access to land ,The importance to be constituted in group as space of analysis and suggestions ,The support of the Catholic Church and organisms such as the social Pastoral ,The development of organic agricultures and of methods allowing more possible autonomy to the peasants etc were some of the notable positive remarks

### **Follow up**

Some of the good methods and practices would be restituted in the countries of participants .

The pursuit of the work on the right to food within the FIMARC working group on human rights

Strengthening campaigns and claims in the various countries on access and control over land where the FIMARC have members

## **1.3 .General assembly 2010**

The world assembly which takes place once in every 4 years elects the continental coordination's and also the International team. It evaluates the work plan of the preceding years and approve the work plan for the next 4 years .It approve the budget and financial statements of the movement.

Because of the default of necessary financing, we had to reduce the participation of every delegation to one person by country from the official movements except the hosting country and the delegates from Argentina who travelled by road.

The new International team and Exco was elected by the Assembly ;The final resolution and the plan of action for 2010\_2014 was approved ;New movements are affiliated as well

## Composition of the Exco of FIMARC 2010-2014

Ki hwan CHUNG ( Corée du Sud) - President  
(Nieves Martinez Bravo (Espagne) – Treasurer  
George Dixon Fernandez (India ) – Secretary General  
Fr.Abraam Maher (Egypt)-Chaplain  
John Mwidu (Uganda)  
Jean paul Perin (France)  
Oscar Rodrigues (Argentina )  
Philip Biswas(Bangladesh)

### Expected Results

1. Strengthening of the human potentials : every delegate returns in his country with a reinforced conviction founded on the work of the movements, with a widened vision of the society and the challenges confronted by the rural people , with the strong feeling of solidarity between rural people of the different continents;
2. Strengthening the actions of the movements: individually and in movement every body engaged themselves to let a spirit of opening and democracy;
- 3 . *Strengthening* the actions which are already in place : which allow developing alternate to the dominating system and allow the rural people to maintain themselves in their life environment.
4. To form a common definition of a new model of life in the society , based on human dignity, in respect of nature and in respect of the spirituality of each. This new paradigm is to be defined and to be experienced to show that the alternate ones are possible
- 1 Arrive to a common strategy that allows at once to give a response to the immediate problems generated by the dominating system but also that allows average term to change structurally these domination mechanisms
- 6.Strengthening the Lobbying and political action capacities by a better knowledge of the issues of the society

Evaluation : A world Assembly is actually a strong time of meetings , of sharing , of discoveries, of reinforcement of the links .During the Meeting times, at the moment of evaluations, presentations of the delegates... many experiences are shared which is an inspiration source for the others. Tie up for exchanges of movement to movement, for exchanges of documents, for exchanges of alternate projects are created . By the exchanges, the analysis of these alternatives , new ideas aroused and improved  
The work on a common conceptualization of another model of a society is started in FIMARC since many years. The concept of decrease is comparatively new. The whole work has to follow the plan of action based on this concept. The vision of a new model of development. Is clear at the intellectual level But the operational strategies are lot more difficult one to develop in different countries. During the World Assembly each continent defines own action plan based on its realities and the action plan or the global orientations defined for the FIMARC .Regarding the lobby work if we want to realize a true work of lobby it will be necessary that we ourselves should gave the means and formed people for that.

### 1.4 . FIMARC ACTIONS on World Food Day 2010 -United against Hunger

On 16 October 2010, World Food Day entered its 30th year. This date also marks the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. The theme of last year's observance was United against hunger. Uniting against hunger becomes real when state,civil society organizations and other stake holders work in partnership at all levels to defeat hunger, extreme poverty and

malnutrition.

During the World Food Day 2010, when there have never been so many hungry people in the world, as a response to the call of FAO, FIMARC launched an International campaign to fight and unite against hunger. We organized our actions in connection with World Food Day in a much more participatory and meaningful way. Safe Food is the fundamental right of not only human beings but also all living organisms. But in reality access to Safe Food is a dream to the most vulnerable communities across the world. At this context, International secretariat urged all member movements to participate in the World Food Day 2010 in a more pragmatic way by observing a half day fasting in solidarity with the poor and marginalized who face hunger every day in their in life and thus to launch a special fund from those who save some money through their fasting to facilitate actions eradicating hunger as well as to support the most needy people. Even though it was a short notice, many FIMARC national movements responded to this call positively. It is important to notify few concrete actions from our movements . . .

Expected results : Common actions and campaign on common theme .Launching of WFD fund ;Collaboration with FAO I billion hungry campaign

Evaluation:Our member movement in South Korea( CCFM ) took this call quite positively and collected rice from their members in order to send 125 tonnes of rice to North Korea to help the people who are in need and to show the solidarity .The Bangladesh movement RRF organised a fasting campaign with their partners and with school students and collected money and contributed to World Food Programme (WFP ) as well as for FIMARC WFD fund (602 USD).Our Spanish movement MRC supported a concrete project running by the women groups in Cameroon .Considering the reactions of this year ,It is quite sure that next year all the movements will prepare well in advance to continue this campaign in a more wider and result oriented manner

Follow up:FIMARC call upon the movements to join with the petition "1 billion hungry project" launched by FAO director general Dr Diouf to reflect the moral outrage of the hunger situation and we invite you all to sign the anti-hunger petition at [www.1billionhungry.org](http://www.1billionhungry.org)

### **1.5. FIMARC Bureau meeting and an exchange programme on alternative and self reliant economic projects with Korean catholic farmers movement**

FIMARC Bureau meeting was held in Seoul, South Korea from 6-11 September 2010. Kihwan Chung(President) ,Fr.Abraam Maher(Chaplain) ,Nieves Martinez Bravo (Treasurer),George Dixon Fernandez( Secretary General) participated in the meeting. Philip Biswas(Asian coordinator), Rony Joseph( INAG coordinator, INDIA) were also specially invited for this meeting. During the first three days Bureau had a discussion on organizational matters as well as on global challenges . Thanks to CCFM for the financial contribution towards food and lodging during the Bureau meeting

Expected Results : 4 people in charge of the FIMARC Bureau ,FIMARC Asian coordinator and INAG national coordinator had an exchange programme and field visit in South Korea in September 2010 to study and gather viable information on the alternative and self reliant economic projects organising by KCFM .Mobilisation and support for the campaign against the 4 River project in Korea

Realized: Bureau members visited various projects such as 4 river Project ,CCFM

Logistics centre, CCFM Seoul diocese direct marketing centre ,Korean Agricultural trade Centre etc. We had some interactive sessions with CCFM Bureau and with the CCFM farmers group at Andong region.

Evaluation :The interactive discussion with the local and national teams of the movement gave an opportunity to understand the key aspects of the project . The permanent formation would allow the international team members and Exco members to understand, to analyse the challenges and issues of the era in order to construct positions, propose pertinent actions to face these challenges. Various projects organizing by our South Korean movement CCFM at various levels gave a real inspiration to think about the ways to make self reliance in finance for our movements.

Follow up :FIMARC will work on Alternative economic initiatives more concretely in 2011

### **1.6 .FIMARC participated in the Vatican Asian Lay Congress -Seoul,South Korea**

The Asian lay congress, which had the theme "*Proclaiming Jesus Christ in Asia Today* " took place in Seoul ,South Korea from 31 August until Sept. 5. The Pontifical Council for Laity organized the event which was being attended by 400 hundred people, including representatives and bishops from 20 countries from within the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences and delegations from 35 different Asian Catholic lay associations, movements and communities. Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko , the president of the [Pontifical Council for the Laity](#) opened the Congress of Asian Catholic Laity in Seoul with the mass on 1<sup>st</sup> of September. The Holy father gave the blessings and message to the congress . The first Congress of Asian Catholic Laity ended with a call by Cardinal Nicholas Cheong Jin-suk of Seoul for a "fearless" witness to Christ Kiwanis CHUNG ,the president of FIMARC participated in the meeting

Expected Results :One of the main aim of the congress, was to discuss the challenges to evangelisation and ways of proclaiming the Gospel in Asia. Conferences, panel presentations and extensive discussions examined many elements from within this framework. Some of the topics covered include the formation of laity, Christian witness in society, religious freedom and the role of women , young people in the Church.

Evaluation : This congress provided an opportunity to discuss about the role and mission of the lay people in the church and society .It also looked at the need to face the challenges of this period based on catholic values .There was not so many catholic social action movements were present

### **1.7 .Expert Work shop on Synod of Middle East**

ICMICA -Pax Romana took the leadership of organising a preparatory workshop on Synod on Africa on 6-8 October 2010 in Rome ;FIMARC was a co organiser of this work shop together with other catholic organisations such as IYCS ,IMCS etc .Migration ,Evangelisation etc were some of the topics debated during the workshop

Expected Results: Better understanding about the situation of middle east countries and the role of church and church movements .Preparation for the synod with the church leaders . Some key messages to the synod participants

Evaluation : The pre work shop on synod of Africa in 2009 and on Synod of Middle east in 2010 brought together major catholic organisations in the same forum ;It helped also to have joint preparation for the synod .

### **1.8 .FIMARC participated in the Anniversary celebration of the Pontificate of Holy father Benedict XVI and the meeting organised by the holy see mission to EU**

Daisy Herman participated in the anniversary celebration of the pontificate of the Holy father which was held in Brussels Expo in April 2010 organised by the Vatican Nuncio to EU and Belgium . We also participate in the meetings organising by his Excellency Mgr .Dupuy ,the Nuncio to EU to discuss about the European issues and make some follow up of the Vatican Forum of the catholic inspired NGO's

Evaluation :FIMARC regularly participates in the yearly celebrations in Belgium and this is also an opportunity to meet many of the leaders from various organisations in the country and build up contacts and networks

### **1.9FIMARC condemns the attack against Christians in IRAQ and all sorts of inhuman and cruel violence**

A total of 68 people including 3 priests were killed by terrorist group during the mass at Our Lady of Salvation, Baghdad's main Catholic Church on 31<sup>st</sup> of October. More than 70 people are seriously wounded from the attack and many of them are women and children; Less than two weeks later, extremists killed five more people in Baghdad's Christian neighborhoods. FIMARC condemns this attacks as well as all sort of cruel inhuman violence causing death of ordinary innocent people . FIMARC requested the movements to organise Prayer and mass celebration for the souls of people who was killed in massacre and in solidarity with the church of Iraq- Christians; victims and their families. Our movements in Argentina,Chile,Elsalvadore,afrika etc organised special prayer and mass services in this regard aiming for peace

### **1.10 .FIMARC's intervention against the Multinational exploitation in Orissa,India**

A large South Korean corporation Pohang Steel Company -POSCO's \$12 billion (Rs 52,000 crore )project to build a steel plant yielding 600 million tones of iron ore over 1,200 hectares in Orissa, with a captive port and iron ore mines, is acclaimed as the single largest infusion of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) since the Indian economy liberalized in 1991. Orissa is one of the poorest state in India with an official estimate of 39.9 per cent of people living below the poverty line. Since 2005 , the attempt of Posco to launch this project with the support of Orissa and central government has been fiercely opposed by local farmers ,indigenous people and fishermen as it results the loosing of their land and livelihoods and cause lot of environmental hardships

#### **FIMARC Intervention through the initiative of INAG**

In pursuance of the concern raised at the Asian Coordination meeting of FIMARC regarding the POSCO project, INAG(FIMARC INDIA) made a preliminary

investigation about the issue by getting an expert opinion of a researcher from National Centre for Advocacy studies and also made a field visit. A concern letter was sent from the FIMARC International secretariat to the state government of Orissa and to the central government of India demanding them to withdraw this project and to save the life and livelihoods of the vulnerable groups. Mobilised public opinion prior to the G8 held in Seoul.

#### **Future Plans with the support of INAG during the year 2011**

- a) A fact finding team has been set up to make an in depth study of the problem
- b) A detailed survey of the impact of the project on the lives and livelihood.
- d) Meeting of like minded people and canvassing support
- e) Taking up the issue with Korean Right sensitive groups
- ) Advocacy at the international level in Collaboration with FIMARC and other likeminded Groups and Organisations

**1.11. .OKIO Project; Our Knowledge is ours** - programs initiated by the development service of KLB Germany in partnership with the CMR of France and IVA of Belgium. This project that concerns the patents on living organisms has a bigger importance in Europe and in rest of the world. One of the objectives is to give conscience that the 97% of the patents are at the hands of the developed nations while 90% of the biodiversity belongs to the countries of the South

Expected Results : One work shop was organised in Paraguay by KLB with the participation of the delegates from various countries who gathered during the world assembly to identify the problematic issues related to patents in Developing countries and need to protect our biodiversity

Realized: Work shop was organised on 20<sup>th</sup> March in Atyra ,Paraguay

Evaluation: This theme is quite important for rural people as it is very much linked to our topic on food sovereignty. Around 60 participants were formed and informed and they further did the follow up in their respective countries by providing inputs and information. The final survey and evaluation had completed and now the project is accomplished

#### **1.12 Special meeting of the Human rights working group of FIMARC Preparation of the pedagogical document on "land grabbing"**

The meeting of the working group on human rights (GTDH) was held in Nancy Region in France from 30-31<sup>st</sup> of October 2010. The meeting acknowledged the work plan proposed by the world Assembly with regard to our involvement in United Nations Human Rights Council. Gaby Falghun was elected as the new spokes person of the working group to coordinate our political work in Geneva as Pierre Miot was retired from his service. This meeting clarified the mandate, term of office, functioning and task of this group. Lobby and advocacy, Preparation of documents on key issues and topics, Field investigation and preparation of case studies etc will be the major areas of work of this group. It was also decided to renew the group. As part of research action, the group will prepare a pedagogical document on the current burning issue of Land Grabbing.

Expected Results: This educational document will be published in 3 languages (French, Spanish and English) in 2011. This will be at the disposal of the 60 movements and organizations to work with our grass root groups. It will be published on the FIMARC web site to serve for more people. Some leaders from other continents will also contribute in this study. HR group members will participate in the next Exco to give



an update of their work

**Evaluation:** A working session of the drafting committee of the working group took place on 12 January 2011 and produced the draft document on Land grabbing and this will be discussed during the Exco meeting in April 2011

## **2. PUBLICATIONS**

### **2.1 Publications of the Voice of the Rural World**

Expected Results : 4 numbers of VMR are published in 4 languages (French, Spanish, English, Portuguese). Each publication has been sent to 1500 people and it is a popularised tool using by many of the people in our movements as well as general rural public. Each publication has a special thematic focus which is linked to the challenges of our era.

Realized: the 4 numbers of VMR translated in 4 languages which focussed the following thematic areas

- \*World General Assembly
- \*Decrease -A way of life with dignity
- \*Land grabbing
- \*Access to land and land rights of women :

Evaluation: The VMR is reading and using by a large number of people in the movements. It is widely using as an education tool by the rural people. We receive a lot of feedback showing the interest of the people on our publication

**2.2 Regional Newsletters:** information bulletin composed by the regional coordinators for the movements and member organizations of their region

Expected Results : The 4 "Newsletters" of the 4 regions have a uniform frequency (4 per year) to facilitate the exchanges and the knowledge of the members of the organizations of the same region

Realized: In Europe 4 news letters published based on the established plan, in Asia 3, in Africa 2 and in Latin America 1.

Evaluation: very positive evaluation from the European movements as the news letter allows a good contact between the movements; The well established turn for the compilation of the news letter by member movements and the support of the international secretariat for the translation helps much for the regular publication of the news letter in Europe. For Asia, it was a little more difficult. The Asian coordinator had loaded himself with the compilation of the regional news letter and also had to meet the difficulty and delay in obtaining the news from the movements. For Africa, the language barrier is the big problem as the coordinators either speak French or English only. The contacts go through the secretariat that uses "intervention" which does not facilitate the direct communication often. In a general way, we can say without doubt that this tool is to be maintained and it will be necessary to set up a feasible method like in Europe to assure the regular publication in all the continents with a support for translation

## **3. Follow up and accompaniments of the Movements and member organizations**

Asia:

### **3.1. Asian Coordination Meeting and Meeting with INAG in**

**Bangalore ,India** :After the world assembly a special meeting was organised with the core team of INAG (India) in Bangalore Augsut and which was followed by an Asian coordination meeting(10-13 August 2010) . It was the first planning meeting of the Asian continent to finalise their plan of actions . It was decided to organize a seminar on" land access and land rights –a development threat "in Sri Lanka in May 2011 . FIMARC ASIA decided to hold the campaign against Plastics by promoting jute bags as well as Setting up of fact finding team to research on land issues in North India on POSCO issue. The Asian Coordination was hosted by INAG .Thanks to INAG for the financial contribution towards the food and lodge.Kihwan Chung (FIMARC president ),Daisy Herman (Ex Secretary General),George Dixon Fernandez(Secretary General),Philip Biswas (Asian Coordinator from Bangladesh ) ,Prapang (South East Asian coordinator from Thailand ) ,all core team members of INAG participated in this important meeting .

Expected Results : the participation of the international and continental leaders provided a real encouragement for the Indian movement .Preparation and planning of activities in Asia

Realisation : The meeting took place in Bangalore from 10-13 August and It also finalised the plan of action of FIMARC ASIA for the period from 2010-2014. Some preparatory work of the future campaings were also arranged

Latin America:

### **3.2 contact with ACR Brasil**

Expected Results : The continental coordinator met with the people in charge of the movement ACR ( Brazil) in previous year and they established together an action plan regular participation in FIMARC activities was assured

Realised : The ACR movement from Brasil participated in the last General Assembly of FIMARC in Paraguay .

Evaluation: One of the results objectively verifiable was the presence of a delegate of the movement ACR at the time of the world-assembly and his "election" as continental coordinator. It is a victory for us and very important for Brazil is at the point in the fight for the recuperation of the land . Agnaldo, the coordinator is a native one very anchored in his culture and therefore can bring us a cultural vision in this topic and which is one of the key elements of this theme too .

NB :A seminar on migration will takes place in central American region(El Salvador) FIMARC Latin American Coordination will also takes along with this regional seminar. FIMARC Latin American coordinators are preparing for the programme at the moment. Europe

### **3.3 European Coordination meeting**

The first European coordination meeting of 2010 was organised for the preparation of the world assembly and the second meeting was organised to finalise their plan of action of the continent.

The second FIMARC European coordination meeting was held from 9- 10 October

2010 in Assesse ,Belgium in order to prepare for the forthcoming seminar and extended European coordination meeting which will takes place in Bavaria ,Germany from 21-25 February 2011. The topic of the seminar will be “ Value of farmer, Value of Europe yesterday or tomorrow “ .9 member movements of FIMARC Europe will participate in this seminar; Our german movement KLB is the main organiser of this seminar. Thanks to KLB for the financial contribution towards this programme

Expected Results : Better coordination , evaluation and planning

Realisation : 2 meetings held in Assesse

Evaluation :. If we want to develop the coordinations and to give them more responsibility, these structural meetings are important. As usual the question of the languages remains a problem. The European coordinators, the one who speak French, the other in English and the third one in Spanish could not understand each other without the support of the secretariat. This meeting also prepared for the enlarged FIMARC european coordination and the European seminar organising by the support of KLB ,Germany in 2011

#### **4- Advocacy and lobbying**

In order to make the voice of the rural people to be heard in various instances, it is important that FIMARC should be present in various working groups , networks and at the United Nations institutions. The following are only some of the examples of our investment in the area of advocacy and lobbying.

**4.1 FIMARC Working group on Human Rights** : this group is composed by the secretary general , the militants of the movements from CMR of France and ACAR of Switzerland .It is the support group of FIMARC within ECOSOC. The spokes person of this working group Piere Miot who has been doing the political work for FIMARC in Geneva has retired from his responsibility and a new spokes perosn is temporarily elected .For a few years, the group centered its efforts on all that touches on the Right to food . Little by little with a constant work of FIMARC as well as of other organizations, the suggestion of food Sovereignty as basic right is more accepted. FIMARC also follow the UPE (universal periodic examination) of countries where we have member movements A document explaining the mechanisms and the intervention possibilities during the UPR will be put back to the movements for references

Expected Results : the FIMARC is regularly present in the sessions of the Counsel of the human Rights and particularly at the time of ordinary or extraordinary sessions dealing the right to food . FIMARC participates and takes floor during the interactive dialogs or by oral and written declarations and try to evolve the concept of food sovereignty. FIMARC intervenes in relay and support the countries that wish to invest themselves in the universal periodic examination of their country.

Realisation : the presence to the sessions of the Counsel of the human Rights and joint work with CETIM, Via campesina etc . FIMARC also collaborated for the organisation of a workshop on the UPR of Belgium organised the Catholic centre of Geneva in Brussels .

Evaluation: FIMARC focussed a lot on the theme of right to food and food sovereignty and try to work together with UN special rapporter on key issues .We are on e of the important rural organisation which is actively involved in this debate at global level .. With regards to UPR, the document was sent to the movements with the calendar of

the UPR of the different countries. So far we do not have much knowledge about countries where our members have involved at national level. Unfortunately it is rather heavy procedure and not easily accessible for our basic groups. But last year the UPR of Belgium was organised and there was a follow up in that regard

**4.2 Participation in the FAST working group of CIDSE:** This group is important for FIMARC as it is a resource group that treats many subjects close to our preoccupations. As international organization the FIMARC there brings the concrete expertise of the member movements and the preoccupations that they carry.

Expected Results : the FAST group brings critical analyses on the situation of rural areas and it is a good partner for the lobby actions that FIMARC only cannot carry out. The documents of the CIDSE allow us giving informations, to have a critical analysis for the movements and the groups of the FIMARC.

Realisation : Effective participation in the FAST group of CIDSE

Evaluation: this group is actually an important group in terms of relevant informations and of analysis but it needed to invest more time. The new SG being one of the active member of this working group is now started again to involve actively and effectively in the work of the FAST working group

**4.3 Presence in UNESCO :** FIMARC has a consultative status in UNESCO. During the preceding years we assured the presence in some of the commissions that treated education for all and development of the African women. One militant from CMR France is doing the follow up work with UNESCO. We would like to follow the example of our working group on human rights through the constitution of a group that would invest itself more to UNESCO as there is a lot of lobby work to be done in the coming years.

Expected Results : Formation of a UNESCO group composed of 4 people to follow different programmatic commissions and relevant themes.  
Not realized.

Evaluation: the constitution of a group has not taken place during the last year as it was of the transition period in the international secretariate. Any how our UNESCO representative is focusing and following the key priorities and also collaborating with CCIG in Paris.

**4.4 Food and Agricultural organisation of the UN (FAO) :** Normally FIMARC participates only in some of the important sessions or world events organising by FAO as well as Civil society groups. For other things we have been linking with MIJARC.

Expected Results : The contacts with the FAO are maintained and we invited to take part in some major sessions or demonstration of the civil society. Normally so far an Italian militant represented FIMARC in major events and CSO demonstrations, Forums etc. Often we work with MIJARC to prepare positions on certain issues.

Realized: FIMARC was invited for the renewed world committee on food security

which was held in October 2010 and also the parallel Civil Society Forum of the Civil society mechanism; A meeting with the Civil society department was organised by the New SG in October 2010 to discuss about the formalities to have special consultative status in FAO. FIMARC regularly receive also the news and invitations to participate in the meetings of FAO

Evaluation: Progressive. The Bureau meeting of FIMARC held in Korea in September 2010 decided to invest more in working with FAO and proposed Nieves Martines Bravo, Treasurer of FIMARC to do the follow up with FAO until 2012 when the New SG finishes his mandate with MIJARC; The FIMARC Bureau 2011 in April will meet the head of the Civil society department in FAO and submit relevant documents to achieve the special consultative status in FAO

**4.5 Forum of the Catholic inspired International Organizations** : The second forum of the catholic inspired International organisations was organized by the Holy see to allow the INGO's to meet, to exchange and to construct a network while sharing common catholic values and references.

Expected Results : FIMARC would create alliances with other like minded organisations who are part of the Vatican Forum in order to build up constructive actions /lobby and advocacy work to realise food sovereignty and sustainable rural development.

Realized :The second forum of the Catholic inspired organisations took place from 10-12 February 2010 in Rome. Daisy Herman, the previous secretary General participated in this important meeting.

Evaluation: FIMARC tried to give feedback during the preparatory phase of the forum. The forum followed a methodology by identifying key working areas and topics where organisations can sign on. As there was wide range of diverse organisations present the topic of food, agriculture or rural issues were not really came up as the topic of the working groups. The work shop concerning the environment and the ecology was of our interest. FIMARC and MIJARC raised the concerns of the farming community and rural people in the context of food crisis and stressed the need to work on this aspects.

Results: The theme on right to food and challenges of the farming world was discussed in a workshop during the Forum of the Catholic inspired organisations, animated by the SG of CIDSE.

**4.6 International Convention for the diversity of the agricultural food products**: this project of Convention was launched at the time of the Ministerial conference of WTO in Hong Kong and received support from numerous organizations. FIMARC wish to develop this project, while being conscious that it is a matter of a tremendous work. The work was launched in a concrete way in South Korea and a group of experts already working on the examination of the existing treaties and conventions. The second phase of the project is to spread and discuss the outcomes of the first phase with some international experts in order to finalise the elements for the text of the convention as well as to study the mechanisms to propose the same at the United Nations. The second phase of the project started during the world forum on solidarity economies (LUX 09) which held in Luxembourg in April 2009 where this topic was presented and debated with many other organisations. It was decided to proceed with the project through online consultations and to work with some experts.

Results : The group of experts in charge of the study of the texts organised online consultations and furnished the first elements to initiate an interactive website where the organizations can provide inputs and feed backs to prepare the final text of the future convention. Work is still at the second phase .Online consultations took place in 2010 but the work did not move really well as we expected

Evaluation: The international level expert consultation needed some financial means. Even though we have drafted a project and submitted to various agencies we have not received any positive response from them . This is an ambitious long term project and thus without financial support, it is becoming quite impossible to implement it. This is the reason why only online discussions took place during the year 2010. The first phase of the work was carried out by our South Korean movement , promoter of this project. Interactive website creation and international expert consultation has to be organised at the earliest before the people are demotivated

**4.7 Justice and Peace Network** : FIMARC is part of the working group on Economy of the Justice and Peace Belgium. The objective of this group is to construct documents of political analysis regarding the economical and socio political issues and to make advocacy work to the Belgium Government.

Expected Results : This group produces document of political analysis. This document is disseminated in ACRF , the Belgian movement of FIMARC and also to the FIMARC European Coordination for an effective lobby with the decision makers

Realized: participation in the meeting of this group

Evaluation: FIMARC is a participant of this group . Last year the group did not produce any publications but participation in the group allowed us nevertheless to develop certain contacts and to have access to documents of precious analysis to compose our own documents.

**4.8 .Partnerships with agencies of development and other international movements:** this partnership is effective and more and more strong with MIJARC. We have the intention to collaborate more during the years to come, working on the same issues and publics. One collaboration is the common presence within the FAST group of CIDSE; the representation of the mutual interests to the FAO especially by MIJARC and the representation of the youth within ECOSOC more by FIMARC. FIMARC also closely collaborate with the members of CIDSE most especially with CCFD, Broederlijk Delen, Entraid et Fraternite , MISEREOR, etc .We also lead the group of 8 catholic organisations ;We have close collaboration with Via campesina and other farmers and rural people's networks

Expected Results : the FIMARC and the MIJARC are present and visible in various forums and organizations while supporting itself mutually in representation and the organisation of events .FIMARC disseminated the anti land grabbing campaign of MIJARC through VMR in 2010

Realized: many activities or declarations in common. Evaluation is more positive on this collaborations and we wish to follow it in the future and to reinforce this partnership.

## **5 .GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - Evaluation and follow up**

The international Secretariat is in charge of the coordination, implementation, follow up and evaluation of the different activities of formation, accompaniment of the movements and advocacy activities. It also has the responsibility to assure the coherence of different actions in line with the priority axes of work defined during the General Assembly of 2010.

Realized: The secretariat coordinated all the actions which was defined by the the General Assembly and the Bureau for the year 2010. It coordinates, participates in certain meetings, does lobby and advocacy work, link with partners. It supports the continental coordination's and the work of the coordinators and translates the documents

Evaluation: The secretariat carried out all the work in a better way even though we had reductions of human and financial resources. For many tasks, we received also the support from volunteers and militants of the movements especially for the translation of the texts of the VMR in 2010 when we faced an unprecedented reduction of financial support for this project. This sort of support is not always sustainable. During the year 2010, the international secretariat worked with 2 part time employees and during the transition period from April -September 2010 the whole work was carried out by the volunteering support of the out gone SG and the present Secretary General. The staff reduction is not ideal in the long term to assure the support for coordination's, movements in terms of formation, providing pedagogical documents etc