

**RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS OF THE XI WORLD FAMILY ENCOUNTER
AND THE XV GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION
OF CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENTS**

The International Confederation of Christian Family Movements (ICCFM) assembled in Goa, India for the XI World Family Encounter and the XV General Assembly, with the theme: **The Challenges to the Family in the Emerging Global Reality: Morality, Evangelization and Faith**", makes of public knowledge that,

WHEREAS:

1. The increasing tendency of countries in the world to approve laws which favor and legalize forms of marriage different from the marriage between a man and a woman, thus adversely affecting the authentic sense, functions and purpose of the natural and Christian marriage, and frequently responding to obscure political interests,
2. The world increase of the number of migratory movements of persons and families, for reasons of political, economic, social and religious survival, in which process they not only suffer the effects of the national and affective uprooting and the disintegration of the family group, but are also the object of exploitation, marginalization and inattention in the receiving countries, thus attempting against the rights that every person and family has to quality living conditions and also contributing to the rupture of family groups,
3. The simultaneous existence of: a) countries and international consortiums which promote and finance demographic and social policies which attempt against the right to life and a better quality of life of persons and families; and b) confessional, social and political organizations which, conscious of these immoral and destructive tendencies, carry on activities of acknowledgement and valuation of life in every stage of its human development,
4. That, as a consequence of the evolution and development of the inevitable scientific, social, psychological and cultural changes, and as characteristic of the evolution of human institutions, the family among them, new forms of constitution and functioning as families have been generated and generalized, and which based on the original principle of a relationship between a man and a woman, have as a goal the achievement of the human and Christian purposes of the matrimony and the family,
5. That the Christian Family Movements in the countries of the Asiatic, European, Latin American and North American Continents, which are members of the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements (ICCFM/CIMFC) have as their objective the promotion, attention, integral formation and Christian and human development of the families,

RESOLVED AND AGREED:

1. To request the Christian Family Movements which are members of the Confederation:
 - a. To reject the laws, official decrees and international and national policies which promote forms of families different to the union of a man and woman.
 - b. To carry out actions which strengthen the marriages and families formed by a man and woman, where, based on human and Christian values, the dimension of fecundity is strengthened in all its perspectives: biological, social and spiritual.
2. To motivate and encourage the family movements, members of this Confederation:
 - a. To initiate, continue and intensify pastoral and supporting actions, through which assistance is given to migrant persons and families, in both the receiving country as well as in the country of origin.
 - b. To be aware of and coordinate with other humanitarian, confessional, official and private organizations, actions in support, refuge and promotion of the processes of family insertion and regrouping.
3. To request the Christian Family Movements, members of this Confederation, to promote on their own account, and jointly with all such similar groups and associations, actions in defense of human values and human life since its conception until its final stage.
4. To request and motivate the Christian Family Movements, members of this Confederation, to be open and flexible in their pastoral criteria and in their personal attitudes, in connection with new forms of family described in the 4th paragraph of the preceding "*whereas*" and that, through the principles of **RESPECT, PRUDENCE, TRUTH AND CHARITY**, come close to them and accept them as new family forms, which have originated from the former family forms and coexist at present with them, and besides, pursue the same human and Christian goals.
5. To make public these Resolutions and Agreements by means of the following actions:
 - a. To send them to the Continental President Couples of the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements, who must transmit them to the National President Couple of each member country.
 - b. To send them to all the participants in the XI World Family Encounter and the XV General Assembly of the ICCFM/CIMFC.
 - c. To send a copy of these Resolutions and Agreements to the Family Pontifical Council at the Vatican.

- d. To send copy of these Resolutions and Agreements to the United Nations.
 - e. To send copy of these Resolutions and Agreements to other international organizations.
 - f. To make these Resolutions and Agreements fully known to the Episcopal Conferences and Church Family Departments, as well as to public and private communication media, in the member countries.
6. To request all members and families belonging to the ICCFM/CIMFC to maintain a permanent vigilant and prayer attitude, with the community intention for the success of these agreements.

Signed in Goa, India, on the fourteenth day of the month of September, 2010, under the inspiration of the Sacred Family of Nazareth and the benediction of Saint Francis Xavier.

By express delegation of the participants in the XI Family Encounter and the XV General Assembly of the ICCFM/CIMFC

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