



APOSTOLAT MILITAIRE INTERNATIONAL

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Function

- AMI General Assembly and Conference 2008 in the Netherlands
- Election of LTC Michael JEDLIČKA (Austria) to be the new liaison officer to the Forum of Catholic-inspired NGOs and to Catholic lay organisations on international level for the next 3 years



1st Task as AMI Liaison Officer

- Active Member of a working group at the INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC CENTRE in Geneva, Switzerland in December 2008
- Result of the working group: “Declaration of International Christian inspired NGOs for the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights”



A look back in history...

Participations as AMI delegate

- Installation of the new Forum of Catholic-inspired NGOs. First meeting in Rome in November 2007
- 40 years of cooperation with the Conference of International Catholic Organisations (CICO)
- June 2008 in Paris: DISSOLUTION of CICO



Participation as AMI delegate in Rome

- ROME, 12 February 2010 - 2nd Forum of Catholic-inspired NGOs
- AMI-delegates
 - Nelleke Swinkels van de Vorst
 - LTC Michael JEDLIČKA





Challenges during the Forum in Rome

- Offer a more solid basis for analysis of existing challenges
- Clearer positioning and action
- Identify strong and weak points of advocacy work
- Define the need for cooperation among involved parties
- Contribute to strategy building



Challenges during the Forum in Rome

- Contribute to the formation of dynamic links between Catholic-inspired organizations
- Facilitate the definition of an agreed thematic approach either through the centres or by direct discussion between various partner organizations
- Invite Catholic-inspired organizations to establish a partnership and/or exchange mechanisms on a thematic basis with other parties in a specific area
- Allow a better definition of the participants in the next forum



Results from the 2nd Forum of Catholic-inspired NGOs in Rome

- Nelleke Swinkels van de Vorst and LTC Michael Jedlicka have been participants in the working group „HUMAN RIGHTS“
- What was especially helpful?
 - To find a floor for a fruitful exchange and strategic alliances on specific topics.





Results from the 2nd Forum of Catholic-inspired NGOs in Rome

- What was missing?
 - Find a way of a specification of the various organisations with reference to their capacities (lay people who are working on a voluntary basis in contrast to professional employees of organisations with a significant international sphere of influence).



Results from the 2nd Forum of Catholic-inspired NGOs in Rome

- Suggestions about group session (content / process).
 - Wording and definition of topics were too sophisticated
 - Bring down the level during group sessions -> most of the participants could contribute to the discussions because of their experience on working level



2008 to 2010: Activities in Vienna

- Participation in different conferences and workshops at the European Organization for Security and Cooperation (OSCE) and other international institutions with headquarters in Vienna
- Meeting with Monsignore Michael Banach-permanent representative of the Holy See at the International Atomic Energy Agency, at OSCE and at other international institutions with headquarters in Vienna.



2008 to 2010: Activities in Vienna

- Agreements with Monsignore Bannach regarding further cooperation with AMI
 - AMI is willing to provide support in military technical expertises



A look into the Future

- AMI is very interested in cooperating on an international level within the Forum of Catholic inspired NGOs.
- Especially the possibility to benefit from an exchange of views and to be a part of an international Catholic network adds some valuable aspects in our work as Catholic lay people.
- AMI tries to be present at the international centres in Geneva and Vienna to be an active member of the international community of Catholic lay organisations.



Thank you!



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