

CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC ORGANISATIONS (1927-2008)

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The extraordinary General Assembly of the Conference of the International Catholic Organisations, held on 19th June 2008 in Paris, decided on the institution's DISSOLUTION. The decision was voted by a special majority of more than two thirds of its members following a general policy debate, concluding a one-year process of multilateral dialogue.

The decision's main object is to allow for the new Forum which included an additional 100 Catholic-inspired NGOs, and held its first meeting in Rome in November 2007. This was initiated by the Vatican Secretariat of State.

This platform favours network exchanges that renders more effective the presence and response to global challenges, in the framework of the United Nations and other intergovernmental authorities.

In a world in constant evolution, the implementation of a response more adapted to our time, henceforth allows to bring together the community of both public and private international Catholic associations of the lay faithful as well as religious congregations, with international statute in regard to intergovernmental authorities, around objectives and common witness to evangelical values and those conveyed by the social teaching of the Church.

This is the fruit of co-operation between the permanent observers of the Holy See, the members from different dicasteries, international Catholic centres, around themes considered to be a priority at the service of humanity.