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Dear Presidents, Representatives, Executives of FEZANA Member Associations, in Canada & U S A.

**I wish you all and your members a Joyful Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year 2004.**

I will be visiting India from 25<sup>th</sup> December to 10 January 2004. A list of items to follow-up on and meetings to attend, is shown below.

I also plan to stop over in London on my return and meet with some Board Members of WZO & ZTFE, Who may not have been able to come to Mumbai and compare notes, if possible.

With reference to communication from Dinshaw Tamboly, of BPP and WZO Trust India, a meeting of World Zarathushti Leaders from all Federations and the WZO UK is scheduled for 8th January 2004 in Mumbai, India. I herewith wish to inform you that I intend to attend this meeting as a representative of FEZANA. The World Body issue, is bound to be a part of the discussions at this meeting.

At this point in time I would like to grasp the current "pulse" of our North American community in this area with some general understanding of your position vis-à-vis a WORLD BODY. We understand that almost all of us seek to have ONE WORLD BODY to maintain unity. And we are closer to that goal than ever before.

In order to able to represent you all as the constituency of FEZANA, as your President, I request you to review and comment on any of the discussion items regarding World Body and other matters, or suggest items that you would want me to include or be aware of, while I am attending the meetings.

I will appreciate, if you could respond to me by **24<sup>th</sup> December** latest, as to how you would like to see the WORLD BODY discussions proceed.

With some degree of understanding of where FEZANA Members stand on this issue, I could guide my discussions intelligently in this and other matters.

I assure you that I do not intend commit FEZANA in any way in a formal signatory way. That will be the prerogative of the Board Members in due course of time.

**PLEASE RESPOND, YOUR INPUT IS CRUTIAL & VALUABLE.**

Thanking you all,

Sincerely,

*Firdosh Mehta. -- FEZANA President*

## *List of Meetings and Follow-ups.*

- 1 Attend The 3<sup>rd</sup> World Zarathushti Youth Congress in the capacity of “PATRON” and participate mainly as an observer of the youth issues and trends to acquire a better understanding to focus our future activities. Participate as moderator or session chair if requested to do so and arrange presentation of the FEZANA / ZYNA partial support to North American Youth attending the Congress as selected by ZYNA committee.
- 2 Presentation of FEZANA financial support to the Managing Committee of the 3WZYC.
3. Presentation of FEZANA financial support to the World Zarathushti Cultural Foundation. Meet with Er. Dr. Homi Dhalla regarding many projects undertaken by them and the ones FEZANA would like to support as recommended by our Religion Education and Historical Research & Preservation Committees
4. Presentation of FEZANA/ZYNA financial support to the WZO Youth Wing of India for their activities in support of Youth Hostels, Museums etc.
5. Meeting with B D Petit Parsi General Hospital Managing committee to review documents pertaining to FEZANA’s donations and meet with some recipients, under an informal information session.
6. Meeting with Mr. Dinshaw Tamboly to review accounts pertaining to FEZANA’s Critical & Medical support funding through the WZO India Trust charity and strengthen our mutual relationship for future support from FEZANA.
7. Review Dastoor Meherji-Rana Library Navsari Manuscripts Preservation activity. Follow up meeting with Malcolm Deboo in Pune.
8. Follow up on the ONE World Body structure developed as a Sense of the Mumbai meeting of Jan 2003 and subsequent umbrella structure suggested by WZO UK (**see attached**) and accepted in principle by FEZANA, ZTFE and FPZAOI in a joint communiqué in May 2003. This structure was also presented to FEZANA’s Board members at the AGM in Boston by me and by our WG. Discussions will involve around bringing the participants to a mutual understanding of what the IZO would include and be required to undertake vis-à-vis the Individuals Council and Federations Council. However, this meeting is NOT to formalize or finalize any aspect of the World Body, but to keep up the positive momentum generated after the January 2003 meetings. During the discussions, the WG Report of Aug 03 will be consulted, where pertinent, as valuable reference material.
9. Increase awareness of FEZANA’s Religion Education Fund Scholarship and introduce ZYNA Performing Arts Fund Scholarship to support gifted children in NON-academic pursuits, like dance, music, theater, drama, singing, etc.
10. Meet with Mr. Marazban Giara and Parsiana officers and thank them for their support for the FEZANA Journal and Publications Distribution.

12 Meet with Ms. Bachi Karkaria and review progress re: her book project in New Delhi.