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**SUBJECT** WG Clarifications and Comments: January 2002 to April 30, 2002.

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

It will be said that during your term of office, Framroze, you have placed before our North American Zarathushti community "a new culture of responsibility, a new ethic and a new creed." Your hidden hand of leadership has brought us through many a storm, not least of which has been the world body issue. It caused violent reactions, but you had a way of calming the situation.

The legacy of the "Working Group" that you have given the community, was a forethought par excellence. You will be well remembered for it. The Working Group offers their sincere and most well deserved thanks and appreciation, and look to you for continued guidance and wisdom.

**PREAMBLE**

Framroze Patel, the President of FEZANA, circulated the following items to FEZANA Member Associations and other interested parties:

May 14, 2001	Appointment of FEZANA World Body Working Group and mandate.
February 14, 2002	The FEZANA World Body Working Group Phase One Report.
March 15, 2002	The FEZANA World Body Working Group Phase One Report - Summary.
March 21, 2002	Mandate for Phase Two of the FEZANA World Body Working Group.

The two mandates (May 14, 2001 and March 21, 2002) are reproduced in Appendix C and the four principal recommendations from the Phase One report are reproduced in Appendix D.

In its Phase One Report the WG recommended that convergence to a World Body be accomplished in phases, namely, clarification, modification, dissemination and choice. In Phase Two FEZANA Member Associations and interested parties were provided with an opportunity to seek clarifications to better understand the WG Phase One Report. Specifically, the respondents were requested to respond to the following questions pertaining to the report as a whole:

- What questions by way of clarification do you have that you would like clarified by the FEZANA World Body Working Group?
- What are the errors of fact, if any, in the report?
- What are the errors of logic, if any, in the report?
- What aspects are unclear and need further clarification?

Based on the answers to the preceding questions are the conclusions drawn by the FEZANA World Body Working Group sound?

Between February and April 2002 the following organizations were briefed by a representative of the WG: Zoroastrian Association of Houston, Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Washington, Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago, The Bombay Parsi Panchayat, Federations of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumans of India (India), The Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (UK), The World Zoroastrian Organization (UK).

In response to the dissemination of the Phase One Report, the Report Summary and the Briefings we have received communication from the following:

Dhunmai Dalal.	March 30, 2002
Dolly Dastoor.	April 17, May 7, 2002.
Keki Gandhi. Secretary FZPAI, India.	March 21, 2002.
Ness Lakdawala on behalf of ZAQ.	March 14, 2002.
Perviz Madon and Bella Tata on behalf of ZSBC.	April 5, 2002.
Farhang Mehr.	March 20, 2002.
Firdosh Mehta on behalf of ZAA.	March 20 & 28, 2002.
Dorab Mistry on behalf of ZTFE, UK.	April 13, 2002.
Yasmin Pavri on behalf of ZAH.	April 16, 2002.
Minoos Shroff on behalf of all members of the BPP, Mumbai..	January 11, 2002.
Dinshaw Tamboly. Trustee BPP, India.	
Member, International Board WZO.	February 25, 2002
Rustom Tirandaz. Trustee BBP, India.	January 6, 2002.

We thank all of the above and have reproduced the text in Appendix B.

#### **ANALYSIS OF RESPONSES RECEIVED**

The communication that we have received includes some requests for clarifications, some personal observations, some advocacies for a particular model and some level criticism of the WG itself. Of all the submissions, only the ZAH addressed the questions posed by the WG in its Phase One Report. We sincerely thank them for it; their submissions are reproduced in Appendix B.

We offer clarifications in two parts:

- Appendix A - those that deal with issues of mandate given, decisions made and actions taken by the WG.
- Appendix B - those that deal with specific aspects of the report, models or misrepresentation of fact in a specific submission. The WG comments are interspersed in the text.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

On analyzing the submissions received it appears that there was a little but an important need for Clarification. Many of the submissions embodied advocacy of a particular model and a criticism of one of the other models.

It is our considered opinion that all four models are workable but with different levels of efficacy. The key issue is NOT just of workability but acceptability by various constituencies of the Zarathushti World. No model is perfect – all have both strengths and limitations. In our opinion, all four models will benefit from further development.

With this as background the WG recommends:

1. The Clarification Phase be declared successful and closed.
2. The WG move into Phase 3, namely, the Modification Phase of its deliberations.
  - 2A The WG be empowered to invite all parties:
    - to formally propose changes and modifications to all four models identified in the WG Phase One Report, and
    - to propose new models.
  - 2B The WG analyze and report dispassionately on the outcome of its deliberations to the FEZANA Member Associations and interested constituencies.
3. The following strictures from the mandate for the Clarification Phase stand:
  - 3A Briefings for FEZANA Member Associations be given under the following parameters:
    - WG members make no representations or commitments on behalf of FEZANA or the Working Group in their capacity as a FEZANA representative or in their individual capacity.

- WG Members do not speculate about the outcome of future deliberations within FEZANA.
- WG Members make no representations to the press. The FEZANA President will make announcement to the press when he/she feels the time is right.

3B The WG's principal constituency remains the FEZANA Executive and the FEZANA Member Associations that the WG is expected to brief. The WG will also be responsive to other interested constituencies from around the world.