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**Conférence des ONG ayant des Relations Consultatives avec les Nations Unies**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 28TH *Co*NGO GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

(*Co*NGO GA28 Memo #1)

As President of the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (*Co*NGO), I officially announce that the 28th CoNGO General Assembly will be held in New York City from October 27 to 29, 2025.

The assembly will gather under the theme: **“Defining the Present, Shaping the Future: *Protecting Civil Society Participation at the United Nations.”***

The assembly will be preceded by a Summit of NGO Committees related to *Co*NGO, which will be held in the first half of 2025. Planning will begin shortly.

This announcement also notifies the composition of the *Co*NGO Nominations Committee, established by *Co*NGO Rules. This committee conducts the process leading to the elections of the CoNGO President and board at the 28th General Assembly. More details can be found in *Co*NGO GA28 Update #2.

According to the *Co*NGO Rules, only member organizations that have paid their membership dues for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are eligible to speak and vote at the assembly. Organizations that joined in 2023 must have paid for 2023 and 2024, and organizations that joined in 2024 must have paid for that year. Organizations that joined in 2025 before the assembly shall have the same right of voice and vote.

Any candidate for president or board member must be in good standing with *Co*NGO, including their nominator(s) or seconder(s). This requires paying membership dues, which can be verified through *Co*NGO's accounting services by emailing Staci Alziebler-Perkins at **finance@ngocongo.org**. The specific requirements will be detailed in a future notification from the Nomination Committee Chair.

The president's office will provide separate updates on the theme, program, and logistics of the 2025 Assembly over the coming months. Thank you for your attention.

Liberato C. Bautista

President of *Co*NGO

27 October 2024 (revised)