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Resolution on the 13th General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY)

**Adopted by the Executive Committee
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The European Youth Forum Executive Committee, in its meeting held in Geneva on the 26-28 November 1999, has reviewed the information provided by our member organisations and the Bureau about the implementation of the mandate, given by the Executive Committee of our platform in November 1997 regarding the World Assembly of Youth (WAY).

- **Since November 1997 to date, the European Youth Forum has not been able to implement its mandate because, during this period, WAY has not held its General Assembly.**
- **A General Assembly of WAY was scheduled for February 1999. The delay was due to WAY's failure to organise a General Assembly that could bring about a significant historic change within the WAY.**
- **Many member organisations of the European Youth Forum which had previously encouraged the European Youth Forum to have an active role in this global youth platform, have now reported the European Youth Forum Bureau their decision not to attend the General Assembly and to leave WAY because this platform, instead of undertaking the much expected change, has certainly stagnated.**

Therefore in the light of this information, the Bureau has decided not to attend the 13th General Assembly of WAY, which will be held in Kuala Lumpur from 21 to 24 November, and to present this resolution to the Executive Committee of the European Youth Forum which will take place in Geneva on 26-28 November 1999.

Thus, the Executive Committee decides :

- **To ratify the Bureau's position of not attending this General Assembly. This position is based on a decision co-ordinated with most member organisations which are or were until very recently members of the platform.**
- **To put an end to the political mandate of the Executive Committee as given in Budapest in November 1997, requesting the European Youth Forum's membership in WAY. In other words, it is our decision to give up our idea of being members of that platform.**
- **That this decision does not replace the political debate that should go together with the current development of our global co-operation policy**

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and the assessment of the tools to implement that policy. The gradual co-ordination of the youth movement must globally be understood as a process and its tools must be considered as a mean and not as a goal per se. Therefore, the European Youth Forum will endeavour to encourage a process of co-ordinating the youth movement globally which, together with other processes that might take place, can increase the youth organisations' capacity to be the youth's representative in the international community.

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