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Acknowledgement

The Workshop **Networking on Peace and Reconciliation** took place in Yerevan, Armenia, 03. 05. – 06. 05. 2012 and was hosted and organized by YMCA Europe and YMCA Armenia. The workshop was arranged to provide a forum for sharing experience and strengthening networking between partner organizations of EED working in peace and reconciliation in the Southern Caucasus. It was attended by 19 participants from 13 organizations from Georgia and Armenia.

The YMCA Europe Secretary played a central role in initiating the workshop and within the preparation period between December 2011 and April 2012.

All logistics and organizational matters as well as technical support around the workshop and beyond were excellent. The chosen venue Hotel Hrazdan was a perfect location for the workshop participants and co-organizers, as all technical means were provided, the service was flexible and cooperative and the location was reachable for all Armenian participants without overnight accommodation.

On behalf of EED I herewith express great appreciation to YMCA Europe and to YMCA Armenia for their outstanding efforts to make the workshop a success. We are very thankful for the organizational and logistic support that was given to all, especially to the two facilitators, myself and Bruce Britton, but also to all the participants before, during and after the Workshop. With the technical and logistical support, the friendly and constructive atmosphere provided through the hosting organizations and their staff and volunteers, the workshop facilitators and also the whole group faced a very positive and enabling environment through which we could work together in an excellent and fruitful way. This was the prerequisite to achieve the outcome of the workshop for all.

I would especially like to thank Mr. Vardan Hambardzumyan, Executive Secretary of the YMCA Europe, for the initiation of the workshop and the continuous engagement and input to prepare the event, to tailor the programme to the needs of the participants, to form a planning committee/steering group with facilitators and representatives from the partner organizations. In addition to that special thanks again for logistical and organizational support in all means!

Also high appreciation and special thanks goes to Mr. Hayk Khachatryan, General secretary of the YMCA Armenia, and the group of staff members and volunteers from YMCA Armenia who all spend so much time and energy in preparing and organizing and with competence, friendliness and patience were continuously engaged in supporting, copying, typing, translating and printing as well as putting participants into scene through pictures and providing all support for a well organized framing and cultural programme.

Wishing you and your colleagues all the best for your work in peace and reconciliation,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caroline Kruckow', written in a cursive style.

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