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Ref: ANDREW MOURAVIEFF-APOSTOL MEDAL FOR AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK – NOMINEE: MR. CHARLBES MBUGUA

Charles Mbugua qualified as a social worker in Kenya in the late 1977. He has practised as a social worker and in social development since that time and has become a significant person in the development of social work across Africa and globally. He has played a key role in the development of the Kenya National Association of Social Workers.

Charles served on the IFSW global Executive 2002 – 2014 as the Vice President and President for Africa and later was the senior Vice President serving on the IFSW Steering Group and helping to steer the Federation. He played key roles in several regional conferences in Kenya and more widely in Africa. He has been the IFSW and social work representative to the United Nations Habitat (based in Nairobi) for many years and has taken part in the development of the global strategy on sustainable urbanisation.

Charles has been a founder member of the Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work, serving as Co-Chair and continuing as a member of the Board, helping to grow the organisation across the Commonwealth and especially in Africa. Through COSW he has been involved in the Commonwealth Young Carer Project, playing a key role in the organisation of a conference and four weekend festivals for young carers from across East Africa from 2006 to 2019. This project also provided key infrastructure support to IFSW in the region and the development of the African Association of Schools of Social Work. Charles has initiated a project to record the history of the development of social work across the Commonwealth and specifically in Kenya.

Charles is a person of undoubted integrity, energy and commitment to social work. He travelled by bus and plane across Africa to meet with newly emerging social work associations and to network with social work colleagues. His skills in organisation, networking and building alliances are legendary. He is trusted as a mentor and adviser to many in IFSW and social work in general.

Charles has made an outstanding contribution to IFSW and the development of social work in Africa and across the world and we therefore commend him for the award of the Andrew Mouravieff-Apostol Medal.

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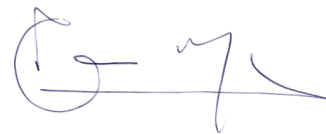
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