

24 October 2018

His Eminence, Oswald Cardinal Gracias,
President – FABC
Archbishop of Bombay

Your Eminence:

Greetings from Batam Island, Indonesia, where we just completed the 8th AsIPA General Assembly.

We, the members of the AsIPA Resource Team (ART) present, are writing to share with you our deep disappointment in how the AsIPA Desk has been shut down without proper evaluation of AsIPA and without consultation with Cardinal Chairman, the Bishop members and executive secretaries of FABC OLF.

We seek clarification of this lack of adequate process, communication and consultation. This decision to discontinue AsIPA Desk, has been, according to Fr. Ray, a decision of the FABC Central Committee. Up to this time there has been no official communication regarding the AsIPA Desk and no proper explanation of the need for the disruption.

The participants at our General Assembly were filled with disbelief that something which, for them, has been a work of the Holy Spirit towards a new way of being Church should be treated in such a shabby manner.

In the interests of greater transparency, a fairer and clearer way forward, we are requesting that a more thorough discussion be held at the next meeting of the Central Committee and a clear decision be communicated to the Bishops' Conferences and all those concerned.

We hope and pray that you are keeping well and will take to heart our request to put this matter on the agenda of your next Central Committee Meeting in December, 2018.

Attached is a statement prepared during the Delhi meeting in June, 2018, of the AsIPA Resource Team.

We remain,

Yours in the service of Christ,

Fr Cyril Arthur Pereira (India)

Ms Cora Mateo (Philippines)

Fr Michael Thinaratana Komkris (Thailand)

Dr. Bibiana JooHyun Ro (Korea)

Fr Francis Mukin (Indonesia)

Ms Wendy Louis (Singapore)

Fr Rohan Dominic (Sri Lanka)