MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MICHAEL D. HIGGINS

International Committee for October 17 meeting in Ireland from May 12th to 16th, 2014

As President of Ireland I am delighted to welcome to Dublin those of you who have travelled from abroad for this important biennial working meeting.

Every year, since 1993, the United Nations International Day for the Eradication of Poverty has reminded us of the many marginalized citizens across the world who live, every day, with that greatest violation of human rights – hunger. It also reminds us of the global commitment we share to sustainable development and the eradication of world poverty – the greatest moral challenge facing the global community today.

The role of your committee in raising awareness of the fight against poverty, and of our responsibility stand in solidarity with the world’s poor, is a vital one – and one for which I thank and commend you.

I wish you a fruitful meeting in Dublin and a successful International Day in October.

Michael D. Higgins
Uachtarán na hÉireann
President of Ireland

12th May 2014