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**Non-governmental organizations****Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2010 regular session****(New York, 25 January-3 February 2010)***Summary*

At its 2010 regular session, held from 25 January to 3 February 2010, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 242 applications for consultative status, including applications deferred from its 1999 through 2009 sessions. Of those applications, the Committee recommended 76 for consultative status, deferred 149 for further consideration at its resumed session in 2010, took note of 1 non-governmental organization that had withdrawn its application, closed consideration without prejudice of 14 applications and closed its consideration of 2 other non-governmental organizations. The Committee also had before it one request for reclassification of consultative status; it recommended the same request. In addition, it had before it 173 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 170. Of the 49 non-governmental organizations that attended the session, the Committee heard 21 representatives of those organizations. Owing to time constraints and pending the receipt of responses to questions posed, the Committee deferred the consideration of 13 quadrennial reports deferred from previous sessions.

The present report contains four draft decisions on matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council.

By draft decision I, the Council would:

- (a) Grant consultative status to 76 non-governmental organizations;
- (b) Reclassify the consultative status of one non-governmental organization;

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(c) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the withdrawal of the application of one non-governmental organization;

(d) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 170 non-governmental organizations;

(e) Note that the Committee decided to close its consideration without prejudice of the applications of 14 non-governmental organizations;

(f) Note that the Committee decided to close its consideration of the applications of two non-governmental organizations.

By draft decision II, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of the General Federation of Iraqi Women.

By draft decision III, the Council would decide to suspend the consultative status of Interfaith International for a period of two years.

By draft decision IV, the Council would take note of the present report.

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## I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

### Draft decisions for adoption by the Council

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

#### Draft decision I

#### Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following 76 non-governmental organizations:

#### *Special consultative status*

3D: Trade, Human Rights, Equitable Economy  
 Afro Centre for Development Peace and Justice  
 Alliance Defense Fund  
 Amis de la Terre (Togo)  
 Asociación Habitat Pro  
 Association congolaise d'éducation et de prévention contre les maladies et la drogue  
 Association de développement de Korba  
 Ayande Roshan Nokhbegan Foundation  
 Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication  
 Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation  
 Cause première  
 Center for Assistance to Human Rights Protection  
 Center for Policy Studies  
 Centre for Public Health  
 Community Development Volunteers for Technical Assistance  
 Cooperation and Participation in Overseas NGOs  
 Dental Care International Foundation  
 Dones per la Llibertat i Democràcia  
 East-West Management Institute  
 Eco-Tiras International Environmental Association of River Keepers  
 Egyptian Association for Educational Resources

Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness  
European Space Policy Institute  
Family Africa  
Family Planning Association of the Islamic Republic of Iran  
Fondation généreuse développement  
Fondation Suisse Maroc pour le développement durable  
Forest Peoples Programme  
Free World Foundation  
Fundación Cimientos  
Fundación Eudes  
Fundación UNITRAN  
Global Witness  
Green Asia Network  
Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries  
Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International  
IFENDU for Women's Development  
International Commission on Workforce Development  
International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organizations  
International Congo Aid — Smile African Children  
International Sustainable Energy Organisation for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency  
Internet Society  
Justice for All — Prison Fellowship Ethiopia  
Liberians United to Expose Hidden Weapons  
Maasai Aid Association  
Mehr Nuri Public Foundation  
Missions 3G-Gauri  
National Association of Friendship Centres  
National Association of Vocational Education of China  
Organisation des hommes démunis et enfants orphelins pour le développement  
Organisation marocaine des droits humains  
Pacific Women's Watch (New Zealand)  
Plan Sweden  
Presse emblème campagne

Reach Out and Care Wheels  
 Saferworld  
 Samaj Kalyan O. Unnayan Shangstha  
 Social Development Center  
 Society of International Humanitarian Surgeons  
 Spirituality for Kids  
 Swami Vivekanand Samaj Seva Samsthe  
 UNESCO Association of Guwahati  
 United Network of Young Peacebuilders  
 Universitas 21  
 Verein zur Förderung der Völkerverständigung  
 Viva Rio  
 WomenAid Collective  
 Women Entrepreneurs Association of Turkey  
 Women Organization for Development and Capacity-Building  
 Women Power Connect  
 Women's Legal Education and Action Fund

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American Delegation of the Order of Danilo I  
 Confederation of Fire Protection Association International  
 Institute of Road Traffic Education  
 International Civil Aviation English Association  
 We the Children Foundation

(b) To reclassify the following non-governmental organization from special to general consultative status:

Femmes Afrique solidarité

(c) To note that the Committee took note of the request of the following non-governmental organization to withdraw its application:

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

(d) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 170 non-governmental organizations for the reporting period 2005-2008:

Abdul Momen Khan Memorial Foundation

Action contre la faim

Adalah: Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel

Adventist Development and Relief Agency  
Advocates for Youth  
Agence internationale pour le développement  
Albert Schweitzer Institute  
All India Movement for Seva  
America Mideast Educational and Training Services  
American Association of Jurists  
American Bar Association  
American Jewish Committee  
Arab Organization for Human Rights  
Asia Pacific Network Information Centre  
Asian Federation of Laryngectomees Association  
Asociación de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Madres Irlandesas  
Association culturelle d'aide à la promotion éducative et sociale  
Association for the Study of the World Refugee Problem  
Association for Women's Rights in Development  
Association mauritanienne pour la santé de la mère et de l'enfant  
Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific  
Association of the Bar of the City of New York  
Association pour la collaboration globale  
Aviation sans frontières  
Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies  
Canadian Environmental Network  
Center for Migration Studies of New York  
Center for Reproductive Rights  
Centre d'études diplomatiques et stratégiques  
Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development  
Centro de Estudio y Formación Integral de la Mujer  
Cercle des dames mourides  
Child Foundation  
China Arms Control and Disarmament Association  
China Family Planning Association  
Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries  
Citizens for Decent Housing

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Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants  
Coalition Against Trafficking in Women  
Comité Français des organisations non-gouvernementales pour la liaison et l'information des Nations Unies  
Committee for Hispanic Children and Families  
Consortium for Street Children  
Cooperativa Tecnico Scientifica di Base  
Cultural Survival  
Dhaka Ahsania Mission  
Dui Hua Foundation  
Enfants du monde: droits de l'homme  
European AIDS Treatment Group  
European Roma Rights Center  
European Solidarity Towards Equal Participation of People  
Family Care International  
Fazaldad Human Rights Institute  
Federation of American Scientists  
Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas  
Felix Varela Center  
Feminist Club  
Firooznia Charity Foundation  
Fondation Surgir  
Forum of Women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan  
Foundation for International Training  
Foundation for the Refugee Education Trust  
Foundation for the Rights of Future Generations  
Fridtjof Nansen Institute  
Fundación de Ayuda contra la Drogadiccion  
Fundación Intervida  
Fundación Mujeres en Igualdad  
Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS  
Global Youth Action Network  
Greek Council for Refugees  
Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council of North and South America

Green Cross International  
Habitat International Coalition  
Hoffnungszeichen  
Human Rights Advocates  
Humanitarian Foundation of Canada  
Indigenous World Association  
Institut arabe des droits de l'homme  
Institute for Policy Studies  
Institute of Cultural Affairs International  
Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children  
International Academy of Architecture  
International Association for Impact Assessment  
International Association of Applied Psychology  
International Association of Democratic Lawyers  
International Association of Prosecutors  
International Association of Science Parks  
International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights  
International Conference Volunteers  
International Council for Caring Communities  
International Council of Jewish Women  
International Development Enterprises (India)  
International Federation for Home Economics  
International Federation of Building and Wood Workers  
International Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse  
International Indian Treaty Council  
International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences  
International Justice Mission  
International Maritime Committee  
International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination  
International Organization for the Right to Education and Freedom of Education  
International Road Transport Union  
International Shinto Foundation

International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics  
International Women Bond  
International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs  
Istanbul International Brotherhood and Solidarity Association  
Jaime Guzman Errazuriz Foundation  
Kenya Tuitakayo: Citizens Coalition for Constitutional Change  
Latin American and Caribbean Continental Organization of Students  
Latin American Federation of Associations of Relatives of Disappeared Detainees  
Law Association for Asia and the Pacific  
Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada  
League of Women Voters of the United States  
Mata Amritanandamayi Math  
Mbororo Social and Cultural Development Association  
MINBYUN: Lawyers for a Democratic Society  
MiRA Resource Center for Black Immigrant and Refugee Women  
National Abortion Federation  
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials  
National Council of Women of Malta  
Native Women's Association of Canada  
Netherlands Association of Women's Interests, Women's Work and Equal Citizenship  
New Zealand Family Planning Association  
Nigerian Institute of Homeopathy  
Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development  
Organisation mondiale des associations pour l'éducation prénatale  
Organization for International Economic Relations  
Osservatorio per la Comunicazione Culturale e l'Audiovisivo nel Mediterraneo e nel Mondo  
Pan Pacific and South-East Asia Women's Association  
PARTAGE  
Pasumai Thaayagam Foundation  
Pathways to Peace  
Peace Child International  
Peace Worldwide

Penal Reform International  
People with Disability Australia  
Philippine Human Rights Information Center  
Rodale Institute  
Rotary International  
S. M. Sehgal Foundation  
Sawiris Foundation for Social Development  
Scouts musulmans algériens  
Simply Help  
Sisters of Charity Federation  
Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur  
Society for Development of Services in Heliopolis  
Society to Support Children Suffering from Cancer  
Survivors Corps  
Susila Dharma International Association  
Synergos Institute  
Tamana Association  
Tarumitra  
Tebtebba Foundation  
UNANIMA International  
Unión de Asociaciones Familiares  
United for Intercultural Action  
United States Federation for Middle East Peace  
War Resisters International  
Watson Institute for International Studies  
Wellesley Centers for Women  
Widows Rights International  
Women for Women's Human Rights: New Ways  
Women's Board Educational Cooperation Society  
Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling  
Women's Federation for World Peace International  
Women's Learning Partnership for Rights, Development, and Peace  
World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation  
World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations

World Russian People's Council

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(e) To note that the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by the following non-governmental organizations, after the organizations had failed to respond despite three reminders, over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to queries posed to the organizations by members of the Committee:

Ambedkar Centre for Justice and Peace

Association Lestime: communauté lesbienne de Genève

Better Life Programme for the African Rural Woman

Dalit Freedom Network

Drug Policy Alliance

European Roma and Travellers Forum

International Center for Transitional Justice

Marijuana Policy Project Foundation

Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality

Opportunity International

Organisation suisse des lesbiennes

PeaceJam Foundation

Sub-Priorato del Piemonte dell'Ordine di San Fortunato

Yun Lin Temple

(f) To note that the Committee decided to suspend its consideration of the application for consultative status submitted by the non-governmental organization Ethiopian Human Rights Council;

(g) To note that the Committee decided to close consideration of the request for consultative status made by the following non-governmental organizations:

Centre Internacional Escarré per a les Minories Ètniques i les Nacions

Institute of Hazrat Mohammad

#### **Draft decision II**

#### **Withdrawal of consultative status of the non-governmental organization General Federation of Iraqi Women**

The Economic and Social Council decides to withdraw consultative status with the Council of the non-governmental organization General Federation of Iraqi Women.

**Draft decision III**  
**Suspension of consultative status of the non-governmental organization**  
**Interfaith International**

The Economic and Social Council decides to suspend the consultative status of the non-governmental organization Interfaith International for a period of two years.

**Draft decision IV**  
**Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2010**  
**regular session**

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2010 regular session.

**II. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations**

2. The Committee considered item 3 of its agenda, applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations, at its 2nd through 16th meetings, held from 25 January to 3 February 2010. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/2010/R.2 and Add.1-18);

(b) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held in 1999 through 2009 (E/C.2/2010/CRP.1);

(c) Compilation of deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held in 2009 (E/C.2/2010/CRP.2);

(d) List of non-governmental organizations that did not submit their quadrennial reports for two consecutive periods (E/C.2/2010/CRP.3);

(e) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2010/CRP.4).

**A. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee**

3. The Committee considered item 3 (a) of its agenda, Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, contained in document E/C.2/2010/CRP.4, at its 10th meeting, held on 29 January 2010.

**Applications recommended**

4. Of the 101 applications deferred from previous sessions, the Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 28 organizations whose applications had been deferred from previous sessions (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

*Special consultative status*

3D: Trade, Human Rights, Equitable Economy  
Afro Centre for Development Peace and Justice  
Alliance Defense Fund  
Center for Policy Studies  
Forest Peoples Programme  
Free World Foundation  
Global Witness  
Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries  
Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International  
IFENDU for Women's Development  
International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organizations  
International Sustainable Energy Organisation for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency  
Internet Society  
Maasai Aid Association  
Missions 3G-Gauri  
National Association of Friendship Centres  
Pacific Women's Watch (New Zealand)  
Presse emblème campagne  
Saferworld  
Samaj Kalyan O. Unnayan Shangstha  
Spirituality for Kids  
Swami Vivekanand Samaj Seva Samsthe  
United Network of Young Peacebuilders  
Universitas 21  
Verein zur Förderung der Völkerverständigung  
WomenAid Collective  
Women's Legal Education and Action Fund

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Institute of Road Traffic Education

**Applications deferred**

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 57 non-governmental organizations pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2010 regular session:

Agape International Spiritual Center of Truth  
All India Christian Council  
Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers  
Anandilal Ganesh Podar Society  
Asia Center for Human Rights  
Asian-Eurasian Human Rights Forum  
Asian Farmers' Association for Sustainable Rural Development  
Assyrian Academic Society  
Centre des droits des gens (Maroc)  
Christian Solidarity International  
Compassion Africa Aged Foundation  
Corrections India  
Ecocosm Dynamics  
Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth (Nigeria)  
Erevna International Peace Center  
Ethiopian Human Rights Council  
European Foundation for Democracy  
European Renewable Energy Council  
Forest Products Associations of Canada  
Hope Medical Enterprises  
Human Rights House Foundation  
IBON Foundation  
Institute of Noahide Code  
International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
International Dalit Solidarity Network  
International Federation of Liberal Youth  
International Foundation for Electoral Systems  
International Gas Union  
International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission  
International Human Rights Observer

International Institute of Security and Safety Management  
 International La Strada Association  
 International Reading Association  
 Jananeethi: A People's Initiative for Human Rights  
 Kashmiri American Council  
 Kosmos Associates  
 Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre  
 Muslim Aid Australia  
 NAFSA: Association of International Educators  
 National Association of Home Builders of the United States  
 Neda Institute for Scientific-Political Research  
 New World Hope Organization  
 Orphans International Worldwide  
 Peace Action Training and Research Institute of Romania  
 Peacebuilders  
 People's Life Centre  
 Pew Charitable Trusts  
 Rissho Kosei-kai  
 SAHIL  
 Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology  
 Students for Sensible Drug Policy  
 Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression  
 Wildlife Conservation Society  
 WITNESS  
 World Buddhist Supreme Tathagata Followers Peace Foundation  
 WorldGranny  
 World Igbo Congress

**Applications closed (without prejudice)**

6. At its 7th and 11th meetings, on 28 January and 1 February 2010, the Committee decided to close (without prejudice) consideration of the applications of 14 non-governmental organizations that had not responded to the Committee's questions despite three reminders sent to the organizations.

Ambedkar Centre for Justice and Peace  
 Association Lestime: communauté lesbienne de Genève

Better Life Programme for the African Rural Woman  
Dalit Freedom Network  
Drug Policy Alliance  
European Roma and Travellers Forum  
International Center for Transitional Justice  
Marijuana Policy Project Foundation  
Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality  
Opportunity International  
Organisation suisse des lesbiennes  
PeaceJam Foundation  
Sub-Priorato del Piemonte dell'Ordine di San Fortunato  
Yun Lin Temple

#### **Applications closed**

7. At its 16th meeting, on 3 February 2010, the Committee decided to close its consideration of the application of the following non-governmental organization, given that its activities do not conform with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (g)):

Centre Internacional Escarré per a les Minories Ètniques i les Nacions

8. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to close its consideration of the application of the following non-governmental organization, given that the organization did not truthfully disclose information requested by the Committee and that its activities do not fall under the scope of Council resolution 1996/31 (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (g)):

Institute of Hazrat Mohammad

#### **Requests for reclassification**

9. At its 10th meeting, on 29 January 2010, the Committee considered one request for reclassification of consultative status from a previous session, contained in document E/C.2/2010/CRP.4. It decided to recommend reclassification of status for the organization from special to general status (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)).

1. Femmes Afrique solidarité

### **B. New applications for consultative status**

10. The Committee considered item 3 (b) of its agenda, New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, contained in documents E/C.2/2010/R.2 and Add.1-18 at its 2nd to 7th and 12th to 15th meetings, from 25 to 28 January and from 1 to 3 February 2010.

**New applications recommended**

11. Of the 141 new applications received, the Committee recommended that consultative status with the Council would be granted to 48 organizations which had submitted new applications (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)).

American Delegation of the Order of Danilo I  
Amis de la Terre (Togo)  
Asociación Habitat Pro  
Association congolaise d'éducation et de prévention contre les maladies et la drogue  
Association de développement de Korba  
Ayande Roshan Nokhbegan Foundation  
Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication  
Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation  
Cause première  
Center for Assistance to Human Rights Protection  
Centre for Public Health  
Community Development Volunteers for Technical Assistance  
Confederation of Fire Protection Association International  
Cooperation and Participation in Overseas NGOs  
Dental Care International Foundation  
Dones per la Llibertat i Democràcia  
East-West Management Institute  
Eco-Tiras International Environmental Association of River Keepers  
Egyptian Association for Educational Resources  
Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness  
European Space Policy Institute  
Family Africa  
Family Planning Association of the Islamic Republic of Iran  
Fondation Généreuse développement  
Fondation Suisse Maroc pour le développement durable  
Fundación Cimientos  
Fundación Eudes  
Fundación UNITRAN  
Green Asia Network  
International Civil Aviation English Association

International Commission on Workforce Development  
International Congo Aid — Smile African Children  
Justice for All — Prison Fellowship Ethiopia  
Liberians United to Expose Hidden Weapons  
Mehr Nuri Public Foundation  
National Association of Vocational Education of China  
Organisation des hommes démunis et enfants orphelins pour le développement  
Organisation marocaine des droits humains  
Plan Sweden  
Reach Out and Care Wheels  
Social Development Center  
Society of International Humanitarian Surgeons  
UNESCO Association of Guwahati  
Viva Rio  
We The Children Foundation  
Women Entrepreneurs Association of Turkey  
Women Organization for Development and Capacity-Building  
Women Power Connect

**New applications deferred**

12. Pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee, the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the applications of the following 92 organizations to its 2010 resumed session:

Abaawa Hagar Saah Memorial Foundation  
Academy of Fine Arts and Literature  
Africa Safe Water Foundation  
Afromedianet  
Al Mezan Center for Human Rights  
Asia Catalyst  
Asia Indigenous Peoples' Pact  
Assemblée des premières nations du Québec et du Labrador  
Association apprentissages sans frontières  
Association des femmes tunisiennes pour la recherche et le développement  
Association internationale des droits de l'enfant en difficulté et dans la souffrance  
Association pour la lutte contre le travail des enfants au Niger

Assyrian National Congress  
Aube nouvelle pour la femme et le développement  
Australian Lesbian Medical Association  
Ayuda y Solidaridad con las Niñas de la Calle  
Caribbean and Latin America Trade Association  
Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation  
Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir, Córdoba  
Chamber of Computer Logistics People Worldwide  
Child Helpline International  
Chinese Young Volunteers Association  
Collectif des familles de disparu(e)s en Algérie  
Conseil en éducation des premières nations  
Creating Resources for Empowerment in Action  
Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association  
e 8  
Eastern Sudan Women Development Organization  
Ecumenical Coalition on Tourism  
Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement-Bwaise Facility  
Ethiopia Africa Black International Congress Church of Salvation  
European Window Film Association  
Family Reorientation Education and Empowerment  
Federación Internacional de Fe y Alegría  
Forum of Culture and Arts of Uzbekistan  
Foundation for Human Horizon  
Foundation for the Development of Knowledge Suma Veritas  
Framework Convention Alliance for Tobacco Control  
Freemuse: World Forum on Music and Censorship  
Global Family for Love and Peace  
Great Tao Foundation of America  
High Atlas Foundation  
Human Rights Commission of Pakistan  
Humanitarian Law Center  
Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society  
Indian Confederation of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples (North-east zone)

Indira Gandhi National Foundation  
Indo-European Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Integrated Development in Focus  
International Ecological Safety Cooperative Organization  
International Prison Chaplains' Association  
International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance  
International Refugee Rights Initiative  
International Solidarity and Human Rights Institute  
Isfahan Minority Rights and Development  
Isigodlo Trust: South African Women in Dialogue  
Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions  
Khiam Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Torture  
Krityanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur  
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund  
Mundo sin Guerras  
Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights  
National Committee for Furtherance of Jewish Education  
National Native Title Council  
NATRIPAL  
Organisation africaine des experts  
Oromo Menschenrechts-und Hilfsorganisation  
Palpung Munishasan Dharmachakra Sangh  
Pan African Civil Society Network  
Programme on Women's Economic Social and Cultural Rights  
Project Green Nigeria  
Proyecto Paz y Amor  
Redeem Africa Foundation  
Restoration World Outreach Ministries  
St. Petersburg Institute of Bioregulation and Gerontology of the North-Western  
Branch of the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences  
Scholars at Risk Network  
Secure World Foundation  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States  
Shirley Ann Sullivan Educational Foundation

Soeurs unies à l'oeuvre  
 Sudanese Mothers for Peace  
 Third World Network-Africa  
 Ukrainian Non-Governmental Socio-Political Association: National Assembly  
 of Persons with Disabilities  
 United Kingdom Association for the United Nations Development Fund  
 for Women  
 Victorious Youths Movement  
 Vivekananda Sevakendra-O-Sishu Uddyan  
 Widows for Peace through Democracy  
 Women Against Violence (Europe)  
 Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights  
 World Toilet Organization  
 Youth Crime Watch of Nigeria  
 Youth for the Child's Welfare

**New application withdrawn**

13. At its 6th meeting, on 27 January 2010, the Committee took note of the request of the following non-governmental organization to withdraw its application:

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

**Plan International**

14. At its 15th meeting, on 3 February 2010, during the consideration of the application of the non-governmental organization Plan Sweden, it was brought to the attention of the Committee that Plan Sweden is a member of a larger umbrella organization, named Plan International, which has been listed on the Roster since 1981. The Committee consequently decided to request a report from the non-governmental organization Plan International for the 2011 regular session, with a view to considering the recommendation of the reclassification of its status as the Committee deems appropriate, in accordance with paragraph 61 (c) of Council resolution 1996/31.

### **III. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council**

#### **A. Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council**

15. At its 12th meeting, on 1 February 2010, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council on their activities during the period from 1999 to 2009, which had been

deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2010/CRP.2). Owing to time constraints, the Committee did not review the following quadrennial reports deferred from previous sessions:

Amnesty International  
Centrist Democrat International  
CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation  
Freedom House  
Heritage Foundation  
Human Rights Internet  
International Federation for Human Rights Leagues  
International Network of Liberal Women  
International Press Institute  
National Council of Women of Thailand  
Nonviolent Radical Party, Transnational and Transparty

16. Consideration of the quadrennial report of the Ukrainian World Congress was deferred pending a response from the organization to a question posed by the Committee.

#### **B. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council**

17. The Committee considered agenda item 4 (b) of its agenda, Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, at its 12th meeting, on 1 February 2010. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General containing new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2010/2/Add.1 to 29). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 170 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)). The Committee decided to defer consideration of three quadrennial reports, pending receipt of their response to questions posed by the Committee:

Human Rights Watch  
International Association of Judges  
Society for Threatened Peoples

#### **IV. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat**

18. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January 2010, the Committee jointly considered agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, and agenda item 9, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations

Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network, and heard oral reports made by the Secretariat.

19. Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Egypt, the United States and China, and the observer for Chile. They welcomed the noticeable improvements in the work of the Branch, encouraged continued progress and expressed their support for further strengthening of the Branch.

## **V. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304**

### **Other related matters**

#### **Recommendations for improving the working methods of the Committee**

20. At the 12th meeting, on 1 February 2010, following informal discussions, proposals were considered for the improvement of the working methods of the Committee. The Committee will continue its discussion on the matter at its resumed session.

## **VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States**

### **General Federation of Iraqi Women**

21. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January 2010, the Committee heard a complaint by the observer for Iraq concerning an organization with special consultative status with the Council, the General Federation of Iraqi Women (see annex I). The observer requested withdrawal of the consultative status of the organization, explaining that it was in fact a subsidiary political entity established by the former regime in Iraq, that it had been dissolved, and that a new law regulating the activities of non-governmental organizations in Iraq had been enacted in 2005. He further highlighted that the organization was not registered in Iraq and did not have any recorded presence or activities.

22. At its 10th meeting, on 29 January 2010, the Committee resumed its consideration of the request and reviewed the response of the organization, in which it disclosed its unawareness of the new law regulating the activities of non-governmental organizations in Iraq, while stating that it continued to undertake several activities in the country. The majority of Committee members voiced support for the complaint made by the observer for Iraq, noting that if the organization was unaware of the new law or had been dissolved, and had not even been registered with the competent Iraqi authorities, it could not possibly be active on the ground.

23. The Committee decided to recommend that the Council withdraw the consultative status of the organization (see chap. I, draft decision II).

### **Interfaith International**

24. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January 2010, the Committee heard a complaint by the representative of Pakistan, concerning an organization with special consultative status with the Council, Interfaith International (see annex II). He explained that the organization had been systematically engaged in politically motivated activities to undermine the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Pakistan, despite several attempts by his delegation in Geneva to approach the organization and warnings by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Accordingly, he requested that the Committee take immediate and strict action, as prescribed in Council resolution 1996/31.

25. At its 14th meeting, on 2 February 2010, the representatives of Pakistan, China, Burundi, Cuba, Egypt, Angola, Turkey, Qatar, the Sudan, Guinea and the Russia Federation supported the withdrawal of the organization's status in the light of the organization's continued violations of the arrangements according to which organizations are granted consultative status. The representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, Dominica, Romania, Peru, Israel and Colombia, as well as the observer for Switzerland, supported the suspension of the organization's consultative status, asserting that a balance must be struck to ensure that the Committee is not engaging in the censorship of non-governmental organizations.

26. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend that the Council suspend the status of the organization for a period of two years (see chap. I, draft decision III).

## **VII. Organization of the session**

### **A. Opening and duration of the session**

27. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2010 regular session from 25 January to 3 February 2010. The Committee held 16 meetings.

28. The session was opened by the Chair of the 2009 sessions of the Committee, Hassan Hamid Hassan (Sudan), who served as temporary Chair.

29. At the 1st meeting, on 25 January, the Chair of the Committee, Ramis Sen (Turkey), made an opening statement. An introductory statement was made by the Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

### **B. Attendance**

30. The session was attended by the 19 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for non-members, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants is available from [www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo](http://www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo).

31. At its 2010 regular session, the Committee heard from 21 representatives of non-governmental organizations who were given the opportunity to respond to questions raised by the Committee. The additional information provided by the

representatives facilitated the debate and the work of the Committee in taking its decisions.

### **C. Election of officers**

32. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January, the Committee elected Ramis Sen (Turkey) as Chair and Alya Al-Thani (Qatar) as Vice-Chair.

33. At its 7th meeting, on 28 January, the Committee elected Crispin S. Gregoire (Dominica), Wael M. Attiya (Egypt) and Alexandru Ciorobea (Romania) as Vice-Chairs.

34. At the 13th meeting, on 2 February, it was decided that Crispin S. Gregoire (Dominica), in addition to serving as Vice-Chair, would also serve as Rapporteur.

### **D. Agenda**

35. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January 2010, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its 2010 session as contained in document E/C.2/2010/1. The agenda reads as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
  - (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;
  - (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;
  - (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:
  - (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;
  - (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:

- (a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;
  - (b) Consideration of issues in the agenda of the informal working group;
  - (c) Other related matters.
7. Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/46 and decision 2008/217.
  8. Consideration of special reports.
  9. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.
  10. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2011 resumed session of the Committee.
  11. Adoption of the report of the Committee.
36. At the same meeting, the Committee approved its organization of work as contained in working paper No. 1.

#### **E. Documentation**

37. The list of documents before the Committee at its 2010 regular session is contained in document E/C.2/2010/INF.1.

### **VIII. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2010 regular session**

38. At its 16th meeting, on 3 February 2010, the Committee adopted the draft report as contained in document E/C.2/2010/L.1 and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report, in consultation with the members of the Committee, as appropriate, with a view to its submission to the Economic and Social Council for appropriate action.

## Annex I

### **Notes verbales dated 11 November 2009 and 25 January 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat**

#### **Note verbale dated 11 November 2009**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and to the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and requests that legal measures be taken to end the representation of the “General Federation of Iraqi Women” in official international and regional forums owing to the fact that the Federation is one of the dissolved political entities in accordance with the provisions of Iraqi law No. 21 of 2005.

#### **Note verbale dated 25 January 2010**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and to the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and has the honour to attach a copy of Iraqi law No. 21 of 2005<sup>a</sup> regarding the dissolved political entities and, with reference to note verbale dated 11 November 2009, has the honour to further inform that the “General Federation of Iraqi Women” is not registered with the official relevant Iraqi department responsible for non-governmental organizations, with which any Iraqi organization must be registered in order to exercise its work.

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<sup>a</sup> Attachments are available from the paperless committee system of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.

## Annex II

### **Note verbale dated 8 January 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat<sup>a</sup>**

The Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, and with reference to the forthcoming regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, to be held from 25 January to 3 February 2010, has the honour to convey a serious complaint against the non-governmental organization "Interfaith International" on the following grounds:

(a) Interfaith International is a Geneva-based organization that has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. It is constantly violating the Charter of the United Nations and Council resolution 1996/31 through supporting elements that undermine the territorial integrity of States Members of the United Nations. Interfaith International invites representatives from various countries and provides a platform for them to speak in the Human Rights Council. Different speeches and reports of a controversial nature delivered from its platform are posted on its website. Its activities are clearly in violation of the Charter, Council resolution 1996/31 and its own constitution, which claims to advocate peace, mutual co-existence and tolerance among all religions and communities of the world;

(b) During the previous few sessions of the Human Rights Council, it particularly targeted Pakistan. It invited a representative from a political group during the eleventh session of the Human Rights Council and allowed him to make a statement. He used highly controversial language, distorted historical facts and challenged realities on the ground. Both the substance and the tone of the language were so objectionable that even the President of the Human Rights Council had to intervene and stop the speaker from delivering his statement;

(c) Assertions made in the statement were clearly in violation of the purposes and principles of the Charter, which uphold the territorial integrity and political independence of any Member State. In his remarks to this highly objectionable statement, the President stated that "it is a very unhelpful statement that needs serious redrafting". The President did not allow him to proceed further with his statement;

(d) The non-governmental organization is also using the United Nations name and its emblem for its statement, which was neither delivered by any United Nations personnel nor done on behalf of the United Nations;

(e) In another incident, during the twelfth session of the Human Rights Council, Interfaith International organized a side event. At this event, invitees

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included groups who advocated violent overthrow of the legitimate government of the province and the Nation State. The non-governmental organization widely circulated flyers about this event both outside and inside United Nations premises and vilified in its statement the legal Government and the Constitution of Pakistan. In response to this highly provocative behaviour against the Charter, the Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations in Geneva made an immediate and detailed demarche to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, too, in response acknowledged that the Secretariat had taken due note of those concerns, and based on previous incidents of a similar nature, informed the concerned non-governmental organization that its conduct was not consistent with the rules and practices for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the Council. This letter further strengthens our submission against retention of Interfaith International in the United Nations process;

(f) Separately, OHCHR held a detailed meeting with the representatives of Interfaith International and warned them of their repeated misconduct on different accounts. It was categorically stated that further misbehaviour would not be tolerated. The minutes of the meeting were shared with the Director-General of the United Nations Office in Geneva, the Non-Governmental Organizations Liaison Office in Geneva and the secretariat of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in New York. At this meeting, Charles Graves, the Secretary-General of Interfaith International, himself admitted that his organization had brought at least “75 representatives” from within the boundaries of Pakistan who were inimical to the Nation State, the laws and the Constitution of Pakistan;

(g) In several instances, Interfaith International worked with another highly controversial entity, Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization, whose application for consultative status has recently been rejected by Committee members. Interfaith International organized joint events with Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization on subjects threatening the territorial integrity of various Member States in Geneva and invited political and terrorist representatives to the meeting. Interfaith International remained involved in hosting events on forming a “confederation of people in South Asia”, which included elements that challenged the geopolitical entity of Nation States in South Asia;

(h) In June 2009, Interfaith International, along with Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization, arranged a highly controversial side event undermining the territorial integrity, laws and Constitution of Pakistan. Due to its offensive and politicized nature, the request for organizing the event was refused by OHCHR and was only granted when its Secretary-General, Charles Graves, gave assurances that the event would be changed to cover “human rights in South Asia”. However, Charles Graves failed to honour his commitment to United Nations officials, and despite an official change of title in the Council’s bulletin of the informal meeting, the non-governmental organization kept on distributing the flyer with the same old offensive title;

(i) According to Council resolution 1996/31, the participation of non-governmental organizations in United Nations activities must be in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the criteria established under the resolution, which in no way undermines the sovereignty of Member States. This criteria not only determines the relevance of the

non-governmental organization applying for consultative status with the above principles but also calls for a regular review of its activities to ensure strict adherence with established United Nations norms. Paragraph 57 of the same resolution states that “if an organization, either directly or through its affiliates or representatives acting on its behalf, clearly abuses its status by engaging in a pattern of acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, including unsubstantiated or politically motivated acts against Member States of the United Nations incompatible with those purposes and principles”, its consultative status shall be suspended or withdrawn for three years.

In view of its highly objectionable activities, relationship with other organizations encouraging activities against the sovereignty of Nation States and violation of the Charter and Council resolution 1996/31, Pakistan strongly urges the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to take an immediate and most strict action against Interfaith International and withdraw its consultative status. The Committee may also direct the non-governmental organization immediately to remove all objectionable material from its website. We hope that the members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will positively consider this complaint and keep on monitoring the work and activities of this non-governmental organization in full compliance with the rules, regulations and procedures set out in Council resolution 1996/31.

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