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Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2014 resumed session

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Summary

At its 2014 resumed session, held from 19 to 28 May and on 6 June 2014, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 343 applications for consultative status, including applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 158 for consultative status, deferred 153 for further consideration at its regular session in 2015, closed consideration without prejudice of 29 applications that had failed to respond to queries over two consecutive sessions and took note of two non-governmental organizations that had withdrawn their applications. The Committee also had before it three requests for reclassification of consultative status: it recommended granting one of those requests and deferred its consideration of the other two. The Committee reviewed five requests for a change of name, and deferred two of those requests. It also had before it 164 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 129. The Committee heard 13 representatives of the 40 non-governmental organizations that attended the session.

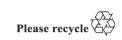
The present report contains six draft decisions on matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council.

By draft decision I, the Council would:

- (a) Grant consultative status to 158 non-governmental organizations;
- (b) Reclassify the consultative status of one non-governmental organization;
- (c) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of three non-governmental organizations;

^{*} E/2014/1/Rev.1, annex II.







- (d) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 129 non-governmental organizations, including new and deferred reports;
- (e) Close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by 29 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions;
- (f) Note the withdrawal of the applications of two non-governmental organizations;
- (g) Decide not to grant consultative status to the non-governmental organization Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina.

By draft decision II, the Council would suspend, for a period of one year, the consultative status of 106 non-governmental organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision III, the Council would decide to reinstate the consultative status of 21 non-governmental organizations that had submitted their outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision IV, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of 129 non-governmental organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision V, the Council would approve the provisional agenda of the 2015 session of the Committee.

By draft decision VI, 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

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 158 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

African Heritage Foundation Nigeria

African Network for Environment and Economic Justice

African Views Organization

Afro-European Medical and Research Network

All Christians Welfare Association

All-Ukrainian Public Organization "Christian Rehabilitation Centers

Association, for Drug- and Alcohol-addicted People"

Allied Rainbow Communities International

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee

American Psychiatric Association

Americans for Democracy and Human Rights in Bahrain

Amity Foundation

Arab Association for Human Rights

Armenian Young Lawyers Association

Asia Pacific Basin for Energy Strategies Association

Asociación Española para el Derecho Internacional de los Derechos Humanos

Asociación Interamericana para la Defensa del Ambiente

Asociatia Pakiv Romania

Association africaine de l'eau

Association des populations des montagnes du monde

Association internationale des droits de l'homme

Awesome Treasures Foundation

Bakhtar Development Network Switzerland

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Bible Hill Youth Club

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BioRegional Development Group

Blue Planet Project

British Columbia Civil Liberties Association

Cameroon Association for the Defence of the Victims of Accident

Casa Generalizia della Societa' del Sacro Cuore

Center for Global Nonkilling

Center for Health, Human Rights and Development

Center for Women and Development

Centre for African Israeli Friendship

Centre for Science in the Public Interest

Centre pour le développement socio-économique

Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú

Centro de los Derechos del Migrante

Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos

Clefsdufutur.org-ONG-CDF.org-Groupe G6

Club des jeunes aveugles réhabilités du Cameroun

Confédération des organisations familiales de l'Union européenne

Conselho Federal da Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil

Criminologists without Borders

Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association

Dialogue interreligieux monastique

Donne in Rete contro la Violenza

Eesti Naisteühenduste Ümarlaua Sihtasutus

End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes

Escuela Cultura de Paz

European Humanist Federation

Exodus Cry

F N Forbundet

Feminenza North America

Fondation d'entreprise Sanofi espoir

Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Torino

Ford Foundation

Foundation for Amity and Nation Solidarity

Foundation for Released Prisoners

Friends of Farm Workers

Fund for the City of New York

Fundación Cooperadora de la Nutrición Infantil

Fundación Lonxanet para la Pesca Sostenible

Fundación Pro Humanae Vitae

Generation Initiative for Women and Youth Network

Getting Out By Going In

Gleichmass

Global Alert for Defence of Youth and the Less Privileged

Global Education Motivators

Global Footprint Network

Global South Watch

Global Voices

Grupo de Mujeres de la Argentina — Foro de VIH, Mujeres y Familia

Heungsadahn

Human First

Human Life International

IBON.International Foundation

IDEAS for Us

Initiative for Change

InnerCity Mission of Christ Embassy

Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies

Instituto da Criança

Instituto Humanitare

International Automotive Lighting and Light Signalling Expert Group

International Career Support Association

International Coalition of Historic Site Museums of Conscience

International Federation of Liberal Youth

International Justice Resource Center

International Mediation Institute

International Partnership for Human Rights

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International Prison Chaplains' Association

International Women's Forum

Internet Association of Kazakhstan

Inwelle Study and Resource, Centre

Jeunesse technologie développement

Jewish Voice Ministries International

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Kanchi

Korea Differently Abled Federation

Kulturverein — IDEA Society

Labour, Health and Human Rights Development Centre

Lebanese American Renaissance Partnership

Lotus World

Martin und Gerda Essl Sozialpreis gemeinnützige Privatstiftung

Mines Advisory Group

Mobility International USA

National Association of Drug Court Professionals

National Seniors Australia

New Reality International

Non-Commercial Partnership on Joining of Creditors "World Organization of Creditors"

Onkod Relief and Development Organization

Operation Mercy

Organisation internationale pour les pays les moins avancés

Organizzazione Internazionale Protezione Animali

Pace University

Peace Brigades International Switzerland

Peace on Earth Advocacy Center

Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants

PLURIELS, Centre de consultations et d'études ethnopsychologiques pour migrants

Project Chernobyl

Pure in Heart — America

Raad Rehabilitation Goodwill Complex

Ray of Hope

Registered Trustees of the Friends of AIDS Support Trust

Research and Development Centre, Nepal

Réseau algérien pour la défense des droits de l'enfant

Réseau des organisations féminines d'Afrique francophone

Réseau international des droits humains

Réseau océan mondial

Save the Climat

Scientific Association of Youth Political Scientists

Sihtasutus Eesti Inimõiguste Keskus

Sillamäe Lastekaitse Ühing

Society of American Law Teachers

Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific

SpellAfrica Initiative

Stiftung Basel Agency for Sustainable Energy

Strategic Alignment of Like Minds

Sudanese Women Parliamentarians Caucus

Sun Charity USA

Sylvia Earle Alliance

Tanzania Development Support

Transdiaspora Network

Union des nations pour l'enseignement, la science universelle et les droits de l'homme

Universal Muslim Association of America

Vanier Institute of the Family

Vivegam Godfrey

Waterkeeper Alliance

Women and Law in Southern Africa Research and Educational Trust

Women Thrive Worldwide

Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church

World Future Council Foundation

World Justice Project

Yemen Family Care Association

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Young Adult Institute

Youth Afrique Leadership Forum

Zala briviba

Zomi Innkuan USA

Zoological Society of London

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

Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development

(c) To note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of the following three non-governmental organizations:

Alliance Defense Fund (special, 2010) to Alliance Defending Freedom

Geneva Social Observatory (special, 2008) to Global Social Observatory

International Committee for Arab-Israeli Reconciliation (special, 2006) to International Committee for Peace and Reconciliation

(d) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 129 non-governmental organizations for the period 2009-2012, except where stated otherwise:

Action contre la faim

Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization

Agence internationale pour le développement

Airline Ambassadors International (2008-2011)

Aleut International Association

All India Shah Behram Baug Society for Scientific and Educational Research (2008-2011)

Alulbayt Foundation (2008-2011)

Arab Mexican Chamber of Industry and Commerce

Asia Pacific Network Information Centre

Asian Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Asia

Asociación Nacional Cívica Femenina

Association culturelle d'aide à la promotion éducative et sociale

Association for Women's Rights in Development

Association jeunesse action développement (2008-2011)

Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia and Far East of the Russian Federation

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¹ The reports listed are for the period 2009-2012, with the exception of 21 reports for the 2008-2011 period, as indicated in the list with the dates in parentheses.

Association santé et environnement

Canadian Council of Churches

Canadian Environmental Network

Centre de formation aux techniques informatiques

Centre for Adivasee Studies and Peace

Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe

Child Foundation

Children of a Better Time

China Arms Control and Disarmament Association

China Environmental Protection Foundation

Christian Conference of Asia (2008-2011)

Comiteé d'action pour les droits de l'enfant et de la femme

Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative

Concerned Women for America

Council of International Programs

D.A.R.E. America

Droit á l'energie SOS futur (2008-2011)

Environmental Defense Fund

Environmental Development Action in the Third World (2008-2011)

Equitas centre international d'education aux droits humains

Eurasian Harm Reduction Network

European AIDS Treatment Group

European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages

European Federation of Older Students at Universities (2008-2011)

Federation of Cuban Women

Federation of Islamic Medical Associations

Forum of Women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan

Foundation for International Training

Foundation for the American Indian

Foundation for the Rights of Future Generations

Fridtjof Nansen Institute

Fundación de Ayuda contra la Drogadicción

Generations United

Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS

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Grameena Vikas Samithi

Huairou Commission

Human Rights Information and Training Center (2008-2011)

Humanitarian Foundation of Canada

Imperial Orthodox Palestine Society

Innu Council of Nitassinan

Institut arabe des droits de l'homme

Institute for Interreligious Dialogue (2008-2011)

Institute for War and Peace Reporting

Integrated Care Society

Inter-American Press Association

International Association for Impact Assessment

International Association of Judges

International Association of Women in Radio and Television

International Black Sea Club

International Center for Clubhouse Development

International Center Innovations in Civic Participation

International Critical Incident Stress Foundation

International Federation of Women in Legal Careers

International Planned Parenthood Federation

International Union of Socialist Youth

International Women Bond

Islamic Relief

Korea Women's Associations United

Korean Council for Local Agenda 21

Korean Foundation for World Aid

Kuwait Information Technology Society

Law Association for Asia and the Pacific

Links Incorporated (2008-2011)

Maharashtra Foundation

Mahila Dakshata Samiti (2008-2011)

Mediterranean Council for Burns and Fire Disasters

Mexican Foundation for Family Planning

Migrants Rights International

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Mountain Institute (2008-2011)

Mountain Women Development Organization (2008-2011)

National Association of Cuban Economists

National Council for Research on Women

National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations

National Council of Women of Thailand (2008-2011)

National Tropical Botanical Garden

National Youth Council of Russia

New Zealand Family Planning Association

Nigeria-Togo Association (2008-2011)

Non-Governmental Organisations' Coordinating Committee (2008-2011)

Norwegian People's Aid

One World Trust (2008-2011)

Oxfam America

Partnership Africa Canada

Pax Romana

Peace Child International

Planetary Association for Clean Energy (2008-2011)

Project Kesher

Public Services International

Rodale Institute

Save the Children International

Sawiris Foundation for Social Development

Service for Peace (2008-2011)

Servitas Cameroon

Social Accountability International

Society for International Development

Swiss Peace Foundation

Tebtebba Foundation

Trauma Foundation

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Unión de Asociaciones Familiares

United for Intercultural Action

Verein Südwind Entwicklungspolitik

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Vrienden van Congo

WebForce International

Wellesley Centers for Women

Widows Rights International

Women and Memory Forum

Women for Women International

Women's Health in Women's Hands

Women's International Democratic Federation

World Organization of Former Students of Catholic Education (2008-2011)

World Russian People's Council

World Trade Centers Association

Zonta International

(e) To close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following 29 non-governmental organizations after those organizations had failed, after three reminders over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to respond to queries posed to them by members of the Committee:

All-India Dhanak Organisation

Arab Center for the Development of the Rule of Law and Integrity

Asia Catalyst

Asociación Internacional de Juristas por el Sáhara Occidental

Center for Military Human Rights, Korea

Climate Parliament

Confederazione Italiana Sindacati Lavoratori

Database Center for North Korean Human Rights

Fundación Interamericana para el Desarrollo de la Gestión Social

Galdu Kompetansesenter for Urfolks Rettigheter

Gold Mercury International

Gusenghwe

Help Age India

Himalayan Consensus Institute

Kelab Belia Subang Jaya

Kitachosen Nanmin Kyuen Kikin

Maria and Liberdade Foundation

National Integrated and Development Association

Network for North Korean Democracy and Human Rights

Right for Women's Network

Royal Society of Chemistry

Science House Foundation

Small and Medium-Scale Entrepreneurship Fundamentals Foundation

Tandana Foundation

Teddy Bear Clinic for Abused Children

University of Worcester

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Women Right and Development Centre

Youth Network on HIV/AIDS in Nigeria

(f) To note the withdrawal of the applications of two non-governmental organizations:

Fondation Alkarama

Peace X Peace TR

(g) Decides not to grant consultative status with the Council to the non-governmental organization Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina.

Draft decision II

Suspension of consultative status of non-governmental organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4

Having confirmed at its resumed session in May 2014 that the Secretariat had reminded non-governmental organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports of their reporting obligation and had advised them of the consequences of their further non-compliance after 1 May 2014, and that it had notified the permanent missions of the Member States in which the headquarters of such organizations are based of the final reminders, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4 of 21 July 2008, to suspend immediately, for a period of one year, the consultative status of the 106 non-governmental organizations listed below, and requests the Secretariat to advise the concerned organizations of their suspension.²

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² The Committee acknowledged receipt of the quadrennial reports from three additional non-governmental organizations that submitted their reports after the 1 May 2014 deadline: Asociación de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Madres Irlandesas, Associacão Brasileira de Gays, Lésbicas e Transgeneros and International Press Institute. Those reports will therefore be considered by the Committee at its regular session in January 2015 with a view to taking note of them.

Academy for Educational Development

Actions Solidaires de Soutien aux Organisations et d'Appui aux Libertes

Adelphi Research

African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies

African Community Resource Center

Africare

Aim for Human Rights

Ambassadors for Children

America Mideast Educational and Training Services

Asian Federation of Laryngectomees Association

Association for the Study of the World Refugee Problem

Association jeunesse culture loisirs technique

Association malienne d'initiatives et d'actions pour le dévelopment

Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific

Association pour la collaboration globale

Association pour la protection de la nature et de l'environnement de Kairouan

Association pour la recherche sur la sclérose latérale amyothrophique et autres maladies du motoneurone

Association tunisienne des mères

Australian Reproductive Health Alliance

Aviation sans frontières

Center for Studies on Turkey

Centre d'animation, de formation, de recherche et d'appui au dèveloppement

Citizens for Decent Housing

Coalition nationale de Guinée pour les droits et la citoyenneté des femmes

Comité français des organisations non gouvernementales pour la liaison et l'information des Nations Unies

Consumers International

Coordination SUD

Crime Stoppers International

Democracy Coalition Project

DIYA All-Ukranian Women's People's Democratic Association

Ecologic Institute for International and European Environmental Policy

Egyptian Red Crescent Society

Enfants du monde: droits de l'homme

Ensemble allons dans la paix

European Roma Rights Center

FATIMA Women's Network

Firooznia Charity Foundation

Fondation El Kef pour le développement regional

Fondation Maman Henriette Conte

Fundación de la Solidaridad y el Voluntariado de la Comunidad Valenciana

Fundación Mujeres en Igualdad

Fundación Red Deporte y Cooperación

GAVI Fund

General Arab Women Federation

Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Global Cooperation Society

Human Rights Education Associates

Indian Movement "Tupaj Amaru"

Institute of Internal Auditors

International Air Transport Association

International Association of Prosecutors

International Centre for Ethnic Studies

International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights

International Commission of Jurists

International Council of Management Consulting Institutes

International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations

International Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for the

Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse

International Islamic Federation of Student Organizations

International Justice Mission

International Maritime Committee

International Mediterranean Women's Forum

International Network of Alternative Financial Institutions

International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences

International Union of Building Centres

International Union of Technical Associations and Organisations

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Istanbul International Brotherhood and Solidarity Association

Kenya Tuitakayo: Citizens Coalition for Constitutional Change

Kerala Rural Development Agency

League of Kenya Women Voters

Lebanese Association for Popular Action

Libera: Associazioni, Nomi e Numeri Contro le Mafie

Light and Hope Association for Blind Girls

Magnificat Environment

Marie Stopes International

Mediterranean Water Institute

Mouvement pour l'abolition de la prostitution et de la pornographie et de toutes formes de violences sexuelles et discriminations sexistes

National Aboriginal Forestry Association

National Abortion Federation

National Association for Protection of Environment and Green Egypt

National Fishworkers' Forum

National Society for Human Rights

Navjyoti India Foundation

Network of Women's Non-governmental Organizations in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Orbicom, réseau des chaires UNESCO en communication

Organisation tunisienne de l'éducation et de la famille

PARTAGE

Project Concern International

Rural Reconstruction Nepal

Safe Water African Community Initiative

Scouts musulmans algériens

Society for Development of Services in Heliopolis

Survivor Corps

Synergos Institute

Turkish Foundation for Children in Need of Protection

Union for Sustainable Return and Integrations in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Union Iberoamericana de Colegios y Agrupaciones de Abogados

Union of Luso-African-America-Asiatic Capital Cities

War Resisters International

Women's National Commission

World Assembly of Small and Medium Enterprises

World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation

World Confederation of Productivity Science

World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations

World LP Gas Association

Yemeni Women Union

Youth Association for Habitat and Agenda 21

Draft decision III

Reinstatement of consultative status of non-governmental organizations that submitted outstanding quadrennial reports, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4 of 21 July 2008, and recalling its decision 2013/222 of 18 July 2013, to reinstate the consultative status of the 21 non-governmental organizations listed below, which have submitted their outstanding quadrennial reports:³

Airline Ambassadors International

All India Shah Behram Baug Society for Scientific and Educational Research

Alulbayt Foundation

Association jeunesse action développement

Christian Conference of Asia

Droit à l'energie SOSfutur

Environmental Development Action in the Third World

European Federation of Older Students at Universities

Human Rights Information and Training Center

Institute for Interreligious Dialogue

Links Incorporated

Mahila Dakshata Samiti

Mountain Institute

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³ The Committee acknowledged receipt of the quadrennial report of the non-governmental organization Relief International, which was submitted after the 1 May 2014 deadline, with a view to considering it at its regular session in January 2015 in order to recommend to the Council reinstatement of the organization's consultative status. The status of the organization was suspended by the Council in July 2013 for one year, owing to non-submission of its overdue report for the 2008-2011 reporting period.

Mountain Women Development Organization

National Council of Women of Thailand

Nigeria-Togo Association

Non-Governmental Organizations' Coordinating Committee

One World Trust

Planetary Association for Clean Energy

Service for Peace

World Organization of Former Students of Catholic Education

Draft decision IV Withdrawal of consultative status of non-governmental organizations in accordance with Council resolution 2008/4

Having confirmed at its resumed session in May 2014 that the Secretariat had reminded non-governmental organizations that had continued outstanding quadrennial reports of their reporting obligation and whose status had been suspended by the Council pursuant to Council decision 2013/223 of 18 July 2013, that it had advised them of the consequences of their further non-compliance after 1 May 2014 and that it had notified the permanent missions of the Member States in which the headquarters of such organizations are based of the final reminders, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4 of 21 July 2008 and recalling its decision 2013/223 of 18 July 2013, to withdraw immediately the consultative status of the 129⁴ non-governmental organizations listed below, and the Secretariat to advise the organizations concerned of this decision.

Action pour le développement de l'agriculture et de la pêche avec protection environnementale de Likende

Actions on Gender, Citizenship and Development

Admiral Family Circle Islamic Community

Advisory Network for African Information Society

African Institute for Democracy

African Youth Network for Sustainable Development

Agudas Israel World Organization

Ahmedabad Women's Action Group

⁴ The Committee recommended removing the non-governmental organization Relief International from the list of organizations whose consultative status would be withdrawn and deferring, to the regular session in January 2015, consideration of the organization's quadrennial report for the period 2008-2011, with a view to recommending to the Council subsequent reinstatement of the organization's consultative status.

All About Social, Educational, Rights Foundation

Alliance for Marriage

American Society for Training and Development

Annai Educational Society

Asociación Internacional de Presupuesto Público

Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie

Association algeriénne pour la planification familiale

Association coeur africain

Association femme et développement

Association for Sustainable Community Development

Association François-Xavier Bagnoud

Association nationale de volontariat "Touiza"

Association of Organizations for Social and Educational Assistance

Association Tunisie-mediterranée pour le développement durable

Association tunisienne de lutte contre les MST/SIDA

Association tunisienne de prevention de toxicomanie

Association tunisienne des auberges et tourisme de jeunes

Association tunisienne des femmes democratiques

Association VERSeau Developpement

Avocats sans frontières (France)

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Center for Development Services

Center for International Rehabilitation

Center for Victims of Torture

Centre béninois pour le développement des initiatives à la base

Centre for the Study of Administration of Relief

Centro de Información y Educatión para la Prevención del Abuso de Drogas

Charitable Society for Social Welfare

Chernobyl Union International

Child Rights Action Coalition

Chilean Corporation for Children Youth Rights

Chintan Environmental Research and Action Group

Citizens' Movement for Environmental Justice

Collectif des organisations des jeunes solidaires du Congo — Kinshasa

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Colonie des Pionniers de développement

Comité de Apoyo a los Trabajadores Agrícolas

Comité national d'entraide de la jeunesse et de l'enfance

Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility

Dogal Hayati Koruma Dernegi: Society for the Protection of Nature

DrugScope

Earthcorps

Fédération des organisations non-gouvernementales du Senegal

Federation of Balkan Turks and Associations for Emigrées

Forest Alliance of British Columbia

Foundation for Human Rights Initiative

Foundation Partners for Local Development

Fundación "8 de Marzo" para la Promoción de Mujeres y Jóvenes

Fundación Guayasamín

Fundación Huancavilca

Fundación Proyecto de Paz Mundial

Geriatrics Care Foundation of Pakistan

Global Fund for Children

Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group

Green Front of Iran

Health for Humanity

Hudson Institute

India Vision Foundation

Iniciativa Ciudadana ¡Basta Ya!

Institute for Environment and Development Studies (Friends of the Earth Bangladesh)

International Academy of Astronautics

International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates

International Astronautical Federation

International Centre for Study and Development

International Children's Dream Foundation

International Council of Prison Medical Services

International Criminal Defense Attorneys Association

International Metalworkers Federation

International Rural Housing Association

ISIS International (Chile)

Islamic Centre England

Ittijah: Union of Arab Community Based Associations

Jigyansu Tribal Research Centre

Junior Achievement Worldwide

Kenya Medical Women's Association

Knights of the Southern Cross (Australia)

Latin American Iron and Steel Institute

Lay Movement for Latin America

Learning and Development — Kenya

Life Institute

Ligue burundaise des droits de l'homme

Ligue pour l'education de la femme e de l'enfant

Lokmanya Public Charitable Trust

Morality in Media

National Association of University Women of Romania

National Coalition for Haitian Rights

National Women's Studies Association

Network of Human Development

NRO Frauenforum Entwicklungspolitisches Netzwerk

ODHIKAR

One World International

Organisation pour la promotion et la protection des droits de la femme et de l'enfant au Burundi

Peaceways: Young General Assembly

Physicians for Peace

Radin Institute for Family Health Education and Promotion

Reach the Children

Rehabilitation and Development Organization for Landless

Rencontres: International Association of French-speaking Anglicans and Episcopalians

Research Institute for Enhancing Women's Lives

Romanian Youth Association for United Nations

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Russian Public Movement "For Civil Rights"

Santé de la reproduction pour une maternité sans risque

School of Human Genetics and Population Health

Scouts tunisiens

South-North Development Initiative

Thailand Environment Institute

Together Foundation for Global Unity

Turtle Island Restoration Network

Union of Arab Banks

Union of Kuwaiti Women Associations

Voluntary Action Network India

W. Haywood Burns Environmental Education Center

Women Action

Women Cultural Social Society

Women's Rights Association against Discrimination

Women's Rights Movement of the Philippines

Women's Shadow Parliament (Kenya)

Women's Solidarity Association of Iran

World Alliance of Reformed Churches

World Confederation of Teachers

World Organization for Education, Science and Development

World Vision Canada

Draft decision V

Dates and provisional agenda of the 2015 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Economic and Social Council:

- (a) Decides that the 2015 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from 26 January to 3 February and on 13 February, and its resumed session from 26 May to 3 June and on 12 June;
- (b) Approves the provisional agenda of the 2015 session of the Committee as set out below.
 - 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 on the agenda of the informal working group;
 - (c) Other related matters.
- 7. Consideration of special reports.
- 8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.
- 9. Provisional agenda and documentation of the 2016 session of the Committee.
- 10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

Draft decision VI Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2014 resumed session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2014 resumed session.

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II. Applications for consultative status, requests for reclassification and quadrennial reports received from non-governmental organizations

- 2. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, and 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 16th through 29th meetings, held from 19 to 28 May and on 6 June 2014. It had before it the following documents and conference room papers:
- (a) Memorandums by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.22-37);
- (b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations for reclassification (E/C.2/2014/R.3/Add.1);
- (c) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held from 2008 through 2014 (E/C.2/2014/CRP.7);
- (d) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2014/CRP.8);
- (e) Memorandums by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations requesting a change of name (E/C.2/2014/CRP.9 and CRP.10).

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

3. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from its previous sessions, at its 16th through 28th meetings, held from 19 to 28 May 2014. The Committee considered a total of 192 deferred applications for consultative status.

Applications recommended

4. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 58 non-governmental organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

African Network for Environment and Economic Justice

African Views Organization

All Christians Welfare Association

Allied Rainbow Communities International

Arab Association for Human Rights

Asociación Española para el Derecho Internacional de los Derechos Humanos

Association des populations des montagnes du monde

Bible Hill Youth Club

British Columbia Civil Liberties Association

Cameroon Association for the Defence of the Victims of Accident

Casa Generalizia della Societa' del Sacro Cuore

Center for Global Nonkilling

Center for Health, Human Rights and Development

Clefsdufutur.org-ONG-CDF.org-Groupe G6

Club des jeunes aveugles réhabilités du Cameroun

Conselho Federal da Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil

Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association

Dialogue interreligieux monastique

European Humanist Federation

F N Forbundet

Ford Foundation

Foundation for Amity and Nation Solidarity

Foundation for Released Prisoners

Generation Initiative for Women and Youth Network

Global South Watch

Grupo de Mujeres de la Argentina — Foro de VIH, Mujeres y Familia

Human Life International

IDEAS for Us

Initiative for Change

InnerCity Mission of Christ Embassy

International Career Support Association

International Coalition of Historic Site Museums of Conscience

International Federation of Liberal Youth

International Justice Resource Center

International Mediation Institute

International Partnership for Human Rights

International Prison Chaplains' Association

International Women's Forum

Internet Association of Kazakhstan

Jewish Voice Ministries International

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John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Korea Differently Abled Federation

Labour, Health and Human Rights Development Centre

Lebanese American Renaissance Partnership

Mobility International USA

Operation Mercy

Organizzazione Internazionale Protezione Animali

Pure in Heart — America

Ray of Hope

Réseau international des droits humains

Strategic Alignment of Like Minds

Union des nations pour l'enseignement, la science universelle et les droits de l'homme

Vivegam Godfrey

Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church

World Future Council Foundation

Yemen Family Care Association

Zala briviba

Zoological Society of London

Applications deferred

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 102 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2014 resumed session:

Action on Armed Violence

Active Help Organization

Advocates for International Development

AFD International Belgium

African Rights Initiative International

Afrikaanse Forum vir Burgerregte

Akshaya Patra Foundation

Al-Dameer Association for Supporting Prisoners and Human Rights

Al-Marsad, Arab Centre for Human Rights in the Golan Heights

All-Ukrainian Association of Civil Organizations "Union of Armenians of Ukraine"

Ambedkar Center for Justice and Peace

APMM Company

Asia Center for Human Rights

Asia Journalist Association

Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention

Assyrian National Congress

Avocats sans frontières

Bahrain Young Ladies Association

Boy With a Ball Ministries

Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara Occidental

Business and Professional Women Voluntary Organization — Sudan

Center for Constitutional Rights

Center for Media and Peace Initiative

Child Rights Information Network

Christian Solidarity Worldwide

Collectif des familles de disparu(e)s en Algérie

Committee to Protect Journalists

Congrès national des arméniens occidentaux

Earth Charter Associates

ECCO2 Corp

ELA-Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Género

Equal Rights Trust

F W de Klerk Foundation Trust

Freedom from Hunger

Freedom Now

Geneva Institute for Human Rights

Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health

Global Network for Rights and Development

HAQ: Centre for Child Rights

Hokok Coalición Internacional contra la Impunidad

India Media Centre

Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya

Institute for Human Rights and Business

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Institute of Development Studies

International Association of Genocide Scholars

International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons

International Dalit Solidarity Network

International Falcon Movement — Socialist Educational International

International Green Economy Association

International Human Rights Commission Relief Fund Trust

Internationale Vrije Vrouwen Stichting

Iran Human Rights Documentation Center

Islamic African Relief Agency

Islamic Research and Information Artistic and Cultural Institute

James Madison University

Jewish Renaissance Foundation

Kasheer Foundation

Korean Bar Association

Kuki Organization For Human Rights Trust

Leadership Foundation

Let's Breakthrough

Mother Helpage (UK)

Muslim Aid

Muslim Hands

National Center for Civil and Human Rights

National Secular Society

National Women's Welfare Society Darwha

New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative

New World Hope Organization

Nigerian Diaspora Youths Movement for Peace and Development International Organization

North Korea Intellectuals Solidarity

Palestinian Return Centre

Palpung Munishasan Dharmachakra Sangh

Peace and Hope International

Peer Consultants

Population Matters

Profesionales por la Ética

Rehabilitators

Scandinavian Institute for Human Rights Norway

Segretariato Permanente dei Premi Nobel per la Pace

Shah Maqeem Trust

Sheikh Eid Bin Mohammad Al Thani Charitable Association

Simons Foundation

Skyian Welfare Organization

Sonke Gender Justice Network

Stichting Global Human Rights Defence

Stichting War Child

Survivor's Network of those Abused by Priests

Swadhikar

Treatment and Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture

United Hatzalah

United Sikhs

Virtual Activism

West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation

Women Living under Muslim Laws — International Solidarity Network

Women's Information Center

World Association for al-Azhar Graduates

Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America

Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights

Youth Foundation of Bangladesh

Youth of European Nationalities

Zaka Rescue and Recovery

Allied Rainbow Communities International

- 6. At its 20th meeting, on 21 May, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Allied Rainbow Communities International.
- 7. At the same meeting, the representative of Morocco posed a question to the organization as to whether the organization believed that sexual orientation or gender identity was a universal right stipulated in international human rights instruments. His question was followed by a statement by the representative of Belgium who stated that, given the history and experience of the Committee not to grant status to a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender organization, it was not necessary to wait several sessions before coming to the conclusion that the

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organization would be blocked for reasons unrelated to Council resolution 1996/31. Additionally, the Government of Canada had affirmed that the organization's work in combating discrimination would contribute in many ways to the work of the Council. The representative of Belgium requested action to recommend granting the organization consultative status, under rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council. The representative of the Russian Federation, supported by the representative of Morocco, pointed out that the application of the organization had only been on the agenda of the Committee for a year and that the fact that a member had called for a vote after another member had posed questions to the organization was alarming. In the light of that, the Russian Federation requested that the representative of Belgium withdraw his request for a vote. The representative of Belgium did not withdraw his request, and the Chair proceeded with the vote.

8. The non-governmental organization was recommended for consultative status by a roll-call vote of 7 to 6, with 1 abstention. Fourteen of the 19 members of the Committee were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Belgium, Bulgaria, Israel, Peru, Turkey, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Against:

China, Morocco, Mozambique, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan.

Abstaining:

India.

Absent:

Burundi, Cuba, Kyrgyzstan, Nicaragua, Pakistan.

The voting was followed by statements from Member States. The representative of Pakistan, supported by the representatives of the Sudan and Morocco, insisted that he had entered the room before the vote had closed and that he should thus have been allowed to take part in the vote. The Chair explained that it was a roll-call vote and that each delegation had to be present in the room when their name was called. The representative of the Russian Federation explained that his delegation had voted against the organization being granted consultative status because what had happened that day had set a precedent since a member of the Committee had asked for a vote suddenly, without allowing any time for other members to consider the application. It was a blow to the trust held in the work of the Committee, which would take years to regain. He also wondered what legal instrument was available for dealing with a situation where a member of the Committee was present in the room but did not have a chance to vote. The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela stated that since consensus had not been reached, his delegation had voted in favour of the organization because his country's domestic legislation prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation and economic, social or other grounds. The representative of Israel expressed confidence that the organization would contribute to the work of the Council. The representative of China stressed that consensus should remain the main working method of the Committee and called on its members to pursue consultations rather than to resort to a vote.

Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara Occidental

- 10. At its 24th meeting, on 23 May, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara Occidental.
- 11. At the same meeting, the representative of Morocco stated that the organization, in its replies to questions posed in the previous session of the Committee had, instead of focusing on the promotion and protection of human rights, once again attacked the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Morocco and addressed many issues outside the purview of the Council. The representative of Morocco further expressed the view that the organization was using the pretext of human rights to engage in politically motivated activities against Morocco and was interfering in the internal affairs of the country, thereby violating Council resolution 1996/31.
- 12. The observer for Algeria raised a point of order and expressed the view that the representative of Morocco was politicizing the work of the Committee. Morocco also raised a point of order and responded that the Moroccan delegation had always urged the organization in question not to get involved in controversial areas that were the purview of the Security Council and not of the Economic and Social Council. Morocco reiterated the request that the application be closed by consensus, which the representative of the United States of America opposed. The representative of the United States stressed that her delegation was a strong supporter of civil society and expressed the view that the organization met the criteria for accreditation set forth in Council resolution 1996/31. She stressed that her country's support for the application did not reflect a political stance on the question of Western Sahara. The representative of Morocco agreed that there was no consensus to close the application.
- 13. As a result of the discussion, questions were posed to the organization by the representatives of Morocco and Senegal and consideration of the application was deferred until the next session.

Congrès national des arméniens occidentaux

- 14. Also at its 24th meeting, on 23 May, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Congrès national des arméniens occidentaux.
- 15. At the same meeting, the representative of Turkey posed questions on the activities of the organization, which were followed by a statement by the observer of Armenia. In his statement, the observer of Armenia highlighted the organization's important contribution to and engagement with the United Nations and regretted that a Committee member continued to exercise a selective and discriminatory approach to considering applications from civil society groups and repeatedly posed questions to the Armenian diaspora organizations. He reiterated the call for a constructive and impartial approach to considering the organization's application.
- 16. The representative of Turkey expressed his country's willingness to debate issues related to reconciliation in a spirit of tolerance, empathy and understanding and encouraged the organization to continue its engagement in Turkey. He also noted that the website of the organization raised a doubt that the organization upheld the principles of territorial integrity and sovereignty as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. He emphasized that Turkey had traditionally adopted a

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constructive and impartial approach with regard to the participation of non-governmental organizations in United Nations activities. He added that it was normal to ask for clarifications from organizations in the early stages of their applications. The representative of Turkey stated that Turkey did not block non-governmental organizations from Armenia and was ready to engage with all Member States whose non-governmental organizations were under consideration. Questions were posed to the organization, and the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights

- 17. At its 25th meeting, on 23 May, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights.
- 18. At the same meeting, the representative of Morocco expressed concern regarding the organization's financial reports and requested clarification about previously discussed financial transactions. The representative of Belgium noted with regret that over the past sessions, several organizations which were active in the field of sexual and reproductive rights had been systematically deferred, including the organization in question. The representative of Belgium recalled that the Committee should take into account the full diversity of non-governmental organizations, as stated in Council resolution 1996/31. The representative of Belgium expressed the belief that the organization met the criteria for consultative status with the Council, as outlined in the resolution, and that it would make a valuable contribution to the work of Council, in particular with regard to the empowerment of women and girls. Finally, she stated that the organization's application had been considered by the Committee over several sessions and that the organization had answered numerous questions. She stated that Belgium thus requested immediate action to recommend the granting of consultative status to the organization, under rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council.
- 19. The representative of Morocco stated that his delegation was raising a legitimate question regarding the financial transactions of the organization, which would be clarified in a soon-to-be completed financial statement from the organization. The representative of the Sudan expressed his support for the points raised by Morocco. The representative of the Sudan also raised a procedural point, noting the customary practice of granting time for consultations within the Committee and with capitals before going to a vote.
- 20. The observer for Canada noted that the organization had submitted its application many years ago and had responded conscientiously to the questions posed by the Committee. The observer for Canada therefore stated that Canada would support granting consultative status to the organization. The representative of Israel expressed her delegation's satisfaction with the responses provided by the organization and supported Belgium's request for a vote. The representative of Morocco reiterated the request to defer the application. The representative of the Sudan expressed the view that delegations were being pushed to give consultative status to an organization in the face of the unresolved concerns of some Committee members and noted with concern that this could become a precedent in the proceedings of the Committee. The representative of Pakistan stated that the reason his delegation might vote against granting consultative status to the organization

was due to apparent contradictions in the organization's answers to questions posed by the Committee, as well as its name.

21. The result of the roll-call vote was 7 to 7, with 1 abstention. Fifteen of the 19 members of the Committee were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Belgium, Bulgaria, India, Israel, Peru, Turkey, United States of America.

Against:

China, Morocco, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan.

Abstaining:

Kyrgyzstan.

Absent:

Burundi, Cuba, Mozambique, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

22. As a result of the vote, the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Application not recommended

Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina

- 23. At the 23rd meeting, on 22 May, the delegation of Cuba delivered a statement raising several objections regarding the non-governmental organization Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina (Fundación CADAL). The representative of Cuba stated that the Chair and Director General of the organization, Gabriel Salvia, had relations with Cuban-American terrorist organizations located in Florida (United States), such as "Directorio Democrático Cubano", and that one of its members, Orlando Gutiérrez Boronat, was a member of two organizations that had perpetrated terrorist acts against Cuba. In one of those groups, "Organización para la Liberación de Cuba", Boronat had collaborated with Pedro Crispín Remón who, in accordance with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), had killed a Cuban diplomat, Félix García, in New York in 1980 and was linked to the murder of the Cuban emigrant José Luis Negrín in New Jersey. In addition, Salvia maintained a relationship with Ángel de Fana, who was involved in attempts on the life of the President Hugo Chávez.
- 24. The representative of Cuba further denounced the subversive activities and continued trajectory of the organization against Cuba and other Governments: Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Ecuador and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). In the same vein, the representative of Cuba stated that the organization had covered up the actions undertaken by elements financed by foreign Governments which promoted internal subversion and regime change in Cuba. According to its application, 71 per cent of its financing was being provided by the National Endowment for Democracy, an agency financed by the Government of the United States for the execution of the main guidelines of its foreign policy. The website of the National Endowment for Democracy confirmed that the Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina receives funds to execute subversive projects in Cuba, a trend that has continued in the past few years.
- 25. Last, the representative of Cuba expressed that the objective of the organization was to undertake acts that were clearly against the spirit of the Charter,

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including politically motivated actions against Member States. Therefore, the organization did not fulfil the requirements established by the Council in resolution 1996/31 and should not be granted consultative status with the Council since it would not contribute in a positive and effective manner to the work of the United Nations.

- 26. The representatives of China, Nicaragua, the Russian Federation, Senegal, the Sudan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and the observers of Bolivia (Plurinational State of) and Ecuador expressed support for the Cuban representative.
- 27. At the 23rd meeting, on 22 May, the delegation of Cuba requested that the Committee take action on the application by the end of the resumed session in accordance with the due process established by the Council in the resolution 1996/31 and with the purpose of giving delegations sufficient time for consulting capitals.
- 28. At its 28th meeting, on 28 May, the Committee again considered the application of the non-governmental organization Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina.
- 29. At the same meeting, the Committee reviewed a response received on 26 May 2014 to questions posed to the organization on 22 May, in accordance with paragraph 15 of resolution 1996/31 (see annex I). The representative of Cuba stated that her delegation considered that the response received from the organization confirmed that the organization's activities undermined the principles of the Charter and that the organization was therefore not in compliance with the provisions of resolution 1996/31.
- 30. The delegation of Cuba thus requested immediate action on a decision as to whether the Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to the organization, under rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council. The representative of Israel stated her understanding that the delegation of Cuba had asked for the application to be closed. She added that in past precedents, when the Committee had asked for status to be granted, and the vote had not successful, the Committee had not closed the application but had deferred it.
- 31. The representative of the United States stated that the United States was a strong supporter of civil society worldwide, including its full participation in relevant international forums. The United States delegation believed that granting consultative status to as many credible non-governmental organizations as possible through the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations was essential for amplifying their voices. Resolution 1996/31 included a broad list of criteria for organizations to meet in order to merit being granted consultative status with the Council. The United States delegation believed that the organization in question me that criteria. United States support of the organization's application for consultative status did not reflect a position on political issues. The representative of the United States expressed the view that consideration of the application should be deferred until the next session to allow the organization a reasonable opportunity to respond to the allegations made against it.
- 32. The non-governmental organization was not recommended for consultative status by a roll-call vote of 10 to 3, with 3 abstentions. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 16 votes were cast, and 13 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Bulgaria, Israel, United States of America.

Against:

Burundi, China, Cuba, India, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Abstaining:

Belgium, Morocco, Peru.

Absent:

Kyrgyzstan, Mozambique, Turkey.

- 33. A statement was made after the vote by the representative of Belgium. The representative of Belgium expressed disappointment that there had not been more time to study the application. The delegation of Belgium had chosen to abstain owing to the allegations made and views expressed by other countries.
- 34. The representative of the United States stated that the United States delegation accepted the result of the vote against consultative status being granted to the organization. The United States delegation believed that the question put to vote "Does the Committee wish to grant consultative status to the NGO Fundación CADAL?" did not imply that the application would be closed. The United States viewed the vote, as formulated by the question, was that the Committee did not wish to recommend the granting of consultative status to the organization at the time of the vote. Closure of the application was not implied, and the application should be deferred. The United States delegation further also believed that if closure of the application were desired, language containing that intent should have been presented to the Committee to be voted upon. The application should be deferred.
- 35. As a result of the vote, the Committee decided not to grant consultative status to the organization.

B. New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification

36. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 16th through 19th meetings, held on 19 and 20 May. The Committee considered a total of 151 new applications for consultative status.

New applications recommended

37. Of the 151 non-governmental organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 100 should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

African Heritage Foundation Nigeria

Afro-European Medical and Research Network

All-Ukrainian Public Organization "Christian Rehabilitation Centers Association for Drug- and Alcohol-addicted People"

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American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee

American Psychiatric Association

Americans for Democracy and Human Rights in Bahrain

Amity Foundation

Armenian Young Lawyers Association

Asia Pacific Basin for Energy Strategies Association

Asociación Interamericana para la Defensa del Ambiente

Asociatia Pakiv Romania

Association africaine de l'eau

Association internationale droits de l'homme

Awesome Treasures Foundation

Bakhtar Development Network Switzerland

Bibliothèques sans frontières

BioRegional Development Group

Blue Planet Project

Center for Women and Development

Centre for African Israeli Friendship

Centre for Science in the Public Interest

Centre pour le développement socio-économique

Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú

Centro de los Derechos del Migrante

Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos

Confédération des organisations familiales de l'Union européenne

Criminologists without Borders

Donne in Rete contro la Violenza

Eesti Naisteühenduste Ümarlaua Sihtasutus

End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes

Escuela Cultura de Paz

Exodus Cry

Feminenza North America

Fondation d'entreprise Sanofi espoir

Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Torino

Friends of Farm Workers

Fund for the City of New York

Fundación Cooperadora de la Nutrición Infantil

Fundación Lonxanet para la Pesca Sostenible

Fundación Pro Humanae Vitae

Getting Out By Going In

Gleichmass

Global Alert for Defence of Youth and the Less Privileged

Global Education Motivators

Global Footprint Network

Global Voices

Heungsadahn

Human First

IBON International Foundation

Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies

Instituto da Criança

Instituto Humanitare

International Automotive Lighting and Light Signalling Expert Group

Inwelle Study and Resource Centre

Jeunesse technologie développement

Kanchi

Kulturverein — IDEA Society

Lotus World

Martin und Gerda Essl Sozialpreis gemeinnützige Privatstiftung

Mines Advisory Group

National Association of Drug Court Professionals

National Seniors Australia

New Reality International

Non-Commercial Partnership on Joining of Creditors "World Organization of Creditors"

Onkod Relief and Development Organization

Organisation internationale pour les pays les moins avancés

Pace University

Peace Brigades International Switzerland

Peace on Earth Advocacy Center

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Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants

PLURIELS, Centre de consultations et d'études ethnopsychologiques pour migrants

Project Chernobyl

Raad Rehabilitation Goodwill Complex

Registered Trustees of the Friends of AIDS Support Trust

Research and Development Centre, Nepal

Réseau algérien pour la défense des droits de l'enfant

Réseau des organisations féminines d'Afrique francophone

Réseau océan mondial

Save the Climat

Scientific Association of Youth Political Scientists

Sihtasutus Eesti Inimõiguste Keskus

Sillamäe Lastekaitse Ühing

Society of American Law Teachers

Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific

SpellAfrica Initiative

Stiftung Basel Agency for Sustainable Energy

Sudanese Women Parliamentarians Caucus

Sun Charity USA

Sylvia Earle Alliance

Tanzania Development Support

Transdiaspora Network

Universal Muslim Association of America

Vanier Institute of the Family

Waterkeeper Alliance

Women and Law in Southern Africa Research and Educational Trust

Women Thrive Worldwide

World Justice Project

Young Adult Institute

Youth Afrique Leadership Forum

Zomi Innkuan USA

New applications deferred

38. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 51 non-governmental organizations pending receipt of questions posed by the Committee to the organizations during its 2014 resumed session:

Access Now

Africa Unite

AGE Platform Europe

Apne Aap Women's Collective

Assyrian Aid Society of America

Azad Foundation

Center for Religion and Diplomacy

Centre catholique international de Genève

Centre Zagros pour les droits de l'homme

Comité Permanente por la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos

Computer and Communications Industry Association

Coordination des associations et des particuliers pour la liberté de conscience

Dalit Foundation — Ahmedabad

Droits de l'homme sans frontières

European Health Psychology Society

Fundación Alisos

Fundación Centro Latinoamericano de Derechos Humanos

Genre en action

Good Helpers

Hizmet Relief

International Ombudsman Institute

Islamic Medical Association of North America

Kiyana Karaj Group

Kokkyo naki Kodomotachi

Korea Green Foundation

Lawfare Project

Legal Resources Centre

Medsin-UK

Middle East Children's Institute

Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus

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National Development Youth Club, Jaran Wali Gali Poonch

National Organization for Marriage Education Fund

National Shooting Sports Foundation

Nobel Women's Initiative

Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays

People for Equality and Relief in Lanka

Perpetual Succour for Women & Children Initiative

Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina Asociación Civil

Rural Development Institute

Scientific Committee on Solar-Terrestrial Physics

Senos Ayuda

Sikh Human Rights Group

Skillshare International (India) Trust

Stichting Samenwerkingsverband IKV — Pax Christi

Stichting Soham Baba Mission

Trennungsväter

Tripura Foundation

Tronie Foundation

Warbe Development Foundation

Women's Freedom Forum

Zimbabwe Women Resources Centre and Network

Requests for reclassification

- 39. At its 21st meeting, on 21 May, the Committee considered three requests for reclassification of consultative status, which included two new requests for reclassification, contained in document E/C.2/2014/R.3/Add.1, and one deferred request for reclassification, contained in document E/C.2/2014/CRP.8. It decided to recommend the reclassification of one non-governmental organization from the Roster to special consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)).
- 40. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application for reclassification of status of the following two non-governmental organizations:

Convention of Independent Financial Advisors

World Council for Curriculum and Instruction

Requests for a change of name

- 41. At its 26th meeting, on 27 May, the Committee considered three new requests by non-governmental organizations in consultative status for a change of name, as contained in document E/C.2/2014/CRP.9.
- 42. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of two of the organizations, Global Social Observatory and International Committee for Peace and Reconciliation, and deferred the request of the third, International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)).
- 43. Also at the same meeting, the Committee considered two deferred requests by non-governmental organizations in consultative status for a change of name, as contained in document E/C.2/2014/CRP.10. The Committee decided to take note of the request of one of the organizations, Alliance Defending Freedom, and deferred the request of the other, Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement.

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

A. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council that had been deferred at the resumed session

44. At its 26th meeting, on 27 May, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Council on their activities during the period 2000-2012, which had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (see E/C.2/2014/CRP.15). Of the 34 reports, the Committee took note of the report of the following non-governmental organization (included in chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)).

Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (2009-2012)

45. Also at its 26th meeting, the Committee decided to defer further consideration of the 33 deferred quadrennial reports of the following 26 non-governmental organizations:

Amnesty International (2008-2011)

Armenian Assembly of America (2007-2010)

Asociatia Pro Democratia (2007-2010)

Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir (2009-2012)

Centrist Democrat International (1998-2001, 2002-2005, 2006-2009)

EarthRights International (2008-2011)

France libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2007-2010)

Freedom House (2007-2010)

Global Environmental Action (2009-2012)

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Human Rights First (2007-2010)

Human Rights Watch (2009-2012)

International Development Enterprises (India) (2009-2012)

International Federation of Journalists (2005-2008, 2009-2012)

International PEN (2006-2009)

International Press Institute (2001-2004, 2005-2008)

International Shinto Foundation (2009-2012)

International Union of Socialist Youth (2005-2008)

National Council of Women of Thailand (2000-2003)

Reporters sans frontières international (2005-2008, 2009-2012)

Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights (2009-2012)

Simply Help (2009-2012)

Society for Threatened Peoples (2001-2004, 2005-2008)

Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (2007-2010)

Syriac Universal Alliance (2007-2010)

Ukrainian World Congress (2003-2006, 2007-2010)

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (2009-2012)

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

46. At its 26th meeting, on 27 May, the Committee considered agenda item 4 (b), Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council. It had before it notes by the Secretary-General containing 130 new quadrennial reports (see E/C.2/2014/2/Add.22-28 and E/C.2/2014/CRP.11). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 128 of those organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)) and decided to defer consideration of the reports of the following two:

Society for Threatened Peoples (2009-2012)

Women for Women's Human Rights — New Ways (2009-2012)

47. At its 26th meeting, on 27 May, the Committee took note of the late submission of quadrennial reports of the following four non-governmental organizations and noted that those reports would be considered at its 2015 regular session in January 2015:^{2,3}

Asociación de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Madres Irlandesas

Associação Brasileira de Gays, Lesbicas e Transgeneros

International Press Institute

Relief International

C. Suspension of consultative status of non-governmental organizations that have failed to submit their quadrennial reports for one or more consecutive reporting periods

- 48. At its 26th meeting, on 27 May, the Committee considered agenda item 6 (c), Other related matters. The Secretariat informed the Committee that it had sent several notifications to non-governmental organizations that had not fulfilled the requirement to submit their quadrennial reports for the period 2009-2012 by 1 June 2013, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4. The Secretariat had also sought assistance from the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries where the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.
- 49. In that regard, the Committee adopted a draft decision recommending that the Council suspend, for a period of one year, the consultative status of 106 non-governmental organizations that had failed to submit quadrennial reports by 1 May 2014, in accordance with the guidelines set out in Council resolution 2008/4 (see chap. I, draft decision II). The Committee further requested the Secretariat to advise the organizations concerned of the suspension of their consultative status and to inform the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries where the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

D. Reinstatement of consultative status of non-governmental organizations that had been previously suspended owing to non-submission of their quadrennial reports

- 50. At its 26th meeting, on 27 May, in accordance with Council resolution 2008/4 and Council decision 2013/222, the Committee decided to recommend reinstatement of the consultative status of 21 non-governmental organizations upon receipt of their pending quadrennial reports prior to the termination of the suspension period (see chap. I, draft decision III).
- 51. The following non-governmental organizations had failed to submit their quadrennial reports for the period 2008-2011 by 1 May 2013: Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations, Global Action Plan International and Fondation connaissance et liberté. As a result, the consultative status of all three had been suspended by the Council in July 2013 for a period of one year, through July 2014. The reports were subsequently submitted by the organizations and presented to the Committee at its regular session in January 2014, and the Committee took note of them (see E/2014/32 (Part I) chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)). While the Council had endorsed the recommendations of the Committee, the consultative status of the three organizations will be formally reinstated upon approval by the Council in July, at the conclusion of the period of suspension.

E. Withdrawal of consultative status of non-governmental organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports

52. At the 26th meeting, on 27 May, the Secretariat informed the Committee that it had sent several notifications to non-governmental organizations that were already on the list of organizations suspended for one year owing to outstanding quadrennial

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reports, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4. It also informed the Committee that it had failed to receive any response from 129 of those organizations and that it had also sought assistance from the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries where the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

53. Accordingly, the Committee decided to recommend that the Council withdraw the consultative status of the 129 non-governmental organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports, in accordance with the guidelines set out in Council resolution 2008/4, and recalled Council decision 2013/223(see chap. I, draft decision IV). The Committee requested the Secretariat to advise the concerned organizations of the withdrawal of their consultative status and to accordingly inform the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries where the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

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

54. At its 16th meeting, on 19 May, the Committee jointly considered agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat; agenda item 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; and agenda item 8, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network. It also heard oral reports made by the Secretariat.

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

55. At the 16th meeting, on 19 May, the Chair of the Committee announced that in preparation for the question and answer session every afternoon, the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch would make available to the Committee a list of all the non-governmental organizations that had registered to participate at the session. The representatives of organizations on the list who were present in the room would be called to the podium beginning at 5 p.m., on a first-come-first-served basis, in order to enable everyone to have a fair chance of being heard by the Committee.

Recommendations for improving the working methods of the Committee

56. Delegations requested more time in which to consider the issues that could contribute to improving the working methods of the Committee. Informal consultations would be held to address those issues at a later stage.

57. In a concluding statement made at the 28th meeting of the Committee, on 28 May, the representative of Belgium acknowledged that the Committee had made progress and that there had been overall improvement over previous sessions in the rate of granting consultative status. However, she regretted that the Committee had again deferred many applications for further consideration. The Belgian delegation was concerned that non-governmental organizations working in the fields of sexual and reproductive rights, women's rights, gender equality, freedom of expression and minority rights had again been targeted, and she called on the future Committee members to take into account the full diversity of non-governmental organizations, pursuant to resolution 1996/31. It was the responsibility of the Committee to ensure that the process for granting consultative status was fair, expeditious and non-discriminatory.

Other related matters

- 58. At the 16th meeting, on 19 May, the representative of Belgium, supported by the representative of Israel, expressed concern about the unilateral decision of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to stop the meeting coverage of the work of the Committee. She stated that it was still within the Department's mandate to provide meeting coverage and that press release coverage was crucial for the sake of transparency, accountability and institutional memory. In fact, many non-governmental organizations relied on those press releases, and the Secretariat should offer them the necessary facilities and information; it was an obligation set out in Council resolution 1996/31.
- 59. The representative of the United States also expressed concern about the unilateral decision of the Department of Public Information to stop the meeting coverage of the work of the Committee. She stated that the coverage was crucial to transparency and accountability, as well as to providing an accurate reflection of what occurred in the room. Coverage of the process was crucial for Member States and non-governmental organizations that were not able to be present to understand what decisions were taken by the Committee. She stated that it was within the Department's mandate to provide meeting coverage; in fact, it was an obligation, as set out in Council resolution 1996/31. She reminded the room that many non-governmental organizations relied on those press releases and that the Secretariat should therefore provide access to the necessary information.
- 60. The Committee decided to send a letter in that regard to the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information (see annex II).

Statements by non-governmental organizations at the 2014 session of the Council

61. At its 16th meeting, held on 19 May, the Committee took note of the requests submitted by the following 22 non-governmental organizations in consultative status to be heard by the Council at its 2014 session (see E/2014/C.2/CRP.16):

Abiodun Adebayo Welfare Foundation (special, 2012)

All-Russian Public Organization of Disabled People with Multiple Sclerosis (special, 2012)

Alliance Defense Fund (special, 2010)

Asabe Shehu Yar Adua Foundation (special, 2012)

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Association de défense des droits de l'homme (special, 2011)

Barinu Institute for Economic Development (special, 2013)

European Disability Forum (special, 2003)

Federación Internacional de Asociaciones de Ayuda Social Ecológica y Cultural (special, 2007)

Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi (general, 2012)

Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society (special, 2010)

International Federation of Journalists (special, 1953)

International Movement ATD Fourth World (general, 1991)

International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (special, 2000)

Interregional Union of Life Help for Mentally Handicapped Persons "Sail of Hope" (special, 2002)

Legião da Boa Vontade (general, 1999)

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Education Fund (special, 2013)

Society to Support Children Suffering from Cancer (special, 2001)

Soroptimist International (general, 1984)

Universal Peace Federation (special, 2004)

World Jewellery Confederation (special, 2006)

World Society for the Protection of Animals (general, 2013)

Yakutia — Our Opinion (special, 2012)

VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

62. There were no special reports for consideration by the Committee at the session.

VII. Provisional agenda and documentation of the 2015 session of the Committee

- 63. At its 28th meeting, on 28 May, the Committee considered agenda item 9, Provisional agenda and documentation of the 2015 session of the Committee, and had before it the draft provisional agenda of its 2015 session (E/C.2/2014/L.1).
- 64. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council the following dates for the sessions in 2015: 26 January to 3 February and 13 February for its 2015 regular session; and 26 May to 3 June and 12 June for its 2015 resumed session.

VIII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

65. The Committee held its 2014 resumed session from 19 to 28 May and on 6 June. The Committee held 14 meetings.

B. Attendance

- 66. The session was attended by all 19 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants was issued in document E/C.2/2014/INF/1.
- 67. At its 2014 resumed session, the Committee heard 13 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. Agenda

- 68. The agenda (E/C.2/2014/1) of the 2014 regular and resumed session 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.

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- 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 on the agenda of the informal working group;
 - (c) Other related matters.
- 7. Consideration of special reports.
- 8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.
- Provisional agenda and documentation of the 2015 session of the Committee.
- 10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

D. Documentation

69. The list of documents before the Committee at its 2014 resumed session will be issued in document E/C.2/2014/INF/2.

IX. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2014 resumed session

- 70. At its 28th meeting, on 28 May, the Committee took note of the draft report and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report with the support of the Secretariat and in consultation with the members of the Committee, as appropriate, with a view to its submission to the Council for appropriate action.
- 71. At its 29th meeting, on 6 June, the Committee adopted the present report.

Annex I

Letter dated 23 May 2014 from the Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat addressed to the representative of the non-governmental organization Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina

At its 22nd meeting, on 22 May, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations reviewed the application of the non-governmental organization Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina (Fundación CADAL) for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Regarding your activities, the following was alleged in the Committee:

- (a) Contrary to article 2 (4) of the Charter of the United Nations and paragraph 2 of the Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, stipulating that "the aims and purposes of the organization (seeking consultative status) shall be in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations", your non-governmental organization is involved in activities against the political, constitutional and legal system of some Member States;
- (b) Your organization is engaged in politically motivated activities against some Member States, including at the international level (organized a parallel event to the second summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) held in Havana in 2014, with the intention of making this intergovernmental meeting fail);
- (c) Members of your organization have been associated with persons involved with terrorist organizations (Ángel de Fana, Eusebio Peñalver, Orlando Gutiérrez Boronat and Mario Chanez);
- (d) Your organization's publications, information campaigns and your website contain unsubstantiated and politically motivated attacks against some Member States and other materials de facto constituting interference in the internal affairs of some Member States, including materials to discredit the constitutional and political system and leadership of Cuba.

Your urgent response to the above allegations no later than 27 May 2014 is very much appreciated.

(Signed) Andrei **Abramov** Chief Non-Governmental Organizations Branch

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Annex II

Letter dated 20 May 2014 from the Chair of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, on behalf of the Committee, addressed to the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information of the Secretariat

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations was disappointed to learn just prior to the commencement of its 2014 resumed session, on 19 May 2014, that the Department of Public Information has unilaterally decided to discontinue daily coverage of the work of the Committee. As a result, the daily press releases, which had been heretofore published by the Department and served as an informal record of Committee proceedings for the benefit of Member States and civil society, would no longer be produced.

We, the Members of the Committee, share the view that meeting coverage by the Department of Public Information is crucial to the transparency and accountability of the non-governmental organization review process. It contributes to the institutional memory of the Committee and serves as an information resource that is consulted by Member States and non-governmental organization s alike.

As far as the members of the Committee are aware, no change had been made to the mandate of the Department of Public Information with regard to meeting coverage that would have led to the decision to discontinue coverage. Furthermore, Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, part XI (Secretarial support), articles 68 and 69, clearly state that the Secretary-General is requested to provide necessary resources to support the fulfilment of the mandate defined for the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, including through "wide and timely dissemination of information on meetings, distribution of documentation, provision of access and transparent, simple and streamlined procedures for the attendance of non-governmental organizations in United Nations meetings, and to facilitate their broad-based participation".

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations therefore respectfully requests the Department of Public Information to consider reinstating its written daily coverage of the Committee's sessions as soon as possible.

(Signed) Gizem **Sucuoglu**Chair
Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations