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Summary

At its 2015 regular session, held from 26 January to 4 February and on 6 and 13 February 2015, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 330 applications for consultative status, including 153 applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 124 for consultative status, deferred 176 for further consideration at its resumed session in 2015 and closed without prejudice consideration of the applications of 29 non-governmental organizations that had failed to respond to queries over two consecutive sessions of the Committee. It also took note of one non-governmental organization that had withdrawn its application. The Committee also had before it five requests for reclassification of consultative status; it recommended granting two of those requests. The Committee considered 10 requests for a change of name and took note of five of those requests. It also had before it 210 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 172. It also took note of the request from two non-governmental organizations to withdraw their consultative status. The Committee heard 18 representatives of 39 non-governmental organizations that attended the session.

The present report contains three 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 124 non-governmental organizations;
- (b) Reclassify the consultative status of two non-governmental organizations;

* Reissued for technical reasons on 30 March 2015.



(c) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of five non-governmental organizations;

(d) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 172 non-governmental organizations;

(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 of the Committee;

(f) Note the withdrawal of an application by one non-governmental organization.

By draft decision II, the Council would take note of the withdrawal of consultative status requested by two non-governmental organizations.

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

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

Draft decisions for adoption by the Council

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

Draft decision I

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

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following 124 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

Africa 21

African-British Returnees International

African Relief in Action

African Rights Initiative International

AGE Platform Europe

Aid for Trade Logistics

Al-Fidaa Foundation

Alliance for Nuclear Accountability

Arab Forum for Environment and Development

Asociación de Técnicos Superiores y Peritos Judiciales de Andalucía

Asociación para la Promoción de la Libertad y el Desarrollo Sostenible

Association “Paix” pour la lutte contre la contrainte et l’injustice

Association pour la défense des droits de développement durable et du bien-être familial

Association pour l’éducation, la santé et la promotion des femmes et des enfants au Cameroun

Beirut Institute

Boy with a Ball Ministries

Campaign for Human Rights and Development Sierra Leone

Canadian Pugwash Group

Canterbury Business Association

Center for Religion and Diplomacy

Centre d'encadrement et de développement des anciens combattants
Centre européen de recherche et de prospective politique
Centre for Community Regeneration and Development
China Society of Administrative Reform
Citizens United to Promote Peace and Democracy in Liberia
Comité Permanente por la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos
Count of Monte Alea Foundation
Dacia Revival International Society
Deaf Aid
Development Action for Women Network
“Dialogue of Cultures — United World” International Public Charity Fund
Dóchas: The Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations
Equal Rights Trust
Ethiopian Social Assistance Committee
Europäischer Interessenverband Handel-Gewerbe-Industrie
European Health Psychology Society
Fonds Tara
Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America
Founders Development Organization Badin
Freedom from Hunger
Friendship Ambassadors Foundation
Fundación Centro Latinoamericano de Derechos Humanos
Fundación Crisálida
Fundación Luz María
Ganja Agribusiness Association
Global Forum on Human Settlements
Global Network for Rights and Development
Global New Car Assessment Programme
Good Helpers
Groupe d'action pour la promotion socioculturelle et l'alphabétisation: nouvelle énergie
Groupement romand d'études des addictions
Hazrat Javad-al-Aemeh Cultural Charity Institute

Health and Humanitarian Aid Foundation
Help4help
Horn of Africa Voluntary Youth Committee
Institute of Development Studies
International Brain Education Association Foundation
International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons
International Development Information Organization-DevNet
International Falcon Movement — Socialist Educational International
International Geothermal Association
International Higher Education Teaching and Learning Association
International Islamic Youth League
International Thai Foundation
International Volunteer Organization for Women, Education and Development
Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center
Islamic Research and Information Artistic and Cultural Institute
Kawish Resource Center
Kids Included Together
Kiyana Karaj Group
Korea Green Foundation
Korean Association for Supporting the Sustainable Development Goals
Korean Bar Association
League of Persons with Disabilities
Ligue marocaine de la citoyenneté et des droits de l'homme
Mayama
Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic
Mongolian Family Welfare Association
Mouvement national des jeunes patriotes du Mali
NABU — Knowledge Transfer Beyond Boundaries
National Organization for Marriage Education Fund
National Shooting Sports Foundation
New Progressive Alliance
Nigerian Network of Women Exporters of Services
Non-profit Non-Governmental Expert Society on Space Threat Defense
Northern Citizen Community Board

Observatoire mauritanien des droits de l'homme et de la démocratie
Organization for Research and Community Development
Peivande Gole Narges Organization
Peramangk Heritage Association
Rare
Réseau des plateformes d'organisations non gouvernementales d'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre
Reyhaneh Nabi Art and Cultural Center
Roshd Foundation
Sahkar Social Welfare Association
Sam Kader Memorial Fund
Samdong International Association
Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organization
Schools without Borders
Shia Rights Watch
Sindh Community Foundation
Skyian Welfare Organization
Society for Recovery Support
Society of Collective Interests Orientation
Solidarité Suisse-Guinée
Sonke Gender Justice Network
Support Humanity Organization
Trennungsväter
Tronie Foundation
United Deeds (Actions concertées)
Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico
Users and Survivors of Psychiatry in Kenya
Villages unis (United Villages)
Viridis Institute
Visión para el Desarrollo
Washington and Lee University
Well-Being Foundation
Women Support Center
Women's Empowerment Group

World Assembly of Youth

World Association for al-Azhar Graduates

World Togolese Foundation

Zamani Foundation

Zimbabwe Women Resources Centre and Network

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

Convention of Independent Financial Advisors

International Health Awareness Network

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

Americans for UNFPA (special, 2002) to Friends of UNFPA

Berlin Civil Society Center (special, 2014) to International Civil Society Centre: convening capacity-building research

Family Planning Association of the Islamic Republic of Iran (special, 2010) to Family Health Association of Iran

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

World Forum on the Future of Sport Shooting Activities (Roster, 2002) to World Forum on Shooting Activities

(d) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 172 non-governmental organizations:¹

Action aides aux familles démunies

Africa Centre for Citizens Orientation

Afro Centre for Development Peace and Justice

Al-khoei Foundation

Alliance Defending Freedom

Americans for UNFPA

Anti-Slavery International

Argentine Society of Pediatrics

Asian Institute of Transport Development

Asian Legal Resource Centre

Asociación Civil Consorcio Desarrollo y Justicia

Asociación de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Madres Irlandesas (2009-2012)

¹ The reports listed are for the period 2010-2013, with the exception of seven reports for the period 2009-2012 and one report for the period 2008-2011, as indicated in the list with the dates in parentheses.

Assembly of First Nations — National Indian Brotherhood
Associação Brasileira de Gays, Lésbicas e Transgeneros (2009-2012)
Associação de Mulheres contra a Violencia
Association apprentissage sans frontières
Association for Aid and Relief (Japan)
Association internationale des droits de l'enfant en difficulté et dans la souffrance
Association of Medical Doctors of Asia
Association pour la formation et l'insertion sociale de l'adolescent et de la femme
Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII
Ayande Roshan Nokhbegan Foundation
Azerbaijan Women and Development Center
Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights
Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication
Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University
Brazilian Foundation of America
Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation
Canadian Federation of University Women
Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network
Cause première
Center for Policy Studies
Center for Public Health
Centre Europe-tiers monde
Centre féminin pour la promotion du développement
Child Care Consortium
China International Council for the Promotion of Multinational Corporations
China Society for Human Rights Studies
Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament
Chinese Young Volunteers Association
Collectif sénégalais des Africaines pour la promotion de l'éducation relative à l'environnement
Comité catholique contre la faim et pour le développement
Comité national d'action pour les droits de l'enfant et de la femme
Commonwealth Human Ecology Council
Cooperation and Participation in Overseas NGOs

Dominican Leadership Conference
Dones per la Llibertat i Democràcia
Drug Free America Foundation
Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration
Eastern Sudan Women Development Organization
Education International
Egyptian Association for Educational Resources
Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs
Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness
Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria
Families of Victims of Involuntary Disappearance
Family Africa
Family Planning Association of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Family Research Council
Federation of National Representations of the Experiment in International Living
Fondation Chantal Biya
Fondation généreuse développement
Fondation Suisse Maroc pour le développement durable
Free World Foundation
Friends World Committee for Consultation
Fundación Eudes
Fundación para Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer
General Arab Women Federation (2009-2012)
General Confederation of Trade Unions
Génération recherche action et formation pour l'environnement
Global Afrikan Congress
Global Alliance against Traffic in Women
Greenpeace International
Hawa Society for Women
Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries
IFENDU for Women's Development
Il Cenacolo
Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society
Imam Al-Sadr Foundation

Imamia Medics International
Ingénieurs du monde
International Association for Women's Mental Health
International Association of Lions Clubs
International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organizations
International Cooperative Alliance
International Council of Chemical Associations
International Council of Management Consulting Institutes (2009-2012)
International Council of Societies of Industrial Design
International Council on Jewish Social and Welfare Services
International Environmental Law Research Centre
International Federation of Family Associations of Missing Persons from Armed Conflicts
International Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse (2009-2012)
International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres
International Federation of Training and Development Organizations
International First Aid Society
International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission
International Health Awareness Network
International Higher Education Academy of Sciences
International Investment Centre
International La Strada Association
International Network for Sustainable Energy
International Psychoanalytical Association Trust
International Relations Students' Association of McGill University
International Society of Doctors for the Environment
International Union for the Scientific Study of Population
International Women's Year Liaison Group
Interregional Union of Life Help for Mentally Handicapped Persons "Sail of Hope"
Intersos Humanitarian Aid Organization
ISIS: Women's International Cross-Cultural Exchange
Israel Women's Network
Italian Association for Aid to Children

Jesuit Refugee Service
José Martí Cultural Society
Khiam Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Torture
Kitakyushu Forum on Asian Women
Kongres Wanita Indonesia
Korea Freedom Federation
Korea International Volunteer Organization
Korean National Council of Women
Leonard Cheshire Disability
Liberians United to Expose Hidden Weapons
Maasai Aid Association
Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers
Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic
Mennonite Central Committee
Miracle Corners of the World
Movimento Italiano Casalinghe
Mujer para la Mujer
National Association of Vocational Education of China
National Federation of International Immigrant Women Associations
National Rehabilitation and Development Centre
Netherlands Centre for Indigenous Peoples
Network “Earth Village”
Network of Women’s Non-Governmental Organizations in the Islamic Republic of Iran (2009-2012)
New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council
Organization for Defending Victims of Violence
Organization for the Solidarity of the Peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America
Oxfam International
Pacific Women’s Watch (New Zealand)
Parliamentarians for Global Action
Pew Environment Group
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Plan Sweden
Playdoo (Côte d’Ivoire)

Presbyterian Church USA
 Presse emblème campagne
 Rainforest Foundation
 Real Women of Canada
 Relief International (2008-2011)
 Rissho Kosei-kai
 Saint Petersburg Institute of Bioregulation and Gerontology of the North-
 Western Branch of the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences
 Samaj Kalyan O. Unnayan Shangstha
 School Sisters of Notre Dame
 Secours populaire français
 Secure World Foundation
 Shirley Ann Sullivan Educational Foundation
 Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
 Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem
 Teresian Association
 To Love Children Educational Foundation International
 Traditions pour demain
 UNESCO Association of Guwahati
 Unión de Escritores y Artistas de Cuba
 United Nations Watch
 United Network of Young Peacebuilders
 Viva Rio
 War Resisters International (2009-2012)
 Wildlife Conservation Society
 Women Organization for Development and Capacity-Building
 Women Power Connect
 Women's Right to Education Programme
 Women's Welfare Centre

(e) To close without prejudice the request for consultative status made by the following 29 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee:

Action on Armed Violence
 AFD International Belgium
 APM Company

Apne Aap Women's Collective
Asia Journalist Association
Azad Foundation
Computer and Communications Industry Association
Fundación Alisos
Genre en action
HAQ: Centre for Child Rights
International Ombudsman Institute
Internationale Vrije Vrouwen Stichting
Islamic Medical Association of North America
Kasheer Foundation
Kokkyo naki Kodomotachi
Middle East Children's Institute
Nobel Women's Initiative
North Korea Intellectuals Solidarity
Palpung Munishasan Dharmachakra Sangh
Peer Consultants
People for Equality and Relief in Lanka
Perpetual Succour for Women and Children Initiative
Rehabilitators
Scandinavian Institute for Human Rights Norway
Scientific Committee on Solar-Terrestrial Physics
Senos Ayuda
Skillshare International (India) Trust
United Hatzalah
Women's Information Center

(f) To note the withdrawal by the following one non-governmental organization of its application for consultative status:

Hizmet Relief

Draft decision II

Withdrawal of consultative status of non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the request for withdrawal of consultative status by the following two non-governmental organizations:

Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development
International Holistic Tourism Education Centre

Draft decision III**Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2015 regular session**

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2015 regular session.

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

2. At its 1st to 14th meetings, held from 26 January to 4 February and 6 February 2015, the Committee considered agenda items 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. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations ([E/C.2/2015/R.2](#) and [E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.1-17](#));

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new requests for reclassification to be considered by the Committee ([E/C.2/2015/R.3](#));

(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.2/2015/CRP.1](#));²

(d) Compilation of deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from sessions of the Committee held from 1998 to 2012 ([E/C.2/2015/CRP.2](#));²

(e) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee ([E/C.2/2015/CRP.3](#));²

(f) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations requesting a change of name ([E/C.2/2015/CRP.4](#));²

(g) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations for a change of name deferred from previous sessions of the Committee ([E/C.2/2015/CRP.5](#));²

(h) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from two non-governmental organizations for withdrawal of their status owing to the dissolution of their organizations ([E/C.2/2015/CRP.7](#)).²

² Conference room papers are on file with the Secretariat and are available for consultation.

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

3. The Committee considered item 3 (a) of its agenda, Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, at its 5th to 9th meetings and 12th to 14th meetings, on 29 January to 2 February and on, 4 and 6 February 2015. The Committee considered a total of 153 deferred applications for consultative status.

Applications recommended

4. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 26 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

African Rights Initiative International
AGE Platform Europe
Boy With a Ball Ministries
Center for Religion and Diplomacy
Comité Permanente por la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos
Equal Rights Trust
European Health Psychology Society
Freedom from Hunger
Fundación Centro Latinoamericano de Derechos Humanos
Global Network for Rights and Development
Good Helpers
Institute of Development Studies
International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons
International Falcon Movement — Socialist Educational International
Islamic Research and Information Artistic and Cultural Institute
Kiyana Karaj Group
Korea Green Foundation
Korean Bar Association
National Organization for Marriage Education Fund
National Shooting Sports Foundation
Skyian Welfare Organization
Sonke Gender Justice Network
Trennungsväter
Tronie Foundation

World Association for al-Azhar Graduates

Zimbabwe Women Resources Centre and Network

Applications deferred

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 97 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2015 regular session:

Access Now

Active Help Organization

Advocates for International Development

Africa Unite

Afrikaanse Forum vir Burgerregte

Akshaya Patra Foundation

Al-Dameer Association for Supporting Prisoners and Human Rights

All-Ukrainian Association of Civil Organizations “Union of Armenians of Ukraine”

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

Ambedkar Center for Justice and Peace

Asia Center for Human Rights

Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention

Assyrian Aid Society of America

Assyrian National Congress

Avocats sans frontières (France)

Bahrain Young Ladies Association

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

Centre catholique international de Genève

Centre Zagros pour les droits de l’homme

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

Coordination des associations et des particuliers pour la liberté de conscience

Dalit Foundation — Ahmedabad

Droits de l'homme sans frontières
Earth Charter Associates
ECCO2 Corp
Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Género
Freedom Now
F W de Klerk Foundation Trust
Geneva Institute for Human Rights
Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health
Hokok Coalición Internacional contra la Impunidad
India Media Centre
Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya
Institute for Human Rights and Business
International Association of Genocide Scholars
International Dalit Solidarity Network
International Green Economy Association
International Human Rights Commission Relief Fund Trust
Iran Human Rights Documentation Center
Islamic African Relief Agency
James Madison University
Jewish Renaissance Foundation
Kuki Organization for Human Rights Trust
Lawfare Project
Leadership Foundation
Legal Resources Centre
Let's Breakthrough
Medsin-UK
Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus
Mother Helpage (UK)
Muslim Aid
Muslim Hands
National Center for Civil and Human Rights
National Development Youth Club, Jaran Wali Gali Poonch
National Secular Society
National Women's Welfare Society Darwha Yavatmal District

New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative
New World Hope Organization
Nigerian Diaspora Youths Movement for Peace and Development International Organization
Palestinian Return Centre
Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays
Peace and Hope International
Population Matters
Profesionales por la Ética
Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina Asociación Civil
Rural Development Institute
Segretariato Permanente dei Premi Nobel per la Pace
Shah Maqeen Trust
Sheikh Eid Bin Mohammad Al Thani Charitable Association
Sikh Human Rights Group
Simons Foundation
Stichting Global Human Rights Defence
Stichting Samenwerkingsverband IKV — Pax Christi
Stichting Soham Baba Mission
Stichting War Child
Survivor's Network of those Abused by Priests
Swadhikar
Treatment and Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture
Tripura Foundation
United Sikhs
Virtual Activism
Warbe Development Foundation
West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation
Women Living under Muslim Laws — International Solidarity Network
Women's Freedom Forum
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

Congrès national des arméniens occidentaux

6. At its 7th meeting, on 30 January, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Congrès national des arméniens occidentaux.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Azerbaijan posed questions on the activities of the organization; the questions were followed by a statement by the observer for Armenia. In his statement, the observer for Armenia highlighted the important contributions made by non-governmental organizations to the work of the United Nations and the importance of their engagement with the Organization. He also expressed regret that two Committee members 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.

8. The representative of Azerbaijan stated that the session was the first time his delegation had posed a question to the organization and stressed that the Committee members performed their duties in an impartial manner. He appealed to observer States to follow the rules regarding their participation in the work of the Committee. The representative of Turkey underlined that Turkey strongly supported the involvement and active participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nation and emphasized that Turkey had traditionally adopted an impartial and constructive approach in the evaluation of all applications of non-governmental organizations for consultative status. He added that regardless of the name or origin of non-governmental organizations, the only criteria Turkey followed in the review of applications was whether the organizations were in compliance with the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31. The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Freedom Now

9. At its 8 meeting, on 2 February, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Freedom Now and posed questions to the non-governmental organization. At the same meeting, the Committee agreed to keep the application open until 6 February.

10. At its 14th meeting, on 6 February, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Freedom Now for the second time.

11. The representative of Azerbaijan expressed concern about the application of the organization and stated that its website contained incorrect information regarding the detention of so-called human rights activists in Azerbaijan. He added that the persons listed on the website had been arrested for committing crimes under the laws of his country. He urged the organization to respect the legal system of sovereign States and not to question their validity. He therefore requested that the organization correct all erroneous information presented on its website. The representative of the Sudan, in supporting the representative of Azerbaijan, requested that the organization provide a response to the request made by Azerbaijan. The representative of the United States of America stressed that the request for consultative status by the organization had been pending before the Committee for five years and that the organization had answered over 40 questions, was doing important human rights work and deserved to be accredited with the

Council. The representative requested all members of the Committee to ask further questions at the current session so that the Committee could take a decision on the organization at its resumed session. The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Global Network for Rights and Development

12. At its 8th meeting, on 2 February, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Global Network for Rights and Development. At the same meeting, the representative of the Sudan recalled that the organization had been under review since 2011 and highlighted the excellent work of the organization, adding that it was registered in Norway, Switzerland and Belgium and had cooperated fully with local authorities. He stressed that it was supported by the African Union and deserved to be recommended for consultative status with the Council. The representatives of China, Cuba, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania and the Russian Federation expressed support for the representative of the Sudan. The Committee posed questions to the non-governmental organization and agreed to keep the application open until 6 February.

13. At its 14th meeting, on 6 February, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Global Network for Rights and Development for the second time.

14. At the same meeting, the representative of the Sudan requested action to recommend granting the organization consultative status, under rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council. The representative of Greece pointed out that some members of the Committee had expressed reservations and had posed questions regarding the work of the organization and that the Committee should strive to work towards a consensus. The representative of the United States stated that rushing to a vote was not in line with the previous practice of the Committee and added that the organization was promulgating false information on its website about the participation of the United States in one of its events, which was brought to the attention of the Committee only on that day. She stressed that her delegation had requested additional time so that the organization could respond to all the questions that the Committee had posed to it. The representative of the Sudan did not withdraw his request and the Chair proceeded with the vote.

15. The non-governmental organization was recommended for consultative status by a roll-call vote of 15 to 2, with 2 abstentions. All 19 members of the Committee were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, Guinea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Against:

Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Greece, Turkey.

Applications closed without prejudice

16. At its 14th meeting, on 6 February, the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 29 non-governmental organizations that had not responded to the Committee's questions despite three reminders sent to the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I (e)).

17. At its 8th meeting, on 2 February, the Committee took note of the request made by the following non-governmental organization for withdrawal of its deferred application for consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I (f)):

Hizmet Relief

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

18. The Committee considered item 3 (b) of its agenda, New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 1st to 4th and 10th and 11th meetings, from 26 to 29 January and on 3 February 2015. The Committee considered a total of 177 new applications for consultative status.

New applications recommended

19. Of the 177 organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 98 organizations be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

Africa 21

African-British Returnees International

African Relief in Action

Aid for Trade Logistics

Al-Fidaa Foundation

Alliance for Nuclear Accountability

Arab Forum for Environment and Development

Asociación de Técnicos Superiores y Peritos Judiciales de Andalucía

Asociación para la Promoción de la Libertad y el Desarrollo Sostenible

Association "Paix" pour la lutte contre la contrainte et l'injustice

Association pour la défense des droits de développement durable et du bien-être familial

Association pour l'éducation, la santé et la promotion des femmes et des enfants au Cameroun

Beirut Institute

Campaign for Human Rights and Development Sierra Leone

Canadian Pugwash Group
Canterbury Business Association
Centre d'encadrement et développement des anciens combattants
Centre européen de recherche et de prospective politique
Centre for Community Regeneration and Development
China Society of Administrative Reform
Citizens United to Promote Peace and Democracy in Liberia
Count of Monte Alea Foundation
Dacia Revival International Society
Deaf Aid
Development Action for Women Network
“Dialogue of Cultures — United World” International Public Charity Fund
Dóchas: The Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations
Ethiopian Social Assistance Committee
Europäischer Interessenverband Handel-Gewerbe-Industrie
Fonds Tara
Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America
Founders Development Organization Badin
Friendship Ambassadors Foundation
Fundación Crisálida
Fundación Luz María
Ganja Agribusiness Association
Global Forum on Human Settlements
Global New Car Assessment Programme
Groupe d'action pour la promotion socioculturelle et l'alphabetisation: nouvelle énergie
Groupement romand d'études des addictions
Hazrat Javad-al-Aemeh Cultural Charity Institute
Health and Humanitarian Aid Foundation
Help4help
Horn of Africa Voluntary Youth Committee
International Brain Education Association Foundation
International Development Information Organization-DevNet

International Geothermal Association Incorporated
International Higher Education Teaching and Learning Association
International Islamic Youth League
International Thai Foundation
International Volunteer Organization for Women, Education and Development
Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center
Kawish Resource Center
Kids Included Together
Korean Association for Supporting the Sustainable Development Goals
League of Persons with Disabilities
Ligue marocaine de la citoyenneté et des droits de l'homme
Mayama
Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic
Mongolian Family Welfare Association
Mouvement national des jeunes patriotes du Mali
NABU — Knowledge Transfer Beyond Boundaries
New Progressive Alliance
Nigerian Network of Women Exporters of Services
Non-profit Non-Governmental Expert Society on Space Threat Defense
Northern Citizen Community Board
Observatoire mauritanien des droits de l'homme et de la démocratie
Organization for Research and Community Development
Peivande Gole Narges Organization
Peramangk Heritage Association
Rare
Réseau des plateformes d'organisations non gouvernementales d'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre
Reyhaneh Nabi Art and Cultural Center
Roshd Foundation
Sahkar Social Welfare Association
Samdong International Association
Sam Kader Memorial Fund
Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organization
Schools without Borders

Shia Rights Watch
 Sindh Community Foundation
 Society for Recovery Support
 Society of Collective Interests Orientation
 Solidarité Suisse-Guinée
 Support Humanity Organization
 United Deeds (Actions concertées)
 Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico
 Users and Survivors of Psychiatry in Kenya
 Villages unis (United Villages)
 Viridis Institute
 Visión para el Desarrollo
 Washington and Lee University
 Well-Being Foundation
 Women Support Center
 Women's Empowerment Group
 World Assembly of Youth
 World Togolese Foundation
 Zamani Foundation

New applications deferred

20. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 79 organizations pending receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee to the organizations during its 2015 regular session:

Akhil Bharatiya Sanskrutik Sangh
 Ark Jammers Connection
 Arseh Sevom
 Azerbaijani American Cultural Association
 Bangladesh Support Group
 Beautiful Eves of Africa Organisation
 Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes
 Child Foundation
 Corporation Global Together
 Dansk Flygtningehjælp
 Democracywatch

Development Generation Africa International
Disease Management Association of India
Ecumenical Alliance for Human Rights and Development
Egyptian Judges' Club
Engineers Without Borders USA
Environmental Degradation Organization of Nigeria
Ethnic Community Development Organization
Eurasia Reiyukai
European Muslims League
Federal Lezghin National and Cultural Autonomy
Feed The Children
Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute
Global Academy Institute of Technology Foundation
Global Community Health Foundation
Healthy Start Initiative
Heavenly Shower of Peace Church of God
Human Aid UK
Human Rights Sanrakshan Sansthaa
IDEAS Centre
India Water Foundation
Insan Dost Association
Instituto Igarapé
International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care
International Association of Independent Journalists
International Center for Work and Family
International Civil Society Support
International-Lawyers.Org
International Police Commission Philippine Command Association
Kaushalya Gramodyog Sansthan
Korea Human Rights Foundation
Kottayam Social Service Society
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Liberia Youth Initiative for Peace and Sustainable Development
Light House

Maat Foundation for Peace, Development and Human Rights
Managing Committee of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences
Martina Centre for Sustainable Development
Muzaffarabad Poverty Alleviation Programme
National Alliance of Women
NGOs Computer Literacy Shelter Welfare, Rawalpindi cantonment
Participatory Development Action Program
Publication and Coordination Centre of Islamic Ideology and Sufism International
Peace and Life Enhancement Initiative International
Peace Islands Institute
Pukar Foundation
Queensland Association of Independent Legal Services
Rajasthan Samgrah Kalyan Sansthan
Raleigh-Ghana
Rights and Resources Institute
S.R. Institute of Development
Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled
Sambhali Trust
Servicios Ecu m nicos para Reconciliaci n y Reconstrucci n
Shack Dwellers International (South Africa)
Shivi Development Society
Sukalyan Welfare Society
Support to Deprived Peoples
Sustainable Environment Development Initiative
Takai Welfare Organization
Trakya Kalkinma Dernegi
USC Canada
Vier Pfoten International
WEConnect International
Women for Women, a Research and Study Group
World Academy of Art and Science
World Alliance of Peoples' Organisations
World Taoist Association

WorldTeach

Requests for reclassification

21. At its 4th and 9th meetings, on 29 January and 2 February, the Committee considered five requests for reclassification of consultative status: three new requests for reclassification, as contained in document [E/C.2/2015/R.3](#), and two deferred requests, as contained in document [E/C.2/2015/CRP.3](#).² It decided to recommend reclassification for two of the organizations, from special to general consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)).

22. At its 4th and 9th meetings, on 29 January and 2 February, the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application for reclassification of status of the following three organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee:

United States Federation for Middle East Peace

Widows for Peace through Democracy

World Council for Curriculum and Instruction

Requests for a change of name

23. At its 10th meeting, on 3 February, the Committee considered eight new requests for a change of name by organizations in consultative status, as contained in document [E/C.2/2015/CRP.4](#).² The Committee decided to take note of the change of name of four of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)). The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the request for a change of name by the following four organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to it by the Committee:

Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development

InnerCity Mission of Christ Embassy

International Catholics Organisation of the Media

Syriac Universal Alliance

24. At the same meeting, the Committee considered two deferred requests for a change of name by two organizations in consultative status (see [E/C.2/2015/CRP.5](#)).² The Committee decided to take note of the change of name of one of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)). The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the request for a change of name by the following organization, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to it by the Committee:

Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement

Requests for withdrawal of consultative status

25. At its 10th meeting, on 3 February, the Committee took note of the requests by two non-governmental organizations for withdrawal of consultative status owing to the dissolution of their organizations (see chap. I, draft decision II).

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 of the Committee

26. At its 9th meeting, on 2 February, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of 35 quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status on their activities during the period 1998-2012, which had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (see [E/C.2/2015/CRP.2](#)).²

27. The Committee decided to defer to the resumed session further consideration of all 35 deferred quadrennial reports submitted by the following 27 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 Democratic 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)
 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, 2009-2012)
 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)

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

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

28. At its 9th meeting, on 2 February, 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 175 new quadrennial reports ([E/C.2/2015/2](#) and [E/C.2/2015/2/Add.1-12](#)). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 172 of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)). The Committee decided to defer consideration of the reports of the following three organizations:

International Press Institute (2009-2012)

International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication
(2010-2013)

Kimse Yok Mu (2010-2013)

29. At its 11th meeting, on 3 February, the delegation of Cuba delivered a statement in which it expressed its reservations about the quadrennial reports submitted by three non-governmental organizations, namely, Ingenieurs du monde, Il Cenacolo and United Nations Watch. The reservations concerned certain politically motivated activities that had been carried out by the organizations during the reporting period and that contradicted the spirit and requisites established by the Council in resolution 1996/31. In addition, the delegation of Cuba stated that the upcoming trajectory of the organizations would be scrutinized in order to ensure full compliance with the resolution. The delegations of China, Nicaragua and the Sudan supported the statement made by the representative of Cuba. The representative of the United States stated that non-governmental organizations should be allowed to continue to carry out their valuable work at the United Nations and that her delegation did not support efforts to restrict them from doing so. The delegation of Israel supported the statement made by the representative of the United States.

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

30. At its 1st meeting, on 26 January, the Committee jointly considered agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs; 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, and heard oral reports made by the Secretariat.

31. The Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, called for a review of the existing software applications that supported the Committee's work. The paperless committee platform, a document and record management retrieval system set up in 2008 to support the Committee's work, needed to be updated to further optimize the process, introduce new functionalities and incorporate the latest technology. The Office had developed a project proposal for the consideration of interested Member States.

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

Recommendations for improving the working methods of the Committee

32. Delegations requested additional time for the consideration of issues that could contribute to improving the working methods of the Committee. Informal consultations would be held to address the issues at a later stage.

Other related matters

33. At the 12th meeting, on 4 February, with regard to the meeting coverage of the work of the Committee by the Department of Public Information, the representative of China, following consultations with some members of the Committee, proposed that the press releases of the meetings of the Committee concerning the deferred applications should reflect in the chapeau the following text:

“The Committee postponed consideration of the following xxx (number) organizations and requested that the organizations provide more information in response to the questions posed to them by the Committee.”

34. The Committee agreed with the proposal presented by the representative of China.

VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

35. There were no special reports for the Committee's consideration at the session.

VII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

36. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2015 regular session from 26 January to 4 February, and on 6 and 13 February. The Committee held 15 meetings.

37. The session was opened by the Chair of the 2014 session of the Committee, Gizem Sucuoğlu (Turkey), who served as temporary Chair.

38. At the 1st meeting, on 26 January, the Chair of the Committee, Jorge Dotta (Uruguay), made a statement. An introductory statement was made by the Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination.

B. Attendance

39. 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 bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and observers for non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants will be issued in document [E/C.2/2015/INF/1](#).

40. At its 2015 regular session, the Committee heard 18 representatives of non-governmental organizations, who were given the opportunity to respond to questions raised by the Committee. The additional information provided by the representatives facilitated the debate and the work of the Committee in taking its decisions.

C. Election of officers

41. At its 1st meeting, on 26 January, the Committee elected Jorge Dotta (Uruguay) as Chair of the Committee.

42. At the same meeting, the Committee elected Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan) and Forouzandeh Vadiati (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Vice-Chairs of the Committee. At its 8th meeting, on 2 February, the Committee elected Gizem Sucuoğlu (Turkey) as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

43. At its 10th meeting, on 3 February, it was decided that the Vice-Chair, Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan), would also serve as Rapporteur of the Committee.

D. Agenda

44. At its 1st meeting, on 26 January 2015, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its 2015 session, as contained in document [E/C.2/2015/1](#). The agenda reads as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
 - (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;
 - (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;
 - (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:
 - (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;
 - (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:
 - (a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;
 - (b) Consideration of issues 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 for the 2016 session of the Committee.
10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

VIII. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2015 regular session

45. At its 14th meeting, on 6 February, 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 submitting it to the Council for appropriate action.

46. At its 15th meeting, on 13 February, the Committee adopted the present report.