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Summary

At its 2023 regular session, held from 23 January to 1 February and on 13 February 2023, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 560 applications for consultative status, including 321 applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 214 for consultative status, deferred 296 for further consideration at its resumed session in 2023, closed without prejudice consideration of 49 applications of organizations that had failed to respond to queries by the deadline of two business days (48 hours) before the beginning of the Committee session and took note of the request by one organization to withdraw its application for consultative status. The Committee considered and took note of 10 requests for a change of name. It also had before it 655 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 543. The Committee heard seven representatives of organizations who attended the session.

The present report contains two 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 214 non-governmental organizations;
- (b) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of 10 non-governmental organizations;
- (c) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 543 non-governmental organizations, including new and previously deferred reports;

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(d) Close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by 49 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries by the deadline of two business days (48 hours) before the beginning of the Committee session;

(e) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the request by one non-governmental organization to withdraw its application for consultative status;

By draft decision II, 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, requests for a change of name and quadrennial reports received from non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following 214 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

Action pour le développement communautaire

Action Protection mère et enfant pour le développement (APMED)

Action Sri Lanka

Africa Child Foundation Mission of Tanzania

African Women's Health Project International

Agence Suisse pour le développement et les droits de l'homme (ASDH)

Akahatá – Equipo de Trabajo en Sexualidad y Géneros, Asociación Civil

Al Tawasul Wa Al Ekah Human Organization

Al-Basher Foundation for Development

Al-Eshraq Foundation for Development

Algilani Foundation

Aliança Nacional LGBTI

Anabia Charitable Organization (ACO)

Archconfraternity of Papal Knights

Asia Pacific Transgender Network

Asociación Mensajeros de la Paz

Asociación para la Promoción y Protección de los Derechos Humanos Xumek

Asociația Geyc

Associação pela Saúde Emocional de Crianças

Associació Stop Violències

Association caritative étudiante pour la jeunesse

Association de défense et de promotion des droits de l'homme (ADEAGE)

Association de lutte pour le respect des droits humains

Association Droit et talents de femmes

Association for Life of Africa – Liberia

Association Green Crescent (Croissant Vert-Mali) de Sikasso
Association Jeunesse, insertion, solidarité (AJIS)
Association lutte contre la violence faite aux femmes
Association pour la diffusion des droits de l’homme dans l’universite de Lyon
Association pour la protection de la biodiversité et adoption des gestes marqueurs
Association pour la solidarité internationale
Association pour le droit de l’homme et le développement durable (Colombes)
Associazione Internazionale Tutela e Diritti (AITD)
Autonomous Non-Profit Organization Research Center “Minority Report”
Bachehaye Asemane Kamran Rehabilitation Institute
BBB Korea
Beijing E-share Civil Society Information Center
Bel Canto International Society
Bring Hope Humanitarian Foundation
Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan, Inc.
Carelle Moukemaha-Niang
Centre for International Maritime Affairs, Ghana
Centre for International Promotion Fund
Centro de Direitos Econômicos e Sociais (CDES)
Centro di Iniziative Antiproibizionista
China Foundation for Cultural Heritage Conservation
Chrix Farms Nigeria
Committee for Justice
Coordinadora por los Derechos de la Infancia y la Adolescencia
Corazon Latino, Inc.
Corporación Sisma Mujer
Corporate Counsel Women of Color, Inc.
Council of Canadians with Disabilities
De Regenboog Groep
Determined Youths Against Poverty, Incorporation
Disability:IN
Disaster Resilience Network Ghana
Dr. M. Chandrasekhar International Foundation
Dromi Women Empowerment Initiative
Dynamic Paragon Ladies Foundation
Eduactive Società Cooperativa
Education for Social Justice Foundation (ESJF)

Éducation prénatale – information
Eiropas demokrātijas attīstības centrs
Emberi Méltóság Központ
Éudiants pour une société durable Paris
Eurazijos žalos mažinimo asociacija
Fagrådet– Rusfeltets hovedorganisasjon
Fame Foundation for Girls and Women Empowerment
Federación Indígena Empresarial y Comunidades Locales de México
Federación Mujeres Jóvenes
File Hills Qu’Appelle Tribal Council, Inc.
Fondation Secours humanitaire
Fonds ICONEM protect. patrimoine menacé
Forum for Development and Human Rights Dialogue
Foyer d’enfant + femme
Framework Convention on Global Health Alliance
Fundación Derechos & Justicia Asociados
Fundación Gonzalo (Gonchi) Rodríguez
Fundación Mexicana Rene Mey, Asociación Civil
Fundación para el Cuidado, Atención de la Salud e Integración Social para Discapacitados (CASID)
Garden of Rebirth, Ltd.
Generation Human Rights, Inc.
Giving Matters Foundation
Global Action for Trans* Equality, Inc.
Global Choices.org
Global Initiative for Children’s Surgery
Global Initiative for Food Security and Ecosystem Preservation
Global Surgery Amsterdam
Gramin Vikas Vigyan Samiti
Groupement agropastoral pour le développement de Yongoro
Grs Universe Social Welfare Trust
Guild of Adjudicators in Nigeria
Gwangju Young Men’s Christian Association
Hadhrāmout Foundation– Human Development
Harm Reduction Australia, Limited
Hope behind Bars Africa Initiative
Human Access for Partnership and Development (Human Access)

Human Rights and Forest Brain Africa (HURIFBA)
Humanitarian Aid International
Igniting Hope for the Less Privileged Initiative
Inclusion Canada
Incorporated Association BYSONanummaul
India Youth for Society
Initiative for Social Development Organization
Insamlingsstiftelsen 2022 Initiative Foundation
Institute for Humanitarian Studies and Social Development, Ltd./Gte.
Institute for Integrated Rural Development
Institution of Occupational Safety and Health
Instituto Brasileiro de Direitos Humanos
International Federation of Accountants
International Foundation for African Children
International Institute for Promotion and Development of Dynamic Peace Ideas
International Organization for Human Right Development and Environment
International Road Victims' Partnership Company, Limited by Guarantee
International Student Surgical Network
International Visitors Utah Council
InterPride
Jan Lok Kalyan Parishad
Kahrizak Charity Institute for the Disabled & Elderly
Keen and Care Initiative, Ltd./Gte.
Korea Women's Hot-Line
Le Conseil international pour les droits de l'homme
Le conseil universel des droits de l'homme
Legal Rights Council for Awareness of Law
Life Maker Meeting Place Organization USA
Mabade'a Society for Human Rights
Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, Inc.
Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development (MYF)
Migrant Clinicians Network, Inc.
Mitraniketan
Mongolian Remote Sensing Society
Mumbai Smiles Foundation
Nagrik Foundation
National Solar Energy Federation of India

Nerds Rule, Inc.
New Sunshine Charity Foundation
New York University
Northeastern University
OM Vishwa Guru Deep Hindu Mandir Mahaprabhuji a Világmindenség Guruja
Hindu Vallási Közösség és Szellemi Iskola
Option2world Initiative against Drug Abuse
Organization for Immigrants Peace and Federal Development
Organization of World Leaders, Inc. (OWL)
Palestinian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (PAMRT)
Parlamento Internacional para los Derechos Humanos (PIDH)
Patriotic Citizen Initiatives
Pertubuhan Kebajikan Erth Ul Mustafa Johor Bahru
Pioneers of Goodness International Organization
Policy Studies Organization
Populous Education Foundation
Prashanthi Balamandira Trust
Pro Rural
Public Association “Peace through Spirituality”
Rapha House International, Inc.
Research-Aid Networks
Réseau de formation et de recherche sur les migrations africaines (REFORMAF)
Rick Hansen Foundation
RightsTech Women
Rock of Ages Empowerment Foundation
Roots of Peace
Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
Royal Medico Technical Society, Navi Mumbai
Samara Center for Youth Employment, Socialization and Cultural Development
Autonomous Non-Profit Organization “Garmoniya”
Sambhav Foundation
Sasakawa Health Foundation
Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers
Science and Technology Diplomatic Hub Association (SciTech DiploHub Assoc.)
Secours Islamique France
Sergius Oseasochie Ogun Foundation
Shamar Educational Foundation

Sintrata
SOL Agronomies, Limited
Solidarité numérique dans le domaine de l'éducation et de la santé Castres
Somali Aid & Humanitarian Organization (SAAHO)
Sozialhelden, eV
Stichting Deltares
Street Business School
Supportive Homeland Association for Development (SHAD)
Sustainable Cassava Farmers and Processing Development Association of Nigeria
Sustainable Ocean Alliance, Inc.
Tamil-style
The Aspen Institute, Inc.
The Fundamental and Other Rights Organization of Sri Lanka
The Inclusivity Project, Inc.
The Vegan-Organic Network
Tsao Foundation
Ukrainian Think Tanks Liaison Office in Brussels
Umu-Okpu Ngwa Association USA and Diaspora, Inc. (UONAUSAAD)
Unione degli Atei e degli Agnostici Razionalisti (UAAR)
United for Human Rights
Verein Euro Mea
VIDEA, a BC-based International Development Education Association
Vishwa Manavadhikar Parishad
Vista Organisation for Education and Social Development in Africa
Water4Chad, Inc.
Wathiqun Foundation for Development
We Are All Human Foundation
WealthyGen, Inc.
Women and Men in Environment and Artificial Intelligence (WOMENVAI)
Women Education and Afghanistan Rehabilitation Organization (WEARO)
Women in Nuclear Canada, Inc.
Women's Organisation for Dev. & Empowerment of Communities
Women's Refugee Commission, Inc.
Women's Rehabilitation Centre
World Cultural Arts Organization
World Humanitarian Drive
World Intangible Cultural Heritage Protection and Development Foundation, Inc.

World Youth Summit, NPC

Y30

Y4D Foundation

Yemeni Observatory for Human Rights

Youth Love Egypt Foundation

Zamzam Foundation

Zhongguo renkou fuli jijinhui

(b) To note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of the following 10 non-governmental organizations;

Brazzaville Foundation for Peace and Conservation (special, 2018) to The Brazzaville Foundation

Caucasian Feminist Initiative (special, 2005) to Caucasian Feminist Institute

Collegiate Congress (special, 2021) to World Youth Group, Inc.

Forum 21 Institute (special, 2021) to International Council on Environmental Economics and Development Union

International Federation of the Blue Cross (special, 2016) to International Blue Cross

International Planned Parenthood Federation (western hemisphere region) (special, 2003), to Fòs Feminista

Marie Stopes International (special, 2001) to MSI Reproductive Choices, Ltd.

Match International Centre (special, 1996) to Equality Fund/Fonds Égalité

Mouvement national des jeunes patriotes du Mali (special, 2015) to Réseau africain pour le développement, la gouvernance et les droits humains (RADHEG)

Northern Ireland Women's European Platform (special, 1999) to Women's Platform, Limited

(c) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 543 non-governmental organizations:¹

1M1B Foundation

21st Century Community Empowerment for Youth and Women Initiative

AAINA

Action for Development (Suisse)

Africa Centre for Citizens Orientation

Africa Network for Animal Welfare (ANAW)

African Centre for Advocacy and Human Development

African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes Education Trust

African Cultural Promotions, Inc.

African Heritage Foundation Nigeria

African Hope Committee, Inc.

African Services Committee, Inc.

¹ The reports listed are for the period 2018–2021, unless otherwise indicated.

African Views Organization, a NJ Nonprofit Corporation
African Youth Movement
African Youths Initiative on Crime Prevention
Afro-European Medical and Research Network
Agence d'aide à la coopération technique et au développement
Agencia Latinoamericana de Información
AIM Education & Research Society
Ain o Salish Kendra – Law and Mediation Centre
Akshar Foundation
Al Mezan Center for Human Rights
Al-Anwar Al Najafia Foundation for Culture and Development
Al-Khoei Foundation
Alliance Defending Freedom
All-Russian Public Organization “Russian Public Institute of Electoral Law”
All-Russian Society of Disabled People
Alut – The Israeli Society for Autistic Children
Aman against Discrimination
Amazon Conservation Team
American Psychiatric Association
American Society of Criminology
American Society of Safety Engineers
Americans for Democracy and Human Rights in Bahrain
Amity Foundation
ANO Organization – Vector of Friendship
Antioch Christian Centre
Anti-Slavery International
Aravind Foundation
Asian Institute of Transport Development
Asian Legal Resource Centre
Asociación Cubana de Producción Animal
Asociación de Pedagogos de Cuba
Asociación Española para el Derecho Internacional de los Derechos Humanos (AEDIDH)
Asociación Nacional de Estudiantes de Ingenierías Industrial, Administrativa y de Producción
Asociatia Obsteasca Promo-LEX
Asociația Pakiv România
ASPAM Foundation

Assembly of First Nations– National Indian Brotherhood
Associação Brasileira Interdisciplinar de AIDS
Associação de Mulheres Contra a Violencia
Association Alkhayr pour le développement en Mauritanie
Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR)
Association for Defending Victims of Terrorism
Association of Medical Doctors of Asia
Association of Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa (New Zealand)
Association on Sustainable Development and Investment Climate Improvement,
Uniting Investors and Creditors “World Organization for Development”
Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII
Associazione Nazionale Produttori Armi e Munizioni Sportive e Civili (ANPAM)
AWWA, Ltd.
Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights
Baha’i International Community
Bahjat Al-Baqir Charity Foundation
Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication
Baptist World Alliance
Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic
Batey Relief Alliance
BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society
Beyond Beijing Committee
Biofutura, Asociación Civil
Black Alliance for Just Immigration
Board of Certified Safety Professionals
Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University
British Columbia Council for International Cooperation
Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation
Bufete de Estudios Interdisciplinarios, AC
Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft der Senioren-Organisationen
Cameroon Association for the Defence of the Victims of Accident
Canadian Federation of University Women
Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women
Caring & Living as Neighbours, Incorporated (CLAN)
Caritas in Veritate International USA
Casa Generalizia della Società del Sacro Cuore
Catholic Organization for Relief and Development Aid

Catholics for Choice
Caucasus Environmental NGO Network
Cell of Alternative Youth Activities
Center for China & Globalization, Limited
Center for Constitutional Rights, Inc.
Center for Global Nonkilling
Center for Human Rights Studies of Mofid University
Center for Policy Studies
Center for Women and Development
Center of Political Analysis and Information Security
Centre for Gender Justice and Women Empowerment
Centre for Public Health
Centre pour les droits civils et politiques
Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú (CHIRAPAQ)
Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos
C-Fam, Inc.
Child Care Consortium
Childhood Cancer International
Children of the Caribbean, Inc.
China Association for International Science and Technology Cooperation
China Disabled Persons' Federation
China Education Association for International Exchange
China International Council for the Promotion of Multinational Corporations
China Society for Human Rights Studies (CSHRS)
China Water Engineering Association
Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament
Church World Service
City2000 Youth Action International
Comité national d'action pour les droits de l'enfant et de la femme
Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy
Commonwealth Human Ecology Council
Commonwealth Medical Trust
Community Agenda for Peace, Ltd./Gte.
Community Development Volunteers for Technical Assistance
Community Restoration Initiative Project
Conectas Direitos Humanos

Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations

Consejo de Iglesias de Cuba

Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization, Inc.

Cooperation and Participation in Overseas NGOs

Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service

Cordoba Peace Institute – Geneva

Corporación Equipo Colombiano Interdisciplinario de Trabajo Forense y Asistencia Psicosocial

Criminologists Without Borders

Culture and Development East Africa

Curia Generalizia Agostiniana

Damanhur Education

Danske Handicaporganisationer

Daughters of Virtue and Empowerment Initiative

Dayemi Complex Bangladesh

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association

DiploFoundation

Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America

Dominican Leadership Conference

Dominicans for Justice and Peace – Order of Preachers

Donne in Rete contro la Violenza, ONLUS

Down Syndrome International

Drug Free America Foundation

Earth Push, Ltd./Gte.

Eastern Sudan Women Development Organization

East-West Management Institute

Eco-Accord – Center for Environment and Sustainable Development

Edfu Foundation, Inc.

Educate a Child in Africa

Educational Foundation for African Women

Educators without Borders

Egyptian Organization for Human Rights

EKTA

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

Environmental Justice Foundation Charitable Trust
EquallyAble Foundation
Ertegha Keyfiat Zendegi Iranian Charitable Institute
Escuela Cultura de Paz
Ethiopia Africa Black International Congress Church of Salvation
Euro Atlantic Diplomacy Society Association
EUROMIL
European Organisation for Rare Diseases (EURORDIS)
European Region of the International Lesbian and Gay Federation
European Union of Women
Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians
Excellent World Foundation, Ltd./Gte.
Fahrzeugsystemdaten, GmbH (FSD)
Faithful Covenant Foundation
Families of Victims of Involuntary Disappearance (FIND)
Family Africa
Family Development and Samaritan Foundation, Inc.
Family Health Association of Iran
Family Research Council
Farasooye Taaly Institute
Federación de Mujeres y Familias de Ámbito Rural
Fédération européenne de la manutention
Fédération européenne des femmes actives en famille
Federation of National Representations of the Experiment in International Living
Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya
Flora Tristan Peruvian Women's Center
FN Forbundet
Fondation CIOMAL de l'Ordre de Malte (Campagne internationale de l'Ordre de Malte contre la lèpre)
Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Torino
Free World Foundation (FWF)
Freedom Now (2015–2018)
Freehearts Africa Reach Out Foundation
Friends of Angola
Friends World Committee for Consultation
Fundación Contemporánea
Fundación Descúbreme

Fundacion Migrantes y Refugiados sin Fronteras
Fundación Multitudes
Fundación ONCE para la Cooperación e Inclusión de Personas con Discapacidad
Fundación para Estudio Investigación de la Mujer
Fundación Pro Humanae Vitae
Fundación Teletón México
Future Hope International
GAHT-US Corporation
General Forum of the Arabic and African Non-Governmental Organizations
Generation Initiative for Women and Youth Network
Giving Life Nature Volunteer
Global Alert for Defence of Youth and the Less Privileged
Global Alliance against Traffic in Women
Global Campaign for Education
Global Dairy Platform, Inc.
Global Dialogue Foundation Australia, Limited
Global Empowerment Movement Corporation
Global Forum for Media Development
Global Housing Foundation (GHF)
Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Global Network of Sex Work Projects, Limited
Global Utmaning
Goodness and Mercy Missions Common Initiative Group
Grassroots Organisations Operating Together in Sisterhood
Green Planet
Greenpeace International
Groots Kenya Association
Grupo de Mujeres de la Argentina – Foro de VIH, Mujeres y Familia
Guerrand Hermès Foundation for Peace
Guild of Service
Hamkkehaneun Sarangbat Corporation
Hamraah Foundation
Hape Development & Welfare Association
Hardwired, Incorporated
HaritaDhara Research Development and Education Foundation
Hawa Society for Women
Hellenic Association of Political Scientists

High Security Newplate, Limited
Hiranmoy Das Gupta Foundation
Hope Ek ASHA
House of Jacobs International
Human Life International, Inc.
Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team United States, Incorporated
Humanity First
Huqooq-ul-Ebad Development Foundation
IBON International Foundation, Inc.
Idheas, Litigio Estratégico en Derechos Humanos, Asociación Civil
IDPC Consortium
Ifendu for Women's Development
Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society
Imam Al-Sadr Foundation
Indonesian Child Welfare Foundation
Ingénieurs du monde
InnerCity Mission for Children
Insamlingsstiftelsen Kvinna till Kvinna
Institut International pour les droits et le développement
Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, eV (IASS)
Institute for Economics and Peace, Limited
Institute for Multicultural Counseling and Education Services, Inc.
Institute of Global Education
Instituto da Criança
Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development
International Academy of Environmental Sanitation and Public Health
International Association for Human Values
International Association of Lions Clubs
International Association of Ports and Harbors
International Association of Y's Men's Clubs
International Cable Protection Committee, Limited
International Career Support Association
International Center for Research on Women
International Center of the Roerichs
International Centre for Environmental Education and Community Development
International Civil Society Centre: Convening Capacity-Building Research, gGmbH
International Coastal and Ocean Organization

International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage
International Committee For Peace and Reconciliation
International Confucian Association
International Cooperative Alliance
International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres
International First Aid Society
International Food and Beverage Alliance (IFBA)
International Fund for Animal Welfare
International Higher Education Academy of Sciences
International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies
International Investment Center
International MotherBaby Childbirth Organization, Inc.
International Network for Sustainable Energy
International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions
International Partnership for Human Rights
International PEN
International Prison Chaplains' Association
International Psychoanalytical Association Trust
International Public Organization "Sovereign Knightly Order of Christ the Savior"
International Relations Students' Association of McGill University
International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication
International Society of Doctors for the Environment
International Union of Psychological Science
International Women's Forum, Inc.
International Women's Peace Group Corporation
International Women's Year Liaison Group
International Youth Aid Council
Internationale Romani Union (IRU)
Internet Society
Interregional Public Charitable Organization of Assistance to Persons with Disabilities "Sail of Hope"
Intersos Humanitarian Aid Organization
Inwelle Study and Resource Centre
IPAS
Iran Human Rights Documentation Center
Iranian Association for United Nations Studies
Italian Association for Women in Development

Iuventum, eV
Jameh Ehyagaran Teb Sonnatl Va Salamat Iranian
Japanese Association of International Women's Rights (JAIWR)
JMJ Children's Fund of Canada
John D and Catherine T MacArthur Foundation
Jssor Youth Organization
Kedner Stiven Foundation, Inc.
Keystone Human Services International
Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture
Khubaib Foundation
Kids First Fund
Kitakyushu Forum on Asian Women (KFAW)
Korea Center for United Nations Human Rights Policy
Korea Differently Abled Federation
Korea International Volunteer Organization (KVO)
Korea LOHAS Association
Korea NGO Council for Overseas Development Cooperation
Kulturverein – IDEA Society
Kuwait Society for Human Rights
Labour, Health and Human Rights Development Centre
LatCrit
LatinoJustice PRLDEF
Leadership Watch
League of European Research Universities (LERU)
Lebanese American Renaissance Partnership, Inc.
Leonard Cheshire Disability
LGBT Denmark – The National Organization for Gay Men, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered People
Liberians United to Expose Hidden Weapons
Lotus World
Maharat Foundation
Majlis Kanser Nasional
Malteser International, eV
Management Sciences for Health, Inc.
Mar Adentro de México, AC
Martin und Gerda Essl Sozialpreis gemeinnützige Privatstiftung
Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers

Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic, Inc.
Media Foundation for West Africa
Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)
Medico International
Mednarodni Inštitut za Bližnjevzhodne in Balkanske Študije
Mennonite Central Committee
Mental Disability Rights International
Migrant Forum in Asia, Inc. (MFA)
Mines Advisory Group
Mobility International USA
More Trust
Mother's Pride and Development Initiative
Movimento Italiano Casalinghe
Movimiento Manuela Ramos
Mujer para la Mujer, AC
Murna Foundation
Muslims for Progressive Values
Nation Builders Organisation
National Association of Vocational Education of China
National Rural Support Programme
Native American Rights Fund
Nazra for Feminist Studies
Neighbour Organization Nepal (NEO-Nepal)
Netherlands Centre for Indigenous Peoples (NCIV)
New South Wales Council for Civil Liberties
Nigerian Association of Commercial Commuters
NIGH World
Nobel Laureate Mother Teresa Charitable Trust
North Indian Educational Trust
Ohaha Family Foundation
ONG Kala Genève International
Operation Hope, Inc.
Operation Smile, Inc.
Operation Underground Railroad, Inc.
Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil Conselho Federal
Organisation européenne des radioamateurs (EURAO)
Organisation internationale pour les pays les moins avancés (OIPMA)

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence
Organizzazione Internazionale Protezione Animali (OIPA)
Österreichischer Bundesverband – Österreichische Lebens- und Rettungs-Gesellschaft
Otro Tiempo México, Asociación Civil
OutRight Action International
Oxfam International
Pace University
Pacific Women's Watch (New Zealand)
Pak Women
Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency (PILDAT)
Pakistan Youth Organization
Parliamentarians for Global Action
Pars Non-Trading Development Activists Co.
Participatory Rural Development Society (PRDS)
Paryavaran Mitra, Thaltej Ahmedabad
PathFinders Justice Initiative, Inc.
Patiala Foundation
Patriotic Vision
Peace Boat
Perkins School for the Blind
Personhood Education
Pew Environment Group
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants
Prahar
Pramacare
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Inc.
Professional Evaluation & Certification Board (PECB) – Educational & Welfare Society
Proslavi Oporavak
Public-Private Alliance Foundation
Queensland Advocacy, Incorporated
Raad Rehabilitation Goodwill Complex
Radha Soami Sat Sang Beas
Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini
Reach Out NGO (REO)
Reachout and Smile Initiative for Social Empowerment

Real Women of Canada
Recreation Vehicle Industry Association, Inc.
Red Dot Foundation
RefugePoint, Inc.
Rehabilitation International
Rehabilitation International – Arab Region
Reprieve
Research and Development Centre, Nepal
Réseau océan mondial
Reyada for Capacity Building Studies & Consultations
Right Livelihood Award Foundation
Rissho Kosei-kai
Rooftops Canada
Rozan
Samaj Kalyan O. Unnayan Shagstha (SKUS)
Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference
Save Cambodia
Save the Climat
School Sisters of Notre Dame
SDSN Association, Inc.
Secure World Foundation
Self-Help Association for Rural People through Education and Entrepreneurship
Semilla Warunkwa
Sewa Development Trust Sindh
Shalva – The Israel Association for Care and Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, RA
Shola Mese Foundation
Shorab Ali Dewan Cultural Society
Sierra Leone Campus Civitan International
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc
Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association
Singapore Children's Society
Singapore Council of Women's Organisations
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
Social Development & Management Society
Sociedade Filantrópica Maria de Nazaré
Sociedade Maranhense de Direitos Humanos
Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior

Soroor Mehr Andishan Rastin Institute
Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific
Soulforce, Inc.
Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (OSMTH)
SpellAfrica Initiative
Standing Voice
Stichting Chinese Initiative on International Law
Stichting Forest Peoples Programme
Stichting Global Forest Coalition
Structural Analysis of Cultural Systems
Sunny Trust
Support Women Initiatives to Transform Children
Sylvia Earle Alliance
Synergy Care Development Initiative
Teresian Association
Terra Renaissance
The Arab Council for Supporting Fair Trial
The Athena Fund – Laptop Computer for Each Teacher
The Bahrain Young Ladies Association
The Cherie Blair Foundation for Women
The Children’s Project, Inc.
The Chittagong Hill Tracts Foundation, Inc. (CHT Foundation)
The Entrepreneurship Development Foundation for Women and Youth
The Environmental Law Institute
The Foundation for AIDS Research
The Girls’ Brigade International Council
The Global Alliance for TB Drug Development, Inc.
The Grail
The International Automotive Lighting and Light Signalling Expert Group
The Korean Council for the Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan
The National Association of Familial Security
The PsySiP Project
The Rainforest Fund, Inc.
The Simons Foundation
The Task Force for Global Health, Inc.
The Vision for Teenagers Adolescents and Youths Wellbeing Initiative
To Love Children Educational Foundation International, Inc.

Together for Safer Roads, Inc.
Trust for Youth Child Leadership (TYCL)
Trybe, Limited
UCP Wheels for Humanity
Udayan Care
Uganda Youth Development Link
UNESCO Association of Guwahati
UNESCO Center for Peace
Unión de Escritores y Artistas de Cuba
Union internationale des transports publics
United Methodist Women
United Nations Association of Australia, Incorporated
United Nations of Youth Network – Nigeria
United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY Peacebuilders)
Universal Esperanto Association
Universal Peace Federation
University College Dublin
Verein zur Förderung der Völkerverständigung
Vikalp
Vital Voices Global Partnership
Voice of Animal – Nepal
Washington Office on Latin America
Waterkeeper Alliance, Inc.
We Yone Child Foundation Sierra Leone
Welfare
Wespak Welfare Trust (WWT)
West Africa Network for Peacebuilding
Wildlife Conservation Society
Women and Law in Southern Africa Research and Educational Trust
Women Empowerment and Human Resource Development Centre of India
Women Graduates – USA, Inc.
Women Power Connect
Women United for Economic Empowerment
Women@theTable
Women's International Peace Centre
WomenNC – NC Committee for CSW/CEDAW
Women's Right to Education Programme

Women's Welfare Centre
 Word of Life International, Inc.
 World Federalist Movement
 World for World Organization
 World Future Council Foundation
 World Information Transfer
 World Jewellery Confederation (CIBJO)
 World Leisure Organization, Inc
 World Organization of the Scout Movement
 World ORT Union
 World Protection for Dogs and Cats in the Meat Trade
 World Shelter Organisation
 Yayasan Wafaa Indonesia Gemilang
 Yemen Family Care Association
 Young Adult Institute, Inc.
 Young Global Leadership Foundation, Inc.
 Young Women's Christian Association of Australia
 Youth Empowerment Alliance, Inc.
 Youth Foundation of Bangladesh
 Youth Reformation and Awareness Centre
 Zanjireh Omid International Charity Institute
 Zomi Innkuan USA, Inc.

(d) To close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following 49 non-governmental organizations after those organizations had failed to respond to queries posed to them by members of the Committee by the deadline of two business days (48 hours) before the beginning of the Committee session:

Advocates Association for Social Responsibility and Awareness
 Adyan Association
 American Sociological Association
 Asociación Enraizados en Cristo y en la Sociedad
 Association for Academic Quality (AFAQ)
 Associazione European Federation for Freedom of Belief
 Assyrian Aid Society of America Inc.
 Assyrian Documentation Centre
 Autonomous Non-Profit Organization of Promotion of the Development of International Relations in the Framework of the BRICS Group "International Alliance of BRICS Strategic Projects"
 Charity Organization – International Charity Foundation "Global Ukraine"

Chinese Culture Promotion Society
Cilvēktiesību Līgu Starptautiskās Federācijas Latvijas Cilvēktiesību komiteja
Copernicus Berlin, eV
Crime and Corruption Control Association
Dhyana Peetha Charitable Trust
Fiji Women's Rights Movement
Fond Podderzhki Tekhnologicheskogo Predprinimatelstva Dalnevostochnogo
Federalnogo Universiteta/FEFU Technology Entrepreneurship Fund
Global Organization of People of Indian Origin, Inc. (GOPIO)
Hablian Association
Help in Need
Helping Hand for Relief and Development, Inc.
India Tomorrow
Life Bliss of New Zealand Charitable Trust
Mahila Va Apang Bal Vikas Sanstha
Mentor Amiable Professional Society
National Disability & Development Forum (NDF)
Nithanandeshwara Hindu Temple, Charlotte
Nithya Annamandir Trust
Nithya Gnanadhan Trust
Nithyananda Anna Mandir
Nithyananda Dhyanapectam
Nithyananda Dhyanapectam of Columbus
Nithyananda Dhyanapectam of Houston
Nithyananda Dhyanapectam of Phoenix
Nithyananda Dhyanapectam of San Jose
Nithyananda Dhyanapectam of Seattle
Nithyananda Dhyanapectam of St. Louis
Nithyananda Dhyanapectam Temple & Cultural Center
Nithyananda Meditation Academy
Nithyananda Meditation Academy UK
Nithyananda Sangha Australia, Inc.
Persatuan Penganut Nithyananda Sangha Malaysia
Somali Green Crescent Society
The Minderoo Foundation, Pty. Ltd
Türkiye Diyanet Vakfi
War Child

Women Islamic Lawyers' Forum

World Culture Forum

Youth for Human Rights International

(e) To note that the Committee decided to take note of the request by the non-governmental organization ForNGO – NGO Legal Research and Service Center, Shanghai, to withdraw its application for consultative status.

Draft decision II

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2023 regular session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2023 regular session.

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

2. The Committee considered agenda items 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, at its 3rd to 8th meetings, held from 24 to 26 January, and at its 12th and 13th meetings, held on 30 and 31 January, and 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, held on 23 and 24 January and at its 11th meeting, held on 30 January. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Compilation of applications for consultative status with the Council received from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held from 2012 to 2022 (E/C.2/2023/CRP.1);

(b) Memorandums by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status with the Council received from NGOs (E/C.2/2023/R.2 and E/C.2/2023/R.2/Add.1–19).

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 previous sessions of the Committee, at its 3rd to 8th meetings, held from 24 to 26 January, and at its 12th and 13th meetings, held on 30 and 31 January. The Committee considered a total of 321 previously deferred applications for consultative status.

Applications recommended

4. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to the following 56 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

Akahatá – Equipo de Trabajo en Sexualidad y Géneros Asociación Civil

Aliança Nacional LGBTI

Asia Pacific Transgender Network

Asociația Geyc

Association Green Crescent (Croissant Vert-Mali) de Sikasso
Autonomous Non-Profit Organization Research Center “Minority Report”
Committee for Justice
Corporate Counsel Women of Color, Inc.
De Regenboog Groep
Disability:IN
Dr. M. Chandrasekhar International Foundation
Eduactive Società Cooperativa
Education for Social Justice Foundation (ESJF)
Eiropas demokrātijas attīstības centrs
Emberi Méltóság Központ
Eurazijos žalos mažinimo asociacija
Forum for Development and Human Rights Dialogue
Global Action for Trans* Equality, Inc.
Global Choices.org
Gramin Vikas Vigyan Samiti
Grs Universe Social Welfare Trust
Harm Reduction Australia, Limited
Humanitarian Aid International
India Youth for Society
Institute for Integrated Rural Development
InterPride
Jan Lok Kalyan Parishad
Life Maker Meeting Place Organization USA
Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development (MYF)
Migrant Clinicians Network, Inc.
Mitraniketan
Mumbai Smiles Foundation
Nagrik Foundation
National Solar Energy Federation of India
New York University
Northeastern University
Parlamento Internacional para los Derechos Humanos (PIDH)
Policy Studies Organization
Populous Education Foundation
Prashanthi Balamandira Trust
Pro Rural

Rick Hansen Foundation
 Samara Center for Youth Employment, Socialization and Cultural Development
 Autonomous Non-Profit Organization “Garmoniya”
 Secours Islamique France
 Stichting Deltares
 Supportive Homeland Association for Development (SHAD)
 The Aspen Institute, Inc.
 Ukrainian Think Tanks Liaison Office in Brussels
 Unione degli Atei e degli Agnostici Razionalisti (UAAR)
 United for Human Rights
 Verein Euro Mea
 Vishwa Manavadhikar Parishad
 Wathiqun Foundation for Development
 Women’s Refugee Commission, Inc.
 Y4D Foundation

Applications deferred

5. The Committee further deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 215 organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2023 regular session:

Action League for Palestinians of Syria, Ltd.
 All India Council of Human Rights, Liberties & Social Justice
 All Survivors Project Foundation
 Allianz für Demokratie in Laos, eV (ADL)
 Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna
 ALQST Human Rights
 American Center for International Labor Solidarity
 American Medical Women’s Association, Inc.
 Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia (ABIM)
 Arab Media Union
 Arab Organization for Arabization and Communication
 Arabian Rights Watch Association
 Arci Culture Solidali, APS (ARCS)
 Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment, NGO
 Asian Federation against Involuntary Disappearances (AFAD), Inc.
 Asociación Civil Grupo SURES
 Asociația Romanian Women’s Lobby
 Associação Nacional de Juristas Evangélicos (ANAJURE)

Association Achbal Maroc culturelle et artistique

Association de l'Alliance nationale des Chourafa Naciryene et leurs cousins, chargés des affaires de la Zaouia Naciria

Association de la femme saharienne pour le développement intégré

Association des Marocains victimes d'expulsion arbitraire de l'Algérie

Association for Social Solidarity and Empowerment Training Trust (ASSET)

Association of Lawyers of Russia

Association of Non-for-Profit Organizations to Facilitate the Drug Prevention and Socially Dangerous Behaviour "National Anti-Drug Union"

Association Tous pour l'intégration des migrants au Maroc

Associazione Luca Coscioni per la Libertà di Ricerca Scientifica

Associazione Nazionale Volontarie Telefono Rosa – Centro di Orientamento per i Diritti della Donna, ONLUS

Autonomous Non-Profit Organization Humanitarian Programs Organization "Russian Humanitarian Mission"

Avaaz Foundation

Baghbaan

Beijing People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries

Belarusian Fund of Peace

Bonyad Jahadi Mehr Alreza Utility

CARE Scandinavia – Citizens against Radicalism & Extremism

Ceasefire Centre for Civilian Rights

Center for Military Human Rights Korea (CMHRK)

Centre for Participatory Democracy

Centre Idriss El Fakhouri des études et de recherches en sciences juridiques Oujda

Chanan Development Association

Child Nurture and Relief Kashmir

Christian Solidarity International (CSI)

Comité de vigilance pour la démocratie en Tunisie

Common Good Foundation, Inc.

Congres mondial Amazigh (CMA)

Cooperazione Internazionale Sud Sud

Coppieters Foundation

Dalit Solidarity, Inc.

Database Center for North Korean Human Rights (NKDB)

Den Norske Helsingforskomité

Dialogue & Development Forum

Diplomatic Mission Peace and Prosperity

Direct Focus Community Aid
Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam International Foundation
Environmental and Societal Development Foundation
Ethiopian Genocide Committee 1935–1941, Inc.
Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor
Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network
European Foundation for South Asian Studies
European Interreligious Forum for Religious Freedom (EIFRF)
European Network of Migrant Women
European Network on Cultural Management and Policy
Fn-sambandet i Norge
Fondazioni “Yesilay”
Fondation Youya pour promouvoir l’excellence en la jeunesse africaine
Fondazione Circolo Fratelli Rosselli
Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations
Foundation for a Drug-Free World
Fundació Josep Irla
Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo
Fundación Venezolana por el Derecho a la Vivienda
Fundacja Otwarty Dialog
Gazze Destek Association
General Union of Arab Experts
Girija Prasad Koirala Foundation for Democracy Peace and Development
Global Alumni Alliance
Global Citizen Forum
Global Detention Project
Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization
Global Village Forum Chakwal c/o Shaheen Degree College Chappar Bazar Chakwal
Green Camel Bell
Gulf International Center for Legal Business Solutions
Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, Non-Profit Civil Association
Hokok Coalición Internacional contra la Impunidad
Human Environmental Association for Development (HEAD)
Human Rights Activists
Human Rights Initiative
Human Rights Protection Group and MFP Federation

Human Rights Protection Organization
IFEX
Ilankai Tamil Sangam, Inc.
Imam Khomeini Relief Foundation
Incentive Care Foundation
Instance démocratique pour la citoyenneté et les droits de l'homme
Institute of Peace and Diplomatic Studies (IPD)
International Action Network for Gender Equity and Law
International Anti Terrorism Movement
International Association for the Development of the Abaza-Abkhaz Ethnos
“Alashara”
International Center for the Study, Prevention and Treatment of Multigenerational Trauma, Inc.
International Civil Society Action Network, Inc.
International Coordinating Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation (CCTT)
International Funders for Indigenous Peoples, Inc.
International Human Right Organization
International Human Rights Commission/Commission internationale des droits de l'homme/Mezinárodní komise pro lidská práva —nadační fond (IHRC – nadační fond)
International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation
International Society of Criminology
International Young Catholic Students
International Youth Federation
Intl. WeLoveU Foundation
Kandılarla Dayanışma Vakfı
Karim Khan Afridi Welfare Foundation
Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation
Kvinnors Nätverk
L'institut européen de droit international et les relations internationales (IEDI)/The European Institute for International Law and International Relations (EIIL)
L'union marocaine des conseils et associations de la société civile
Labdaros ir paramos fondas “Nevyriausybinių organizacijų informacijos ir paramos centras”
Lahore Educational and Welfare Society
Life Bliss Foundation (Singapore)
Life Bliss Foundation, Inc.
Luftbrücke Irak, eV
Magistrats européens pour la démocratie et les libertés (MEDEL)

Mam Humanitarian Foundation (MHF)
 Merciful Souls, RA/Al-Qolub Al-Rahima, R/A
 “Mission Armenia” Charitable Non-Governmental Organization
 Mnemonic Non-Profit Entrepreneurial Company with Limited Liability
 Muslim Hands
 Mwatana Organization for Human Rights
 National Committee on BRICS Research
 National Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs of Japan
 Nations Global Consulting, LLC
 Nithyananda Dhyanapeetam of Oklahoma City, Inc.
 Nithyananda Dhyanapeetam TCD Trust
 Nithyananda Fouok ...ndation
 Nithyanandeshwar Devasthanam Trust
 Nobel Women’s Initiative
 Non-Governmental Organization “Association of Wives and Mothers of Soldiers Participating In Ato”
 NOVACT
 Now Action & Unity for Human Rights (NAUH)
 NTC – Hands off Cain
 Òmnium Cultural
 ONG L’ange gardien
 Organisation Tamaynut
 Organization of Female Conscience Renewal
 Österreichischer Rat Für Nachhaltige Entwicklung– Österreichischer Nachhaltigkeitsrat für soziale, ökologische und ökonomische Angelegenheiten
 OXYGen Foundation for Protection of Women and Youth Rights
 Pak Special Persons Welfare Society
 Pakistan Press Foundation
 Palestinian Association for Human Rights– Witness
 Panhellenic Union of Cappadocian Associations
 PAY-W Clinic
 Peace Justice Humanity and Relief Foundation
 Peace without Limits International Organization, Inc. (PWL)
 PeaceCorea
 Photographers without Borders
 Pouya Institute for Communications and Social Development
 Public Association “Regional Consumer Protection Society” (PA “Regional Consumer Protection Society”)

Pusat Komang, Sdn. Bhd.
Rescue: Freedom International
Robert Bosch Stiftung Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung
Salam for Democracy and Human Rights
SAM pour les droits et les libertés
Sheikh Abdullah Al Nouri Charity Society
Shenzhen Foundation for International Exchange and Cooperation
SJAC
SKT Welfare
Solidariteit/Solidarity
Solidarity for Peace and Reunification of Korea
SosyalBen Vakfı
Su Politikaları Derneği
Syria Relief
Syrian Legal Development Programme
Syrian Youth Council
Tai Studies Center
Tamdeen Youth Foundation
Terre des femmes/Menschenrechte fuer die Frau, eV
The Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation
The Bar Human Rights Committee
“The Awakening” – A Society for Social & Cultural Development
The Center for Bioethics and Culture
The Center for Justice and Accountability
The Conflict and Environment Observatory
The Foundation for the Defense of Democracies
The Friendship League of Culture and Sport
The Global Energy Association on Development of International Research and Projects in the Field of Energy
The Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime
The Gulmit Educational and Social Welfare Society, Hunza Gilgit
The Humanitarian Forum
The International Center for Supporting Rights and Freedoms
The International Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights
The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)
The New Woman Foundation
The ONE Campaign

The Voice Society
 Tom Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice
 Transitional Justice Working Group
 Transnational Anti-Organized Crime Intelligence Group, Inc. (TAOC-IG)
 Turkish Marine Research Foundation (TÜDAV)
 Türkiye Gençlik Vakfı (TÜGVA)
 Uluslararası Mülteci Hakları Derneği
 Uluslararası Öğrenci Dernekleri Federasyonu
 Uluslararası Yardımlaşma ve Kalkındırma Derneği
 United Global Organization of Development (UGOOD)
 Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights
 US Council of Muslim Organizations
 Uyghur Human Rights Project
 Vithu Trust Fund
 Welfare Association Jared
 West Papua Interest Association
 WeYouth
 Working Women Welfare Trust
 World Historic and Cultural Canal Cities Cooperation Organization
 Yadam Institute of Research
 Youth for Human Rights Pakistan
 YS Makhdoomi Memorial Educational Trust
 Zam Zam Foundation

6. At its 8th meeting, on 26 January, the observer for Indonesia recalled that the Committee had considered the applications of the organizations Nationaal Papoea Vereniging '95/West Nieuw Guinea and West Papua Interest Association and had decided to recommend that consultative status be granted to the organizations at its 4th meeting, on 24 January. He referred to a note verbale dated 25 January that had previously been circulated to the Committee, expressing his delegation's concerns regarding the applications of the two organizations. He asserted that the applications contained information indicating the organizations' intention to undertake activities that would undermine the sovereignty and territorial integrity of a Member State, in contravention of the Charter of the United Nations, and requested that the Committee reconsider its recommendations and revisit the applications.

7. The representative of India noted that the Committee did not revisit its recommendations after they were gavelled by the Chair. Nevertheless, he stated that the Committee should reconsider those two applications, on an exceptional basis and without setting a precedent, owing to the serious nature of the concerns raised by the observer for Indonesia and presented in the note verbale.

8. The representative of China emphasized that the participation of NGOs in United Nations activities should be in line with the Charter and with Council resolution 1996/31 and concurred with the representative of India. The representatives of Algeria, Bahrain, Cuba, Eritrea, Nicaragua and Pakistan also

expressed support for the proposal that the Committee reconsider the applications of the two organizations on an exceptional basis, on the basis of the serious nature of the concerns raised by the observer for Indonesia.

9. The representative of the United States of America expressed her delegation's concerns regarding inconsistencies in the work of the Committee and the establishment of a new precedent in the Committee's practice. The representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland also expressed her delegation's concerns regarding the establishment of a new precedent in the Committee's practice.

10. The Committee decided to reconsider the applications of the two organizations, on an exceptional basis, under rule 57 of the rules of procedure of the Council.

Applications closed without prejudice

11. At its 8th meeting, on 26 January, the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 49 NGOs that had not responded to the Committee's questions by the deadline of two business days (48 hours) before the beginning of the Committee session (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)).

Request by a non-governmental organization to withdraw its application

12. At its 4th meeting on 24 January, the Committee decided to take note of the request by one NGO to withdraw its application for consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (e)).

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

13. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, held on 23 and 24 January, and at its 11th meeting, held on 30 January. The Committee considered a total of 239 new applications for consultative status.

New applications recommended

14. Of the 239 organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 158 should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

Action pour le développement communautaire

Action Protection mère et enfant pour le développement (APMED)

Action Sri Lanka

Africa Child Foundation Mission of Tanzania

African Women's Health Project International

Agence Suisse pour le développement et les droits de l'homme (ASDH)

Al Tawasul Wa Al Ekah Human Organization

Al-Basher Foundation for Development

Al-Eshraq Foundation for Development

Algilani Foundation
Anabia Charitable Organization (ACO)
Archconfraternity of Papal Knights
Asociación Mensajeros de la Paz
Asociación para la Promoción y Protección de los Derechos Humanos Xumek
Associação pela Saúde Emocional de Crianças
Associació Stop Violències
Association caritative étudiante pour la jeunesse
Association de défense et de promotion des droits de l'homme (ADEAGE)
Association de lutte pour le respect des droits humains
Association Droit et talents de femmes
Association for Life of Africa – Liberia
Association Jeunesse, insertion, solidarite (AJIS)
Association lutte contre la violence faite aux femmes
Association pour la diffusion des droits de l'homme dans l'universite de Lyon
Association pour la protection de la biodiversité et adoption des gestes marqueurs
Association pour la solidarité internationale
Association pour le droit de l'homme et le développement durable (Colombes)
Associazione Internazionale Tutela e Diritti (AITD)
Bachehaye Asemane Kamran Rehabilitation Institute
BBB Korea
Beijing E-share Civil Society Information Center
Bel Canto International Society
Bring Hope Humanitarian Foundation
Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan, Inc.
Carelle Moukemaha-Niang
Centre for International Maritime Affairs, Ghana
Centre for International Promotion Fund
Centro de Direitos Econômicos e Sociais (CDES)
Centro di Iniziativa Antiproibizionista
China Foundation for Cultural Heritage Conservation
Chrix Farms Nigeria
Coordinadora por los Derechos de la Infancia y la Adolescencia
Corazon Latino, Inc.
Corporación Sisma Mujer
Council of Canadians with Disabilities
Determined Youths Against Poverty, Incorporation

Disaster Resilience Network Ghana
Dromi Women Empowerment Initiative
Dynamic Paragon Ladies Foundation
Éducation prénatale – information
Étudiants pour une société durable Paris
Fagrådet – Rusfeltets hovedorganisasjon
Fame Foundation for Girls and Women Empowerment
Federación Indígena Empresarial y Comunidades Locales de México
Federación Mujeres Jóvenes
File Hills Qu’Appelle Tribal Council, Inc.
Fondation Secours humanitaire
Fonds ICONEM protect. patrimoine menacé
Foyer d’enfant + femme
Framework Convention on Global Health Alliance
Fundación Derechos & Justicia Asociados
Fundación Gonzalo (Gonchi) Rodríguez
Fundación Mexicana Rene Mey, Asociación Civil
Fundación para el Cuidado, Atención de la Salud e Integración Social para Discapacitados (CASID)
Garden of Rebirth, Ltd.
Generation Human Rights, Inc.
Giving Matters Foundation
Global Initiative for Children’s Surgery
Global Initiative for Food Security and Ecosystem Preservation
Global Surgery Amsterdam
Groupement agropastoral pour le développement de Yongoro
Guild of Adjudicators in Nigeria
Gwangju Young Men’s Christian Association
Hadhramout Foundation – Human Development
Hope behind Bars Africa Initiative
Human Access for Partnership and Development (Human Access)
Human Rights and Forest Brain Africa (HURIFBA)
Igniting Hope for the Less Privileged Initiative
Inclusion Canada
Incorporated Association BYSONanummaul
Initiative for Social Development Organization
Insamlingsstiftelsen 2022 Initiative Foundation

Institute for Humanitarian Studies and Social Development, Ltd./Gte.
Institution of Occupational Safety and Health
Instituto Brasileiro de Direitos Humanos
International Federation of Accountants
International Foundation for African Children
International Institute for Promotion and Development of Dynamic Peace Ideas
International Organization for Human Right Development and Environment
International Road Victims' Partnership Company, Limited by Guarantee
International Student Surgical Network
International Visitors Utah Council
Kahrizak Charity Institute for the Disabled & Elderly
Keen and Care Initiative, Ltd./Gte.
Korea Women's Hot-Line
Le Conseil international pour les droits De l'homme
Le conseil universel des droits de l'homme
Legal Rights Council for Awareness of Law
Mabade'a Society for Human Rights
Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, Inc.
Mongolian Remote Sensing Society
Nerds Rule, Inc.
New Sunshine Charity Foundation
OM Vishwa Guru Deep Hindu Mandir Mahaprabhuji a Világmindenség Guruja
Hindu Vallási Közösség és Szellemi Iskola
Option2world Initiative against Drug Abuse
Organization for Immigrants Peace and Federal Development
Organization of World Leaders, Inc. (OWL)
Palestinian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (PAMRT)
Patriotic Citizen Initiatives
Pertubuhan Kebajikan Erth Ul Mustafa Johor Bahru
Pioneers of Goodness International Organization
Public Association "Peace through Spirituality"
Rapha House International, Inc.
Research-Aid Networks
Réseau de formation et de recherche sur les migrations africaines (REFORMAF)
RightsTech Women
Rock of Ages Empowerment Foundation
Roots of Peace

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
Royal Medico Technical Society, Navi Mumbai
Sambhav Foundation
Sasakawa Health Foundation
Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers
Science and Technology Diplomatic Hub Association (SciTech DiploHub Assoc.)
Sergius Oseasochie Ogun Foundation
Shamar Educational Foundation
Sintrata
SOL Agronomies, Limited
Solidarité numérique dans le domaine de l'éducation et de la santé Castres
Somali Aid & Humanitarian Organization (SAAHO)
Sozialhelden, eV
Street Business School
Sustainable Cassava Farmers and Processing Development Association of Nigeria
Sustainable Ocean Alliance, Inc.
Tamil-style
The Fundamental and Other Rights Organization of Sri Lanka
The Inclusivity Project, Inc.
The Vegan-Organic Network
Tsao Foundation
Umu-Okpu Ngwa Association USA and Diaspora, Inc. (UONAUSAAD)
VIDEA, a BC-based International Development Education Association
Vista Organisation for Education and Social Development in Africa
Water4Chad, Inc.
We Are All Human Foundation
WealthyGen, Inc.
Women and Men in Environment and Artificial Intelligence (WOMENVAI)
Women Education and Afghanistan Rehabilitation Organization (WEARO)
Women in Nuclear Canada, Inc.
Women's Organisation for Dev. & Empowerment of Communities
World Cultural Arts Organization
World Humanitarian Drive
World Intangible Cultural Heritage Protection and Development Foundation, Inc.
World Youth Summit, NPC
Y30
Yemeni Observatory for Human Rights

Zamzam Foundation

Zhongguo renkou fuli jijinhui

New applications deferred

15. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 81 organizations pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2023 regular session:

Accountability Lab, Inc.

Africa Faith and Justice Network

Alliance to End Plastic Waste, Inc.

Al-Quds University

Al-Rafidain Center for Dialogue

Amitofo Care Center International

Asociación Psicoanalítica de Madrid

Asociația Obștească Centrul de dezvoltare și susținere a inițiativelor cetățenilor
“Resonance”

Association d’aide aux migrants (ADAM)

Association des juristes specialises en droits Etrangers

Association Femmes solidaires (AFS)

Association of Civilians and Organizations for Corporate Learning Development
“MAKO”

Association of Operators for Waste and Animal By-Products Disposal Installations

Association of Women for Awareness & Motivation (AWAM)

Best Practices Policy Project, Inc.

Canadian Lutheran World Relief

CARE Egypt Foundation for Development

Center for Human Rights Defender Association

Centre for Research and Development

Centro Intercultural de Estudios de Desiertos y Océanos AC

China Group Companies Association

Coalition pour l’abolition de la prostitution (CAP)

Colegio Colombiano de Psicólogos

Council for Sustainable Peace and Development

Darülaceze Vakfı

Dünya Etnospor Konfederasyonu

EDUFUN Foundation Trust

Egyptian Federation for Development and Social Protection Policies

Ensaaf, Inc.

Feminist Legal Clinic, Inc.

Fondazione Pangea, ONLUS
Foundation of the National Council of YMCAs of Korea
Free the Slaves
Geneva Call
Georgian Academy of Criminology Sciences
Hayrat Humanitarian Aid Association
Humanity Diaspo
International Cultural Diversity Organization
International Youth Alliance for Family Planning
Islamic Relief Committee
Keshava Kripa Samvardhana Samiti
Khalsa Aid International
Kite Oxford
Leaders club de développement des compétences de la vie
Legal Aid Society
LES Musulmans (LM)
Mamanet Mothers' Cachibol League in Kfar Saba – for the Community, Registered Association
MENA Rights Group
Moscow Helsinki Group
Nationaal Papoea Vereniging '95/West Nieuw Guinea
National Forum for Human Rights (Yemen)
Nature Labs
Nithyanandeshwara Paramashiva Hindu Tempel
Œuvre d'Orient
Öz Gıda Sanayi ve Yardımcı İşçileri Sendikası
Pakistan Association of Private Medical and Dental Institutions (PAMI)
Protection International
Rainbow Volunteer Club
Red Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Personas Trans (RedLacTrans)
Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute
Samajik Yuva Sangthan Sansthan
Southern Poverty Law Center, Inc.
Sri Sharada Institute of Indian Management Research Foundation
Stella Maris Institute of Development Studies
Stichting InterNations Exchange
Stichting Mideast Youth

Stichting Volunteer Activists
 Stichting White Helmets Foundation
 Students for Global Democracy Uganda
 Suomalaiset kehitysjärjestöt, ry/Finnish Development NGOs – Fingo ry
 Taraqee Foundation
 The Global Imams Council
 The Global Initiative – Verein gegen transnationale organisierte Kriminalität
 The Trustees of Global Peace Mission Trust Foundation
 The VII Foundation, Inc.
 Time to Help UK
 TMG Research, gGmbH
 Water, Environment and Sanitation Society (WESS)
 Yeshua Fellowship
 Youth Parli of Pakistan (YPP)
 Youth4Nature Foundation

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 previously deferred

16. At its 10th meeting, on 27 January, the Committee considered agenda item 4 (a), Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status. It had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of 95 quadrennial reports submitted by NGOs in general and special consultative status with the Council on their activities during the period 2005–2020 (E/C.2/2023/CRP.2), consideration of which had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee.

17. Of those 95 quadrennial reports, the Committee took note of 1 (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)) and decided to further defer consideration of the following reports:

Academic Council on the United Nations System (2016–2019)
 Access Now (2016–2019)
 Advocates for Human Rights (2016–2019)
 Alliance internationale pour la défense des droits et des libertés (2017–2020)
 Amnesty International (2008–2011)
 Amnesty International (2012–2015)
 Amnesty International (2016–2019)
 Armenian Assembly of America (2007–2010)

Armenian Assembly of America (2011–2014)
Armenian Assembly of America (2015–2018)
Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (2012–2015)
Association internationale des droits de l’homme (2014–2017)
AUA Americas Chapter, Inc. (2017–2020)
Avocats sans frontières (2016–2019)
Catholics for Choice (2010–2013)
Centrist Democratic International (2006–2009)
Centrist Democratic International (2010–2013)
Centrist Democratic International (2014–2017)
Christian Solidarity Worldwide (2017–2020)
CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation (2016–2019)
Committee to Protect Journalists, Inc. (2016–2019)
Coordination des associations et des particuliers pour la liberté de conscience (2016–2019)
Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans (2016–2019)
Egyptian Organization for Human Rights (2010–2013)
Egyptian Organization for Human Rights (2014–2017)
Elizka Relief Foundation (2015–2018)
Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (2014–2017)
Femmes solidaires (2016–2019)
France libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2011–2014)
France libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2015–2018)
Freedom House (2007–2010)
Freedom House (2011–2014)
Freedom House (2015–2018)
FreeMuslim Association, Inc. (2016–2019)
Front Line: The International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders (2016–2019)
Fundación Pro Humanæ Vitæ (2014–2017)
Global Environmental Action (GEA) (2009–2012)
Godwin Osung International Foundation, Inc. (The African Project) (2015–2018)
Greek Council for Refugees (2017–2020)
Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (2015–2018)
Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (2014–2017)
Human Rights First (2015–2018)
Human Rights House Foundation (2011–2014)
Human Rights House Foundation (2015–2018)

Human Rights Now (2016–2019)
Human Rights Watch (2009–2012)
Human Rights Watch (2013–2016)
Human Rights Watch (2017–2020)
Inter-American Press Association (2013–2016)
International Association for Religious Freedom (2011–2014)
International Association for Religious Freedom (2015–2018)
International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL) (2017–2020)
International Bar Association (2015–2018)
International Federation for Human Rights Leagues (2016–2019)
International Federation of Journalists (2005–2008)
International Federation of Journalists (2013–2016)
International PEN (2006–2009)
International PEN (2014–2017)
International Press Institute (2017–2020)
International Religious Liberty Association (2015–2018)
International Service for Human Rights (2011–2014)
International Service for Human Rights (2015–2018)
International Union of Socialist Youth (2005–2008)
International Union of Socialist Youth (2017–2020)
Islamic Relief USA (2016–2019)
Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) (2014–2017)
Lawyers for Lawyers (2017–2020)
Liberal International (2015–2018)
Local Governments for Sustainability (2014–2017)
Minority Rights Group (2016–2019)
Natural Justice (2014–2017)
Omega Research Foundation, Limited (2017–2020)
Open Society Institute (2013–2016)
Open Society Institute (2017–2020)
Organization Earth (2017–2020)
Pathfinder International (2011–2014)
People for Successful Korean Reunification (2016–2019)
Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water (2013–2016)
Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights (2009–2012)
Simon Wiesenthal Center (2011–2014)
Society for Threatened Peoples (2013–2016)

Society for Threatened Peoples (2017–2020)
Thalassaemia International Federation, Limited (2017–2020)
The Law Society (2014–2017)
The RINJ Foundation (2017–2020)
The Smile of the Child (2016–2019)
Therapy Center for Dependent Individuals (KETHEA) (2017–2020)
Union internationale des avocats/International Union of Lawyers (2015–2018)
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (2009–2012)
United Nations Watch (2014–2017)
UPR Info (2016–2019)
World Council of Arameans (Syriacs) (2007–2010)
Young Women’s Christian Association (2013–2016)
Young Women’s Christian Association of Australia (2014–2017)

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

18. At its 9th meeting, on 27 January, the Committee considered agenda item 4 (b), New quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status. It had before it notes by the Secretary-General containing 560 new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2023/CRP.5 to CRP.42). The Committee took note of 542 of those reports (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)). The Committee decided to defer consideration of the reports of the following 18 organizations:²

Amman Center for Human Rights Studies
Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development
Eşit Haklar İçin İzleme Derneği
Families of the Missing
Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe
Global Voices
Human Resource Development Foundation
Il Cenacolo
International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation
International Eurasia Press Fund
International Justice Resource Center, Inc.
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, eV (KAS)
Korea Freedom Federation
National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan (NAYORA)
The World Justice Project
Türkiye Kadın Girişimciler Derneği

² All newly deferred quadrennial reports are for the period 2018–2021.

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

19. At its 1st meeting, on 23 January, the Committee jointly considered the following agenda items: agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch; agenda item 6, 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; and agenda item 8, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network. It also heard an oral report by the Secretariat.

20. The Director of the Office for Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat recalled the need for cooperation across borders and across the whole of society to address the challenges facing the world today and the commitments to make the United Nations more inclusive and to engage with all relevant stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, as underlined and set out in the declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution [75/1](#)). In that regard, she noted the important role of the Committee, through its work in equipping the United Nations to confront global challenges. She highlighted the important contributions of NGOs to the work of the United Nations, including the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, through outreach to the poorest and most vulnerable, advocacy for change, the promotion of human rights and the generation of innovative ideas.

21. The Director welcomed the second round of consultations with NGOs in consultative status, convened by the Committee on 13 December 2022, and noted that NGOs had provided valuable recommendations on how their engagement with the United Nations could be further strengthened. She informed the Committee that the Secretariat was exploring ways of following up on those recommendations and that it had convened information sessions to brief NGOs on how they could participate in upcoming events of the Council and other bodies. She encouraged the Committee to build on the success of the consultations to further improve NGO access in regards to the work of the United Nations, as envisioned in the Charter of the United Nations.

22. She provided the Committee with an update on the ongoing efforts of the Branch to provide support to NGOs. She pointed out that the Branch was facing severe resource constraints owing to the increase in the number of NGOs in consultative status, as well as in the number of those applying for consultative status, and reiterated her previous appeal to the Committee and Member States for support in securing adequate resources to facilitate its work. She further informed the Committee that the new enhanced information and communications technology system that the Secretariat was developing to replace the current systems, in order to enable it to provide faster and improved services to the Committee and NGOs, would be rolled out by the end of the first quarter of 2023.

23. The representative of Cuba welcomed the update from the Secretariat regarding the development of the new enhanced information and communications technology system. He reiterated his delegation's previous request for the Secretariat to provide training to members of the Committee to familiarize them on the use of the new platform before its official roll out.

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

24. The Committee discussed issues related to its working methods at its 11th and 12th meetings, on 30 January, and at its 15th meeting, on 1 February.

25. At its 11th meeting, on 30 January, the representative of Pakistan recalled that the Committee had decided, at its 2022 regular session, to establish a deadline of two business days (48 hours) before the beginning of each session for the receipt of responses to be provided by NGOs to its questions, in order to afford the Committee adequate time to review and consider those responses. She sought clarification from the Secretariat regarding responses that had been received from NGOs at the beginning of the second round of the review of applications for consultative status. She stated that the Committee members had not been given adequate time to review the responses that had been uploaded through the paperless system shortly before the beginning of the session. She sought clarification from the Secretariat regarding the procedure for dealing with responses submitted by NGOs to the questions posed by the Committee during the session.

26. The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch informed the Committee that all the questions posed orally by the Committee to NGOs were transcribed and transmitted by the Secretariat to NGOs during the Committee's session. He explained that there was a time lag between the time that the responses were received from NGOs and when they were uploaded to the paperless system for the Committee's review. In that regard, he pointed out that the Committee's questions were transmitted to NGOs through the Civil Society Network (CSO Net) messaging system, which was used by the Branch to communicate with NGOs. The responses received from the organizations through the messaging system were subsequently uploaded to the paperless system for the Committee's review.

27. The Chief further clarified that the deadline of two business days (48 hours) established by the Committee at its 2022 regular session was only applicable to responses from NGOs with deferred applications that had failed to respond to the questions posed by the Committee at its previous sessions, after three reminders, and not to the new applicants that had submitted their responses to the Committee's questions posed during the current session. He recalled that the Committee had initiated discussions on the establishment of a 24-hour deadline for the review of responses received during the Committee's sessions, but that it had not reached consensus on the matter.

28. The representative of Cuba recalled that the Committee had agreed to establish a 48-hour deadline prior to the beginning of the session, to give the Committee adequate time to review the responses at its 2022 regular session, but that it had failed to reach an agreement regarding the 24-hour deadline for the review of applications received during the session, owing to differences of opinion within the Committee. He concurred with the statement by Pakistan that the Committee required additional time to analyse the responses received from NGOs during the session before the beginning of the second round of the review of applications, to enable them to take informed decisions. He further noted that the Committee did not have a clear approach for dealing with responses received from NGOs that had been asked a further question after the second round of the review.

29. The representative of Pakistan stated that it was unfair to expect the Committee to review responses received from NGOs uploaded by the Secretariat on the paperless

platform a few minutes before the beginning of the session and requested that the Committee address the matter during its informal consultations.

30. The representative of Türkiye shared the concerns expressed by the representatives of Cuba and Pakistan. He stated that the Committee should define a clear procedure for conducting the second round of the review of the applications. He added that the Secretariat should ensure that the questions posed by the Committee and the responses received from the NGOs were transmitted in a transparent and timely manner.

31. In response to a question by the representative of Cuba, the Chief of the Branch clarified that, as far as he remembered, there was no precedent in the Committee's practice for conducting a third round of review of applications.

32. At its 12th meeting, the Secretariat pointed out that the application of an NGO that had responded to the Committee's questions had been overlooked inadvertently during the second round of the review of applications, and the Chair of the meeting requested the Committee to revisit the application. The representatives of Cuba, Eritrea, Pakistan, Türkiye, the United Kingdom and the United States requested clarification from the Secretariat regarding the practice of the Committee in such cases. Upon clarification by the Secretariat, the Committee agreed to review the response provided by the organization on the understanding that it was an exceptional measure to address a technical error and that it would not establish a precedent in the Committee's work.

Other matters

33. At its 10th meeting on 27 January, under agenda item 6 (c), "Other related matters", the Committee took note of the change of name of 10 non-governmental organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)).

VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

34. There were no requests for a special report.

VII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

35. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2023 regular session from 23 January to 1 February and on 13 February. The Committee held 15 meetings.

36. The session was opened by the Director of the Office for Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development.

37. At the 1st meeting of the Committee, on 23 January, the Vice-Chair of the Committee made opening remarks. She noted the role of the Committee as an important gateway for NGOs to engage with and contribute to the work of the United Nations by facilitating their access to and participation in the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies, as well as many United Nations meetings, and by monitoring their engagement with the United Nations through quadrennial reports. She pledged to work with the Committee on implementing its important mandate.

38. The representative of the United Kingdom emphasized the vital significance of civil society to the work of the United Nations. He stated that civil society contributed to enriching the Organization's information base and to ensuring the impact of its work on the ground. He reaffirmed his delegation's commitment to championing civil society participation at the United Nations and expressed regret at the efforts of a few Member States to stifle the voices of NGOs. He stated that his delegation would seek the approval of all applications from all legitimate NGOs and scrutinize applications based strictly on the criteria stipulated in resolution 1996/31, namely: (a) the active existence of the organization; (b) the independence of the organization from government; (c) non-harmful activities by the organization; and (d) adherence of the organization to the Charter of the United Nations. He expressed regret at the increased politicization of deferrals in the Committee as part of a wider trend of reprisals against organizations that sought to engage with the United Nations. He encouraged all Committee members to use a fair and objective review process and to avoid blocking NGO applications for political reasons, so as to foster deeper civil society engagement at the United Nations and reduce the backlog in applications. He expressed his delegation's support for efforts to improve the working methods of the Committee and urged the Committee to support the United Nations commitment to inclusive multilateralism by promoting a safe and welcoming space for civil society.

39. The representative of Algeria expressed his delegation's commitment to the implementation of the Committee's mandate, in line with resolution 1996/31 and the Charter. He affirmed his delegation's belief in the crucial role of civil society in enhancing the work of the United Nations and in ensuring effective responses to global challenges, including the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. He stated that his delegation's approach was rooted in its Constitution and national laws, by which the State was entrusted with the responsibility of facilitating the participation of civil society in the conduct of public affairs. He cited as examples the simplification of the procedures for the establishment of associations and the establishment of the National Civil Society Observatory. He recalled the declaration of the thirty-first session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the summit level, hosted by Algeria in November 2022, in which participants had underlined the need to strengthen relations between Arab institutions and civil society actors. He also highlighted the forum hosted by Algeria in September 2022, in preparation for the Arab summit conference, with the participation of civil society activists, influencers and senior academic figures representing 19 Arab countries, to discuss the role of the civil society. He emphasized the importance of promoting geographical balance in the representation of civil society from developing countries in the work of the United Nations and of ensuring that their voices were heard in order to reflect the diversity of civil society around the world. He reaffirmed his delegation's commitment to strengthening the role of civil society as an indispensable partner of the United Nations.

40. The representative of Türkiye underlined the vital role of NGOs in supporting local, national, regional and global development processes and noted that their participation promoted local ownership, civic engagement and accountability. He stated that the cooperation between the United Nations and civil society contributed to the sustainability and effectiveness of the work of the United Nations and noted the Committee's crucial role in facilitating that cooperation. He welcomed the contributions of NGOs in consultative status to the work of the United Nations and affirmed his delegation's support for the granting of consultative status, in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter, as well as the framework of resolution 1996/31. He commended the Committee for the steps it had taken towards enhancing the transparency and efficiency of its work and addressing issues related to its working methods and expressed the hope that those efforts would result in the efficient fulfilment of its mandate. He stressed that the Committee should strive to implement its mandate in accordance with resolution 1996/31, including organizing

consultations with NGOs in consultative status with the Council. He noted, however, that the implementation of the consultations should not overburden the Branch or negatively affect the Committee's principal function of considering applications for consultative status. He further emphasized that the modalities of the consultations were based on the principles of equity, transparency and fairness. He cautioned members of the Committee against taking actions that undermined its role and competence and stressed that the review of applications should be done on a case-by-case basis. In that regard, he stated that the practice of bypassing the Committee's usual review process by tabling resolutions to selectively grant certain organizations consultative status was counterproductive and contrary to the Committee's mandate. He noted that, in the most recent example, the majority of Committee members had voted against recommending consultative status on all individual applications that had been put to a vote and that some Committee members had also criticized the practice of bypassing the Committee's review process. While recognizing the right of each Committee member to put applications to a vote, he expressed his delegation's objection to the singling out of specific NGO applications for a vote in a selective manner on the basis of artificially crafted criteria and asserted that the practice was detrimental to other NGOs awaiting the Committee's decisions.

41. The representative of Pakistan expressed her delegation's support for the work of the Committee, in accordance with the resolution 1996/31. She stated that the NGOs made important contributions to all societies, communities and the world at large, and she affirmed her delegation's support for their constructive engagement with the United Nations.

42. The representative of the United States affirmed his delegation's commitment to the promotion of the meaningful participation of NGOs in the United Nations system, regardless of their political beliefs. He stressed that providing a platform for the participation of diverse NGOs in the United Nations system made the institution and its Member States stronger and more responsive to their constituents.

43. The representative expressed regret regarding the continued misuse of the practice of the "no-objection basis" by some members of the Committee and the politicization of Committee. He added that his delegation would not refrain from taking action when legitimate NGOs were punished for seeking to hold Governments accountable. In that regard, he recalled that, in December 2022, his delegation and several partners had presented to the Council a group of organizations whose applications had been deferred by the Committee for a long time for political reasons, and had requested a vote. They had welcomed the Council's subsequent decision to grant accreditation to the organizations. He noted that the organizations approved presented a small number of the many legitimate organizations whose applications had been deferred by the Committee for many years. He expressed his delegation's concern regarding the increasing number of deferred applications, in particular those of NGOs working on issues related to human rights, marginalized groups and drug policy. He welcomed the consultations of the Committee with NGOs in consultative status, convened in 2022, and stated that his delegation would continue to advocate in favour of the Committee holding regular consultations, as mandated under resolution 1996/31.

44. The representative of Georgia noted the important role played by NGOs in the work of the United Nations from its inception and their crucial role in the implementation of United Nations decisions, in human rights protection and in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. He affirmed his delegation's support for the active engagement of NGOs across the United Nations system, noting that their work served to uphold the Charter. He further underscored the key role of civil society in the implementation of agreed frameworks, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris

Agreement and human rights treaties. He affirmed his delegation's readiness, as a new member of the Committee, to facilitate the participation of NGOs in the work of the United Nations and to deepen the cooperation between the United Nations and civil society.

45. The representative of China affirmed his delegation's commitment to multilateralism and the important contributions of NGOs to the work of the United Nations. He stated that his delegation consistently upheld the principles of professionalism and impartiality and affirmed his support for the participation of NGOs in the work of the United Nations, in an orderly manner and in line with resolution 1996/31.

46. He stressed that Committee members should respect the working methods and established procedures of the Committee, in line with resolution 1996/31, in order to maintain its authority. In that regard, he stated that actions aimed at disrupting or overturning the collective decisions of the Committee undermined its authority and showed disrespect for the working methods of the United Nations. He further stressed that the Committee should fulfil its duties as mandated in a responsible manner. In that context, he stressed the Committee should examine all applications to ensure that they were compliant with the relevant provisions of the resolution and treat all organizations equally, with fairness and impartiality. He expressed his delegation's objection to the utilization of NGOs as a pretext to attack and discredit other members and stated that it impeded the effective participation of NGOs in the work of the United Nations. He further stated that the Committee should adhere to the principle of extensive consultations and should work in the spirit of consensus in all matters, including on the review and improvement of its working methods and procedures. In that regard, he stressed that any reform of the Committee's working methods should be based on broad consensus among all members, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council and the established working procedures of the United Nations. He commended the Secretariat for overcoming the challenges related to its increased workload and limited resources and for effectively supporting the Committee in fulfilling its mandate. He noted that there were more than 6,000 NGOs in consultative status, which demonstrated the efficiency of the Committee and the feasibility of its working methods. He reaffirmed his delegation's commitment to upholding the authority of the Committee, to the centrality of the United Nations and to multilateralism, as well as to the creation of better conditions for NGO participation at the United Nations.

47. The representative of Zimbabwe welcomed the efforts of Member States to create space for the active participation of NGOs in the programmes and activities of the United Nations and underlined their invaluable contribution in the implementation of development priorities. He highlighted the increase in the number of NGOs seeking consultative status with the Council and stressed that the Committee had the responsibility to facilitate their participation in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions governing their participation. He reaffirmed his delegation's readiness to collaborate with all members to deliver on the mandate of the Committee through cooperation and mutual understanding and a commitment to maintaining the credibility and integrity of the Committee.

48. The representative of the European Union, in its capacity as observer, speaking also on behalf of Albania, Georgia, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, expressed the hope that the new members of the Committee would contribute to fulfilling the Committee's mandate and overcome its challenges and shortcomings, in particular by rejecting the practice of the unjustified deferral of some NGO applications, sometimes for many years, on the basis of dilatory arguments and repeated questioning, in contravention of the spirit of resolution 1996/31. He stressed that the Committee had a high responsibility to

uphold the credibility of the United Nations. He stated that Committee reform was needed, in order to allow for its more inclusive, effective, fair and transparent functioning, including through limits to deferrals and a process to reconsider arbitrary or erroneous decisions on deferral or denial. He pointed out that the applications of many NGOs had been deferred for many years, despite their having provided detailed responses to the Committee's questions in good faith, and urged the Committee to stop the practice of asking irrelevant or repetitive questions.

49. The representative recalled that the Council had voted to grant special consultative status to a number of NGOs in 2022 and, in doing so, had reversed the Committee's recommendations. He stated that the Council had the final decision-making authority on the granting consultative status and that it had exercised its authority appropriately when the Committee had failed to fulfil its mandate. He further stated that there was no justification to further delaying consideration of applications that had been pending for a very long time. In that regard, he cited as examples the applications of the organizations Secours Islamique France (deferred since 2018), the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, the Panhellenic Union of Cappadocian Associations, Associazione Luca Coscioni, Robert Bosch Stiftung Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung and Terre Des Femmes – Menschenrechte fuer die Frau, eV, and urged the Committee to recommend them for consultative status. He reiterated his appeal to the Committee to allow NGOs to intervene virtually during the daily question-and-answer segments of Committee sessions.

50. In her closing remarks, at the 15th meeting, on 1 February, the Vice-Chair commended the Committee for its work and noted that, at the 2023 regular session, the Committee had incorporated improvements in its working methods. In that regard, she noted the implementation by the Committee of the decision made at the 2022 regular session to establish a deadline of two business days (48 hours) before the beginning of each session for the receipt of responses provided by NGOs to its questions, in order to afford the Committee adequate time to review and consider those responses.

51. The representative of Türkiye commended the meeting Chair for the successful completion of the Committee's program of work. He noted that there was a need for the Committee to review some of its working methods, in particular those pertaining to the conduct of the second round of the review of applications in cases where responses to the questions of the Committee had been received from NGOs during the session. He maintained that the Committee should establish clear deadlines and time frames in which responses received from NGOs during the Committee's session would be accepted and reviewed by the Committee. He added that the deadlines should be established in a way that would ensure the fair and transparent review of NGO applications, while not overburdening the Secretariat or as the individual Committee members, who needed adequate time to review each application and the responses received in a timely manner. He stated that his delegation would engage actively in the deliberations with a view to achieving a constructive solution through consensus.

52. The representative of China also commended the Chair for the effective steering of the session. He noted that the Committee had deliberated on its working methods during the session, and he expressed his delegation's readiness to engage in informal deliberations, with the goal of enhancing the Committee's working methods, including regarding how Committee dealt with responses received from the NGOs in a predictable and orderly manner.

53. The representative of Cuba stated that there was a need for the Committee to use its time more efficiently, given the limited resources. He concurred with the proposals made by the representatives of Türkiye and China that there was a need to

explore feasible solutions in an informal setting, in order to allow the Committee adequate time to review the detailed responses received from NGOs during the session. He reiterated his delegation's earlier request for the Secretariat to provide training to members of the Committee to familiarize them on the use of the new platform before its official roll-out.

54. The representative of China also concurred with the proposals made by the representatives of Türkiye and Cuba regarding the establishment of a time frame for the Committee's review of responses received from NGOs during the session. He stated that there was a need for the Committee to hold informal consultations to discuss its working methods, including with regard to how to streamline the participation of NGOs during the question-and-answer sessions and to the allocation of time for the second round of the review of applications, with a view to improving the Committee's methods of work.

55. The Vice-Chair of the Committee took note of the proposals made by the various representatives and stated that she would convene informal consultations to address the issues raised by the members of the Committee during the intersessional period.

B. Attendance

56. The session was attended by 18 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for non-member States and representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and NGOs also attended. The list of participants will be issued in document [E/C.2/2023/INF/1](#).

57. At its 2023 regular session, the Committee heard seven representatives of NGOs, 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.

58. At its 8th meeting, on 26 January the Committee heard the observer for Indonesia present a request by his Government to the Committee to revisit its decisions to recommend consultative status to Nationaal Papoea Vereniging '95/West Nieuw Guinea and West Papua Interest Association, stating that the applications of those NGOs did not meet the fundamental requirements for NGO participation in the United Nations system. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to reconsider the applications of the two NGOs. The Committee posed questions to both NGOs.

C. Election of officers

59. At its 1st meeting, on 23 January, the Committee elected Petronellar Nyagura (Zimbabwe) as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

60. At its 15th meeting, on 13 February, the Committee elected Daniel Zavala Porras (Costa Rica) as second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

D. Agenda

61. At its 1st meeting, on 23 January, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda for its 2023 session, as contained in document [E/C.2/2023/1](#). The agenda reads as follows:

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

3. Applications for consultative status with the Council 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 that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council:
 - (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status;
 - (b) New quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch.
6. 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:
 - (a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;
 - (b) Issues on the agenda of the informal working group;
 - (c) Other related matters.
7. 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 2024 session of the Committee.
10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

VIII. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2023 regular session

62. At its 14th meeting, on 1 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 its submission to the Economic and Social Council for appropriate action.
63. At its 15th meeting, on 13 February, the Committee adopted the present report.