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## **1. Association of Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa New Zealand**

### **Special Consultative Status granted in 1998**

As a Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) with special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the Association of Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa New Zealand (APW) is pleased to present the Quadrennial Report on activities for the development of women and society in support of the United Nations programme over the last four years.

### **LOCALLY:**

#### **Branches have raised awareness and funds for annual special projects within New Zealand.**

2002-2003 - Family Support through Presbyterian Support & Methodist Mission. To assist support work for families and children in need.

2003-2004 - NZ Prisoners Aid – Child Travel Fund. To assist in travel costs for children to visit parents in prison.

2004-2005 - Hospital Chaplaincy. To assist in funding for chaplains in hospitals around New Zealand.

2005-2006 - Grandparents raising Grandchildren. To assist in providing summer camp experiences for children being raised by grandparents.

This support has been in conjunction with the Methodist Women's Fellowship.

#### **Branches have raised awareness and funds for annual special projects outside New Zealand.**

2002-2003 - Peace Programme – A programme developed in conjunction with the New Sudan Council of Churches through the Christian World Service.

2003-2004 - A World Development programme in Maduria, South India to help marginalized women through the Christian World Service.

2004-2005 - A women's support programme in Palestine and Israel through the Christian World Service.

2005-2006 - Grassroots Development Programme in Uganda, through Christian World Service, to assist a community determine its own development needs and programmes.

This support has been in conjunction with Methodist Women's Fellowship.

## **Input to the 2004 United Nations Questionnaire on the Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.**

Local Branches were asked to respond as NGO women to the Questionnaire. Input was collated and included in the New Zealand NGO response produced by the National Council of Women in New Zealand.

### **NATIONALLY:**

Each year APW promotes the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) Spring Walks to support women's peace, security and development. This support provides both monetary donations and increased awareness among New Zealand women of the work of UNIFEM in the Asia Pacific region.

On 25 November each year APW supports White Ribbon Day, the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. This programme provides an opportunity for APW to publicly acknowledge its antiviolence stance and to join with other organisations in New Zealand doing the same. This is of particular relevance in New Zealand where the level of domestic violence is a major concern in our community.

Education on what consultative status means has been taking place around New Zealand to encourage and inspire APW members to involve themselves in the United Nations work and to encourage other organisations to seek this status.

There is intense discussion in New Zealand over the use of violence as punishment for children and an increased awareness is developing in Maori, Pacific Island and Pakeha communities about alternative methods.

### **REGIONALLY:**

Bridgebuilders is a network of support and consultation within the broad regions of the Pacific Basin to build bridges between people with common interests and people who work in different ways.

APW supports the work of Pacific Watch (NZ) Inc. and the organisation worked together on occasions. Pacific Watch (NZ) Inc. is a regional network for women monitoring and collaborating with United Nations organisations, national governments and NGOs to take action to advance women.

The convenor of the Economic and Social Council committee attended the 2003 Asia Pacific Conference of the International Council of Women (ICW) held in Auckland. This was an opportunity to strengthen and support the work of ICW in empowering and supporting women in the Asia Pacific region.

## **INTERNATIONALLY:**

The ECOSOC Committee convenor attended the Commission on the Status of Women sessions in New York in 2002, 2003, 2004 & 2005. At these sessions, the convenor was actively involved in lobbying the New Zealand Governmental delegation and working with other NGOs in the process. At the 2005 session the convenor spoke on a panel on Christian women's involvement in human rights work. After the Sessions a report was distributed to all branches around New Zealand and speaking engagements were undertaken to share the programmes and outcomes of the CSW sessions.

The Association of Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa New Zealand is committed to fully utilise its special consultative status to its fullest.

## **2. Eagle Forum**

### **Special Consultative Status granted in 1998**

#### **Part I**

- i. Vision of the Eagle Forum
  - a. The Eagle Forum supports conservative and pro-family policies at every level of government.
  - b. The Eagle Forum supports the sanctity of human life –the young, the old, the handicapped, the unborn.
  - c. The Eagle Forum opposes all tax increases and demands tax cuts at every level – especially to restore tax fairness to families.
  - d. We support the Constitution of the United States of America and oppose all efforts to make it a plaything of special-interest groups.
  - e. Eagle Forum supports the private enterprise system, which along can produce prosperity, more jobs, and economic progress.
- ii. There has been no significant change to the vision of the Eagle Forum since first receiving NGO status in 1998.

#### **Part II**

- i. To our knowledge, the Eagle Forum has not participated in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, in major conference or other United Nations meetings in this period because it has focused its activities on education. Mainly, the Eagle Forum has focused on education through social and economic awareness campaigns and

increasing alertness of our members in and outside of the United States to global issues of importance.

- ii. The Eagle Forum may have participated more actively if the procedures for attending United Nations conferences were easier to follow and the cost for attendance was lower. The Eagle Forum also has limited staff to attend such meetings.

### **3. The Foundation for Democracy in Africa**

#### **Special Consultative Status granted in 2002**

The Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA) is a development organization committed to promoting democracy, sustainable development and economic growth throughout Africa. Founded in 1994, FDA is a Washington, DC-based, non-profit, 501(c) (3), non-governmental, non-partisan institution with offices in Miami, Florida. In 1996, the Foundation was granted consultative status (special) as a non-governmental organization (NGO) with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). FDA is also registered with the US Agency for International Development as a Private Voluntary Organization (PVO).

The FDA's mission is to implement culturally based programs designed to strengthen and enhance the fundamental principles of democracy, freedom and economic plurality throughout Africa. Secondly, to integrate emerging African democracies into the mainstream global economy, thus cultivating the pathway for peace and prosperity in Africa.

FDA carries out the above mission (1) by educating existing and future leaders in government, politics, business, industry and community affairs on the concepts of democratic capitalism, (2) by promoting this concept among the population at large, and (3) by helping African people deal with the challenges arising from the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Africa.

Through its Institute for Democracy in Africa, FDA maintains an institutional link with universities in Florida. FDA staff members have broad experience with children and war-affected populations as well as designing and managing training programs in African nations, including the training of NGO managers, election observers, political party operatives and businesspersons interested in trade with the United States.

As a registered PVO with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), The Foundation has received grants from that agency:

- West Africa regional HIV-AIDS policy conference intended to be the forerunner of a regional network on HIV-AIDS policy.
- Capacity building program with the Nigerian Association of Women Entrepreneurs to improve the organization's effectiveness as well as the ability of members to engage in trade with the United States.

- West Africa economic policy support program to help governments and private sectors in Senegal, Mali, Ghana and Nigeria access the benefits of the African Growth and Opportunity Act and create effective public-private partnerships.
- For International Studies Program (ISP) in Rwanda (ongoing project).

The FDA has held several conferences contributing to reduce poverty, bring economic development to Africa, improve global welfare, enhance national security, improve the environment for education, improve African-U.S. relations, and encourage trade, freedom, and equality. The following conferences are as follows:

- “Expanding Trans-Atlantic Trade & Investment, 9-12 May 2002, Miami, Florida. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual AfrICANDO 2002. Delegates, African ministers, scholars, scientists and business owners attended the meeting.”
- “Tourism as an Engine of Growth, 22-26 July 2003, Miami, Florida. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual AfrICANDO 2003. Delegates, African ministers, scholars, scientists and business owners attended the meeting.”
- “Effective and Efficient Use of Agricultural Science, Technology and Research as a Tool for Development in Africa, 16-18 September 2004, Miami, Florida. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual AfrICANDO 2004. Delegates, African ministers, scholars, scientists and business owners attended the meeting.”
- “Assessing the Effects of the World Trade Organization (WTO), Agreement on Textile and Clothing (ATC) on the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), 15-18 June 2005, Miami, Florida. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual AfrICANDO 2005. Delegates, African ministers, scholars, scientists and business owners attended the meeting.”

The Foundation for Democracy in Africa provides training and technical support for new generations of African leaders for the next millennium. One of the challenges facing Africa and friends of Africa today is our ability to evolve leaders in government, politics, business, industry and community affairs, who will embrace democratic values, free market concepts and a national perspective in fulfilling their responsibilities.

The FDA has also formed the Institute for Democracy in Africa (IDA) as its think-tank arm. The institute provides certificate training in business, information sciences, politics, government, economics, international trade, etc.

The FDA and IDA provide background information and issue analyses on topics of immediate concern in the public areas of African countries. The objectives of this activity are to facilitate informed discussions and provide leaders with the analyses they need to make informed decisions.

Trainees and participants are selected from government, political organizations, educational institutions, community organizations and business associations. The FDA's partner NGOs in African countries manages the selection process.

Through our training programs, conferences, seminars, and workshops, a new breed of leaders will be identified and supported. They will be assisted in providing the leadership that will advance the quality of economic political and environmental activities in their various countries.

#### **4. Global Alliance for Women's Health – GAWH**

##### **Special Consultative Status granted in 1998**

##### **Part I. Introduction**

##### **i. Aims and purposes of the GAWH and its main course of action.**

The Global Alliance for Women's Health (GAWH) is committed to advancing women's health in all stages of life at all policy levels through health promotion, education, advocacy and program implementation. GAWH works with coalitions of international, national and non-governmental organizations, women's groups, health care professionals, religious organizations, academics and individual citizens from all regions of the world to promote and implement women's health care service improvements and research at local, national and international levels.

GAWH sees women's health as a continuum from infancy through old age of which the reproductive years are a stage. Women's health care has been underserved and not sufficiently attended throughout the world, and long-term initiatives and commitments are needed in order to forge alliances and collaborative programs across the globe. Partnerships among non-governmental, governmental organizations, the private sector and academic institutions in order to provide health care and research for women throughout the world.

##### **Part II. Contribution of the GAWH to the work of the United Nations**

##### **i. Participation in the work on the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies and/or major conferences and other United Nations meetings.**

GAWH and the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations in partnership with Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. organized and facilitated a symposium on "Best Practices for Treating Women with HIV/AIDS: Research, Management and Human Rights." The symposium was held on 6 March 2003 on the occasion of the 47<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations Headquarters, New York.

GAWH in co-sponsorship with the Permanent Missions of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, the Republic of Benin, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Grenada, India, the Republic of Mali, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Niger, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, and the

Republic of Zambia to the United Nations, the United States Department of Health & Human Services, Office on Women's Health, Region II and New York City, Department of Health & Mental Hygiene in partnership with GlaxoSmithKline organized and facilitated a symposium on "Diabetes and Global Women's Health Concerns." The event took place on 2 March 2004 in commemoration of the Dr. Ralph Bunche Centenary, and on the occasion of the 48<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations Headquarters.

The United Nations Economic and Social Council distributed statement E/CN.6/2005/NGO/36 submitted by GAWH on 3 February 2005 on the occasion of the 49<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. The document is available in English, French, Spanish, Russian and Chinese. [E/CN.6/2005/NGO/36].

GAWH in co-sponsorship with the Permanent Missions of Burkina Faso, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, the Republic of Malawi, Malaysia, the Republic of Namibia, Niger, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Thailand and the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations in partnership with Abbott and Novo Nordisk organized and facilitated a panel discussion on "The Impact of the Global Diabetes Epidemic on the Advancement of Women." The event was held on 2 March 2005 on the occasion of the 49<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and Beijing + 10 at United Nations Headquarters.

**ii. Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies in the field and/or at Headquarters.**

The Merck Institute of Aging & Health (MIAH) and GAWH organized and facilitated a panel discussion on "Coronary Heart Disease, A Women's Health Issue: What do we know and what can we do?" The event was held on 7 April 2002 during the Second World Assembly on Aging on the occasion of the World NGO Forum on Ageing in Madrid, Spain.

GAWH in partnership with Merck & Co., Inc. organized and facilitated on 8 April 2002 a roundtable update on "Osteoarthritis, Osteoporosis and Ageing Policy: Not for Women Only." The event was held on the occasion of the World NGO Forum on Ageing during the Second World Assembly on Ageing in Madrid, Spain.

GAWH in partnership with Boehringer Ingelheim GmbH and Merck & Co., Inc. organized and facilitated a symposium 9 May 2002 on "Public-Private Partnerships: Best Practices in Scaling Up Access to Care and Treatment for Children with and at risk for HIV/AIDS." The event took place in the Church Center to United Nations, New York.

GAWH together with eight Permanent Missions to the United Nations and in partnership with Merck & Co., Inc. organized and facilitated 15 April 2003 a roundtable on "HIV/AIDS Drug Donations and Price Reductions in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Public-Private Discussion on Drug Registration, Diversion, and Other Challenges" at United Nations Headquarters.



23 May 2003: GAWH with the Permanent Mission of Niger to the United Nations, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Angola in Geneva and in partnership with the corporate members of the Accelerating Access Initiative (AAI) organized and facilitated a symposium on “Successes and Challenges in Scaling-up Treatment for HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Role for Public/Private Partnerships.” The Ministers of Health from the United Republic of Tanzania, Côte d’Ivoire and Lesotho and the Acting Chief, Policy & Coordination Unit, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, held presentations. The event took place on the occasion of the World Health Assembly 2003 in the Palais des Nations Unies, Geneva, Switzerland.

GAWH with the Association for the Rehabilitation of Girls Addis Ababa, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Angola with the African Union, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), and the Embassy of the Republic of Angola in Ethiopia, the Permanent Mission of Niger to the United Nations, and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations in partnership with corporate members of the Accelerating Access Initiative (AAI) organized and facilitated on 1 June 2003 a symposium on “Success and Challenges of Public/Private Partnerships in Scaling-up Treatment for HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa.” The event was held on the occasion of the 2003 Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

16 November 2004: GAWH and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) in co-sponsorship with the Permanent Missions of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Barbados, Côte d’Ivoire, the Republic of Croatia, El Salvador, the Republic of Fiji Islands, Grenada, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Panama, the Republic of Singapore, the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, and the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations in partnership with Merck & Co., Inc., GlaxoSmithKline and Novo Nordisk organized and facilitated a symposium on “Diabetes in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean” at United Nations Headquarters.

GAWH in partnership with the Africa Center for Health and Security, Novo Nordisk and Abbott organized and facilitated on 8 March 2005 a reception honoring H.E. Ambassador Gertrude Mongella (MP), President of the Pan African Parliament, Secretary General, Fourth World Conference on Women. H.E. Mongella was awarded the “Global Alliance for Women’s Health Leadership Award for Women’s Health, Empowerment and Equality.” The reception took place in celebration of the International Women’s Day and Beijing + 10 in George Washington University Hospital, Washington, DC.

### **iii) Initiative undertaken by GAWH in support of internationally agreed development goals**

During 2003, GAWH worked on the problem of opportunistic infections of people with HIV/AIDS in Burkina Faso and brought this issue to the attention of Johnson and Johnson. As a result, Johnson & Johnson donated 36,000 patient treatments of its miconazole nitrate 10 mg muco-adhesive buccal tablet to GAWH. On 12 June 2003, GAWH’s representative in Burkina Faso presented this donation to the National Council to Fight HIV/AIDS and sexually-transmitted infections (STIs), which in turn contributed it to several non-governmental organizations, two hospitals, centers of ambulatory treatment, and an association of surgical dentists.

## **5. Human Resource Development Foundation – HRDF**

### **Special Consultative Status granted in 2002**

#### **I. Introduction**

##### ***i. the aims and purposes of the organization and its main course of action.***

The Human Resource Development Foundation (HRDF) is a leading non-profit, non-governmental and autonomous organization in Turkey. It works to empower the human resource, particularly the vulnerable groups including women, youth, children in labour, refugees and victims of trafficking, through advocacy, training and service provision in areas of population and sustainable development. Since its establishment in 1988, HRDF has developed, executed, implemented, and also participated in various projects and activities, including nationwide programmes implemented in the fields of population, health and development. It has also expanded its expertise to neighbouring countries including Jordan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan. Through these projects, HRDF has served 400,000 women, 30,000 health service providers, 8,000 immigrants and refugees and more than 200 victims of trafficking. The wide and versatile range of HRDF work includes Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) & HIV/AIDS trainings and Information-Education-Communication (IEC) activities; community-based health services; development of technical training materials and provision of trainings for service providers; specific sexual/reproductive health (S/RH) training programs for adolescents; development of models of quality and accessible reproductive health (RH) service provision for university youth; programs for supporting refugees, asylum-seekers and victims of trafficking; promoting children's rights and improving the socio-economic status of women; community development activities.

HRDF has a remarkable experience and know-how in project development, implementation and assessment and also partnership and coordination skills with various international organizations. HRDF is one of the internationally accredited executing agencies of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) since 1997; an active member of Gender and Children Team (GCT) established by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in 2002; a member of National Task Force for Combating Human Trafficking established in 2002 and has a special consultative non-governmental organization (NGO) status with United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) since 2002.

#### **II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

##### ***i. Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies and/or major conferences and other United Nations meetings.***

1. UNFPA Mid-Term Evaluation Assembly, 22 September 2003, Ankara, Turkey.
2. “Research on Factors that Effect Sexual and Reproductive Health of the Adolescents”, meeting conducted by World Health Organization (WHO) & Hacettepe University, 28 April 2004, Ankara, Turkey.

3. "Establishment of the Network of and Joint Training Operational Law Enforcement Officers, NGOs and International Organizations (IO) in Fighting Human Trafficking into the European Union (EU) Member States from EU Accession Countries and Countries Bordering the EU after the Enlargement", conducted by International Organization for Migration (IOM), 27-29 September 2004, Rome, Italy.
4. United Nations European Economic Commission Beijing+10 Regional Preparation Meeting, 14-15 December 2004, Geneva, Switzerland. HRDF has participated as the member of the Turkish Delegation.
5. STIs/HIV/AIDS Surveillance: National Reconciliation Meeting, organized by Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS), February 2005, Ankara, Turkey.
6. Strengthening STIs/HIV/AIDS Surveillance: Inter-sectoral Dialogue and Capacity Building Meeting, organized by UNAIDS, 19-20 April 2005, Ankara, Turkey.
7. "NGO Networking and Capacity Building for Combating Human Trafficking", organized by IOM, 16-17 June 2005, İstanbul, Turkey.
8. 11th Workshop of the Partnership for Peace (PfP) Consortium Study Group & IOM: Trafficking in Persons in South east Europe- a Threat to Human Security, 26-27 August 2005, İstanbul, Turkey.
9. United Nations High Level Consultation and Workshop on Capacity Building for the Informal NGO Regional Network, 28-30 September 2005, Bursa, Turkey. HRDF has participated as the facilitator and moderator of the sessions of the workshop.
10. UNFPA Workshop on 4th Country Programme, 29-30 September 2005, Ankara, Turkey.
11. WHO European Regional Technical Consultation, in collaboration with the European AIDS Treatment Group, on working with civil society to scale-up access to antiretroviral treatment (ART), 5-7 October 2005, Berlin, Germany. HRDF has participated as an NGO representative from Turkey.
12. Public Awareness Meeting organized by UNHCR, 22-23 December 2005, Ankara, Turkey.
13. HRDF is a member of GCT established by UNHCR in 2001; therefore participated at the GCT meetings periodically conducted by UNHCR.

**ii. Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies in the field and/or at Headquarters.**

1. Technical assistance to UNAIDS programme for the development of national action plan for prevention of HIV/AIDS in Turkey in 2005.

2. Project in collaboration with UNHCR to provide psycho-social support to the refugees/asylum seekers in Turkey, 2002-ongoing.
3. Project in collaboration with UNFPA to strengthen the quality of reproductive health services through training of residents in Turkey, 2001-2004.
4. Project in collaboration with UNFPA to support the sexual health training of the adolescents in Turkey by providing accurate information to the youth, by upgrading the knowledge of primary school teachers and by implementing reproductive health issues into the curricula of Health Education Faculties, 2001-2004.
5. Project in collaboration with UNFPA to introduce model youth reproductive health services at selected universities in Turkey so that youth will receive adequate information, counseling and services in reproductive health, 2002-2005.

**iii. Initiatives undertaken by the organization in support of internationally agreed development goals, in particular, the Millennium Development Goals,** which now form the global agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women**

Target 4: Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education, preferably by 2005, and in all levels of education no later than 2015

- Training of service providers mainly health service providers on gender based violence
- Agricultural development and employment trainings for women
- Combating Human Trafficking and Victim Assistance Programme in Turkey

### **Goal 5: Improve Maternal Health**

Target 6: Reduce by three-quarters, between 1990 and 2015, the maternal mortality ratio

- Trainings for health service providers on sexual/reproductive health and rights
- Sexual/reproductive health trainings for resident doctors
- Sexual/reproductive health service provision to youth

**Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases**

Target 7: Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS

- Empowerment of Safe Sex Practices among Sex Workers
- Empowerment of Safe Sex Behaviour among men who have sex with men (MSM)

***iv. Activities in support of Global Principles***

World AIDS Day (1 December) has been marked annually with activities conducted in collaboration with partner organizations and risk groups. In 2005 a national congress was organized in collaboration of HRDF and Society for Fight Against AIDS. Government institutions and NGOs working in this field have participated in the congress. Among the activities undertaken were a press release, discussion sessions with the participation of national stakeholders as well as the representatives of United Nations organizations, such as WHO- Regional Office for Europe and UNAIDS.

World Refugee Day (20 June) has also been marked annually with activities. In 2004 HRDF has participated at the workshop “EU Asylum policies and Turkey” held by Amnesty International in Ankara. In 2005 UNHCR hosted a panel namely “The meaning of being a humanitarian aid worker in refugee field” in Istanbul and HRDF’s psychotherapist has participated at the panel as a panelist.

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