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1. Ain o Salish Kendra

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

The organization, a national legal aid and human rights organization, was established in 1986. Initially it provided free legal services to the disempowered, particularly women, working children and workers in Dhaka, but over the past 25 years the organization has evolved a more comprehensive approach to the promotion and protection of legal and human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to establish the rule of law based on the principles of equality, democracy, human rights, justice and gender equity.

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

The organization engages with United Nations human rights mechanisms by sending communications to the special procedures, sending reports to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), attending the sessions of the Human Rights Council, including for the universal periodic review, and engaging with treaty monitoring bodies. The organization is also engaged in creating awareness and building capacity on human rights in general and specifically on United Nations human rights mechanisms and the general comments made by the treaty bodies.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

In 2009, a representative of the organization participated and made an oral statement at the fourth session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In view of the universal periodic review on the implementation of human rights in Bangladesh, held in February 2009, the organization, in collaboration with 17 member organizations, formed a network on human rights in Bangladesh. The organization operated as the secretariat and facilitated the preparation of stakeholder submissions. The report of the network was submitted to OHCHR in Geneva. An alternative report was disseminated to several national and international organizations and to the missions in Geneva. The organization coordinated the participation of forum members in a diplomatic briefing hosted by the Swiss Embassy in Dhaka.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization as a human rights organization believes realization of rights by the people irrespective of their identity and position with equality and non-discrimination is the best way to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. All of the organization's activities are supportive of the objectives defined in the Millennium Development Goals.

2. All-Russian Society of Disabled People

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

The organization has over 2 million members; 24,300 primary, 2,100 city and district, and 81 regional organizations on the territory of the Russian Federation. The organization is a member of Disabled Peoples' International.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization are: to protect the rights and interests of persons with disabilities in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; to provide equality and full participation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of life of the society; to promote the principles of "universal design" that barrier free environments are advanced; to integrate persons with disabilities into the society.

B. Significant changes in the organization

Since the adoption of Russian Federal Law 122 in 2004, which affected our enterprises, there have been no significant changes in our scope of work.

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

Nowadays the Russian welfare system is being reformed. The organization did not participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, in major conferences or other United Nations meetings during the reporting period because its main focus was on the monitoring of the implementation of reforms of the social welfare system working mainly with governmental and local organizations on federal and local level all over the Russian Federation.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The lack of funds did not allow the organization to attend meetings of the Economic and Social Council, but it monitors all reports arising from the discussions.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was signed by the Russian Federation 24-9-2008. The organization actively worked on incorporation of the international document into current legislation system. The organization was one of the NGOs that initiated a federal programme on accessibility and universal design.

Additional information: Young people with disabilities and youth policy have been the main concern of the organization for many years. For the past four years the organization held over 10 inter-regional, integrated youth forums and two international forums. Young people with disabilities from all over the Russian Federation, Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and Europe were able to take part in the forums and share their knowledge and experience in youth policy development. The organization is also continuing to work in the Russian Federation on other aspects of the integration of persons with disabilities into society.

3. Antioch Christian Centre

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

The organization is based in Llanelli, south Wales in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and serves the local community, the nation of Wales and has connections internationally with Bulgaria and India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's vision is to see lives transformed and people from all generations, backgrounds, races and gender bias reach their full potential and become a positive agent for change in the lives of others. The organization adopts a multilayered approach to improving the social and economic quality of life in Llanelli, seeking to engage with the community at many levels. The organization aims to offer connection with a range of facilities, activities and services that builds community and also reflects the community it serves. The organization specifically targets those who are regarded as socially excluded, and this necessitates long-term commitment and support. There is specific involvement in four areas: disadvantaged youth and children; families undergoing stress or divorce; life-controlling addictions; and unemployment. To this end the Centre has developed a number of community-based activities.

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

A. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization is unable to cooperate with United Nations bodies and initiatives as there is a lack of timely information which would enable it to connect and participate.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to the Goals in Bulgaria, India, Morocco and the United Kingdom (Wales) and other nations. Our actions have, inter alia, resulted in more employment for disadvantaged young people; in children and young people having been given access to creative learning environments that build self-esteem and move them from exclusion towards sociability and then employability.

4. Blagovest Centre of People's Help International Public Charitable Organization

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the programme is to render aid to those citizens of the Russian Federation who found themselves in difficult life situations. In 2006 to 2009 more than Rub10 million have been expended for putting the programme into practice.

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

Material aid and charity support have been rendered to more than 3,000 children hit by ecological and technological disasters and terrorist attacks.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

Programmes concerned health improvement of socially unprotected children and treatment and health improvement of disabled children.

5. Catholic International Education Office

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

The organization is an NGO representing worldwide Catholic education.

Aims and purposes of the organization

(a) Participate in the Church's mission promoting Catholic-based education projects throughout the world;

(b) Promote research on the specific contribution of the Catholic School in the field of education and on the School's adaptation to the needs, realities and aspirations of its environment;

(c) Promote the creation, in school and educational institutions, of "educational communities" in which all partners work jointly and responsibly for educational and cultural progress, as well as for the development of an evangelical spirit, paying special attention to the most deprived and welcoming all those who place their trust in that school while respecting their consciences;

(d) Create and develop ties of mutual assistance and active, responsible solidarity among members;

(e) Serve as a network for exchanges among its members, for the purpose of sharing their information and information from other educators, thanks to the development of communication;

(f) Collaborate with the bodies of the universal Church, Episcopal conferences and other Catholic international organizations concerned with education. The organization focuses on the support and promotion of the role of education in bettering the quality of life of individuals, and communities the world over, especially the most deprived.

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

Representatives of the organization attend the weekly briefings, and participate in a variety of NGO committee meetings at United Nations Headquarters, New York, the Church Center, or UNICEF. Representatives of the organization participated at the United Nations on a variety of committees and have actively supported the efforts of the United Nations through their interactions with other NGO representatives and at attendance to conferences. Regular reports to the membership of the Organization at annual meetings not only report to the Organization, but also encourage the work of its various members in countries worldwide.

Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

One representative made a presentation regarding the relationship of the Millennium Development Goals and St. Matthew's Gospel account of the Beatitudes. Another integrated the Millennium Development Goals into presentations at a local college.

Additional information: Presentations made on issues such as world water resources, the situation in Haiti and the environment. Representatives participate in pursuing issues on education, the rights of children, human rights, the environment and sustainable development, and violence against women and girls.

6. Ethiopian World Federation

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

Aims and purposes of the organization

In order to effect unity, liberty, solidarity, freedom and self-determination, to secure justice and maintain the integrity of Ethiopia, Africa, Afro-Indigenous, Original Mosaic Peoples, which is our divine heritage, To promote love and good-will among We, the Ethiopian, African, Afro-Indigenous, Original Mosaic Peoples of the Eastern and Western Hemisphere at home and abroad and thereby to maintain the integrity and Sovereignty of Ethiopia, to disseminate the ancient Ethiopian, African, Afro-Indigenous, Original Mosaic Peoples culture among its members and throughout the Earth, to correct abuses, relieve oppression and carve for ourselves, and our posterity, a destiny comparable with our idea of perfect manhood and womanhood and God's purpose in creating us.

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

The organization has actively participated in many sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, as well as the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

7. International Higher Education Academy of Sciences

General, 2002

I. Introduction

The organization was established in 1992. Today, the organization is formed as a non-governmental organization that involves about 1,270 individual members and 158 collective members from 46 countries of the world, including the Russian Federation and all other CIS countries, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Republic of Korea, Togo,

United Kingdom, the United States of America and others. The organization organizes its activities in accordance with scientific and territorial principles. Its national departments in Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan as well as interregional departments and centres have organized and coordinated activities of its members in separate countries and regions.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The main purposes of the organization are the development of science and education, and raising social prosperity and spiritual potential. Its priorities are the development of new educational technologies, academic and professional mobility in the Eurasian area, and the development of innovative education.

B. Significant changes in the organization

Address of the organization: Leninskiy av., 6, GSP-1 119991 Moscow, Russian Federation.

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

The organization promotes the United Nations in Eurasia. It is investigating of academic and professional mobility in the Eurasian area, law supporting of scientific and pedagogical employees activities. The organization carries out: determination of the basic principles for fundamental scientific provision of Russian higher education reforms; elaborations of principles and procedures for innovative education; elaborations of concept for shaping common educational space of State members of the CIS.

A. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperates with the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization strives to ensure equal access for youth in the Russian Federation and CIS countries to higher education regardless of economic position, geography or nationality.

8. National Association of Non-Governmental Organizations

General, 2002

I. Introduction

The organization is the biggest umbrella organization and the only civil society membership body with a regional structure and regional offices in the five major cities, namely, Bulawayo, Gweru, Masvingo, Mutare and Harare.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mandate is to strengthen the voice of non-governmental organizations within Zimbabwe. The organization mobilizes and coordinates civil society efforts to influence the formulation, implementation, monitoring and review of national policies and regulations that affect achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, in particular, the eradication of poverty. The organization brings together civil society and local authorities to discuss development needs at the local community level and to improve participation in planning decision-making processes. The organization supports civil society organizations in drafting of constitutions and registration processes, offers training to strengthen organizational capacities, project management, conducts periodic capacity assessments, and offers tailor-made short-term courses in partnership with training institutions in NGO corporate governance, civil society leadership, resource mobilization, rights-based programming, results-based management and community centred capacity-development.

The organization provides access to information for members through resource centres and communication platforms, provides access to computers for members, promotes coalition-building, joint planning and ICT as a development tool and facilitates exchange visits between and among members.

B. Significant changes in the organization

In 2006, the organization successfully campaigned against the code of procedures, legislation that had been proposed by the State which would have severely restricted the operations of NGOs within Zimbabwe. Several direct lobbying meetings were held with parliamentarians resulting in a withdrawal by the State of this regulation.

In 2007, the work of the organization and its membership was hampered by the State appropriation of NGO funds resulting in the closure of several organizations and the widespread shrinkage of NGO operations. NGO operations were further restricted by a Government ban on the field operations of all NGOs, except those providing humanitarian and Health/HIV/AIDS services. The ban was subsequently lifted in 2009. To this effect, the organization is working closely with the Government to improve accountability by the NGO sector. Although civil society operations were curtailed in 2007 and 2008, the sector still contributed over a third of Zimbabwe's GDP.

After the signing of the Global Political Agreement in September 2008, and the formation of the Government of National Unity in 2009, the organization monitored the implementation of the Agreement, with particular focus on articles 6 and 7.

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

Hosting of national conferences, such as on mainstreaming child participation in matters that affect them (2007). This was in accordance with the subregional activities of the African Movement of Working Children and Youth and in partnership with Save the Children Norway Zimbabwe and UNICEF.

Publication of the recommendations of “Operation Murambatsvina” by the United National special envoy on human settlements in 2006, to raise public awareness of the United Nation’s position on Operation Murambatsvina since the State had prevented public circulation of the document.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization is part of the steering committee of the Zimbabwe United Nations Development Assistance Framework and has consultative and decision-making status within the committee. The organization also sits on the advisory board of the Central Emergency Relief Fund coordinated by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Zimbabwe. Through the Fund, the organization enables local organizations to access emergency funding where there are gaps in humanitarian response. A good example of this is the emergency response to the cholera relief effort in 2008-2009.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has worked with several United Nations bodies such as the United Nations Millennium Campaign in respect of the Millennium Development Goals campaign. The organization also works closely with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in coordinating local humanitarian organizations and their responses to humanitarian crises such as the cholera epidemic in 2008.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Between 2006 and 2009, the organization ran the Millennium Development Goal civil society coalition as part of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty. As part of GCAP activities, the organization facilitated the production of a civil society shadow report on Millennium Development Goals, mobilized over 10,000 people to stand up and speak out against poverty and has since started dialogue and engagement with the Government on the need for pro-poor policies and budgets.

9. Northern Alliance for Sustainability

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

The organization, a network NGO with more than a hundred national NGO networks as members, from all over Europe, countries from the former Soviet Union and Central Asia. The organization is the functional secretariat for the Sustainable Development Issues Network, consisting of Consumer International (United Kingdom), the Institute for Security Studies, South Africa and Kenya, ECO Asia, Singapore. The organization is a development organizing partner for the NGO major group at the Commission on Sustainable Development sessions; holds the same position for Rio+20; is the NGO member of the major groups facilitating committee for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Membership in the organization is open to any NGO working on issues related to sustainable development. Members work on issues through thematic working groups.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Capacity-building for NGOs, information dissemination, knowledge and skill-sharing, enabling NGO participation in local, national, regional and international decision-making processes on sustainable development, governance, understanding and working with the United Nations.

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

The organization is one of the main NGO actors promoting the development of UNEP/Commission for Sustainable Development ten-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns through the Marrakech process within Economic Commission for Europe, has been active working for and developing the Aarhus Convention; is promoting the UNEP Carpathian Convention on dissemination and training. The organization organizes training sessions for civil society, including for the governing councils and global ministerial environment forums of UNEP and helps to run their Regional Office (Europe) civil society workshops. The organization is also active in the "Environment for Europe" process and at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and the European Union.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

Given a role by the United Nations to coordinate the NGOs into the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in 2002, the organization has been the co-organizing partner for NGOs and has worked for the Commission annually, at intergovernmental preparatory meetings and regional implementation meetings.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization works with United Nations CSD New York, Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) in Geneva, UNEP in Geneva, Vienna, Paris and Nairobi.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has run information campaigns and capacity-building workshops annually.

10. Pan-African Women's Organization

Special, 1990

I. Introduction

The organization was established in 1962 in Dar-es-Salaam and is a non-profit continental organization of African women. It is in contact with all the national women's organizations of African States, which are all affiliated with it. In addition, it cooperates with other African and international organizations, such as the African Union and the United Nations, respectively. The organization was originally known as the African Women's Conference and changed its name to the Pan-African Women's Organization in 1974. From 1986 to 2008, it was headquartered in Luanda. At its 2008 conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, the organization's headquarters were transferred to South Africa.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization was established in response to the great aspiration of the African peoples to join forces in combating all forms of discrimination, completely rid Africa of the colonial system and ensure peace and better living conditions for Africans. Peacekeeping has therefore been one of the organization's long-term objectives since its establishment. It also seeks to settle regional conflicts and addresses the many problems faced by women in Africa. In particular, the organization aims to resolve the political, economic, social and cultural problems of African women.

B. Any change in the organization

In 2008, the constitution of the organization was changed, involving the creation of new posts and new offices. The member countries unanimously elected Assetou Koité as President of the new structure.

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

The organization has achieved successes in the following areas: a significant increase in women's awareness of their positive contribution to national development; the guidelines established by the Nairobi Conference in 1985; the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing Platform for Action in 1995); the Millennium Development Goals; the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa; many programmes supported by various States, under the auspices of the organization; and greater involvement of women in various political, economic, social and cultural activities that promote the development of nationality. The organization also plays an important role in the emancipation and empowerment of women.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

2006-2009: the organization has participated in several meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women, the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations and the Economic Commission for Africa.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Operational relationships with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in the areas of literacy and education.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Organization of conferences, meetings and other events on the following issues: maternal and child mortality, HIV/AIDS; and youth and HIV/AIDS.

11. Pauktuutit Inuit Women's Association of Canada

Special, 1998

I. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Pauktuutit representatives attended the fifth, sixth and seventh sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Pauktuutit also contributes its knowledge and recommendations on issues of concern to its membership through its ongoing participation in the Indigenous Women of the Americas network, which also provides input through other member organizations, to the work of the United Nations.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

Pauktuutit's participation has been limited due to financial constraints.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Pauktuutit's cooperation has been limited due to financial constraints.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Pauktuutit's work domestically from 2006-2009 has included a focus on the Millennium Development Goals on gender equality, maternal and child health, and HIV/AIDS. Pauktuutit has consulted with its membership on matters related to the federal Government's duty to consult with them by virtue of their recognition as a founding people in Canada's Constitution. Midwifery and returning birthing to the 53 remote and isolated Inuit communities in Canada's arctic regions continues to be a priority, as well as addressing the physical and mental health of Inuit women and children. The organization has also been working with the federal Government to assist them in developing a culturally relevant gender-based analytical framework to ensure that relevant policies and programmes have appropriate and positive outcomes for Inuit women. Violence against Inuit women and children continues to be a significant physical and mental health issue, with some Inuit regions experiencing the highest rates of violence in the country. HIV/AIDS remains a constant threat, and Pauktuutit is the only national organization in Canada addressing Inuit-specific issues and interventions. In 2011 the organization will begin to undertake substantive Inuit-specific initiatives related to Hepatitis C.

12. Russian Academy of Natural Sciences

General, 2002

I. Introduction

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to serve the cause of the development of science, education and culture as an important condition of the economic and spiritual rebirth of the Russian Federation.

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

Promotion of ideas and information of the United Nations to Russian scientific society.

Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Scientific conferences on sustainable development of the Russian Federation and its subjects.

13. Social Ecology Foundation

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Significant changes in the organization

Our new address is at 112 Mokhovaya str., 11-3 “B” Moscow 125993.

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

In the context of celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the United Nations, the organization published a book on survival and development, which analysed the experience of the organization in cooperating with the United Nations in implementing the initiatives outlined in Agenda 21. It also held an event on the theme of the United Nations, peace and world cultural heritage. In 2009, the President of the organization attended a meeting of Russian NGOs with the President of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations. The organization took part in the presentation of the Global Environment Outlook, organized by the United Nations Information Centre in Moscow.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization took part in the United Nations Conference in Vienna, in 2006, on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the UNESCO Moscow Office to develop a pilot project “Culture of Peace” (2005). In 2007, it also organized an international round table on the theme “migrants: social adaptation and conflicts”. At that meeting, the Director of the United Nations Information Centre in Moscow made a special report on the theme “United Nations and migration processes in the world”.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization was involved in an initiative on the themes “Water for Life”. It organized photo contests, including to reflect the relationship between man, society and nature.

14. Women’s Intercultural Network

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

The organization was incorporated in 1994 as a 501(c)3 non-governmental organization based in San Francisco, California, with special consultative status to the Economic and Social Council since 1998.

Aims and purposes of the organization

In 2006-2009, the organization became a significant hub for moving a California and a United States women’s agenda forward for human rights and gender equality. The organization has been operating on the ground at the grass-roots level and electronically on the Internet by effectively building bridges across boundaries — locally, nationally and globally since 1995. In California, our policy mechanism, the California Women’s Agenda — CAWA, sends out electronic information and action alerts about the 12 critical issues identified in the BPFA with intersecting issues that include religion, globalization, and immigration. The e-alerts are sent to over 20 County Coordinators, 12 Policy Task Force Co-Chairs, and over 600 organizations in the State. CAWA potentially reaches more than one million women and organizations in California alone. Those women are very familiar with the work of the United Nations through WIN’s programmes. Nationally, WIN is a founding partner of United States Women Connect, an action network that has served as the anchor for the United States women’s agenda since 1996. At the time of this report, 30 states of the United States are members of the network that have the Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA) as a framework for advocacy. WIN has educated several states of the United States about the United Nations work for women. For more clarification or details on WIN’s programmes and operations, please visit the website www.win-cawa.org. From the “splash” page you can access the California Women’s Agenda (CAWA), the Global Circles and social media sites.

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

In 2006-2009, the organization convened multiple forums and calls to action on women’s and human rights issues all related to United Nations work on gender equality and Millennium Development Goals. It connects to women’s networks globally that include Brazil, China, France, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Norway, the Philippines and the United Kingdom. In 2006-2009, the organization focused on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of

Discrimination against Women. It has 20 counties signed on to that in California, and the San Francisco Commission on Women has led the country in implementing the Convention. A second priority issue for the organization has been economic development for women. One of its projects initiated in 2005 and brought to fruition in 2006-2007 is the Kayunga Land Project in central Uganda.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization exchanges curriculum, action plans and supportive materials that support the Beijing Platform issues and Millennium Development Goals issues.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As a founding partner of United States Women Connect, the organization has been principle in building and maintaining United States Women Connect as the anchor for a United States women's agenda that, working with the White House Council on Women, will once again craft a grass-roots agenda to be submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Globally, the organization's programme entitled "Calling the Circle" identified emerging women leaders in new and developing democracies such as Afghanistan and Uganda, linking them to the United States for intercultural leadership exchanges and constituency-building to promote women's full participation in their democracies and economies.
