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1. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Special, 1983

Introduction

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences is an international association established in 1963 to foster professional and scholarly activities in the field of criminal justice.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization promotes criminal justice education, research, and policy analysis within the discipline of criminal justice for both educators and practitioners.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's main United Nations representative attended three annual meetings of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna: the sixteenth session, held from 23 to 27 April 2007, the seventeenth session, from 14 to 18 April 2008, and the eighteenth session, from 16 to 24 April 2009.

The representative also attended the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women held in New York from 1 to 12 March 2010. The organization was also represented at the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, which was held in Vienna from 18 to 22 October 2010.

In 2010, at the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, which took place in Salvador, Brazil, representatives participated in the workshop on international criminal justice education for the rule of law, organized a workshop on violence against women, made presentations on two workshops and moderated a workshop on drug trafficking and links to organized crime.

Between 2007 and 2010, the main representative attended four meetings of the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme in Milan, Italy. In addition, in 2007, the representative was elected Chair of the Working Group on Violence against Women for the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council. In 2009, the representative was elected to the Advisory Council. During the reporting period, the main representative attended the bimonthly meeting of the Alliance of Non-Governmental Organizations on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in New York.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The main representative participated in two teleconferences in September 2010 between the Vienna Alliance of Non-Governmental Organizations on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and other international non-governmental organizations to discuss their role at the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, which was held from 18 to 22 October 2010 in Vienna.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization was unable to make any contribution.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization was unable to make any contribution.

Additional information

Because the United Nations remains the main venue for the organization to increase its international presence, its active involvement in United Nations activities has enhanced its international status. Consequently, the organization intends to continue its involvement and participation in United Nations activities in the future.

2. African Youth for Transparency**Special, 2007****Introduction**

African Youth For Transparency is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that envisions a world where young people take the lead in deciding and participating at all levels of development and policymaking as a changemaker, enabling a quicker and more effective response to social challenges.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to empower youth for positive development by strengthening cooperation with youth groups, individuals, organizations and initiatives committed to their development. The organization designs and implements educational, interactive capacity-building programmes targeted at developing the capacities and potential of all young people, promote social inclusion and encourage active citizenship. It envisions a world where young people take the lead as active participants in deciding change at all levels of development and policymaking; enabling a quicker response and effective change.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization changed its name in 2007 to Youth for Transparency International to accommodate growing concerns in its vision statement, reflecting a global platform where young people participate, inspire, identify areas of development and concerns in their different geographic regions/countries, take decisions and lead. Its name change is having a significant impact on the organization's projects and membership requests across the globe.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has undertaken activities to advance the achievement of the development agenda of the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations at large. In 2009, the organization organized the 4th Global Youth Conference on Democracy and Political Participation supported by the British Council in Lagos, Nigeria. Its objective was to acquaint participants with the elements of good

governance, representation and civic responsibility. The organization has continued to work with local organizations and international agencies in sustainable development to address issues in subsequent years.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization worked with local human rights and civil society organizations to mark International Human Rights Day at the United Nations office in Lagos, Nigeria. It also worked with other rights advocacy and faith-based groups to mark other United Nations days and events.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has not been able to cooperate much with the United Nations main bodies and is hoping to start attending events during the next reporting period. It hopes to designate personnel from Africa and North America as its representatives or advise professional volunteers abroad willing to use their resources to support its work.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has been able to contribute more to the implementation of United Nations programmes. It has started to raise and address the root causes of poverty in Africa through annual workshops/conferences on democracy, corruption, transparency and accountability.

3. All India Women's Education Fund Association

Special, 1999

Introduction

The All India Women's Education Fund Association was established in 1929 and its platinum jubilee was celebrated in 2005. The organization has the distinction of establishing in 1932 the first home science college for women in India in New Delhi, the Lady Irwin College. Its other institution is the Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Child Study Centre, which functions as the laboratory of the college for its undergraduate and doctoral students. The organization has also been involved in the past eight decades in promoting social developments activities, research studies, programmes for awareness generation, networking, lobbying for various policies and legislation to benefit the community. The organization has been working with the union and state governments and participating with various organizations, namely the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and Ford Foundation. The organization has also worked with corporate agencies to implement locally relevant programmes for the benefit of the community.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization manages the All India Women's Fund and promotes the education of women in India, in particular by:

- Promoting or aiding any schemes for the furtherance in all branches of education of women in India.
- Carrying out propaganda for the education of women in India.
- Promoting education for teachers at all levels and administrators and planners in agencies working for family and child care, better family living, environmental sanitation and health, with special emphasis on the development of rural families.
- Encouraging the production and publication of better textbooks and attractive and suitable literature in English, Hindi and other regional languages.
- Initiating schemes for undertaking research in educational material, methods of teaching and activities pertaining to preschool children.
- Providing for suitable housing accommodation for women teachers, especially in the rural area.
- Initiating schemes for vocational training and courses at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels and encouraging skills for self-employment through small-scale and home industries.
- Taking up issues relating to the health and nutrition of women and children, including those with HIV/AIDS.
- Taking up issues relating to the environment and climate change, as well as related programmes.
- Taking up development issues for sustainable development.
- Taking up issues such as violence against women, trafficking, and representation of women in elected bodies, from the local authority to the National Parliament.
- Taking up issues relating to economic empowerment and development, including trade within and outside the country and matters relating to the World Trade Organization.
- Taking up issues relating to conditions of work, remuneration, decent work, workers' welfare, skill development and other issues highlighted by the International Labour Organization (ILO).
- Taking up issues relating to agriculture and animal husbandry, particularly the use of improved technology for the management of agriculture.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has expanded its focus from education and skill development to larger issues of health, participation in governance, technology, leadership and achievement of prioritized national and universal goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has worked with UNIFEM on creating greater awareness of HIV/AIDS and violence against women in urban and rural areas of New Delhi and Haryana, India, in 2007 and 2008. The organization has instituted the annual Nina Sibal Award for the most outstanding non-governmental organization working on disability.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings: conferences of the United Nations NGO Informal Regional Network for four consecutive years in China; the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council held in Geneva in 2009; the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2008 and 2009; and meetings of the Commission on Sustainable Development from 2007 to 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has worked with UNIFEM on creating greater awareness of HIV/AIDS and violence against women in urban and rural areas of New Delhi and Haryana, India, in 2007 and 2008.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Over the years, the organization has had an impact on 20 villages, one urban slum, six primary schools, two colleges and two technical institutes and has reached out to nearly 1 million people.

Goal 1. The organization provided trainings on computers, cutting and tailoring, embroidery, bedside attendant work, dyeing and printing on fabric, food preservation, cooking, beauty culture, and growing of fruits and vegetables. This helped in skills development and economic empowerment.

Goal 2. The organization provided primary school education to informal groups and tuition for quality education.

Goal 3. The organization provided materials, including computers, sewing machines, fabric and cosmetics, for vocational trainings; reduced drudgery among women farmers; and provided non-formal education to school dropouts and women.

Goals 4 and 5. The organization organized health camps to create awareness of maternal and child health through distribution of vitamins and folic acid tablets and provision of medical check-ups; provided midwife training and practical training in local medical centres; organized immunization and child weight awareness programmes and demonstrations/lectures on the importance of eating a nutritious diet; introduced fruit and vegetable growing in village nurseries, food preservation techniques and storage of local produce; provided training on basic hygiene.

Goal 6. The organization held workshops on HIV/AIDS in urban colleges, rural areas and urban slums; provided training for construction of toilets in village households; sprayed insecticides to kill mosquitoes and other disease-causing insects.

Goal 7. The organization held awareness programmes and demonstrations on nutritious diet using local produce; provided sanitation training and use of hygienic toilets; organized training on water conservation methods; developed recreational facilities such as community games, parks and youth clubs; set up biogas plants by using cow dung to produce gas for use as fuel; vermicompost plants were set up, and organic manure produced was used in the fields.

Goal 8. The organization further developed an open trading and financial system.

Additional information

The organization aims to empower communities with greater awareness of quality of life, access to various programmes of the union and state governments and better information and knowledge.

4. All-Russian Society of the Deaf/All-Russian Public Organization of Persons with Disabilities

Special, 2007

Introduction

There have been no changes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no changes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

2007. A representative took part in the work of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations when the organization's application for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council was considered (New York, 21 January-3 February); and participated at an international conference on the theme "Linguistic rights of the deaf: Government support, research and use of sign language". The goal of the conference was to discuss the problem of legalization of sign language (Moscow, 22 and 23 May).

2008. Representatives took part in the signing ceremony of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by the Russian Federation at United Nations Headquarters from 22 to 29 September.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No activities have been undertaken.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization participated in various events and seminars of the United Nations information centre in Moscow.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities have been undertaken.

Additional information

2007. The organization participated in the work of the General Assembly and the seminar of the European Union of the Deaf on equal opportunities for all (Berlin, 4-5 May), 17th General Assembly of the World Federation of the Deaf and XV World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf (Madrid, 16-22 July).

2008. The organization participated in the work of the General Assembly and the seminar of the European Union of the Deaf (Lyons, France, 27-30 November).

5. Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst**Special, 2007****Introduction**

The Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst is an international non-profit scientific association under Belgian law engaged in the development, production and testing of catalyst and filter-based technologies for engine exhaust emissions control. This includes the development, testing and manufacture of autocatalysts, ceramic and metallic substrates, filters and catalyst-based technologies to control diesel engine emissions (especially particulates and nitrogen oxides) and specialty materials incorporated into the catalytic converters and filters.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization is a member of the World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations and the Working Party on Pollution and Energy, which meet under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Inland Transport Committee to develop harmonized emissions standards and global technical regulations. The organization also actively participates in the work of the Working Party on Pollution and Energy informal working group on retrofit emission control devices, including providing the secretariat for the group. The organization has also provided test data as input to assist the work of a number of Working Party on Pollution and Energy informal working groups, including the informal group on the particle measurement programme.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization's representatives attended the following meetings of the ECE Working Party on Pollution and Energy and its informal working groups: particle measurement programme, hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, fuel quality, worldwide harmonized light vehicles test procedure, environmentally friendly vehicles. The Executive Director attended the meetings of the World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations, and the Technology and Communications Officer joined the European Chemical Industry Council delegation and attended the 14th session of the International Maritime Organization Bulk Liquids and Gases Subcommittee, held in London from 8 to 12 February 2010.

The Technical Manager also participated in the meetings of the informal working group on worldwide harmonized light vehicles test procedure in Ann Arbor, Michigan, United States of America. These include the meeting of the informal subgroup on the development of the test procedure (13-15 April 2010) and the informal subgroup on the development of the harmonized driving cycle on 15 April 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization is a partner of and participates in the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization did not directly participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, as it focused its activities on the promotion of the harmonization of technical standards, test procedures and safety regulations which serve as a basis for other continents. As the organization is fostering and promoting the use of state-of-the-art technologies for the control of noxious emissions from mobile sources, it is contributing to cleaner air and to a reduction in the impact of air pollution on people's health.

Additional information

The organization provides technical and scientific information to the legislators and policymakers in the European Commission, the European Union member States and the European Parliament. At the same time, it provides information on legislative developments to its members. The motor industry is worldwide, but over the years emissions legislation has developed differently in Europe, Japan, the United States and other parts of the world. Efforts are made to harmonize new legislation through the United Nations to which the organization is contributing.

6. Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse

Special, 2007

Introduction

There have been no changes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse has enhanced the work of the Economic and Social Council in the international efforts towards demand reduction, treatment and rehabilitation, prevention, research and analysis. In support of the Council's priorities, the organization continued to draw attention to substance abuse as a social and economic global issue through various publications, speeches, workshops, studies, conferences and symposiums.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No activities have been undertaken.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives from the organization and its Chief Executive Officer contributed to and/or participated in United Nations forums related to international drug policy and promoting the participation and recognition of civil society in efforts to ameliorate the global drug situation, including the fiftieth to fifty-third sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

In particular, the Chief Executive Officer:

- Is a member of the Technical Advisory Group on Drug Dependence Treatment and Care.
- As Chair of the Vienna Non-Governmental Organization Committee on Drugs, reported on progress made on the implementation of the recommendations of non-governmental organizations concerning the Political Declaration and Plan of Action.
- As Vice Chair of the Vienna Non-Governmental Organization Committee on Drugs, created and led the Beyond 2008 forum and presented on behalf of all non-governmental organizations the Declaration and three resolutions at the fifty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.
- Held several planning meetings in 2009 with the Vienna Non-Governmental Organization Committee on Drugs, the World Health Organization and the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.
- In 2007 and 2008, contributed and attended various technical and field missions and visits with non-governmental organizations on the implementation of the Beyond 2008 consultations, including in Egypt; India; Macau, China; New Zealand; and Peru.
- In collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, created three pilot advocacy projects in Argentina, Senegal and Kyrgyzstan designed to take forward the Beyond 2008 Declaration and resolutions at the national level.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization engaged in the following activities:

- Provided technical assistance to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in 2009 and 2010 with respect to programmes on drug dependence treatment, prevention and engagement of civil society.
- Provided ongoing coordination assistance and leadership to the Vienna Non-Governmental Organization Committee on Narcotic Drugs between 2007 and 2010.
- Provided coordination and technical expertise in the area of civil society engagement to the International Narcotics Control Board in 2010.
- Initiated a relationship between Christopher Kennedy Lawford and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime at the fifty-third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, which subsequently resulted in his appointment as Goodwill Ambassador.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's activities focused on reducing the harm associated with alcohol and drugs. The organization has worked closely with all sectors and jurisdictions across Canada, building and fostering key partnerships, designing national action-oriented strategies based on evidence and implementing these strategies using best practices in knowledge exchange. In addition to its extensive contribution to the Vienna Non-Governmental Organization Committee on Narcotic Drugs, the organization provided national leadership and representation at the international level, sharing expertise and knowledge gained in Canada to inform and advance global efforts to reduce the harm associated with alcohol and drugs, which are recognized as a key component to a comprehensive health approach to addressing and supporting the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

7. China International Public Relations Association

Special, 2007

Introduction

China International Public Relations Association is a national association for the country's public relations industry. Established in April 1991, the organization has been accredited by the Ministry of Civil Affairs as a leading non-governmental organization in China. It is headquartered in Beijing, and its incumbent president is Li Daoyu, a former Chinese Ambassador to the United States.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's subordinate committees are composed of eminent public relations scholars, presidents of leading public relations companies and chiefs of provincial and municipal public relations associations. All committees perform their duties under the leadership of the organization. The organization focuses on conducting theoretical research, guiding public relations practices, devising development strategies for China's public relations industry and exercising industry self-regulation. It also works to forge close ties between Chinese public relations agencies and related organizations at home and abroad to help public relations professionals sharpen their competitive edge and develop a global vision. In addition, the organization is committed to facilitating public diplomacy, supporting international cooperation, offering consulting services to domestic and foreign organizations and promoting China's reform, opening up and economic development.

Significant changes in the organization

A number of executives of the organization completed their terms of office in 2010. Zhao Dali, Executive Vice-President and Secretary General, is currently in charge of the organization's secretariat.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization gives priority to ensuring the progress of China's public relations industry by strengthening exchanges with domestic and international organizations.

Consequently, it has focused on developing partnerships with the Government of China and social organizations in China. As a result, the organization did not participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its affiliated institutions. However, it has helped promote the development of the world's public relations industry by organizing, participating in and contributing to a wide range of activities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization hosted the 2008 International Public Relations Association Public Relations World Congress, which centred on the theme of using public relations to build harmonious relationships in the era of globalization. More than 700 representatives from around the globe attended the conference, where representatives discussed corporate branding, brand globalization and rejuvenation, emerging public relations markets, public relations education, public diplomacy, new media and online public relations. The organization organizes exchange visits with Japanese and American public relations associations to boost international communication within the industry. In addition, it provides services to multinational public relations companies in China to support their business development. Since 2005, the organization publishes a bimonthly periodical *PR Magazine*, which has been a bridge between the public relations industry in China and abroad. The organization also distributes brochures to participants of the annual sessions of the National People's Congress and the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. Its objective is to publicize the development of China's public relations industry and expand its influence on Government leaders and domestic and foreign media. The National People's Congress is China's top legislature, and the National Committee is the country's top political advisory body.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the Beijing Olympics, the World Expo in Shanghai and the Guangzhou Asian Games, the organization organized member agencies to provide public relations consulting services for event organizers and foreign companies in China to facilitate the smooth implementation of the events. It held the China University Students Public Relations Plan Contests in 2008 and 2010. The contests, which provided a platform for Chinese college students to show off their talent in public relations, gave impetus to the development of public relations education in China. In 2007 and 2009, the association sponsored the China Golden Awards for Excellence in Public Relations, which celebrated the achievements of China's public relations industry in recent years. The organization was granted an accreditation certificate by the Ministry of Civil Affairs in 2008, becoming one of the first national trade associations in China to pass the Ministry's assessments.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In the future, the organization will make greater contributions to the global public relations industry as it strengthens cooperation with various international organizations such as the United Nations.

8. Defence for Children International

Special, 1991

Introduction

Defence for Children International is an independent non-governmental organization that has been promoting and protecting children's rights for over 30 years. At the regional, national and local levels, the organization is active through its associated members and national sections in 43 countries across the globe. All national sections and associated members design their programmes according to the specific needs and priorities of the children in their respective countries, focusing on various areas of work, including juvenile justice, child labour, child participation and children in armed conflict. At the international level, the organization, through its international secretariat based in Geneva, focuses on lobbying, research, networking and advocacy work, as well as providing technical assistance and capacity-building to its national sections and other partners.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's work at the national, regional and international levels is directed by the principles enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. In accordance with the Convention and other relevant international standards and regional instruments, the organization's national sections develop actions in response to the issues affecting children's rights in their respective countries.

Significant changes in the organization

In October 2008, the organization held its triennial International General Assembly in Brussels, where it confirmed that its strategic priority for the following three years would be the issue of juvenile justice, with particular attention to the situation of children in conflict with the law. The organization has been chosen by the Committee on the Rights of the Child as the organization most suitable to follow up on general comment No. 10 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (children's rights in juvenile justice).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the period under review, through its international secretariat in Geneva and its representative to the United Nations in New York, the organization maintained regular contact with the United Nations and UNICEF, particularly in matters concerning the promotion and implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The organization provided inputs for the drafts of Human Rights Council resolutions on juvenile justice. It also participated in the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review and attended the following meetings: forty-fifth to fifty-fifth sessions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Geneva; the sixteenth annual session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice; and the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, held in Salvador, Brazil, in April 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in the fourth to fourteenth sessions of the Human Rights Council, which were held in Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Participated as a member of the Inter-agency Panel on Juvenile Justice, established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1997/30.
- Defence for Children International (the Netherlands) issued an annual report funded by UNICEF on the status of children's rights in the Netherlands.
- Defence for Children International (Palestine) has been implementing a project funded by UNICEF in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.
- Cooperated with the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children and actively participated in the lobby to create the mandate and to nominate Marta Santos Pais.
- Is collaborating with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, through its national sections (particularly in supporting country visits, as was the case of Defence for Children International (Palestine)) and providing inputs and information at the sessions of the Human Rights Council.
- Collaborates with human rights treaty bodies and special procedure mandates, such as the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, submitting reports whenever the Subcommittee visits a place where the organization has a section; the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery; the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent; and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 2

The organization published "Education in chains", an overview of the level of education in juvenile remand homes; several sections of the organization in Africa, Latin America and Europe work on teaching children's rights to children in schools and in remand homes; the organization contributed to the reports of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education for the part concerning education of children in conflict with the law and of migrant children. In June 2010, Defence for Children International (Belgium) participated at a side event organized by the Special Rapporteur on the right to education. The organization could not actively participate in the activities that took place in New York in 2010, as unfortunately it had only one person there, representing the organization on a voluntary basis.

9. European Disability Forum

Special, 2003

Aims and purposes of the organization

The European Disability Forum is a European umbrella organization representing the interests of 80 million persons with disabilities in Europe. Its members are organizations of persons with disabilities in 27 member States of the European Union and countries of the European Economic Area. The organization's mission is to bring full equality and social inclusion to all persons with disabilities through respect and promotion of the rights enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. To this end, the organization actively participates in policy development and campaigns on disability rights at the European Union level.

Significant changes in the organization

Following the adoption of the Convention, the organization has made its provisions the overarching standard for all of its work. The Convention's principles have defined the triennial work programme of the organization and its yearly work programme.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization attended the official signature ceremony of the Convention in New York on 30 April 2007 and measures its activities against the Convention's standard and their impact on the implementation of the obligations under it.

It has promoted the need for a prompt ratification of the Convention by the European Union and its member States and raised the importance of the Convention through all of the channels of the European Union, including the Council of Ministers, the European Parliament and the Commission. The Council's decision to ratify the Convention was adopted in November 2009.

At the first Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which the organization attended in September 2008, three European representatives nominated by their Governments and supported by their respective national disability councils — Hungary, Slovenia and Spain — were elected to serve on the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The organization took one of the leading roles in the work of the International Disability Alliance, the network of global and regional organizations of persons with disabilities. The organization actively participated in the definition of common positions, notably for the preparation of debates and input to the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the Human Rights Council and the treaty bodies.

The organization has also co-organized a number of events to promote specific rights protected under the Convention, including a seminar on education in June 2007 in Germany, a symposium on legal capacity in June 2009 in Brussels, a symposium on the Convention's implementation framework in October 2009 in Brussels, a seminar on reasonable accommodation in September 2010 in Brussels and a seminar on the European perspective on the Convention in November 2010 in Maastricht, the Netherlands.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended meetings of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities held in New York during the reporting period.

On 14 October 2009, the organization's representative spoke at the seminar organized by the OHCHR regional office for Europe in Brussels on strengthening United Nations-European Union cooperation in the struggle against all forms of discrimination.

On two occasions, the organization's representatives participated in the days of general discussion organized by the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Geneva: on 21 October 2009 on the right to equal recognition before the law and on 7 October 2010 on the right to accessibility.

On 1 July 2010, the organization participated in a round table with civil society organized in the framework of the meeting of the Chairs of the United Nations human rights treaty bodies.

On 27 and 28 October 2010, a member of the organization's Executive Committee participated in the seminar organized by the OHCHR regional office for Europe on human rights of persons with institutional care.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Regular exchanges with the OHCHR regional office for Europe on ending abuses of human rights of persons living in institutions were held throughout 2010.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In 2009, together with the International Disability and Development Consortium, the organization analysed the impact of the obligation under the Convention to include people with disabilities in all international cooperation work done by the European Union. A common position was agreed on between the organization and the Consortium and presented to the European Union Commissioner on Development in 2010. In 2008, the organization developed links with the Latin American Network of Non-Governmental Organizations of Persons with Disabilities and their Families (RIADIS) leading to capacity-building seminars supported by a member of the organization. Since 2009, the organization has participated in the Musawa project on capacity-building of organizations of persons with disabilities in the Arab region. The project is being led by the Arab Organization of Disabled People and Handicap International.

10. European Youth Forum

Special, 1999

Aims and purposes of the organization

In line with its aim of empowering young people to participate actively in society to improve their own lives, the European Youth Forum has developed significant work to contribute to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals,

particularly the Millennium Development Goals, and to the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth and other youth-related resolutions and conventions.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has facilitated and coordinated the representation of youth organizations at the General Assembly and other relevant conferences and has actively cooperated with United Nations bodies and agencies whose work is relevant to youth development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization attended the forty-fifth to forty-eighth sessions of the Commission for Social Development in New York. During the reporting period, the organization also participated as an observer at the sessions of the Third Committee of the General Assembly. It also took part in the expert group meeting on goals and targets for monitoring the progress of youth in the global economy, held in New York in 2007; and participated in meetings of the Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations between 2007 and 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization worked together with the United Nations Programme on Youth to promote the youth delegate programme and was actively involved in the consultation for input on the 2009 resolution on policies and programmes involving youth promoted by the Programme. As a member of the Alliance of Civilizations Youth Advisory Committee, the organization has cooperated in the implementation of the Alliance's youth programming. Furthermore, it continued to support the work of the Joint Programmatic Commission on Youth at UNESCO. In 2010, the organization also cooperated with UNFPA in carrying out an evaluation of its Global Youth Advisory Panel. The same cooperation was provided on new World Bank environment and education strategies. The organization has also developed joint efforts with United Nations bodies and agencies in promoting the International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding, mobilizing its member organizations to contribute to the objectives of the Year. The existing contacts with the United Nations Regional Information Centre for Western Europe, WHO, the International Organization for Migration, ILO and UNICEF were also furthered.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Contributing to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals is at the heart of the organization's work. It organized training days on the Goals in November 2007, as well as a round table on the role of young people and youth organizations in achieving the Goals. Moreover, the organization published the second and third editions of *Development Needs Youth*, aimed at providing more facts and examples on initiatives that youth organizations are taking in development. Reference should also be made to the work of the organization in raising awareness on development and environmental issues and its engagement in the international youth climate movement, including its adoption of a position paper on climate change on the theme "What kind of global climate deal does youth deserve?" in

2009. Also significant was the work developed within the issue of sexual and reproductive health.

11. Foundation for the Rights of the Family

Special, 1987

Introduction

The Foundation for the Rights of the Family is located in Madrid. It has an international secretariat with representatives across Africa, America, Asia and Europe. The accreditation of these representatives at United Nations offices is renewed at the beginning of each year.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's aims and purposes are mainly to enhance the basic functions of families in society. With this purpose in mind, the organization organizes and prepares meetings and documents related to activity in this field.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization attended the annual sessions of the Commission for Social Development between 2007 and 2010 and contributed written statements. It has prepared a survey on the family and human rights, a compilation of United Nations instruments and documents. The English survey has been translated into Spanish and updated. The organization is a member of the Vienna Non-Governmental Organization Committee on the Family, an organization in close contact with the United Nations Office at Vienna.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

On 28 January 2010, the organization held a meeting of experts on the family and the economic crisis. Some of the topics dealt with were the crisis of values, new forms of poverty, the crisis and immigrants, the role of the family in times of crisis, the family and the problems of education and the problems of drug dependency. The outcome of the meeting was shared with the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No activities have been undertaken.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities have been undertaken.

12. Franciscans International

General, 1995

Aims and purposes of the organization

Franciscans International is a non-governmental organization with general consultative status at the United Nations, uniting the voices of Franciscan brothers and sisters from around the world. It operates under the sponsorship of the Conference of the Franciscan Family and serves all Franciscans and the global community by bringing spiritual, ethical and Franciscan values to the United Nations and international organizations. Globally, the organization represents 800,000 people in 100 countries.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the work of the United Nations, particularly the Economic and Social Council, by focusing its work around the themes of peace, poverty and environment, through a human rights-based approach, to help achieve sustainable economic, social and cultural development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Through its three regional offices, in Bangkok, Geneva and New York, the organization participated in forums of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre and the Human Rights Council. It submitted 55 oral reports and 38 written statements and organized parallel events on human trafficking, domestic servitude, violence against children, freedom of religion, and torture.

It also participated in the following:

2007. The Tripartite Forum on Interfaith Cooperation for Peace.

2007-2009. Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting/Commission on Sustainable Development.

2009. Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; Commission for Social Development; joint statement on mining and sustainable means of production and consumption.

2007-2010. Commission on Sustainable Development, where it co-sponsored a side event with the Fresh Water Caucus (2009); Commission on the Status of Women.

2010. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Social Forum of the Human Rights Council on the theme “Climate change and human rights”; High-level Interactive Dialogue on Water; 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons; informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector; Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations.

In addition, the organization attended the United Nations Climate Change Conferences (Bali, Indonesia, 2007; Copenhagen, 2009; and Cancún, Mexico, 2010). It led a coalition of non-governmental organizations at the International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People (2009); co-chaired the Non-Governmental

Organization Subcommittee for the Elimination of Racism (2009); and submitted a statement at the Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations on the theme of disarmament (Mexico City, 2009).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the United Nations through the universal periodic review, submitting reports on 35 countries, in which it addressed indigenous peoples, refugees and asylum-seekers, migrant workers, women and children, persons with disabilities, the elderly, minority groups, extreme poverty, education, health, HIV/AIDS, housing, food and safe water, the environment, trafficking, torture and peace.

The organization submitted reports to United Nations human rights treaty bodies, including the Committee against Torture (2008-2009); the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2008-2010); the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (2008); the Human Rights Committee (2009); the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (2010).

The organization contributed to annual reports and visits of the Special Rapporteurs and submitted urgent appeals on the food crisis, violence, extrajudicial killings, evictions, armed conflict, women's rights, human rights defenders, trafficking and freedom of religion.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization is a member of the Non-Governmental Organization Working Group on the Millennium Development Goals and the Non-Governmental Organization Subcommittee for the Eradication of Poverty and holds dialogues with the ASEAN Regional Center of Excellence on Millennium Development Goals. In 2010, it organized a seminar on climate change and the Goals for the Commission for Social Development. In 2007, the organization published *World Poverty: Franciscan Reflections*, a book on the impact of poverty. It was a lead organization in drafting the guiding principles on extreme poverty and human rights. In 2008, the organization hosted a two-day consultation involving 13 non-governmental organizations and the independent expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty. It attended the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly (New York, 2010). In addition, the organization cooperated with Franciscans working at the grass-roots level, specifically on Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

13. Fund of Aid for Youth

Special, 2003

Introduction

Registered under the Ministry of Justice in 1994, according to 10 November 1992 Azerbaijan law concerning public entities, the Fund of Aid for Youth has been acting according to the country's legislation, international law norms and related regulations. The organization was created for the purpose of meeting the moral

needs of youth and lending a hand to youngsters and their families who suffered from the war.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To enable youth to develop morally and have a better future, the organization has been doing its utmost since 1994 by giving material support to youth, the elderly, handicapped, vulnerable, refugees, internally displaced persons and those in great need. The organization's aims include creating projects and/or programmes useful to the needs of youth, refugees and internally displaced people who suffered from the war which caused a million Azerbaijanis to flee their homelands; improving the knowledge, computer skills, language proficiency (Arabic, English, Russian) and accounting skills of youth; solving students' problems with regard to accommodation; developing moral values within youth and the elderly; launching youth training programmes for both intellectual and professional development of youngsters; conducting meetings concerning current problems that people are facing in educational areas and ways to solve them; maintaining close contact with international and regional organizations organizing or providing support to international and regional level conferences and seminars; and arranging summer courses for 10- to 18-year-olds who are not in school or at work.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has changed the amount of aid given to those who have suffered from war and were ousted from their homelands, as well as those suffering from poverty and lack of education, which in turn has had a great impact on the mission that the organization is focused on.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No activities have been undertaken.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Conferences and events organized by the United Nations offices in Azerbaijan are sometimes held in the conference hall of the organization.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization provided technical assistance to the United Nations and other specialized agencies in the implementation of their programmes, including conference hall space for their use.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to the Millennium Development Goals by providing technical and emergency assistance to Pakistan and Lebanon.

14. Global Action on Aging

Special, 2003

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Global Action on Aging has contributed to the development agenda of the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations in a number of ways. Between January 2007 and December 2010, the organization posted on its website some 5,230 scientific studies and news articles about older persons' health, pensions, exposure to armed conflict, and rural and urban housing, as well as other human rights topics, including human rights mechanisms. These materials, along with their short summaries in the six official languages of the United Nations, can be accessed by Internet users from all over the world.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the meetings of the Commission for Social Development: on 13 February 2007, it organized a side event on the theme "Disappearing pensions in rich countries"; on 8 February 2008, it produced a side event entitled, "What ageing NGOs can learn from the disability rights convention"; on 9 February 2009, representatives organized a side event session on, "Affirming the right of older persons to social protection"; and on 13 February 2010, the organization produced a side event panel on, "Regional perspectives on a new human rights instrument for older people". During the reporting period, it drafted and co-signed four joint statements on ageing issues with other non-governmental organizations that were submitted to the Commission.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat. Throughout 2007, the organization assisted the Department's Ageing Programme and UNFPA in securing reports from non-governmental organizations dealing with the issues of ageing on the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.

On 16 and 17 September 2008, a representative from the organization attended and spoke at the Follow-up Meeting to the December 2007 Brasilia Declaration. On 5 to 7 May 2009, the organization participated in an expert group meeting on the rights of older persons, held in Bonn, Germany, and provided research materials detailing the discrimination and abuse that older women face worldwide. On 5 and 6 October 2009, the organization attended a meeting called by the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre and the Population Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago to explore a human rights instrument on ageing. On 15 to 17 February 2010, the organization contributed to discussions and debates on maternal child health at a UNFPA activity meeting. On 9 June 2010, the organization advised scholars, at the invitation of UNFPA, and reviewed an early draft of a prospective handbook on the legal framework of human rights law affecting older persons worldwide. The meeting was held at the American University Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

As its main contribution to Goals 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Millennium Development Goals, the organization posted 434 articles and studies illustrating how poverty, gender inequality, inadequate health care and social isolation harm older persons in every world region. Between 2007 and 2008, the organization responded to the objectives by posting 132 articles to end poverty, with 158 articles on elders and HIV/AIDS, 69 postings detailing older women's gender equality issues and 35 articles on elders teaching children. The organization's staff addressed issues related to the Goals in nine public seminars, three lectures and other special events for the general public during the reporting period. Representatives engaged in intergenerational and international discussions on ageing issues as they recruited mostly young people to carry out research projects about the human rights of older persons. During the reporting period, the organization hosted interns from 26 countries and areas (Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Canada, Cambodia, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Lebanon, Palestine, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States). Their labour produced research and reports in the six United Nations languages and attracted 11,706,399 website hits in 2007; 14,049,138 hits in 2008; 13,924,390 hits in 2009; and 15,926,940 hits in 2010.

15. Heritage Foundation

Special, 2003

Introduction

There have been no changes.

Aims and purposes of the organization and its main course of action

There have been no changes.

Any change that had a significant impact on the organization

The organization amended its articles of incorporation and by-laws in December 2007 to add vision and mission statements, specify how it honoured donor intent and ensure that if it ceased to exist, all of its assets would go to another 501(c)(3) organization. The organization had 214 employees (temporary and salaried) as at 1 January 2007 and 268 as at 31 December 2010. Donor membership was 274,495 as at 1 January 2007 and 701,720 as at 31 December 2010. The annual fund-raising income budget was \$45,609,506 in 2007 (58 per cent from individuals, 5 per cent from corporations and 37 per cent from charities and foundations) and \$71,318,644 in 2010 (78 per cent from individuals, 5 per cent from corporations and 17 per cent from charities and foundations).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In addition to media interviews, opinion pieces, and weblogs, the organization researches and issues papers and hosts events on or related to the United Nations and its funds and programmes. In 2007, it was involved in 10 public events and

issued 37 papers; in 2008, 4 public events and 22 papers; in 2009, 4 public events and 35 papers; and in 2010, 5 public events and 30 papers.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2007. The organization attended the fourth session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 12 to 30 March, and its resumed sixth session, held in Geneva from 10 to 14 December.

2008. It attended the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 25 February-7 March); the forty-first session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (New York, 30 June-18 July); the eighth and ninth sessions of the Human Rights Council (Geneva, 2-18 June and 8-24 September); the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (New York); the forty-second session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (Geneva, 20 October-7 November).

2009. It attended the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 2-13 March); the Durban Review Conference (Geneva, 20-24 April); the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly (New York); and the United Nations Climate Change Conference (Copenhagen, 7-19 December).

2010. It attended the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 1-12 March); the forty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development (New York, 3-12 February); the Review Conference on the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Kampala, 31 May-11 June); and the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly (New York).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization was a member of the United States National Commission to UNESCO. Other examples of cooperation include:

- **2007.** It hosted the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (Washington, D.C., 21 May); and submitted a statement to the Human Rights Council.
- **2008.** It met with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (Monrovia, 14 November).
- **2009.** It submitted a statement at the Durban Review Conference (Geneva, 20-24 April).
- **2010.** It briefed representatives of United Nations organizations on the work of the Foundation (Washington, D.C., 11 January); submitted a statement to the Human Rights Council regarding the universal periodic review of the United States; met officials from the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and the United Nations Development Programme (Kabul, 21-27 June).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In addition to media interviews, opinion pieces and weblogs, the Foundation researches and publishes papers and hosts events on the Millennium Development Goals and related topics. In 2007, the organization was involved in four public events and two publications; in 2008, two public events and seven publications; in 2009, 1 public event and 13 publications; and in 2010, 3 public events and 12 publications.
