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1. Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII

Special, 2006

Introduction

The Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII is an international lay association of pontifical right, which is present in 29 countries on 5 continents. The Association has expanded its presence in Argentina, Burundi, France, Germany, Haiti and Portugal.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association aims to help its members to realize their Christian values trying to do the will of God throughout their life. The members experience life directly with the poor and disadvantaged and are committed to removing the root causes of poverty and exclusion and to representing the poor by actions. The Association runs hundreds of family homes and welcoming centres for marginalized people all over the world. It also runs cooperatives and day centres, therapeutic communities for drug users and centres for alcoholics, among others. Furthermore, it assists people displaced by war and carries out activities aimed at combating human trafficking.

Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, the only changes that have taken place in the Association are:

- (a) An increase in the number of associated members to 1,827;
- (b) Expansion of its areas of activity to include Argentina, Burundi, France, Germany, Haiti and Portugal. The presence of the Association in the territory of Kosovo has ended.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association submitted written statements to numerous sessions of the Human Rights Council during the reporting period and organized or co-sponsored a number of parallel events at those sessions on issues such as the right to health for HIV-positive children, international solidarity and human rights, the right to development and the Millennium Development goals. It also made oral statements at sessions of the Human Rights Council, including on the universal periodic reviews of Albania, Chile, Romania and Zambia.

The Association also took part in meetings of the Social Forum in 2011 and 2012, including serving as a panellist and giving a presentation on its experiences with participatory development in Zambia. It submitted written statements to the days of general discussion held by the Committee on the Rights of the Child during its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions, on the issues of the children of incarcerated parents and of the rights of all children in the context of international migration, respectively. The Association submitted a written statement on the right to education and the most vulnerable children to the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council in July 2011.

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

The Association contributed to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in Africa, Asia, Europe and South America. Major actions were as follows:

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

- Material and financial support provided to 24,449 persons and 402 families living under the poverty line in Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia
- A total of 1,367 families (especially women) empowered through microfinance to start small-scale businesses during the reporting period
- A total of 6,931 malnourished children treated and rescued from malnutrition in nutritional centres
- A total of 28,348 children fed in schools during the reporting period
- 14,214 persons fed through the “A meal per day” initiative
- About 25,792 children and 1,779 adults supported in public and community schools

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

- Provision of general medical care to 57,246 adults and children

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the Association took part in numerous events at the United Nations, such as regular and special sessions of the Human Rights Council, sessions of the universal periodic review, the high-level segment and annual ministerial review of the Economic and Social Council, the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS in 2011, the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals in 2010, meetings of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Social Forum and the open-ended working group on the right to development, the day of general discussion of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and meetings with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR) and the President of the Human Rights Council. Furthermore, the Association has sent several contributions, including those to OHCHR for consultation on a study on children’s right to health, to general comment No. 15 (2013) of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health, to the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants on the occasion of his visit to Greece (25 November to 3 December 2012) and to the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children on the occasion of her visit to Italy (12 to 20 September 2013).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2010, the Association has participated on a regular basis as an observer in meetings of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board. It also sent a written contribution to the draft UNAIDS strategy for the period 2011-2015.

Additional information

Operation Dove, the non-violent peace corps of the Association continues its presence in the area of the south Hebron hills on the West Bank. The Association took part in the open-ended working group on the right to development. On behalf of a coalition of Catholic NGOs, it submitted three joint contributions on the criteria and operational subcriteria for the implementation of the right to development. The Association is committed to mainstreaming human rights, including the right to development, as a contribution of civil society to the global debate for the post-2015 development agenda. Finally, in its actions to promote and defend human rights and for the capacity-building of its members, it has organized two online training courses in cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights in Padua, Italy. The courses dealt with human rights and the United Nations system and the rights of the child.

2. Ayande Roshan Nokhbegan Foundation

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Ayande Roshan Nokhbegan Foundation was founded in the Islamic Republic of Iran in 2000. It provides financial, moral and educational support to underprivileged students who study at technical and vocational training schools and State universities in the country. Its main goal is to provide students with skills and empower them through educational and training programmes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main aim of the Foundation is capacity-building, which is achieved by the distribution of educational bursaries and mental health promotion programmes. Students supported by the Foundation are carefully selected from deprived social classes. The goal of the Foundation is to raise qualified citizens, whose endeavours and achievements will serve as a guiding model for other youngsters in the country.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

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

In line with Millennium Development Goal 1, the Foundation empowers young men and women by providing secondary and university education and life skills training. Many students move on into employment and some have set up small businesses. Regarding Millennium Development Goal 3, promotion of female

education is a key issue. Of the total of 494 students supported by the Foundation over the last four years, the number of girls has been 329, or 67 per cent.

Regarding Millennium Development Goal 6, students acquire sex education and learn about safe sex and HIV/AIDS prevention among other things. Regarding Millennium Development Goal 7, the Foundation regularly invites speakers to educate students about responsibility towards the environment. Initiatives include waste sorting and dropping off recyclable waste at designated points. Planting and clearing waste in the mountains are other regular activities. The Foundation has also provided its students with a total of 100 computers, PCs and laptops, new and used. Internet connection has also been provided to students through cash stipends.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In the area of entrepreneurship development, the Foundation has offered technical and vocational training and has promoted an entrepreneurial culture. Students are encouraged to set up their own businesses instead of opting for public sector jobs. In the last few years, 18 boys and girls supported by the Foundation have set up small businesses in fields such as architectural services, glass cutting, mobile phone repair, home appliances repair and hair and beauty services. Another area of focus is workplace health and safety training. The youth are advised to use the necessary health and safety equipment, such as uniforms, gloves, masks and protective goggles at work, where required.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Foundation has a working relationship with the Kousha Organization, which supports child labourers in the Islamic Republic of Iran and cooperates with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Working children get training and educational support from the Foundation and its active youth.

3. Azerbaijan Women and Development Center

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Azerbaijan Women and Development Center is the first scientific and practical women's centre in Azerbaijan, established in 1994. The organization is national, with headquarters in Baku and several branches across the country.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The centre undertakes activities in health, environment, family planning/reproductive health, education, violence against women, gender issues and the empowerment of women, sustainable development and human rights. The organization develops and implements social projects and pilot programmes on the prevention of HIV/AIDS, breastfeeding, a healthy lifestyle, domestic violence and mother and child health care. Another aim of the organization is to carry out surveys, collect data and publish reports of all types, as well as directories, manuals, articles and leaflets. To achieve those aims and purposes there are 11 departments, 5 regional branches and 2 organizations, the Azerbaijan Child and Youth Peace Network and the Resource Center for Old People. Their activities are aimed at the

implementation of the decisions of the Madrid Plan of Action, in particular, the promotion of children's and elders' health and the protection of their rights. Moreover, the organization promotes cultural and social involvement and intergenerational solidarity as well.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In the reporting period, the organization participated in the following:

2010. Thirteenth session of the Human Rights Council.

2012. Non-Governmental Organizations Forum and the Ministerial Conference on Ageing of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe in Vienna from 18-20 September.

2013. Fifty-third session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, held in New York from 3 to 28 June and a capacity development workshop for the countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia on population ageing, organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in Kiev, from 17 to 19 September.

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

During the reporting period, the organization contributed to Millennium Development Goals 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Azerbaijan by providing educational and health services relating to reproductive health/family planning to 68,000 women and their families. The organization also continued to pay special attention to the human rights education of 37,600 schoolchildren and 670 elderly people.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A representative of the organization attended the thirteenth session of the Human Rights Council and discussed the role and rights of minorities. Representatives of the organization contributed to the special report of the Human Rights Ombudsman of Azerbaijan entitled "Status report on the protection and promotion of the rights of the elderly in Azerbaijan", in connection with the tenth anniversary of the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action. Representatives of the organization also participated in national thematic consultations on population and development organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Azerbaijan on reproductive health for the global development programme beyond 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization implemented the following projects:

- In collaboration with UNFPA Azerbaijan it assisted with a project on reproductive health and family planning at the community level in 2010
- In collaboration with UNFPA Azerbaijan, it organized awareness-raising activities and in the area of reproductive health and family planning at the community level in 2011

- In collaboration with UNICEF Azerbaijan and the Ombudsman's Office, it provided support to the Ombudsman's Office in 2012 and 2013

4. Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights

Special, 2006

Introduction

Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights is an independent, community-based non-profit organization which works to defend and promote the rights of Palestinian refugees and internally displaced people.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Our vision, missions, programmes and relationships are defined by our Palestinian identity and the principles of international law, in particular international human rights law. We seek to advance the individual and collective rights of the Palestinian people on that basis.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Through written and oral statements and the organization of side events, the organization took part in the thirteenth to twenty-fourth sessions of the Human Rights Council.

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

The organization took the following initiatives:

- Met with the International Council of Voluntary Agencies to discuss possible joint interventions with duty bearers to enhance the protection provided to Palestinian refugees fleeing Syria, Geneva, 31 October 2013
- Presentation on the right to self-determination at the World Social Forum, Dakar, 6-11 February 2011
- Participated in a workshop on the theme of "Palestinian refugees and their right of return" at the World Social Forum, in Tunis, 26-31 March 2013

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed as follows:

- 27 September 2011, Human Rights Committee submission on an NGO progress report on the implementation of recommendations of the universal periodic review on Israel
- 16 July 2012, reported on and participated in preparatory meetings for the 2013 universal periodic review

- 21 October-1 November 2013: seventeenth session of the universal periodic review and joint side event on 30 October
- 19 September 2012, meeting with the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in New York about humanitarian assistance and accountability towards refugees
- 28 January 2010, joint statement with UNRWA on the theme of “Humanitarian aid to subvert Palestinian refugee rights — not on our watch”
- Engagement with OHCHR and the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (14 and 15 June 2010 and 14 July 2012) in Amman
- Engagement with the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (14 and 15 June 2010 and 14 July 2012)
- 30 October 2013. Meetings with the Chief of the Middle East and North Africa section of OHCHR to enhance collaboration and with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on the development of data exchange on Palestinian refugees in States that are signatories of the 1951 Refugee Convention in Geneva
- Briefing note provided to the High Commissioner on Human Rights on the right of self-determination of the Palestinian people in light of Israel’s regime of occupation-apartheid-colonialism, 10 March 2011

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with United Nations bodies as follows:

- Active member of the protection cluster working group and the displacement working group led by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs since its creation. Participated in all regular and special meetings. Developed the 2011-2012 collective humanitarian and human rights strategy for the Occupied Palestinian Territory through participation in the Consolidated Appeals Process and the development of the needs assessment framework and response plan
- Conducted research under the title of “Survey of Palestinian refugees and internally displaced persons 2010-2012”, volume VII
- In 2010, updated the handbook entitled “Protection of Palestinian refugees — closing the protection gap”
- Applied international criminal law to Israeli treatment of the Palestinian people, 2011
- October 2012, submitted a position paper entitled “The recognition of Arab-Jewish refugees must not undermine the rights of Palestinian refugees”

5. Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication

Special, 2010

Introduction

Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication represents the community media sector to Government, industry, regulatory bodies, media and development partners. Its work has a strategic emphasis and the organization has been intensely involved in the community media sector with the Government, the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission and other strategic bodies. Its outreach extends to local, national and international forums for communicating knowledge for development. The strategy of the Network is to communicate in the public sphere.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Network aims to provide quick and low-cost access to global communication to people in rural areas so they can stay up to date. It organizes strategically important activities, studies and advocacy, so that populations in remote areas can have manageable communication facilities.

Significant changes in the organization

At present, 14 community radio stations are on air in the country, aiming to ensure empowerment and the right to information for the rural community. Altogether, they are broadcasting 1.5 hours of programming each day. Approximately 1,000 women and youth are working throughout the country as rural broadcasters. Community radio promotes dialogue between local elected representatives, the Government and NGO professionals to promote good governance. Community radio is also able to play an active role in disaster risk reduction.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2011, a representative of the Network attended a meeting of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

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

All the initiatives taken by the Network essentially comply with the Millennium Development Goals. By using community media effectively, its activities are particularly targeted at contributing to achieving the goals of 4.6 million people.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

By having special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council since 2010, the Network has been intensely working to contribute to achieving United Nations mandates. All its programmes and projects are dedicated specifically to supporting the action plan of the World Summit on the Information Society and the United Nations Convention against Corruption. It has been implementing projects in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), UNICEF and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) for the growth of the community media sector in

Bangladesh, besides implementing capacity enhancement projects for community media.

The Network observes World Press Freedom Day and World Radio Day every year and organizes different programmes, such as seminars, talk shows and rallies in partnership with community radio stations, government ministries and community-based organizations at the local and national levels.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In recent years, the Network has successfully implemented the following projects:

- Empowering communities: strengthening and building the capacity of community radio in Bangladesh from September 2010 to December 2011, supported by UNICEF Bangladesh
- Small-scale funding for consultation with radio listeners groups and the community from 26 June to 31 July 2012, supported by UNICEF Bangladesh
- Capacity-building of community radio personnel in Bangladesh from April 2010 to December 2010, supported by UNESCO
- Enhancing rural communication services for agricultural development through community rural radio, from December 2010 to December 2011, supported by FAO
- Flagship United Nations action for community radio in Bangladesh, completed in November 2013, supported by UNESCO

6. Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University

General, 1998

Introduction

Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University is headquartered in Mt. Abu, Rajasthan, India. Founded in 1936, it comprises a worldwide network of centres in 108 countries. The organization provides teaching and education in spiritual and moral values.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to clarify spiritual and moral perspectives on issues of personal, community and global concern; facilitate a greater awareness of the corresponding rights and responsibilities; foster sustainable human-centred development; support economic, social, environmental and human well-being and the promotion of gender equality.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following:

- Sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York from 2010 to 2013 and submitted written statements
- Sixteenth to nineteenth sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change, the Bonn Climate Change Conference in 2010 and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012, where it submitted a written statement and took part in parallel events and exhibits
- High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Youth, 25-26 July 2011, New York
- Regular sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, submitted oral statements and took part in parallel events
- High-level segment and the annual ministerial review of the Economic and Social Council on the theme of “Promoting productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty” 2-27 July, 2012 in New York and submitted a statement

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

Goal 1. Implemented sustainable yogic agriculture, a community-based farmer-driven agricultural research project aimed at poverty reduction, incorporating mind and heart-based meditation practices that increase crop yield and nutritional value and support family well-being.

Goal 3. Brahma Kumaris women play leadership roles as spiritual mentors and administrators. Free life-skills training programmes are offered to women in 108 countries on confidence and capacity-building, communication and decision-making and healing from domestic violence.

Goal 7. Promoted solar energy applications, including six large solar steam cooking and processing heat systems.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with United Nations bodies as follows:

- With the World Health Organization on the global plan for the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020
- With the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), on the project “India One” in Mt. Abu, India, implemented a research and development project of a 1 megawatt solar thermal power plant with 16 hours storage for continuous operation. This was supported by the Governments of India and Germany and findings were deployed to the Convention and UNEP
- Attended conferences and briefings of the Department of Public Information

7. Brazilian Foundation of America

Special, 2006

Introduction

The Brazilian Foundation of America was established in New York and has two primary goals: to provide benefits to Brazilian communities in the United States of America and abroad and to assist other non-profit organizations in the United States, Brazil and other countries to set up projects to aid children. The organization promotes and helps further selected charitable activities through financial assistance to various individuals, institutions and organizations to aid, encourage, stimulate, foster and promote education, sports and artistic and cultural activities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation supports initiatives in the United States, Brazil and other parts of the world where it is invited to contribute. All its programmes and projects support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. It helps educational NGOs, institutions, the private sector and individuals to establish partnerships. In time, those partnerships generate enough financial support to place the projects in practice. It implements self-sustaining programmes in the form of cooperatives or associations and shares those programmes with other organizations that want to replicate them in their communities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following:

- Sixth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 17-19 July 2013, in New York
- Tenth, eleventh and twelfth sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 2011, 2012 and 2013, in New York
- Fifty-fifth, fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, 2011, 2012 and 2013, in New York
- Forty-ninth, fiftieth and fifty-first sessions of the Commission for Social Development, 2011, 2012 and 2013, in New York

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

The Foundation is building a sustainable school in Guarapi in the State of Para, Brazil, to promote education and sustainable development. The first phase of the project has already been completed and work is under way on the second phase.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation has been utilizing the knowledge gained from all United Nations meetings and conferences to continue with its missions and goals.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Foundation was invited to assist the Co-Chair of United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012.

8. Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, an international NGO, has provided humanitarian relief to 87 countries. The core concept of Tzu Chi volunteers is “selfless giving” which benefits both the giver and the receiver of aid. When volunteers help to alleviate the suffering of others, they experience the joy of giving, eventually changing their attitude. Tzu Chi aims to eliminate inequality and achieve harmony in society, in the hope that the world can be at peace, free from disasters.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Through the missions of charity, medicine, education, humanitarian culture, international relief, bone marrow donation, environmental protection and community volunteerism, Tzu Chi provides humanitarian services to all, regardless of ethnicity, nationality or religion.

Significant changes in the organization

Between 2010 and 2013, Tzu Chi aid reached an additional 22 countries, mobilizing over 1 million volunteers to participate in relief efforts.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

From 2010 to 2013, representatives attended, hosted exhibits and organized parallel events at the following meetings:

- Sixty-third and sixty-fourth annual conferences of the Department of Public Information/NGOs, 2010 and 2011
- Fifty-fifth, fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014, respectively, in New York
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, 20-22 June, 2012
- Nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 11-22 November 2013 in Warsaw

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

Goal 1

Provided rice and goods for 400,000 people in famine-stricken villages in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. Distributed a total of 11,820 tons of rice relief to Haiti, Indonesia, Jordan, Lesotho, Mozambique, the Philippines, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Swaziland and Zimbabwe.

Goal 2

Built three schools in Indonesia, two schools in China, one school in Guatemala and three schools in Haiti as part of Tzu Chi relief projects.

Goal 3

Empowered over 7,000 South African women aid recipients to become self-sustainable through Tzu Chi skill training courses and community volunteer programmes.

Goals 4 and 5

In South Africa, provided care and relief for over 1,200 AIDS patients and served hot meals every day for 5,000 orphans.

Goal 6

Provided medical services for over 1.5 million patients in 34 countries.

Goal 7

Advocated for coexisting with the Earth and a reduction in carbon footprints.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed as follows:

- In 2010, after the earthquake in Haiti, the Foundation implemented a food relief programme, encouraging survivors to rebuild their communities. Volunteers also conducted free clinics, distributed material relief and set up temporary shelters
- In 2011, after the tsunami in north-eastern Japan, Tzu Chi volunteers entered the disaster area to provide material aid, including cash relief for over 90,000 households
- In 2012, after Hurricane Sandy in the United States, Tzu Chi volunteers provided goods and cash relief to over 25,000 households in New York and New Jersey
- In 2013, following Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) in the Philippines, Tzu Chi quickly launched a cash relief programme, motivating over 300,000 local people in Tacloban and Ormoc to clean up their communities. Tzu Chi also provided temporary schools, prefabricated classrooms and hot meals to survivors

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2007, in partnership with UNHCR, Tzu Chi has been implementing an ongoing education programme for children of refugees in Malaysia.

9. Canadian Federation of University Women

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Canadian Federation of University Women is a non-partisan, voluntary, self-funded organization with over 8,000 members in more than 100 clubs across Canada. Since its founding in 1919, the Federation has been working to improve the status of women and to promote human rights, public education, social justice and peace. It also administers nearly \$1 million annually in scholarships, fellowships and awards to support women in their pursuit of post-secondary education. It is the largest affiliate of the International Federation of University Women.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the Federation are to:

- (a) Promote high standards of public education in Canada, advanced study and research by women and a sound concept of lifelong learning;
- (b) Advocate for the advancement of the status of women, human rights and the common good locally, nationally and internationally;
- (c) Promote cooperation, networking, support and understanding among women;
- (d) Encourage and enable women to apply their knowledge and skills in leadership and decision-making in all aspects of the political, social, cultural, educational and scientific fields.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2012 the Federation adopted new articles and by-laws in accordance with the Canada Not for Profit Corporations Act S.C. 2009, c.23, which governs the organization, its management and operations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the Federation participated in the fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth, fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013, respectively, in New York. Representatives organized parallel events at the fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions, including on the themes of “Gendering the United Nations Convention Against Torture”; “Women’s right to freedom from the violence of prostitution and to universal primary education by 2020: in peril for Afghan girls”. At the fifty-sixth session of the Commission, the Federation also submitted a written statement and made an oral statement during the general discussion.

The Federation submitted a shadow report for the second universal periodic review of Canada and representatives attended a meeting of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review on 26 April 2013 in Geneva.

The Federation also submitted a shadow report for the sixth periodic report of Canada on the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading

Treatment or Punishment and attended the forty-eighth session of the Committee against Torture on 21 and 22 May 2012 in Geneva.

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

The activities of the Federation support the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach. The Federation partnered with CARE Canada to raise funds for their maternal health initiatives.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Federation monitors the implementation by Canada of a number of United Nations conventions, resolutions and agreements, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Security Council resolutions on women, peace and security, the Beijing Platform for Action and the Programme of Action agreed at the International Conference on Population and Development. Where Canada has failed to fully implement conventions, resolutions and agreements, the Federation has pressed for further action from the Government.

During the reporting period, the Federation has continued its active participation in the sectoral committee on education at the Canadian Commission for UNESCO.

Annually, the Federation observes and raises awareness of United Nations international designated days, namely the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Human Rights Day, International Women's Day, International Day of the Girl Child, International Day of Older Persons and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Other issues that have been the focus of the work of the federation during the reporting period include access to education; unpaid care work; violence against women and girls; human trafficking; women's economic security and poverty; housing and homelessness; pay equity; financial literacy; statistics disaggregated by gender; gun control; women and girls' rights in Afghanistan; rights of persons with disabilities; access to medicines; and environmental sustainability and climate change.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

10. Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network is a not-for-profit corporation with charitable registration, which defends and promotes the health and other human rights of people living with HIV and those communities particularly affected by HIV, in Canada and internationally (including Eurasia and sub-Saharan Africa), in collaboration with a wide range of partners.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Network promotes the human rights of people living with and vulnerable to HIV and AIDS, in Canada and internationally, through research and analysis, advocacy and litigation, public education and community mobilization. Its vision is of a world in which the human rights and dignity of people living with HIV/AIDS and those affected by them are respected and fulfilled and where laws and policies facilitate HIV prevention efforts, as well as care, treatment and support for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2012, Canada cut by two thirds the funding received by the organization under the federal AIDS strategy, significantly affecting the overall budget, staffing and work capacity of the organization, leading to the discontinuation of multilingual, global resources on HIV and human rights. In 2014, the organization was issued a certificate of continuance continuing its legal status under the new federal law on not-for-profit corporations and also adopted a new set of by-laws consistent with the new law. In 2014, the organization signed a memorandum of understanding regarding collaboration with the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS for joint programmatic work in defending and advancing the human rights of women living with HIV/AIDS.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Network participated as follows:

- Submitted numerous joint written and oral statements to various United Nations meetings, including the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 1-12 March 2010 in New York and the fourteenth, sixteenth and nineteenth sessions of the Human Rights Council in 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively. It also participated in the seventh session of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee from 8-12 August 2011
- Submitted reports to the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review regarding Armenia, Canada, Georgia, Malawi, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, Thailand, Ukraine and the United Republic of Tanzania
- Submitted a report to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights regarding Kazakhstan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan
- Submitted a report to the Committee against Torture regarding the Russian Federation
- Participated in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and related side events in 2011 in Vienna

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

The Network took the following initiatives:

- Contributed to the work of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria to incorporate human rights into its new strategic plan and operations through (a) publication of research reports and (b) participation in the Partnership Forum 2011

- Raised public awareness regarding HIV and human rights through, inter alia, (a) annual national symposiums on the subject, (b) annual World AIDS Day activities, (c) activities at biennial international AIDS conferences and (d) ongoing advocacy with policymakers and through the media

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the Network published various research reports on human rights issues related to HIV, including non-discrimination, torture, freedom of expression, access to information, the right to health, the right to benefit from scientific advancement and the right to privacy.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Network cooperated with United Nations bodies as follows:

- Collaborated with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Regional Office for Central Asia in finalizing and launching a joint six-country report regarding legislative and policy reforms to strengthen the response on HIV in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
- Submitted information in reply to a questionnaire from OHCHR on HIV and human rights
- Contributed technical expertise to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Global Commission on HIV and the Law in the preparation of the report of the Commission in 2012, as well as a submission specifically regarding Canada via one of the regional dialogues held by the Commission. Also contributed expertise to a meeting convened by UNDP in 2013 focused on follow-up regarding the recommendations of the Commission on access to treatment
- Researched and prepared, and then co-published with UNAIDS in 2013, the first international handbook for judges on HIV, human rights and the law, commissioned by UNAIDS
- Made joint submissions and appeals to special rapporteurs of the Human Rights Council regarding sexual orientation and gender identity concerns
- Participated in international expert consultations convened by the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment regarding (a) torture in health-care settings and (b) revision of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners
- Signed an agreement with UNAIDS to assume, as of December 2013, the role of secretariat to the UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights

11. Center for Policy Studies

Special, 2010

Introduction

PIR Center for Policy Studies (Russia) is an independent NGO which carries out research, outreach and educational activities in security and development. The Center brings together over 80 experts from over 20 countries in all major world regions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are as follows:

- Contribute to strengthening the international security, non-proliferation regime, international cooperation in nuclear, space, information and other spheres
- Educate and train a new generation of experts in international security and development
- Disseminate information about soft and hard security, in order to ensure conditions for the peaceful development and use of nuclear energy, cyber technologies and other new technologies

Significant changes in the organization

In 2011, the Center launched a major new programme on the theme of “International information security and global Internet governance”.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

From 3 to 28 May 2010, the Center participated in the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in New York. The Center launched a white paper entitled “NPT-2010: strengthening the regime”.

From 30 April to 11 May 2012 and 22 April to 3 May 2013, the Center took part in the first and second sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in Vienna, Geneva and New York.

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

Starting in 2011, the Center carried out activities corresponding to Millennium Development Goal 8 regarding access to new technologies in the framework of its programme “International information security and global Internet governance”. On 10 December 2013, the Center, in cooperation with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Centre at MGIMO University in Moscow held an international seminar on the theme of “Russia-ASEAN common agenda in cyberspace: tackling global threats, strengthening cybersecurity, developing cooperation”. In July 2012 and 2013 cyber modules, with lectures and seminars on cybersecurity, Internet governance and the role of information and communication technologies for global development were conducted in the framework of the Center’s international summer schools on global security.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Center promotes education on non-proliferation, disarmament and the peaceful use of nuclear energy in Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States. It promoted education and training in accordance with the recommendation in Action 22 of the report of the 2010 Review Conference of Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (see NPT/CONF.2010/50, vol. I) to put into practice the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (A/57/124) regarding the United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education. Those activities were implemented in cooperation with the United Nation Office for Disarmament Affairs the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organizations. In addition, 90 young experts took part in the main training projects of the Center (international summer school and internship) and more than 300 students took part in classes organized by the Center in the reporting period.

The Center works with the facilitator of the Conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction and provides research and organizational resources to support the activities of the facilitator.

The Center develops research and education activities on global Internet governance and cyber technologies with the purpose of creating international legal, political and economic conditions for their efficient and secure use. On 30 May 2013, the Center conducted an international seminar on the theme of “Internet governance after the World Conference on International Telecommunications 2012: mapping key global trends and assessing Russia’s national interests”.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

On 25 April 2013, the Center with the support of the Library of the United Nations Office at Geneva, held a presentation of its report entitled “Ten steps towards a weapons of mass destruction-free zone in the Middle East”.

12. Centre for Public Health

Special, 2010

Introduction

The aims and objectives of the Centre for Public Health are to create awareness of and educate the public about HIV/AIDS; accommodate the victims of HIV/AIDS in a place for care and support; assist people living with HIV/AIDS by providing antiretroviral drugs, food and support to their dependents; organize workshops, seminars and symposiums on health education; create AIDS, health and malaria clubs in schools; educate people on common first-aid treatment for victims of natural disasters; form support groups for various diseases; increase immunity against preventable childhood diseases; reduce the mortality rate from infectious diseases in Nigeria; and tackle the burden of cancer in Nigeria through creating awareness of the disease.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Centre aims to assist the victims of torture; establish schools for abandoned children/street children and vulnerable groups; establish radio and television stations, magazines and newspapers to help in the enlightenment programme; and establish institutions for the training and retraining of health workers.

Significant changes in the organization

The Centre established a chapter in New York and is in the process of registering another chapter in Sweden.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- 2011. Sixty-fourth annual Department of Public information/NGO conference on the theme of “Sustainable societies, responsive citizens” on 3 September 2011 in Bonn, Germany
- High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the rule of law at the national and international levels, 24 September 2012 in New York
- Fifth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities from 12-14 September, 2012 in New York
- 2013: Major Groups and Other Stakeholders briefing, 22 September 2013 and the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on disability and development, 23 September 2013 in New York
- Side event on sustainable cities, 23 September 2013 and the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities, 23 September 2013, New York

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

The organization took the following initiatives:

- Subsidized treatment for mothers and children to improve maternal and child health in Abia and Imo States, Nigeria
- Established the Treasure International school in south-eastern Nigeria to contribute to universal basic education for the underprivileged
- Created an awareness campaign through radio and television programmes and seminars on infectious diseases, malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS
- Distributed 10,000 flyers on the importance of voluntary blood donation and assisting accident victims and pregnant women in need of blood

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the work of the United Nations as follows:

2013. Awareness campaign on the impending epidemic of non-communicable diseases such as hypertension and diabetes at the headquarters of Umuahia South

Local Government Area, Abia State, 20 to 22 May 2013. Trained 400 mothers in Njaba Local Government Area, Imo State, on the importance of a balanced diet for children.

2011. Celebrated World Health Day through a phone-in radio programme at the Abia State broadcasting corporation (BCA). Trained 100 community leaders in Agulu Aniocha Local Government Area, Anambra State, Nigeria, on the importance of gender equality.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

13. Child Care Consortium

Special, 2006

Introduction

The Child Care Consortium, based in Chennai, India, promotes peace.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its aim is to alter the course of human introspection on love, peace and justice around the world for transformation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

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

On 8 February 2013, the Consortium submitted a statement to the annual ministerial review of the Economic and Social Council on the ongoing and emerging challenges for meeting the Millennium Development Goals in 2015 and for sustaining development gains in the future.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the work of the United Nations as follows:

- Submitted a statement to the annual ministerial review of the Economic and Social Council, July 2012, in New York
- Submitted a written statement to the 2013 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, July 2013, in New York

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

14. China International Council for the Promotion of Multinational Corporations

Special, 2006

Introduction

The China International Council for the Promotion of Multinational Corporations is engaged in work related to multinational corporations. It is well-known all over the world for successfully organizing the World Economic Development Declaration Conference and issuing the globally unique World Economic Development Declaration. The organization works not only in China but also other countries with relevant businesses.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to promote the growth and development of multinational enterprises and to facilitate exchange and cooperation between Chinese and foreign multinational corporations. Relying on the support of the Government, the organization takes multinational corporations as its main clients. It has organized more than 10 large-scale conferences in cooperation with related Chinese ministries and commissions, international organizations and chambers of commerce, such as the World Economic Development Declaration Conference, a high-level international conference on the Millennium Development Goals, a conference on the economic and trade talks of Sino-US large-scale enterprises, a talk on China's economic situation and round tables for the leaders of multinational corporations. The organization has also built a platform of cooperation and exchange for relevant international organizations, multinational corporations and Governments of other countries. At the same time, it has helped multinational corporations to mediate and solve many disputes. Furthermore, it has submitted important suggestions to the Government of China.

Significant changes in the organization

As the focus of the organization has changed from research to providing services for enterprises, it was renamed the China International Council for the Promotion of Multinational Corporations on 8th December 2009, with the approval of the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Civil Affairs and the State Council of the People's Republic of China.

After renaming, the organization redefined its business scope as follows:

- (a) Foster, support and promote the development of Chinese multinational corporations and facilitate the healthy growth of Chinese companies in overseas markets;
- (b) Promote the healthy development of foreign multinational corporations in China and exchange and cooperation between Chinese and foreign multinational and large-scale enterprises;
- (c) Hold large-scale international conferences and exhibitions entrusted to it by the Government or according to the needs of the market and industry; set up interactive platforms for Chinese and foreign multinational enterprises; carry out international exchange and promotion activities and provide constructive and guiding advisory services for Chinese and foreign multinational corporations;

(d) Provide legal services for Chinese and foreign multinational enterprises on science and technology, as well as network information services and various types of professional training; edit and publish relevant newspapers, periodicals and books according to the relevant regulations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in:

- United Nations Global Compact Leaders Summit and tenth anniversary celebrations of the Global Compact, 24 and 25 June 2010, in New York
- Nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, May 2011, in New York

It organized the fourth, fifth and sixth round tables for leaders of multinational corporations, co-sponsored by UNDP, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), UNEP and the United Nations Global Compact Office, in 2010, 2012 and 2013, in Beijing on the theme “Promote multinational corporations’ investment, strengthen corporate social responsibility and facilitate sustainability development”.

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

In support of Goal 8: global partnership, the organization has successfully held six round tables for leaders of multinational corporations with the above-mentioned United Nations agencies and entities.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

With UNDP, UNCTAD, UNIDO, UNEP and the United Nations Global Compact Office, the organization has successfully held six round tables for leaders of multinational corporations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As described above, the organization has successfully cooperated with UNDP, UNCTAD, UNIDO, UNEP and the United Nations Global Compact Office.

On 28 November, 2011, the Global Compact Network China, led by the China Association of Enterprises and China National Petroleum Corporation, was officially established and the organization was invited to be a member of the Presidium. Based on international conventions, the organization, together with other members, initiated 10 principles relating to human rights, labour, environmental protection and corruption. The organization is committed to facilitating the healthy development of enterprises and building an inclusive and sustainable global economy.

15. China Society for Human Rights Studies

Special, 1998

Introduction

The China Society for Human Rights Studies, founded in January 1993, is the largest national NGO in the field of human rights studies in China, where it mainly works.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The activities and tasks of the Society include studying the theories, history and status of human rights in China and overseas; engaging in relevant international exchanges and cooperation; and raising awareness. The Society has organized a series of academic seminars and monographic researches and published a number of academic books on human rights-related subjects such as a human rights almanac of China, 30 years of opening-up and human rights development in China, development, security and human rights, a human rights Blue Book, and so on. The organization has held training classes on human rights for civil servants at all levels in order to disseminate basic human rights knowledge. It established the China Human Rights Net in 1998 and publishes the bimonthly magazine “*Human Rights*” in both Chinese and English. It regularly publishes the research report “China’s human rights in action” and the “Yearbook of China’s human rights”.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- 2010. The Society attended the thirteenth session of the Human Rights Council from 13 March to 20 March in Geneva
- 2012. The Society attended the nineteenth session of the Human Rights Council from 27 February to 23 March in Geneva and submitted a written statement to OHCHR
- 2013. The Society attended the twenty-second session of the Human Rights Council and actively participated in parallel events to introduce the progress and development of China’s protection and promotion of human rights from 25 February to 22 March 2013 in Geneva
- The Society attended the second cycle of the universal periodic review of China and raised the NGO shadow report on China. It also held a seminar in Geneva on the theme of “Human rights in China: an integrated approach” during the reporting period

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

The organization contributed to the Millennium Development Goals in China. Major actions undertaken focused on Goals 7 and 8.

Another initiative, entitled “Global proposal for the elimination of the discrimination and prejudice against leprosy patients and recovery patients” was raised by the Society in an international symposium at Beijing University.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization took an active part in conferences and forums of the United Nations, including sessions of the Human Rights Council and core treaty bodies, such as the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Society took part in sessions of human rights treaty bodies, such as the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Additional information

As the leading academic organization and biggest human rights NGO in China, the Society played a consultative role in the drafting and evaluation of the national human rights action plan of China (2012-2015).
