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## **1. Association mondiale de psychanalyse du champ freudien**

**Special, 2011**

### **Introduction**

The Association mondiale de psychanalyse du champ freudien seeks to promote the diffusion and development of psychoanalysis throughout the world. It supports the teaching of psychoanalysis, as well as research and the continuous updating of psychoanalytical doctrine and its applications.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The Association carries out educational activities to promote the dissemination of psychoanalysis throughout the world and supports the establishment of free consultation centres to provide psychoanalytical treatment to all who need it. The Association likewise supports the development of mental health legislation in a number of different countries.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

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

The Association has contributed to the activities of the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations over the past several years through the submission of written statements to:

- The session on “Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls” of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 4 to 15 March 2013
- The High-level Segment of the Economic and Social Council, held in Geneva from 1 to July 2013
- The session on “Achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women” of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 9 to 20 March 2015

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

No participation was specified.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

No cooperation was specified.

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

The Association helped to free two female psychoanalysts who had been captured and imprisoned in Syria and Iran. The organization is in the process of creating an observatory on the question of Islamism in the countries where it runs schools, in the light of the evolution of this phenomenon in traditionally Islamic countries.

## **2. Association Nationale Al Hidn**

**Special, 2007**

### **Introduction**

The Association Nationale Al Hidn — A.N.H. is a national association in Morocco to promote cultural and social development of women, children and the family.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The association's major goals are: the cognitive and legal rehabilitation of women to engage effectively in social, economic and political development process of the country; the empowerment of the family by strengthening family ties and maintaining family cohesion; and the contribution to a sound upbringing of children in the framework of citizenship's values and education based on values.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

The association has been granted public utility status.

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

- Al Hidn attended the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 22 February to 4 March, 2011 where it submitted oral and written statements.
- It attended the CSW in New York, 27 February to 9 March, 2012), and organized a workshop on “Capacity building for rural women”, and also submitted a written statement.
- It attended the CSW in New York, 4 to 15 March), 2012, and submitted a written statement.
- It attended the CSW in New York, 10 to 21 March 2014, and submitted a written statement.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Al Hidn attending the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in New York, 1 to 19 September, 2014);

It participated at the 9th African Regional Conference on the Beijing+20 Review, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 17 to 19 November, 2014.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Al Hidn contributed written statements to the 2011 and 2012 High Level Segments of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

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

In support of Goal 1 to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, the organization empowered widows through income generating projects.

In support of Goal 2 to achieve universal primary education, it distributed school bags and supplies to 500 pupils, provided a scholarship programme for

brilliant and disadvantaged students, and developed programmes for students in difficulty in order to combat dropout and addiction issues.

In support of Goal 3 to promote gender equality and to empower women, it organized study days, seminars, colloquium and forums on women and family, and a mentoring programme for widows.

### **3. Association of United Families International**

#### **Special, 1999**

##### **Introduction**

United Families International (UFI) is a public charity devoted to maintaining and strengthening the family as the fundamental unit of society. By strengthening the family, the basic building block of society; communities, states and nations are strengthened.

##### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

UFI is dedicated to promoting law, public policies and programmes that support families at the local, national and international level. The main thrust of efforts at the United Nations focus on education. It engages in educational efforts in the developing world in HIV/AIDS prevention, primary education, and child/maternal mortality reduction. It works directly through the United Nations system to educate United Nations ambassadors and delegates on root policies affecting the family.

##### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

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

UFI submitted written statements at the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) on “Family, Parents, and Religious/Ethical Values: A Key to the Programme of Action,” 7 to 11 April, 2014, which was also submitted to the General Assembly the same year. It hosted events to celebrate the International Year of the Family in several cities in the United States in 2012 and 2013, drawing approximately 350 attendees annually. UFI established the “Stay Alive” programme in five countries in sub-Saharan Africa to teach children techniques to avoid contracting HIV/AIDS.

##### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

UFI participated in the following meetings:

- ICPD, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014;
- Commission of the Status of Women (CSW), New York, in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014; UFI also organized side events, including an event on “Eliminating Violence Against Women & Girls: What the Research Says” at the 2013 CSW, and on “Helping Girls Achieve their Aspirations” and “Sustainable Families: Sustainable Societies” at the 2014 CSW. It also organized an event on “The

Family and the Sustainable Development Goals” Sponsored by Mission of Qatar in 2014.

- Commission for Social Development (CSocD), 2013 and 2014.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization’s activities do not focus on specific initiatives in cooperation with United Nations bodies, but rather on supporting the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach.

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

United Families International participated in the development, preparation and release of the book on best practices on “The Family & the MDGS: Using Family Capital to Achieve the Goals.”

### **4. Association of War-Affected Women**

#### **Special, 2011**

##### **Introduction**

The Association of War-Affected Women (AWAW) aims to promote a peaceful and prosperous Sri Lanka where all its peoples can live with dignity and enjoy equal rights.

##### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

AWAW works towards strengthening democracy, women’s advancement and equal participation in order to achieve sustainable development and lasting peace in Sri Lanka.

##### **Significant changes in the organization**

Association of War Affected Women (AWAW) was incorporated in New York City as a non-profit on March 31, 2014.

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

- In support of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820, AWAW conducted training programmes nationwide for local law enforcement officers, politicians, civil security members, health officials and University students to enhance security for women and girls in post-war Sri Lanka in 2012 and 2013.
- It prepared a training module and provided Training of Trainers on resolution 1325 in 2013 and 2014.
- It drafted and launched an “Advocacy Roadmap for the full implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325” in Sri Lanka in 2014.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

AWAW attended the following meetings:

- Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, in 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- Discussions and events on United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 at United Nations, New York, 31 October to 6 November, 2012, 15 April, 17 May and 31 October, 2013, and 31 July 2014.
- Discussions and events on the Post-2015 Development Agenda at the United Nations in New York, 20 June 2012, 6-7 March, 24-25 April, 9-10 June and 18 July, 2014.
- Fifth session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing (ICESD), New York, 4 to 18 August, 2014.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

- AWAW collaborated with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Ministry of Defence of Sri Lanka on a proposal to train Sri Lankan peace keepers and service personal on gender sensitive peacekeeping and to train women-only contingent for peace keeping in 2011.
- AWAW participated in reviewing the training curriculum of peacekeepers with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Bangkok, Thailand, 8 to 21 November, 2013.
- It facilitated a meeting with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human rights and women affected by war to discuss the situation in post-war Sri Lanka on 30 August 2013.

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

- In support of MDG 3 to promote gender equality and empower women, AWAW undertook an advocacy campaign to ensure a 33% quota to increase women's political representation in Sri Lanka in 2013.
- It implemented a project on capacity building for women community leaders, trained 375 women from 25 Districts to run for local government elections, and conducted 5 voter-awareness /education workshops for 250 women and men in 2012 and 2013.
- It drafted the section on United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 to be incorporated in the national action plan for women for Sri Lankan Women's Agenda on Peace, Security and Development, and presented it to the Government of Sri Lanka in 2012.

## **5. Association of World Reindeer Herders**

**Special, 2011**

### **Introduction**

Association of World Reindeer Herders (WRH) is a unique people-to-people collaboration network that unites 26 different indigenous reindeer herding peoples in 10 countries.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

It promotes professional, commercial and cultural contacts between reindeer herding peoples and disseminates information about reindeer husbandry by organizing conferences, workshops and projects.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

At the 5th WRH Congress in China in July 2013, Scotland became a member of the organization. Accordingly, there were amendments to the statutes of the organization.

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

WRH focuses on sustainable development of reindeer husbandry. It contributed to the work of United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) by making statements on issues related to indigenous people's rights. It also contributed to Special Reports on climate change and land use change.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

WRH attended UNPFII sessions in New York in 2011 and 2012.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

- The organization cooperated with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on climate change issues by participating in a workshop on Indigenous Peoples, Marginalized Populations and Climate Change: Vulnerability, Adaptation and Traditional Knowledge (IPMPCC) on 19-21 July 2011, in Mexico.
- WRH also cooperated with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to develop Nomadic Herders Project which aims to promote sustainable development principles and resilience thinking into regional management of biodiversity and land degradation in the form of loss of reindeer pastures in the vulnerable taiga and tundra areas across the Arctic and Sub-Arctic regions.

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

- The organization contributed to MDG 3 through an Arctic Council Project on Indigenous Youth, Climate Change and Food Culture which focuses on the key role of women in adapting to and sustaining the food cultures of Arctic indigenous peoples as a means of adaptation to Arctic change.

- It promoted sustainable development and regional management of biodiversity as a means to focus on adaptation needs of Arctic indigenous communities in view of climate change.
- In support of MDG 7, it promoted conservation of biodiversity and ensured the protection of reindeer pastures and indigenous peoples' livelihoods in Russia and Mongolia.
- In support of MDG 8, WRH undertook a feasibility study on potential uses of new information and communication technology (ICT) applications in nomadic societies of the Arctic indigenous reindeer herding peoples, which had never been attempted before.

## **6. Association pour le développement économique, social, environnemental du nord**

### **Special, 2003**

#### **Introduction**

The Association pour le développement économique, social, environnemental du nord (ADESEN) was founded in 1997 in Saint-Louis, Senegal.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aims and purposes of ADESEN are to combat poverty; protect the environment and preserve natural resources; and promote the rights of women and children.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

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

In Senegal, ADESEN takes part in activities relating to the Millennium Development Goals, such as the Rio+20 Conference, and activities relating to the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

ADESEN participated in the following meetings:

- The sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women held in New York from 10 to 21 March 2014, 4 to 15 March 2013, and 27 February to 9 March 2012
- The sixty-fifth Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations, held in New York from 27 to 29 August 2014

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

ADESEN has consultative status with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.



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

ADESEN is implementing a programme on education, information and communication designed to promote awareness of the importance of the Millennium Development Goals to development in Senegal, particularly for women.

### **Additional information**

ADESEN is a member of Social Watch, an international network of citizens' organizations committed to eradicating poverty and its causes, ending all forms of discrimination and racism, and guaranteeing an equitable distribution of wealth and respect for human rights.

## **7. Associazione IRENE**

### **Special, 2007**

#### **Introduction**

Associazione IRENE (Initiatives, Researches, Experiences for a New Europe) focuses on the design and implementation of transnational projects and initiatives working towards greater gender equality within the European Union.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The main areas of IRENE's intervention are to: promote, monitor and assess the implementation of European Union (EU) legislation and guidelines in EU member States; improve coordination and networking between women's organisations and building partnership with Public Authorities in order to ensure support and commitment for women's issues; develop skills and competencies of NGOs, public authorities and enterprises to design, programme and implement gender sensitive policies and measures; promote social awareness of women's issues and their rights and combat gender stereotypes in society; and enhance partnership and networking in the European Union to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings and protect its victims.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

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

IRENE implemented projects to integrate women in the labour market, prevent workplace discrimination and occupational segregation, and promote work-life balance. The projects include the following, among others:

- undertaking a review of public policies to support gender equality;
- assessing measures implemented by the Lombardy Region in Italy from 2009 to 2013 to promote the participation of women in the labour market; and
- holding the Presidency of a European network of organizations that promote gender equality known as the ARETUSA Association (comprising networks in Poland, Malta, Austria, Latvia and Italy).

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

No participation was specified.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

No cooperation was specified.

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

IRENE promoted initiatives in support of MDG 3 to promote gender equality and women's participation to economic and social life, including:

- organised a seminar on the right of women and girls to education in Milan in 2013;
- organised a seminar at the European Parliament to promote gender mainstreaming in public policies on “Women's Citizenship Rights” in 2013;
- organised a campaign to raise awareness of women's rights in 2013; and
- organised a seminar with public authorities regarding “Poverty-prostitution and trafficking in human beings” in 2012.

## **8. Assyrian Aid Society (Iraq)**

### **Special, 2011**

#### **Introduction**

The Assyrian Aid Society — Iraq (AAS-I) promotes Assyrian culture and heritage and provides assistance to Assyrians in need.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

AAS-I undertakes the following activities: providing assistance to internally displaced persons; financing medical projects; promoting Assyrian culture and identity by funding and supporting civil society organizations; financing educational initiatives; and financing village reconstruction and infrastructure rehabilitation, among others.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

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

AAS promotes education for Assyrian youth by funding schools for students in the Nineveh Plains. By supporting the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and helping the Assyrian community, AAS is advancing the interests of the Indigenous Peoples of Iraq.

In support of peacebuilding and post-conflict recovery, AAS provided emergency relief aid to Assyrian and non-Assyrian internally displaced persons (IDPs) after the conflict erupted in Iraq in 1991, 2003 and in 2014. AAS provided an

immediate response to the expulsion of Assyrians by ISIS from Mosul in Iraq (as from June 2014).

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

AAS participated in the 11th, 12th and 13th sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII) in New York, in 2012, 2013, and 2014. It made a statement at the Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland on 13 May 2014.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

No cooperation was specified.

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

In support of MDG 1, to eradicate poverty, AAS provided food, water and essential needs to displaced Assyrians in the Middle East. In support of MDG 2, universal primary education, AAS provided Assyrian youth access to primary and high school education by funding the schools, dormitories and travel for students.

## **9. Athletes United for Peace**

### **Special, 2011**

#### **Introduction**

Athletes United for Peace (AUP) organizes sports and health peace activities around the world with central operating locations in El Paso, Texas and New York.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aim of this organization is to bring together professional, amateur and part time athletes to promote peace and the goals of ECOSOC. Board members serve on the International Olympic Committee, and as coaches in Africa and other parts of the world.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

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

No contribution was specified.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

AUP participates in meetings of UN Habitat on a weekly basis.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

AUP has been designated an Ambassador for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

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

No activities were specified.

**10. Aube nouvelle pour la femme et le développement**

**Special, 2011**

**Introduction**

Aube nouvelle pour la femme et le développement (ANFD) was established in 1997 to promote and defend human rights and protect the environment.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aims of the organization are to support women and youth with socioeconomic activities; promote the equality and empowerment of women; eradicate poverty and hunger; defend the rights of women; and protect the environment.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

ANFD presented a strategic paper on green economy planning during the opening session of the Rio+20 Conference in 2012.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

No participation was provided.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization received support from the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in order to conduct an awareness-raising seminar on violations of the rights of indigenous women and violence committed against them.

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

In support of Millennium Development Goal 1, the eradication of poverty, the organization fostered the economic empowerment of women through income-generating activities. In support of Millennium Development Goal 7, the protection of the environment, the organization provided training and education for women and youth on the sound management of natural resources.

## **11. Bahrain Women Society**

**Special, 2007**

### **Introduction**

Bahrain Women Association (BWA) is a non-profit organization that aims to empower leaders to promote human development.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

BWA empowers women to exercise their role in society, raise parents' awareness to protect children from abuse and neglect, and contribute to preserving the environment.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

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

No contribution was specified.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Representatives attended the 55th session of United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) where it organized a parallel event on "Women's Rights: an Enlightened Quranic View", New York, 22 to 27 February 2011.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

- BWA participated in consultative meetings of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for the Rio +20 conference, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 9 October 2011, and Cairo, Egypt, 16 October 2011.
- It participated in the Rio +20 Conference on Sustainable Development in Brazil, 20-22 June 2012.
- The organization promoted the "Post-2015 agenda and My World Survey" through its media channels, November 2013.
- It assisted in preparing Bahrain's civil society shadow report and presented it in the 57th session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Geneva, Switzerland, 10 to 28 February, 2014.
- BWA attended the ninth Internet Governance Forum (IGF) organized by United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), Istanbul, Turkey, 2-5 September 2014.

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

BWA contributed to the MDGs through the following activities, among others:

- In support of MDG 3, it conducted 25 workshops to empower mothers and kindergarten teachers on gender equality issues and leadership from 2012 to 2014. In March 2013, it became a founding member of the Women Alliance

for Virtual Exchange (WAVE), committed to improving the quality life for women.

- In support of MDG 7, it participated in a forum on “Climate Change: Threats and Opportunities for Biodiversity and Ecosystems” organized by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), 2 May 2011. It also conducted an event at the Royal University for Women in Bahrain to celebrate the World Environment Day on 5 June, 2014.

## **12. Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha**

**Special, 1999**

### **Introduction**

Since 1986 Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha (BNPS) has been one of the few vocal, active and respected women, human and democratic rights organization in Bangladesh, working at the community, national and regional levels to enact policy and legal reforms. BNPS considers its role as a facilitator in social transformation to attain social justice, peace and development, free of all forms of discrimination and oppression by gender, class, ethnicity and religion.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

BNPS’ mission is to achieve equality through empowerment and social transformation by eliminating discrimination against disadvantaged people, particularly women, consistent with the principles of the constitution of Bangladesh and all human rights instruments of the United Nations.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

BNPS has expanded its coverage to 10 Districts in Bangladesh.

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

BNPS has significantly contributed to the social and economic development of 20,000 women in Bangladesh. It has also helped to raise the attention of national policy makers to the need to formulate pro-women policy and laws.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

BNPS attended the 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York, in 2014.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

BNPS started implementing the “Safe School, Safe Community” project with support from the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women (UNTF) in January 2014 to empower girls with information about their rights, develop skills to protect themselves and identify and report different forms of violence against them which are generally ignored in a patriarchal society.

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

BNPS has promoted women's rights and strengthened grassroots women leaders to actively promote their participation in local governance and livelihood management directly contributing to MDG 3. It helped to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by providing income generating and market extension training and credit assistance to group members, thereby contributing to MDG 1. BNPS also contributed to MDGs 4 and 5 through national policy advocacy and lobbying for strengthening maternal and reproductive health services at the local level and to increase women's participation in formulation and implementation of existing policies. It is also implementing the "Resilience through Economic Empowerment, Climate Adaptation, Leadership Learning Project" in support of MDG 7 where targeted communities will become more resilient to natural disasters with improved climate change adaptation capacity as well as strengthened livelihoods.

## **13. Bangwe et dialogue**

**Special, 2007**

### **Introduction**

Bangwe et dialogue works on issues concerning human rights, peace, good governance and democracy, equality and socioeconomic development.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The main purpose of Bangwe et dialogue is to support women involved in peace initiatives in Burundi, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

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

No contribution was specified.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Bangwe et dialogue attended the following meetings, among others:

- Annual sessions of the Human Rights Council, from 2011 to 2014
- Conference on sustainable development organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Doha in 2012
- Commission on the Status of Women in New York, in March 2014

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

During sessions of the Human Rights Council, Bangwe et dialogue organized side events on issues related to the agenda.

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

The organization has continued to support initiatives on education, health and HIV/AIDS.

## **14. Behnam Daheshpour Charity Organization**

### **Special, 2011**

#### **Introduction**

The Behnam Daheshpour Charity Organization (BDCO) was established in 1995 with the purpose of providing health care, medical and cultural services to cancer patients and their family without any restrictions to age, gender, nationality, religion, or the type and stage of the disease in Tehran.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

BDCO aims to: spread social awareness about cancer; promote and enhance health care and support services to displaced persons and refugees living in Iran supported by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); increasing communications and interaction with organizations and educational and research centres in the field of cancer; and design and implement research strategies and information about cancer prevention in society.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

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

BDCO has provided social services and health care to refugees and immigrants under the auspices of UNHCR since 2007.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The organization participated in the UNHCR Annual Consultation with NGOs in Geneva, Switzerland, 17-19 June, 2014.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

No cooperation was specified.

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

The organization contributed to the MDGs8 in Iran through the following:

- In support of MDG 1, to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, it offered cash and non-cash services and support to families of needy patients;
- In support of MDG 2, to achieve universal primary education, it provided scholarships to families of patients in Afghanistan and Iran, to achieve basic education;



- In support of MDG 5, to improve maternal health, it performed breast cancer screening to educate and empower women to seek early diagnosis and prevention of breast cancer in Tehran;
- In support of MDG 7, to ensure environmental sustainability, it collected waste paper and plastic bags and delivered them to the recycling plant of Tehran Municipality;
- In support of MDG 8, to develop a global partnership for development, it provided essential medicine and medical supplies to cancer patients in collaboration with the private sector, donors and international institutions.

## **15. Beijing Children's Legal Aid and Research Center**

### **Special, 2011**

#### **Introduction**

Beijing Children's Legal Aid and Research Center (BCLARC) promotes children's rights in China. The organization currently has offices in six provinces and regions in China, and operates in 31 provinces, autonomous regions and cities.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

BCLARC has four major aims: to encourage lawyer participation in child protection; to establish and enhance a network of professionals and organizations related to children's rights; to conduct evidence-based research on children's legal issues; and to participate in legal reform.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

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

In support of Article 10 of the agenda of the United Nations Economic and Social Council that requires state parties to provide the widest possible protection and assistance to families and children and take special measures to protect children from economic and social exploitation, BCLARC directly promotes these issues by supporting children's rights in China. It has successfully defended thousands of children's rights legal cases across China, including impoverished child victims, juvenile offenders, and sexual abuses cases.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

BCLARC attended the 3rd Intersessional Meeting of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, as well as, the Intersessional Meeting between Major Groups and Other Stakeholders and the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) at the United Nations in New York, 22 November 2013. Furthermore, BCLARC attended the Major Groups and other Stakeholders Briefing II in New York on 22 September 2013.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization has worked with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in researching the juvenile justice chapter of the new Criminal Procedure Law (CPL) and how it affects the Chinese juvenile justice practice. The purpose of the project is to identify common weaknesses and best practices in defense representation and criminal legal aid to juvenile delinquents, proposing recommendations on how to strengthen the new protective measures of juvenile justice chapters. In addition, BCLARC assisted UNICEF in drafting the Manual for the Measurements of Juvenile Justice Indicators in order to better promote children's rights.

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

Beijing Children's Legal Aid and Research Center (BCLARC) contributed to MDG 4 through its defense of children's rights. Not only does BCLARC defend children in human rights violations, such as violent or sexual abuse, but the organization also assists in developing legislation that protects children. Such legislation promotes legal measures through which the government can protect children from violence and abuse. Furthermore, BCLARC works with other organizations to raise awareness of children's rights violations. These events can both provide assistance for other civil society organizations attempting to protect children, and encourage the general public to be more aware of these human rights issues affecting children. By defending children legally and advising government measures to defend children's rights, BCLARC is contributing towards lowering child mortality.

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