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## **1. African Development Association**

**Special, 2012**

### **Introduction**

African Development Association (ADA) is a charitable organization dedicated to alleviating poverty in the lives of orphans, the vulnerable, the under-privileged and the elderly.

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

ADA is committed to providing excellent, affordable healthcare and other socio-economic services that support the global response to health hazards, especially HIV, malaria and water-borne infections.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

ADA has organised workshops, seminars and conferences aimed at equipping women and youth with skills such as business management, logistics management, project implementation, monitoring and evaluation, entrepreneurship, family life, decision making and income generation, among others.

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

ADA participated in the 2016 United Nations Sustainable Development Summit.

### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

ADA has an ongoing project on Performance Based Financing (PBF) funded by the World Bank.

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

ADA embarked on a tree planting scheme in Limbe, Cameroon to counter increased urbanization, farming and soil erosion.

## **2. Airline Ambassadors International**

**Special, 2004**

### **Introduction**

Airline Ambassadors is the only relief and development organization of the airline industry. It has approximately 8,500 volunteer members that donate their resources and time to help vulnerable children around the world.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

Airline Ambassadors aim to provide for and protect vulnerable children wherever they live.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

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

Airline Ambassadors spearheaded human trafficking legislation and education to schools and the airline and travel industry, including providing transport, safe houses and educational support for vulnerable youth through their network of members and their programmes. The organization has taken the lead in working with relevant authorities to develop new legislative, prosecutorial and educational tools to help in the fight against human trafficking. Airline Ambassadors works with the United States Department of Homeland Security and their relevant agencies to provide Counter Trafficking in Persons (C-TIP) training at airports, the United Nations, local government interior ministries and universities, worldwide.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Airline Ambassadors participated in the preparatory meetings as well as in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

Airline Ambassadors has been a formal implementing partner for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in its efforts to enhance child support services in Haiti. Airline Ambassadors also helped initiate and implement the "Change for Good" donation programme with the UNICEF Foundation and American Airlines. Airline Ambassadors is also a formal partner with the United National Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and jointly conducted C-TIP trainings in Colombia.

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

No activities were specified.

**3. American Association of University Women****Special, 2008****Introduction**

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a global organization with 170,000 members, donors, and supporters, 1,000 branches, and 800 college and university partners that has empowered women since 1881.

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

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

AAUW promoted a strengthened United Nations, advocated for implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Beijing Platform for Action, and supported ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. AAUW supported Human Rights Day, International Women's Day, 16 Days of Advocacy to End Violence Against Women, International Day of the Girl Child; collaborated with coalitions to raise awareness of poverty, hunger and human rights. The organization worked with the Campaign for US Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. AAUW research supported public education that promotes equity, research on girls in science and technology, the women's pay gap, harassment in schools and strengthening girls' secondary education. It was awarded \$3.7 million annually in fellowships for 240 women in low income countries and \$30,000 in international grants for community programmes. It also hosted international delegations to engage women leaders in multiple sectors and expanded leadership and training programmes impacting women worldwide.

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

- AAUW representatives attended and participated in several meetings of the United Nations including:
- 56th-59th sessions of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), presented written statements and convened parallel events at each session;
- 2013-2015 Department of Public Information annual NGO Conference;
- served as Member-At-Large on the NGO Commission on the Status of Women Executive Board (2015);
- 2015 High-level political forum on sustainable development;
- session on “Negotiating the Post 2015 Sustainable Development Agenda”, convened by the Special Advisor on Post-2015 Development Planning;
- Youth Representative attended the United Nations Climate Summit 2014;
- 2013 and 2014 International Day of the Girl Child events in New York;
- Global Compact Leaders Summit 2013;
- 52nd session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

AAUW Supports the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) as a Member of the United States National Committee for UN Women. The Organization was a member of United Nations Population Fund Seven Billion Actions Campaign and was engaged in the United Nations Girls Education Initiative.

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

AAUW implemented a successful Youth Representatives programme, supported a Girl Advocate and a membership delegates programme, conducted social media outreach on global gender equity, and implemented a grant programme aimed at economic security for women and girls. Initiated programmes in Hungary and Mexico for girls' empowerment.

## **4. Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development**

### **General, 1996**

#### **Introduction**

The Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) is a regional network of National Committees of parliamentarians established in 1981 to address population and development issues in Asia and the Pacific.

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

AFPPD's objective is to strengthen the regional network of parliamentarians committed to full implementation of the population and development agenda, especially the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD PoA) and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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

During the reporting period, AFPPD membership increased to 29 countries and territories.

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

AFPPD engaged with parliamentarians of United Nations Member States in the Asia-Pacific region to: (1) advance, formulate and amend policies and legislation that promote a wide range of population and development issues; (2) hold the government accountable for its commitment and implementation of policies and legislation; and (3) advocate for increased budgets and financial resources for the implementation of laws and legislation.

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

AFPPD participated in several Asia-Pacific regional events, including:

- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) Inter-governmental Meeting on the Assessment of Progress against Commitments in the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS and the MDGs (February 2012, Bangkok);
- World Health Organization Regional Office for South-East Asia (WHO-SEARO) Regional Conference of Parliamentarians on Strengthening of National Public Health Systems for Emerging Health (March 2012, Bangkok);
- Development Cooperation Seminar on Harm Reduction and Drug Treatment (April 2012, Bangkok);
- UNESCAP and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) 6th Asia-Pacific Population Conference, CSO Consultation on the Asia-Pacific regional preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the ICPD Beyond 2014 (March 2013, Bangkok);
- UNESCAP Asian Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing +20 Review (November 2014, Bangkok).

### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

No cooperation was specified.

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

No activities were specified.

## **5. British Humanist Association**

### **Special, 2012**

#### **Introduction**

Founded in 1896, the British Humanist Association (BHA) is a national charity with more than 40,000 members and supporters and over 70 local and special interest affiliates dedicated to promoting Humanism.

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

BHA aims include a) arriving at a situation where humanism is understood as an ethical and fulfilling non-religious approach to life; b) supporting people with humanist beliefs and values; c) dis-establishing the Church of England, with the country becoming a secular state guaranteeing human rights; d) having humanist perspectives shape public debate and policy; and e) supporting the human rights of non-religious people internationally, and the human rights of all persons, globally.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

The work of the BHA is concentrated at the United Nations in Geneva, where it seeks to defend and promote human rights at the Human Rights Council by making alliances with Member State missions and NGOs that share its advocacy aims. The BHA has publicised the work of the Human Rights Council and presented joint statements with other organisations such as the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS). BHA advocacy has specifically focused on the promotion of the sexual and reproductive health rights of women, and the provision of comprehensive sex and relationships education. BHA observed, promoted and commemorated International Women's Day and supported the Uganda Humanist Schools Trust, a charity established in 2008 with the goal of raising funds to support the efforts of Ugandan Humanists who have founded schools which offer students a liberal secular-humanist education.

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

The BHA has attended every regular session of the Human Rights Council since 2013 and made oral statements on a variety of human rights issues, including free speech, apostasy, violence against women and girls, sexual and reproductive health rights, the persecution of the non-religious, freedom of religion or belief, and racism and xenophobia. The BHA has also engaged in a number of Universal Periodic Review processes and attended meetings organised by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief on the issue of Freedom of Religion or Belief and Sexuality.

### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

BHA contributed to submissions made to various United Nations entities, including the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, and to a report submitted to the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Assembly and Association. The BHA has engaged in numerous Universal Periodic Reviews of the Human Rights Council and has cooperated with special procedures mandate holders, in particular, the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression, and the Working Group on the Issue of Discrimination Against Women in Law and in Practice.

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

No activities were specified.

## **6. Child Family Health International**

**Special, 2008**

### **Introduction**

Child Family Health International (CFHI) provides community-based global health education programmes for students and institutions.

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

CFHI provides individual trainees and university partners with opportunities to learn about global health while imbedded in existing health systems and social services sectors alongside local community members and champions.

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

CFHI amended its by-laws in 2015.

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

CFHI has structured global health curriculum and authored multiple books that raise the visibility of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and now the Sustainable Development Goals. CFHI co-authored the ground-breaking “Identifying Interprofessional Global Health Competencies for 21st Century Health Professionals” (Annals of Global Health, 2015). CFHI also led the 9-country research group, “Host Perspectives of Global Health Competencies” to provide opportunity for multi-national collaboration and educational agenda-setting. It co-published the “Reflection in Global Health: An Anthology” with support from the Gold Foundation which presents essays by students and young professionals that reflect on the realities of international collaboration and development. CFHI also assisted the United States Department of Justice-endorsed Forum on Education Abroad to develop best practices for students placed in health related settings worldwide. It contributed to establishing treatment guidelines and best practices, co-editing “Essential Clinical Global Health”, and provided programming for over 800 young people toward understanding global health realities and solutions.

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

CFHI attended the 2015 Annual ECOSOC Partnerships Forum in New York.

### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

CFHI supported community health projects that are aligned with the United Nations and World Health Organization (WHO) agendas, as well as capacity building with professional development for Member States. CFHI was a collaborating organization with the Network of WHO Intern Alumni, facilitating the provision of scholarships for interns from low and middle income countries to build their skills at the WHO Geneva headquarters. CFHI integrated United Nations and WHO agendas into all 30 of its global health education programmes. CFHI collaborated with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) through the Better



Volunteering, Better Care network and issued a joint statement highlighting child development and safety best practices.

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

CFHI initiatives included a Center for the Empowerment of Young Mother's in the Plurinational State of Bolivia; its Sexual Health as a Human Right programme in Bolivia; collaboration with the Center for Child Development and Nelson Mandela University to address caregiver needs and capacity building for community and family-based orphan care in the United Republic of Tanzania; and the Catching them Young community health project, addressing delayed marrying age, girls access to education, and sexual health in India. CFHI supported analysis of HIV antiretroviral programmes and diagnostic initiatives in Southwest Uganda. CFHI partners with over 200 universities to enable increasing numbers of students to understand the MDGs and SDGs, the WHO and United Nations initiatives.

## **7. Comisión para la Investigación de Malos Tratos a las Mujeres**

### **Special 2012**

#### **Introduction**

The Commission for the Investigation of Violence Against Women (CIMTM) in Spain was started in 1977 by a group of women who collaborated their knowledge and daily experiences to fight against the mistreatment of women.

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

The purposes of the Commission (CIMTM) are to investigate, denounce, intervene against and prevent all forms of violence against women.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

CIMTM organized international advocacy and awareness seminars and conferences and disseminated information among mass media and civil society on gender equality, gender violence, prostitution and sexual exploitation.

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

Representatives attended the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and participated in a parallel event titled "Prostitution and sexual exploitation: a violation of human rights of women and girls", organized by CAP International (Coalition for the Abolition of Prostitution). CIMTM collaborated with other non-governmental women's organizations, international cooperation organizations and human rights organizations to prepare a parallel report on Spain for the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against

Women (CEDAW), and attended the 61st session during consideration of Spain's report to the Committee.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

No cooperation was specified.

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

CIMTM initiated and observed an International Day on Prostitution and Trafficking of Human Beings in October of each year from 2013-2015.

## **8. Cooperazione Internazionale**

**Special, 2004**

**Introduction**

Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI) is a participatory Foundation established in December 2010 to fight against poverty.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

COOPI focuses its activities on the development and implementation of programmes abroad and social awareness campaigns in Italy, with governmental and local organizations and authorities.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

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

COOPI is a member of the Italian Observatory to Fight Against HIV/AIDS. In Niger, COOGI implemented child protection projects that improved access to recreational activities and psycho-social treatment services, and prevented military recruitment. In the Central African Republic, COOPI established listening community centres that created a protective environment and promoted projects to increase awareness and sensitize the population about the physical and psychological consequences of sexual violence against women, strengthen the role of women in the society and improve their education.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

During the reporting period, COOPI participated in the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) annual consultations with NGOs and in 2014 participated in the annual observance of International Day for Disaster Reduction.

### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

Since 2012 COOPI collaborated with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Department (EU/ECHO) to fight malnutrition. COOPI also engaged with other United Nations entities on cooperation programmes in countries in Central and South America, Africa, Middle East and Asia.

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

COOPI initiated the Global Hunger Index which illustrates the situation of hunger and malnutrition in the world, analysing the conditions in more than 120 countries. In 2014, COOPI renewed partnership with Elgon Cosmetic in the #Womanis cultural project, an awareness-raising event devoted to women in Sierra Leone. COOPI conducted multiple cooperation projects including one in the Sahel region funded by UNICEF and EU/ECHO to disseminate nutritional and health best practices to mothers of children aged 0-5 years affected by severe malnutrition or at risk of death from severe acute malnutrition.

## **9. Eagle Eyes Association for Afghan Displaced Youth**

### **Special, 2012**

#### **Introduction**

Eagle Eyes Association for Afghan Displaced Youth (EEA) was established to relieve poverty and sickness in Afghanistan.

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

The objective of the Association is to restore peace and reconciliation to Afghanistan.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

EEA facilitated and coordinated discussions on the current situation in Afghanistan, Asia and Middle East and through lobbying, conferences and symposia, provides a forum where all aspects of rebuilding Afghanistan, including its socioeconomic development, are discussed in a constructive manner. The Association provided advice and awareness on legal issues, education, economic and social development, human rights peace and reconciliation.

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

No participation was specified.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

No cooperation was specified.

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

No activities were specified.

**10. Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation**

**Special, 2012**

**Introduction**

The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF) is dedicated to preventing and eliminating pediatric HIV through research, advocacy, and programmes. EGPAF maintained programmes in 14 countries in sub-Saharan Africa and India, and additional countries through global and private technical assistance awards.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

EGPAF has expanded access to comprehensive HIV prevention, care and treatment services in regions deeply affected by HIV/AIDS. EGPAF partners with governments, ministries of health, and local organizations to prevent HIV, especially among children, and to ensure those living with HIV receive needed care and support services.

**Significant changes in the organization**

The 2013 World Health Organization (WHO) treatment guidelines, recommending lifelong treatment for pregnant and breastfeeding women and for children under five years, impacted EGPAF's prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) programmatic work and activities to enable broader access to HIV treatment. In August 2014, EGPAF received funding through the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief's Accelerating Children's Treatment Initiative, which had a direct impact on the work of the Foundation by providing resources to increase the number of HIV-positive children receiving antiretroviral treatment (ART) in several African countries.

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

EGPAF worked to: advance research and innovation to prevent, treat and cure paediatric HIV; advocate for global, national and local policies, resources and partnership to end paediatric HIV/AIDS, and; expand high quality, locally-owned HIV/AIDS services to end new infections in children and keep families healthy through strengthened health systems.

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

EGPAF frequently participated in meetings and submitted reports to United Nations health and human rights bodies in Geneva, including at the 33rd, 36th and 37th meetings of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) and the 68th World Health Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals and HIV. EGPAF submitted parallel reports focused on paediatric HIV and human rights to the Human Rights Council and submitted reports and attended meetings of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (July 2013), the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) (December 2015), the Pre-Sessional meeting of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (October 2015) and organized a briefing with CRC members on the low number of children living with HIV accessing treatment (January 2013).

### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

EGPAF cooperated regularly with UNAIDS, the WHO and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on a 2014 technical experts meeting on the pediatric HIV treatment gap and subsequent contribution to the UNAIDS report, "Gap analysis on pediatric HIV treatment, care and support" discussed at the 35th UNAIDS PCB meeting; and provided input on the updated UNAIDS 2016-2021 strategy.

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

EGPAF's care and treatment services reduced child mortality by testing and initiating children living with HIV on life-saving ART; reduced maternal mortality by reaching mothers and families with antenatal care services to ensure safe and healthy pregnancies; and reduced new HIV infections among children through PMTCT services, testing, counselling, and initiation of treatment for mothers, children and families. As a result, nearly 45,000 children and more than 525,000 adults were newly initiated on ART and over 10 million pregnant women accessed critical PMTCT services between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2015. The Foundation works to ensure human rights are fully respected throughout all of its programmes and within the countries in which it works.

## **11. Environmental Development Action in the Third World**

### **General, 1996**

#### **Introduction**

Environmental Development Action in the Third World (ENDA) works in Latin America (Colombia, Dominican Republic), Asia (Viet Nam, India) and Africa (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Tunisia and Senegal, among others). The network's 23 members have been established in 11 countries and have projects in more than 40 countries. The network is also involved in work on cross-cutting issues at the subregional, regional and international levels.

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

ENDA seeks to promote solidarity, peace and respect for the future of the planet, human rights and human dignity, social justice and cultural diversity. It fights poverty, promotes self-reliance, strengthens the leading role of communities and social movements, and promotes human rights, pluralism, cultural diversity and gender equality.

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

In September 2012, the General Assembly held in Dakar endorsed the transformation of the organization ENDA-TM into a network of autonomous associations sharing the same vision and mission, with an executive secretariat providing the necessary linkage and cohesion to help them converge towards the same goal.

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

ENDA has participated in the Green Economy Webinar Series of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

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

ENDA has taken part in the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), the operational arm of the Technology Mechanism provided under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and organized by UNEP and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). It is among the 11 centres of excellence working under the auspices of UNEP and UNIDO, through CTCN, to foster the use of climate technologies in developing countries.

### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

No cooperation was specified.

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

No activities were specified.

## **12. European Federation of Older Students at Universities**

### **Special, 1996**

#### **Introduction**

European Federation of Older Students in Universities (EFOS) was founded in 1990 to represent the interests of older students at universities. EFOS has members in more than 10 European countries with Headquarters in Bratislava, Slovakia.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

EFOS fosters academic studies of older people at special academies/ universities or together with younger students to improve the quality of life and social standing of older persons through lifelong learning, while also making their knowledge beneficial to the society.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

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

EFOS's contribution is aimed at facilitating and supporting United Nations actions related to ageing, sharing information and knowledge on issues concerning ageing, facilitating a liaison between NGOs and the United Nations, its specialized agencies and all other United Nations entities with special focus on the social and health effects of lifelong learning. As a member of the Vienna NGO Committee on Ageing, EFOS actively participated in the meetings of the Committee including preparations for the annual observance of the International Day of Older Persons, brainstorming sessions, and preparation of publications and documents on active and healthy ageing. EFOS distributed to all its members and to other institutions the recommendations regarding ageing contained in the Millennium Development Goals, the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

EFOS participated in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Ministerial Conference on Ageing, September 2012 and made textual contributions to the NGO Declaration and Ministerial Declaration.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

No cooperation was specified.

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

No activities were specified.

**13. European Network of Policewomen****Special, 1996****Introduction**

The European Network of Policewomen is a Foundation which works towards equal representation of women in police forces throughout Europe.

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

The objective of the Foundation is to optimise the position of policewomen in European police forces.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

The Foundation exchanged knowledge, training, experience and information about the position of women in the various European police organisations, stimulated international research and training on subjects of interest for the operation of policewomen in Europe, organised European conferences, international research and training in subjects of importance to the functioning of policewomen in Europe, promoted initiatives for national networks of policewomen and encouraged support for European policewomen.

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

The Foundation participated in the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

No cooperation was specified.

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

During the reporting period representatives of the Foundation conducted career development seminars, conferences and seminars with gender-specific themes, and in observance of women in European police forces, including the Day of the Woman Police in Barcelona on 5 March 2015, and a presentation at the 90th Anniversary of Female Police Forces Conference in Warsaw Poland on 23 July 2015. The Foundation is also engaged in ongoing collaboration with the Chief of the Standing Police Capacity United Nations Police (UNPOL) to arrange a gender toolkit course for UNPOL peacekeepers in Barcelona, and in December 2015 it launched an online Gender Course developed by the Center for Equality and Resources for Women, Barcelona City Council.

## **14. European Union Association in the United States**

### **Special, 2012**

#### **Introduction**

The European Union Association in the United States (EUA-UN) aims at communicating European Union's positions in the United States and at the United Nations in the fields of culture, business, international relations, as well as in



foreign security policy, and promoting multilateral cooperation and relationships with the United States and other countries.

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

EUA-UN has an outstanding record of promoting issues related to global issues through the organization of professional events (lectures and panel discussions) creating a forum for the fertile exchange of ideas and opinions. In pursuing its goals EUUSA cooperates with reputable corporations, European-American chambers of commerce, universities, government agencies and diplomatic missions.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

EUA-UN promoted an outreach programme that fostered cooperation with numerous NGOs and student groups in prestigious academic institutions in the United States as well as international foundations and NGOs which serve priorities compatible to United Nations aims among the leaders of tomorrow. EUA-UN increased its outreach and cooperation on United Nations related activities with the EU Associations in Milan, Italy and Luxembourg and started formal cooperation with the Asia-Europe Foundation in Singapore (ASEF), the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the European Commission (EU) in order to coordinate initiatives to increase awareness of the United Nations and its objectives. The Foundation also participated in a conference on “Perspectives on the Economic and Social Impact of International Free Trade Agreements” and presented on the impact of Free Trade Agreements to the Social and Economic Development of countries and their citizens, with the participation of the head of the trade office of EU Delegation in Washington DC and EU Parliamentary Representatives. EUA-UN was engaged in the 2013 conference on “Perspectives on Social and Economic Development in Arab Spring Countries”, with civil society representatives from Egypt, Libya and the Syrian Arab Republic, and the participation of the United Nations Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth.

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

Representatives of EUA-UN attended the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

### **Cooperation with United Nations entities**

EUA-UN participated in an expert symposium to increase awareness and response to the plea for humanitarian assistance for war refugees and migrants in the Mediterranean Sea area, with senior humanitarian affairs representatives from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations. EUA-UN also coordinated an expert panel to discuss the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine with the participation of the Head of the New York

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the EU delegation to the United Nations in order to raise awareness of the necessity to stop the conflict and the suffering of war refugees.

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

No activities were specified.

## **15. Famille debout**

**Special, 2012**

**Introduction**

Famille Debout is a Belgian NGO created in 2008 to promote the cultural development of Belgian and Congolese families.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aim of Famille Debout is to help families to educate and train children and adults in Belgium and in the central region of Democratic Republic of Congo.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

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

In Belgium, Famille Debout conducted awareness campaigns to sensitise Belgian citizens to the problems of Congolese families who do not have the financial and material resources to educate their children.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Famille Debout participated in the following United Nations meetings:

- Ninth Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- 48th and 49th sessions of the Commission on Population and Development;
- 14th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;
- 14th Session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration;
- 48th Session of the Commission on Population and Development;
- 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women;
- 53rd Session of the Commission for Social Development;
- High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- 2012 Regular Session of the Committee on NGOs.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

Famille Debout benefited from the cooperation of the local office of the United Nations Children's Fund in the creation of a specialized centre to re-educate child offenders.

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

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, Famille Debout opened two elementary schools and a school canteen to provide at least one meal for each child (for 200 children each day), and has financially supported the creation of a specialized centre to re-educate child offenders.

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