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Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2015 resumed session

(New York, 26 May – 3 June and 12 June 2015)

Summary

At its 2015 resumed session, held from 26 May to 3 June and on 12 June 2015, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 388 applications for consultative status, including applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 160 for consultative status, deferred 200 for further consideration at its regular session in 2016, closed consideration without prejudice of 27 applications that had failed to respond to queries over two consecutive sessions and recommended one not be granted consultative status. The Committee also had before it seven requests for reclassification of consultative status: it recommended granting four of those requests; deferred its consideration of two requests; and closed without prejudice one request. The Committee reviewed seven requests for a change of name: it took note of three requests and deferred four of those requests. It also had before it 215 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 168. The Committee heard 15 representatives of the 40 non-governmental organizations that attended the session.

The present report contains eight draft decisions on matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council.

By draft decision I, the Council would:

(a) Grant consultative status to 160 non-governmental organizations;

(b) Reclassify the consultative status of four non-governmental organizations;
(c) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of three non-governmental organizations;

(d) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 168 non-governmental organizations, including new and deferred reports;

(e) Close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by 27 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions;

(f) Close without prejudice consideration of the request for reclassification of status by one non-governmental organization after the organization has failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions;

(g) Decide not to grant consultative status to the non-governmental organization Freedom Now.

By draft decision II, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization African Technical Association.

By draft decision III, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization African Link.

By draft decision IV, the Council would decide to suspend, for a period of one year, the consultative status of 165 non-governmental organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision V, the Council would decide to reinstate the consultative status of 24 non-governmental organizations that had submitted their outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision VI, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of 85 non-governmental organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision VII, the Council would approve the provisional agenda of the 2016 session of the Committee.

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1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following 160 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

Action solidaire pour le développement communautaire
Actions pour l'environnement et le développement durable
Active Help Organization
ADJMOR
Advocates for International Development
Agalliao Development Initiative
Agence pour les droits de l'homme
Alliance for Health Promotion (A4HP)
Appui aux femmes démunies et enfants marginalisés au Kivu
Asociación Colectivo de Victimas del Terrorismo en el Pais Vasco "COVITE"
Association d'intertet régional-AIR
Association des Femmes Peules Autochtones du Tchad (AFPAT)
Association des Ressortissants et Amis D'Eseka
Association femmes solidaires au Togo
Association Miraisme International
Association nationale de coopération pour le developpement du Cameroun (ANACODECAM)
Association PANAFRICA
Association pour les Victimes Du Monde
Associazione Carcere Territorio
Bilie Human Rights Initiative
Canada's National Firearms Association
Centre catholique international de Genève (CCIG)
Centre de vulgarisation de l'outil informatique (C.V.O.I)  
Centre for Budget and Policy Studies  
Centre for Equality Ltd.  
Centre for Renewable Energy and Action on Climate Change  
Centre international de droit comparé de l'environnement  
CGFNS International, Inc.,  
Chant du Guépard dans le Désert  
Child Concern  
China Association of Non-Profit Organizations  
Chinese American Parent-Student Council of New York City Inc.  
Concepts of Truth, Inc.  
Connecting.nyc Inc.  
Corporación ATS Acción Técnica Social  
Coup de Pouce  
Dar Si-Hmad for Development, Education and Culture in Sidi Ifni  
Darüssafaka Cemiyeti  
Development Generation Africa International (DGAI)  
Diplomatic Council e.V.  
Disease Management Association of India  
Dynamique des Groupes des Peuples Autochtones (DGPA)  
East and Central African Association for Indigenous Rights Inc.  
Ecumenical Alliance for Human Rights and Development (EAHRD)  
Elizka Relief Foundation  
EMERGENCY - Life Support for Civilian War Victims  
Engage Now Africa Inc  
Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development  
Eurasia Reiyukai  
EuroChild  
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition  
Fairfood International  
Feed The Children Inc  
FEMM Foundation  
Fielding Graduate University
Fondation Institut de recherche pour le développement durable et les relations internationales
Fondation Mohammed VI pour la Protection de l'Environnement
Fondation pour l'éradication du travail des enfants dans la culture du tabac
Fondazione Giovanni Paolo II - Onlus per il dialogo, cooperazione e sviluppo (CC)
Fondazione Rosselli Americas
Forum for Women in Democracy (FOWODE)
Forum Réfugiés-Cosi
Fundación Latinoamericana por los Derechos Humanos y el Desarrollo Social
Fundación Riba
Gadejuristen
Galkayo Medical Centre (GMC)
Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute
Global Academy Institute of Technology Foundation Inc.
Global Bioethics Initiative, Inc.
Global Migration Policy Associates (GMPA)
Global Partnership for Local Action
Global Vision India Foundation
Groupe d'actions pour la survie, la santé et l'éducation de la mère et de l'enfant (GASSEME)
Healthy Start Initiative
Help Me See, Inc.
Human In Love Corporation
Institut de la démocratie et de la coopération
Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Loreto Generalate
Integrated Youth Empowerment - Common Initiative Group (I.Y.E. - C.I.G.)
Inter-Action Globale (I.A.G.)
International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation, Inc.
International Veterinary Students Association (Ivsa)
International Women & Family Foundation
International-Lawyers.Org
Isa Viswa Prajñana Trust
Janaseva Foundation, Pune
Japan National Assembly of Disabled Peoples’ International
Japan Overseas Cooperative Association
Kaurareg Aboriginal Land Trust
Krščanski centar za pomoc i rehabilitaciju ovisnika i obitelji "Stijena"
L'Arche internationale
La fondation de la progeniture Denis Lomela Ifangwa
Laya
Managing Committee of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences
Manav Pragati Sansthan, Rajgarh
Manhattan Multicultural Counseling
Martina Centre for Sustainable Dev
Medrar
México Unido contra la Delincuencia, A.C.
Mountain Area Information Network
Muzaffarabad Poverty Alleviation Programme (MPAP)
National Aboriginal Circle Against Family Violence
National Women's Welfare Society Darwha, Distt. Yavatmal
Niger Talents
Noahs Arc Foundation
Non-for-profit organization "International Association of Technical Survey and Classification Institutions"
Nouveaux droits de l'homme (NDH)
NVO "Preporod"
Oil Change International
ONG Carbone Guinée
Organisation pour la prévention et l'intervention contre les risques et contingences
Organizzazione Mondiale Degli Agricoltori
Parlement africain de la société civile
Peace and Life Enhancement Initiative International
Poverty Alleviation for the Poor Initiative
Privacy International
Promotion pour le Développement (PROMODEV)
Pukar Foundation
Queensland Association of Independent Legal Services Inc.
Rajasthan Samgrah Kalyan Sansthan
Rede Brasileira de Redução de Danos e Direitos Humanos - REDUC
Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Dir
Sahyog International Foundation
Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled
Samarthyam
Sambhali Trust
Segretariato Permanente dei Premi Nobel per la Pace
Servicios Ecuménicos para Reconciliación y Reconstrucción
Shivi Development Society
Sikh Human Rights Group
Social Welfare Corporation, "Miral Welfare Foundation"
Specified Non-profit Corporation, Health and Global Policy Institute
Stichting African Sky
Stichting Global Human Rights Defence
Stichting International Civil Society Support
Stiftelsen Stockholm International Water Institute
Support to Deprived Peoples (S.D.P)
Sustainable Environment Development Initiative
Tabernacle Worship and Prayer Ministry Inc
The Arab Anti-Corruption Organisation
The Arab Group for the Protection of Nature
The New Zealand Drug Foundation
The Palestinian Return Centre Ltd
The United Kingdom Grand Priory of the International Knightly Order Valiant of St. George
Toplumsal Haklar ve Arastirmalar Dernegi (TOHAD)
Trakya Kalkinma Dernegi
Trilok Youth Club and Charitable Trust, Vadodara
Tripura Foundation, Inc.
UN Women for Peace Association Inc.
United States Sustainable Development Corporation
Utah China Friendship Improvement Sharing Hands Development and Commerce
Vier Pfoten International - gemeinnützige Privatstiftung
Warbe Development Foundation
Wash United gGmbH
Wiener Drogen Komitee (Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs)
World Alliance of Peoples' Organisations
World Taoist Association Limited
WorldTeach, Inc.
Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America
Youth and Women Empowerment Centre

(b) To reclassify the following non-governmental organization:
(i) From the Roster to special consultative status
   International Union of Railways (UIC)
   World Animal Net, Inc.
   World Organization for Early Childhood Education
(ii) From special to general consultative status
    Perfect Union

(c) To note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of
    the following three non-governmental organizations:
    International Catholics Organisation of the Media (special, 1951) to
    International Christian Organisation of the Media (ICOM)
    International Committee for the Indians of the Americas (special, 2003)
    to International Committee for the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas
    (Incomindios)
    Suzanne Mubarak Women’s International Peace Movement (special,
    2007) to End Human Trafficking Now

(d) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the
    following 168 non-governmental organizations for the period 2010-2013, except
    where stated otherwise:
    8th Day Center for Justice
    Academy of Labour and Social Relations
    African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies
    African Services Committee, Inc.
    African Youth Movement
AFS Inter-Cultural Programs, Inc.
Agencia Latinoamericana de Informacion (ALAI)
Airports Council International
All-Russian Society of Disabled People
American Cancer Society
American Society of Safety Engineers
Antioch Christian Centre
Architectes de l'urgence
Association "For Sustainable Human Development"
Association Congolaise d'Education et de Prevention Contre des Maladies et la Drogue
Association des jeunes pour le developpement humain et la protection de l'environnement
Association for Assistance to Families with Disabled Children
Association Internationale de Lutte Contre la Pauvrete et pour le Developpement (AIPED)
Association Marocaine pour la Promotion de la Femme Rurale
Association of European Parliamentarians for Africa
Association of Presbyterian Women of Aoteaora, New Zealand
Ayuda y Solidaridad con las Ninas de la Calle
Baha'i International Community
Baptist World Alliance
Becket Fund for Religious Liberty
Blagovest Centre of People's Help International Public Charitable Organization
Bridges International
Business Council for Sustainable Energy
Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women
Caribbean and Latin America Trade Association
Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action
Centre de Recherches et de Promotion pour la Sauvegarde des Sites et Monuments Historiques en Afrique
Centre for Development Strategy
Centro di Ricerca e Documentazione Febbraio 74
China Disabled Person's Federation
Chinese Immigrants Services, Inc.
Christian Aid
Church World Service
CIBJO - The World Jewellery Confederation
Comité français des organisations non gouvernementales pour la liaison et l'information des Nations Unies
Comité International pour le Respect et l'Application de la Charte Africaine des Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples (CIRAC)
Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy
Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO)
Consortium d'appui aux actions pour la promotion et le développement de l'Afrique (CAPDA)
Consumers International
Couple to Couple League International, The
Dayemi Complex Bangladesh
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Deniz Feneri Yardimlasma ve Dayanisma Dernegi
Dominicans for Justice and Peace - Order of Preachers
East-West Management Institute
Eco-Accord - Center for Environment and Sustainable Development
EUROSOLAR Turkey
Exchange and Cooperation Centre for Latin America (Centre d'Exchanges et Coopération pour l'Amerique Latine)
Federation Europeenne des Femmes Actives au Foyer
Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia
Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya
Fundacion Teleton Mexico AC
Global Housing Foundation (GHF)
Grail, The
Gram Bharati Samiti
Grassroots Organisations Operating Together in Sisterhood
Green Asia Network
Health on the Net Foundation (HON)
Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
Hope for Africa
Human Resource Development Foundation, The
Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International
Humanity First
Incorvuz-XXI
Indian Movement "Tupaj Amaru"
Indigenous People of Africa Coordinating Committee
Indonesian Child Welfare Foundation, The
Institut de politique familiale
Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, The (IEER)
Institute of Global Education
Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia
Integrated Development in Focus
Inter-American Parliamentary Group on Population and Development
Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development
International Air Transport Association
International Association for Humanitarian Medicine Brock Chisholm
International Association for Integration, Dignity, and Economic Advancement, IDEA
International Association of Ports and Harbors
International Association of Y's Men's Clubs
International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation
International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)
International Chamber of Commerce
International Coastal and Ocean Organization
International Commission on Workforce Development
International Committee For Peace And Reconciliation
International Congo Aid - Smile African Children
International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB)
International Council of Voluntary Agencies
International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations
International Federation of Inspection Agencies
International Federation of Women Lawyers
International Fund for Animal Welfare
International Islamic Federation of Student Organizations
International Justice Mission
International League for Human Rights
International PEN
International Planned Parenthood Federation, Africa Region
International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance
International Research Foundation for Development
International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication
International Union of Psychological Science
International Women's Democracy Center
Internet Society
Italian Association for Women in Development
Japanese Association of International Women's Rights (JAIWR)
JMJ Children's Fund of Canada
Kids First Fund
LatCrit
Le Forum pour l'Integration des Migrants
Leadership Watch
League of Kenya Women Voters, The
Lebanese Association for Popular Action (AMEL)
LGBT Denmark - The National Organization for Gay Men, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered People
Local Governments for Sustainability
Maarij Foundation for Peace and Development
Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights
Marie Stopes International
Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation
Mental Disability Rights International
Mercy Corps
Miramed Institute
National Association for Resource Improvement
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
National Congress of American Indians
National Organization of Women's Association in the Bahamas
Native American Rights Fund
New South Wales council for Civil Liberties
Organisation Marocaine des Droits Humains
Peace Boat
People's Decade of Human Rights Education
Rainforest Foundation International
Reach Out & Care Wheels
Rozan
Rural Reconstruction Nepal
Russian Academy of Natural Sciences
Saferworld
Social Ecology Foundation
Society of International Humanitarian Surgeons
Stichting Forest Peoples Programme
Tchad agir pour l'environnement
Tides Center
Tiye International
Turkiye Kadin Girisimciler Dernegi
Union of Luso-African-America-Asiatic Capital Cities - Uniao das cidades capitais Luso Afro Americo Asiaticas
Universal Esperanto Association
Universitas 21
Urban Justice Center
Verein zur Forderung der Volkerverständigung
Women's Intercultural Network
World Federalist Movement
World Federation of Trade Unions
World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations
World for World Organization
World Information Transfer
World Leisure Organization, Inc
World Organization of the Scout Movement
World ORT Union
World Peace and Economic Development Organization
World Student Christian Federation
Yemeni Women Union
Youth Empowerment Alliance, Inc.

(e) To close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following 27 non-governmental organizations after those organizations had failed, after three reminders over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to respond to queries posed to them by members of the Committee:

Akhil Bharatiya Sanskrutik Sangh
Beautiful Eves of Africa Organisation
Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes
Child Foundation
Child Rights Information Network - CRIN
Corporation Global Together
Democracywatch
Environmental Degradation Organization of Nigeria
Global Community Health Foundation
International Green Economy Association
Kottayam Social Service Society
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Medsin-UK
National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Inc.
New World Hope Organization (NWHO)
Participatory Development Action Program
Peace and Hope International
Raleigh-Ghana
Rights and Resources Institute, Inc.
S.R. Institute of Development
Shack Dwellers International (South Africa) E
Stichting Arseh Sevom
Sukalyan Welfare Society
The Akshaya Patra Foundation
The Ark Jammers Connection Inc
The National Alliance of Women
Women for Women, A Research & Study Group

(f) To close without prejudice consideration of the application for reclassification of status by the following non-governmental organization after it had failed, after three reminders over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to respond to queries posed to it by members of the Committee:

United States Federation for Middle East Peace

(g) Decides not to grant consultative status with the Council to the non-governmental organization Freedom Now.

Draft decision II
Withdrawal of consultative status of the non-governmental organization African Technical Association

The Economic and Social Council decides to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization African Technical Association.

Draft decision III
Withdrawal of consultative status of the non-governmental organization African Technology Development Link

The Economic and Social Council decides to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization African Technology Development Link.

Draft decision IV
Suspension of consultative status of non-governmental organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4

Having confirmed at its resumed session in May 2015 that the Secretariat had reminded non-governmental organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports of their reporting obligation and had advised them of the consequences of their further non-compliance after 1 May 2015, and that it had notified the permanent missions of the Member States in which the headquarters of such organizations are based of the final reminders, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4 of 21 July 2008, to suspend immediately, for a period of one year, the
consultative status of the 165 non-governmental organizations listed below, and requests the Secretariat to advise the concerned organizations of their suspension.

3D - Trade - Human Rights - Equitable Economy

A Centre for the World Religions

AAHUNG

Africa Safe Water Foundation

African American Islamic Institute

Agence d'aide a la cooperation technique et au developpement

Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l'Homme

Ain o Salish Kendra - Law and Mediation Centre

Al Mezan Centre for Human Rights

Amman Center for Human Rights Studies

Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network (AITPN)

Asian Migrant Centre (AMC)

Asociación Habitat Pro

Association Européenne des Cheminots

Association Guineenne pour la Reinsertion des Toxicomanes (AGRETO)

Association de développement de Korba

Association des Etats Generaux des Etudiants de l'Europe

Association des Femmes Educatrices du Mali

Association of Former Diplomats of China

Association of Former United Nations Industry and Development Experts (AFIDE)

Association of Interbalkan Women's Cooperation Societies

Association pour la Lutte contre le Travail des Enfants au Niger

Association pour la Promotion de l'Emploi et du Logement (A.P.E.L.)

Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

Big Brothers Big Sisters International

Biogas Sector Partnership Nepal

Biopolitics International Organisation

Building and Social Housing Foundation

Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft der Senioren-Organisationen

CARE (Christian Action Research and Education)

Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies
Canadian Race Relations Foundation
Capital Humano y Social Alternativo
Catholic International Education Office
Center for Assistance to Human Right Protection
Center for Oceans Law and Policy (COLP)
Centre d'accompagnement des alternatives locales de développement
Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology
Centre for Women the Earth the Divine, The
China Association for International Science and Technology Cooperation
China Education Association for International Exchange
Community Development Volunteers for Technical Assistance
Conectas Direitos Humanos
Coordinadora de la Mujer
Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service
Dental Care International Foundation
ECO-ECOLO
Eco-Tiras International Environmental Association of River Keepers
Ecopeace Middle East Environmental NGO Forum
Egyptian Organization for Human Rights
Engender
Ethiopian World Federation
European Federation for Transport and Environment
European Region of the International Lesbian and Gay Federation
European Space Policy Institute
European Union of Women
Flora Tristan Peruvian Women's Center
Forum of Culture and Arts of Uzbekistan
Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Institute
Fundacion Alvaralice
Fundacion Democratica Italo-Americana
Fundacion UNITRAN
Fundación Cimientos
Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments
Global Alliance for Women's Health
Global Village for Rehabilitation and Development
Global Witness
Group of 78, The
Groupe pivot / Droit et Citoyenneté des femmes
Guild of Service
HELIO International
Half the Sky Foundation
Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres
Hope for the Nations
Human Rights Commission of Pakistan
Humanitarian Law Center
IPAS
Indonesian National Council on Social Welfare (INCSW)
Institut de la gestion déléguée
Institute of Inter-Balkan Relations
International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, The (IAVI)
International Association for Human Values
International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage
International Communities for the Renewal of the Earth (ICRE)
International Council of Psychologists
International Energy Foundation
International Forestry Students' Association
International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions
International Wages for Housework Campaign
International Women's Writing Guild
International Young Catholic Students
Isigodlo Trust - South African Women in Dialogue
Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions
Justice for All - Prison Fellowship Ethiopia
Kiwanis International
Korean Federation for Environmental Movement
LEAD International Inc. (Leadership for Environment & Development)
Ladies Charitable Society
Lebanon Family Planning Association (LFPA)
Les Amis de la Terre-Togo
Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany
Lighthouse International
Macedonian Center for International Cooperation
Mamta - Health Institute for Mother & Child
Mariano y Rafael Castillo Cordova Foundation
MaterCare International
Mauritius Family Planning Association
Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)
Medico International
Mehr Nuri Public Foundation
Missions3G-Gauri
Movimiento Manuela Ramos
Muslim Aid Australia
National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan (NaYORA)
National Association of Friendship Centres
National Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (NANGO)
National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
National Center for State Courts
National Confederation of Women in Equality
National Coordinator for Human Rights
National Foundation for Women Legislators
National Rural Support Programme
Network of East-West Women
Northern Alliance for Sustainability (ANPED)
Organisation des Hommes demunis et enfants orphelins pour le developpement
Organisation internationale pour la réduction des catastrophes (OIRC)
Pan-African Women's Organization
Pauktuutit Inuit Women's Association of Canada
Political and Ethical Knowledge on Economic Activities
Population Reference Bureau
Population Services International
Pro Dignitate Foundation of Human Rights
Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini
Red de Salud de las Mujeres Latinoamericanas y del Caribe
Rehabilitation International
Rooftops Canada
Save Africa Concerts Foundation
Saviya Development Foundation
Seniors Españoles para la Cooperación Técnica
Sinha Institute of Medical Science and Technology
Social Development Center
Society for Comparative Legislation
Spirituality for Kids Europe Limited
Swami Vivekanand Samaj Seva Samsthe - Sutagatti
Swedish Organisation of Disabled Persons International Aid Association (SHIA)
Third World Network- Africa
UBUNTU-World Forum of Civil Society Networks
Ukrainian Non-Governmental Socio-Political Association-National Assembly of Persons with Disabilities
Union Nationale de la Femme Tunisienne
Unione Intercontinentale Casallinghe
Vienna Institute for Development and Cooperation
Vikas Samiti
West Africa Network for Peacebuilding
Winvisible - Women with Visible and Invisible Disability
Womankind Worldwide
Women Against Rape
Women Aid Collective
Women in Law and Development in Africa
Women's Crisis Centre, The
Women's Environmental Development and Training
Women's Legal Education and Action Fund
Women's Political Watch
World Granny
World Road Association
Youths for the Child's Welfare

Draft decision V
Reinstatement of consultative status of non-governmental organizations that submitted outstanding quadrennial reports, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4 of 21 July 2008, and recalling its decision 2014/223 of 14 July 2014, to reinstate the consultative status of the 24 non-governmental organizations listed below, which have submitted their outstanding quadrennial reports:

- African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies
- Asociación de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Madres Irlandesas
- Associacão Brasileira de Gays, Lésbicas e Transgeneros
- Comité français des organisations non gouvernementales pour la liaison et l’information des Nations Unies
- Consumers International
- General Arab Women Federation
- Indian Movement “Tupaj Amaru”
- International Air Transport Association
- International Commission of Jurists
- International Council of Management Consulting Institutes
- International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations
- International Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse
- International Islamic Federation of Student Organizations
- International Justice Mission
- League of Kenya Women Voters
- Lebanese Association for Popular Action
- Marie Stopes International
- Network of Women’s Non-governmental Organizations in the Islamic Republic of Iran
- Relief International
- Rural Reconstruction Nepal
- Union of Luso-African-America-Asiatic Capital Cities
- War Resisters International
- World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations
Yemeni Women Union

Draft decision VI
Withdrawal of consultative status of non-governmental organizations in accordance with Council resolution 2008/4

Having confirmed at its resumed session in May 2015 that the Secretariat had reminded non-governmental organizations that had continued outstanding quadrennial reports of their reporting obligation and whose status had been suspended by the Council pursuant to Council decision 2014/223 of 14 July 2014, that it had advised them of the consequences of their further non-compliance after 1 May 2015 and that it had notified the permanent missions of the Member States in which the headquarters of such organizations are based of the final reminders, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4 of 21 July 2008 and recalling its decision 2014/223 of 14 July 2014, to withdraw immediately the consultative status of the 85 non-governmental organizations listed below, and the Secretariat to advise the organizations concerned of this decision.

Academy for Educational Development
Actions Solidaires de Soutien aux Organisations et d’Appui aux Libertes
Adelphi Research
African Community Resource Center
Africare
Aim for Human Rights
Ambassadors for Children
America Mideast Educational and Training Services
Asian Federation of Laryngectomees Association
Association for the Study of the World Refugee Problem
Association jeunesse culture loisirs technique
Association malienne d’initiatives et d’actions pour le développement
Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific
Association pour la collaboration globale
Association pour la protection de la nature et de l’environnement de Kairouan
Association pour la recherche sur la sclérose latérale amyotrophique et autres maladies du motoneurone
Association tunisienne des mères
Australian Reproductive Health Alliance
Aviation sans frontières
Center for Studies on Turkey
Centre d’animation, de formation, de recherche et d’appui au développement
Citizens for Decent Housing
Coalition nationale de Guinée pour les droits et la citoyenneté des femmes
Coordination SUD
Crime Stoppers International
Democracy Coalition Project
DIYA All-Ukranian Women’s People’s Democratic Association
Ecologic Institute for International and European Environmental Policy
Egyptian Red Crescent Society
Enfants du monde: droits de l’homme
Ensemble allons dans la paix
European Roma Rights Center
FATIMA Women’s Network
Firooznia Charity Foundation
Fondation El Kef pour le développement régional
Fondation Maman Henriette Conte
Fundación de la Solidaridad y el Voluntariado de la Comunidad Valenciana
Fundación Mujeres en Igualdad
Fundación Red Deporte y Cooperación
GAVI Fund
Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
Global Cooperation Society
Human Rights Education Associates
Institute of Internal Auditors
International Association of Prosecutors
International Centre for Ethnic Studies
International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights
International Foundation of Alternative Financial Institutions¹
International Maritime Committee
International Mediterranean Women’s Forum

¹ The name of this non-governmental organization was erroneously reflected in the previous documents of the Committee as “International Network of Alternative Financial Institutions”.

International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences
International Union of Building Centres
International Union of Technical Associations and Organisations
Istanbul International Brotherhood and Solidarity Association
Kenya Tuitakayo: Citizens Coalition for Constitutional Change
Kerala Rural Development Agency
Libera: Associazioni, Nomi e Numeri Contro le Mafie
Light and Hope Association for Blind Girls (Al Nour Wal Amal Association)
Magnificat Environment Association (MEA)
Mediterranean Water Institute
Mouvement pour l’abolition de la prostitution et de la pornographie et de toutes formes de violences sexuelles et discriminations sexistes
National Aboriginal Forestry Association
National Abortion Federation
National Association for Protection of Environment and Green Egypt
National Fishworkers’ Forum
National Society for Human Rights
Navjyoti India Foundation
Orbicom, réseau des chaires UNESCO en communication
Organisation tunisienne de l’éducation et de la famille
PARTAGE
Project Concern International
Safe Water African Community Initiative
Scouts musulmans algériens
Society for Development of Services in Heliopolis
Survivor Corps
Synergos Institute
Turkish Foundation for Children in Need of Protection
Union for Sustainable Return and Integrations in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Union Iberoamericana de Colegios y Agrupaciones de Abogados
Women’s National Commission
World Assembly of Small and Medium Enterprises
World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation
World Confederation of Productivity Science
Draft decision VII
Dates and provisional agenda of the 2016 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Decides that the 2016 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from 25 January to 3 February and on 16 February, and its resumed session from 23 May to 1 June and on 10 June;

(b) Approves the provisional agenda of the 2016 session of the Committee as set out below:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;
   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;
   (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:
   (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;
   (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:
   (a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;
   (b) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group;
   (c) Other related matters.
7. Consideration of special reports.
9. Provisional agenda and documentation of the 2017 session of the Committee.
10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

Draft decision VIII
Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2015 resumed session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2015 resumed session.

II. Applications for consultative status, requests for reclassification and quadrennial reports received from non-governmental organizations

2. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, and 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 16th through 26th meetings, held from 26 May to 2 June 2015. It had before it the following documents and conference room papers:

   (a) Memorandums by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.18-39);

   (b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new requests from non-governmental organizations for reclassification to be considered by the Committee (E/C.2/2014/R.3/Add.1);

   (c) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held from 2008 through 2015 (E/C.2/2015/CRP.8); 2

   (d) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2015/CRP.9); 2

   (e) Memorandums by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations requesting a change of name (E/C.2/2015/CRP.11 and CRP.12). 2

2 Conference room papers are on file with the Secretariat and are available for consultation.
A. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee

3. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from its previous sessions, at its 20th through 24th meetings, held from 28 May to 1 June 2015. The Committee considered a total of 176 deferred applications for consultative status.

Applications recommended

4. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 39 non-governmental organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

- Active Help Organization
- Advocates for International Development
- Centre catholique international de Genève (CCIG)
- Development Generation Africa International (DGAI)
- Disease Management Association of India
- Ecumenical Alliance for Human Rights and Development (EAHRD)
- Eurasia Reiyukai
- Feed The Children Inc
- Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute
- Global Academy Institute of Technology Foundation Inc.
- Healthy Start Initiative
- International-Lawyers.Org
- Managing Committee of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences
- Martina Centre for Sustainable Dev
- Muzaffarabad Poverty Alleviation Programme (MPAP)
- National Women's Welfare Society Darwha, Distt. Yavatmal
- Peace and Life Enhancement Initiative International
- Pukar Foundation
- Queensland Association of Independent Legal Services Inc.
- Rajasthan Samgrah Kalyan Sansthan
- Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled
- Sambhali Trust
- Segretariato Permanente dei Premi Nobel per la Pace
- Servicios Ecuménicos para Reconciliación y Reconstrucción
Applications deferred

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 109 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2015 resumed session:

- Access Now
- Africa Unite
- Afrikaanse Forum vir Burgerregte
- Al-Dameer Association for Supporting Prisoners and Human Rights
- All-Ukrainian Association of Civil Organizations "Union of Armenians of Ukraine"
- Ambedkar Center for Justice and Peace
- Asia Center for Human Rights (ACHR)
- Assyrian Aid Society of America Inc.
- Assyrian National Congress
- Avocats Sans Frontières
- Azerbaijani American Cultural Association, Inc.
- Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara Occidental
- Business and Professional Women Voluntary Organization - Sudan
Center for Constitutional Rights Inc.
Center for Media & Peace Initiative Inc.
Centre Zagros pour les Droits de l'Homme
Christian Solidarity Worldwide
Collectif des Familles de Disparu(e)s en Algerie
Committee to Protect Journalists, Inc.
Congrès National des Arméniens Occidentaux (CNAO)
Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience
Dalit Foundation - Ahmedabad
Dansk Flygtningehjælp
Droits de l'Homme sans Frontières - Human Rights Without Frontiers
Earth Charter Associates Ltd.
ECCO2 Corp
Egyptian Judges' Club
ELA-Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Género
Engineers Without Borders - USA, Inc.
Ethnic Community Development Organization (ECDO)
European Muslims League
Federal Lezghin National and Cultural Autonomy
Geneva Institute for Human Rights (GIHR)
Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health
Heavenly Shower of Peace Church of God
Hokok Coalición Internacional Contra la Impunidad
Human Aid UK
Human Rights Sanrakshan Sansthaa
IDEAS Centre
India Media Centre
India Water Foundation
Insan Dost Association
Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya
Institute for Human Rights & Business Limited
Instituto Igarapé
International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.
International Association of Genocide Scholars, Inc., The
International Association of Independent Journalists Inc.
International Center for Work and Family
International Dalit Solidarity Network
International Human Rights Commission Relief Fund Trust
International Police Commission Philippine Command Association Inc
Iran Human Rights Documentation Center
Islamic African Relief Agency (IARA)
James Madison University
Kaushalya Gramodyog Sansthan
Korea Human Rights Foundation
Legal Resources Centre
Let's Breakthrough, Inc.
Liberia Youth Initiative for Peace and Sustainable Development (LYIPSUD), Inc.
Light House
Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights Association
Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus
Mother Helpage (UK)
Muslim Aid
Muslim Hands
National Development Youth Club, Jaran Wali Gali Poonch
National Secular Society
New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative
NGOs Computer Literacy Shelter Welfare, Rawalpindi Cantt.
Nigerian Diaspora Youths Movement for Peace and Development International Organization
Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays, Inc. (P-FOX)
Peace Islands Institute Inc
Population Matters
Profesionales por la Ética
Publication and Coordination Centre of Islamic Ideology and Sufi-ism
RESDAL Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina Asociación Civil
Rural Development Institute
Shah Maqeem Trust
Sheikh Eid Bin Mohammad Al Thani Charitable Association
Stichting Basug (Bangladesh Support Group)
Stichting Samenwerkingsverband IKV - Pax Christi
Stichting Soham Baba Mission
Stichting War Child
Survivor's Network of those Abused by Priests
Swadhikar
Takal Welfare Organization
The Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention Inc
The Bahrain Young Ladies Association
The F W de Klerk Foundation Trust
The Jewish Renaissance Foundation
The Kuki Organization For Human Rights Trust
The Lawfare Project, Inc.
The Leadership Foundation
The Simons Foundation
The World Academy of Art and Science
Treatment & Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture
United Sikhs
USC Canada
Virtual Activism Incorporated
WEConnect International Inc
West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation
Women Living under Muslim Laws - International Solidarity Network (WLUML)
Women's Freedom Forum, Inc.
Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (YCSRR)
Youth Foundation of Bangladesh
Youth of European Nationalities
Zaka Rescue and Recovery

**Congrès national des arméniens occidentaux**

6. At its 23rd meeting, on 29 May, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Congrès national des arméniens occidentaux.
7. At the same meeting, the representative of Azerbaijan posed questions on the activities of the organization, which were followed by a statement by the observer for Armenia. In his statement, the observer for Armenia underlined non-governmental organizations important contribution to and engagement with the Organization. He acknowledged the legitimate right of every member of the Committee to pose questions to non-governmental organizations seeking consultative status with the Council and stressed that the process of considering applications should be free from any prejudice and political motivations. He stated that in the past several sessions of the Committee two Armenian diaspora organizations, namely All-Ukrainian Association of Civil Organizations “Union of Armenians of Ukraine” and Congrès national des arméniens occidentaux, had been posed questions and this session yet again more questions were asked to the two organizations even though they had provided detailed and timely responses. He urged the Committee to thoroughly examine past responses, avoid the practice of asking repetitive questions, be constructive and impartial and show flexibility while considering the application of the two organizations.

8. The representative of Azerbaijan stated that the members of the Committee were working in an impartial manner and questions were asked of many non-governmental organizations to seek clarifications. The representative of Turkey stressed that questions posed to non-governmental organizations were on behalf of the Committee to seek clarifications regarding their applications. He underlined that Turkey strongly supported the involvement and active participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nations and emphasized that Turkey had traditionally adopted an impartial and constructive approach in the evaluation of all applications of non-governmental organizations for consultative status. He added that regardless of the name or origin of non-governmental organizations, the only criteria Turkey followed in the review of applications was whether the organizations were in compliance with the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31. He expressed his hope that the concerned organizations would engage constructively with the Committee and provide the necessary clarifications to the questions posed to them by the Committee. The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

International Police Commission Philippine Command Association Inc

9. At its 21 meeting, on 28 May, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization International Police Commission Philippine Command Association Inc.

10. At the same meeting, the observer for the Philippines stated that the organization had been using its alleged affiliation with the Council to recruit members all over the Philippines for a fee and the recruited members were issued a uniform, identification card and a badge similar to the Philippine National Police General Office Attire and a rank similar to that of the military. He added that the members of the organization had been posing as “agents” of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Criminal Police Organization, as well as using the United Nations logo in its activities. He underscored that the organization had been subject to monitoring by law enforcement agencies, including the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission. He stressed that the members of the organization were arrested at the Mactan-Cebu international airport for
possession of firearms and ammunitions with fictitious permits and for attempting to apply for temporary airport passes allegedly to assist authorities in gathering intelligence information. He urged the members of the Committee not to recommend the organization for consultative status.

11. Also at the same meeting, the representatives of the Russian Federation and South Africa posed questions to the organization. The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Iran Human Rights Documentation Center

12. At its 24th meeting, on 1 June, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Iran Human Rights Documentation Center.

13. At the same meeting, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran stated that pursuant to the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31 this organization did not seem to be a non-governmental organization and therefore was not eligible to be granted consultative status. She added that the organization received more than 86 percent of its budget from certain governments, which led her to conclude that it was an affiliated government organization. Quoting texts from the organization’s website, she pointed out that the organization justified armed group activities who were involved in terrorist acts against Iranian citizens, explosion of pipe lines and cooperation with Saddam Hussein regime in the imposed war against her country. She posed questions to the organization and the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

The Palestinian Return Centre Ltd

14. At its 24th meeting, on 1 June, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization the Palestinian Return Centre Ltd. The representative of Sudan expressed the support of his delegation to the application of this organization, adding that it was registered in the United Kingdom, it assists the Palestinian people in need and it also has the support of the State of Palestine. While underlining that the organization’s application had been sufficiently discussed in the Committee, the representative of Sudan requested for a vote to recommend the granting of consultative status to the organization. He urged the members of the Committee to support the application of this organization and to vote in favour of it. The representative of Mauritania expressed his support to the organization and the request of the representative of Sudan for a vote. The Chair proceeded with the vote in accordance with rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council.

15. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by some Member States. The representative of Israel underscored that the application of this organization should be handled correctly as not to create a precedent for the acceptance of organizations with known affiliations to terrorist organizations. She added that Ismail Haniyeh, a senior leader of Hamas, was invited to give a keynote address at three conferences of this organization and accrediting an organization that honours individuals such as Ismail Haniyah would imply providing a platform for ideas of violence and terror. She stressed that the organization was in support of Hamas, which was committed to violence and the total annihilation of the State of
Israel, was banned in Egypt, and had been designated a terrorist organization by the European Union, Canada, Japan, the United States and Israel, therefore, voting yes for accrediting this organization would be accrediting Hamas. She highlighted that media sources, national intelligence agencies and independent research organizations had cited connections between this organization and other organizations such as the Charity Coalition and Interpal, both known as large financing sources for terrorism. She pointed out that the Committee should not allow itself to approve the application of an organization when there were suspicions about its activities and affiliations and that her delegation would vote against granting consultative status to the organization.

16. The representative of South Africa stressed that the political position of his government and its support for the Palestinian self-determination was unwavering, therefore his government believed that the organization and its activities to popularize the right to self-determination for the Palestinian people and for the statehood was a just course. He added that the Palestinian people were entitled to the right to return and as such his delegation would vote in favour of recommending the organization be given consultative status.

17. The representative of United States expressed that her delegation still had outstanding concerns about the organization, its leadership, and its activities and they had come prepared to pose questions to the organization to seek clarification on its work and the nature of its relationships in various countries. She highlighted that though her delegation supported the critical voices of civil society at the United Nations she would vote against granting consultative status to this organization in light of the outstanding concerns and the lack of opportunity to raise questions to the organization.

18. The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran stated that she would vote in favour of this organization as her delegation believed that the aims and work of the organization were in full compliance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and Council resolution 1996/31. She added that the work of the organization in exercising the rights of the Palestinian people to return to their homeland was based on international law and international humanitarian law.

19. The representatives of Cuba highlighted that the case of Palestine was in line with Cuba’s foreign policy, hence she would vote in favour of granting the organization consultative status. Similarly, the representative of Guinea expressed that he would vote in favour of the organization in support of Guinea’s policy for self-determination of the Palestinian people.

20. The non-governmental organization was recommended for consultative status by a roll-call vote of 12 to 3, with 3 abstentions. Eighteen of the 19 members of the Committee were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Azerbaijan, China, Cuba, Guinea, Islamic Republic of Iran, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

*Against:*

Israel, United States, Uruguay

*Abstaining:*

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Greece, India, Russian Federation,

Absent:

Burundi

21. After the vote statements were made by Member States. The representative of Israel stressed that his delegation voted against this organization due to its terrorist affiliation. He gave the example of a senior official of the organization, Majid al-Ziyad, who had stated the need for military resistance as a way forward. The representative of the Russian Federation expressed that his delegation was always in favour of allowing the members of the Committee to ask questions of an organization and that his delegation abstained as he believed that not enough time was allowed for the organization’s application to be fully considered. He added that the accusations of the organization having ties with terrorism needed to be clarified immediately. The representative of Sudan thanked delegations for voting in favour of recommending that the organization be granted consultative status.

Zaka Rescue and Recovery

22. At its 24th meeting, on 1 June, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Zaka Rescue and Recovery. The representative of the United States took the floor to support the statement made by the representative of Israel that this was a reputable organization engaged in humanitarian work all over the world, it met the criteria set forth in Council resolution 1996/31 and was well deserving of ECOSOC accreditation by the Committee. Questions were posed to the organization and the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Application not recommended

Freedom Now

23. At its 23rd meeting, on 29 May, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Freedom Now.

24. The representative of the United States reminded the members that the Committee had reviewed the application of this organization twice during the 2015 regular session and at that session her delegation had implored the members of the Committee to pose all the questions that they may have of the organization. She added that this organization’s application was among the longest pending, for over five years, with almost 60 questions posed to it. She underscored that the organization worked on cases of individual political prisoners, its efforts had been before the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and it was a reputable organization with Reverend Desmond Tutu serving as its honorary chair.

3 This statement was circulated late for consideration by the Committee due to technical reasons.
She stressed that given the background of the organization her delegation was requesting for immediate action to grant this organization consultative status precluding any further deferment or questions of the organization. The Chair then called for a roll-call vote in accordance with rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council.

25. The representative of the Russian Federation sought clarification on why the Committee was proceeding to a vote without allowing the members of the Committee an opportunity to ask the organization further questions. The representative of Cuba reminded the Committee that in the past, following a request for a vote, delegations were given time to consult their capitals, therefore, voting was conducted at a later date. The representative of South Africa expressed his concern that he found the proceedings of the Committee confusing as in the morning a motion for an immediate vote was dispensed with based on the argument that it was not the practice of the Committee to proceed to an immediate vote. The representative of Sudan asked whether another delegation should second the request for a vote. The representative of the United States clarified that she had informed at the 2015 regular session that her delegation would request the Committee to take action on this organization’s application at the resumed session hence the Committee members had sufficient time to consult their capitals. She stressed that her delegation was requesting immediate action for the Committee to proceed to a vote according to the rules of procedure of the Council to grant this organization consultative status. Further clarifications were also provided by the Chair and the Secretary of the Committee. The Committee proceeded to a roll-call vote in accordance with rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council to grant consultative status to the organization.

26. At the same meeting, the representative of China stated that his delegation would vote against the organization as its website contained a lot of accusations against the Member States of the United Nations, its words and actions were politically motivated and it would not be possible for the organization to make any contribution to the work of the Council.

27. The non-governmental organization was not recommended for consultative status by a roll-call vote of 4 to 11, with 1 abstention. Sixteen of the 19 members of the Committee were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Greece, Israel, United States, Uruguay

Against:

China, Cuba, Islamic Republic of Iran, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Azerbaijan, Burundi

Abstaining:

India

Absent:

Guinea, Mauritania, Turkey
28. After the vote, statements were made by Member States. The representative of Sudan expressed his concern on how the voting process was handled and his discontent that he was not given an opportunity to clarify fully his technical point on the voting procedure. The representative of the United States thanked the Chair for proceeding to a vote as requested by a member of the Committee and conveyed her regret that the organization was not recommended for consultative status, considering that it was a reputable organization and it met the qualifications for consultative status as stipulated in Council resolution 1996/31. She hoped that the Economic and Social Council would be able to evaluate the decision of the Committee. The representative of South Africa voiced his deep concern about the processes preceding the vote. The representative of the Russian Federation expressed his disappointment that the members of the Committee were rushed to a vote without having an opportunity to ask the organization further questions. The representatives of Cuba, Azerbaijan and Nicaragua stated that they voted against this organization since they had concerns about the organization and there were questions that needed to be clarified.

Applications closed without prejudice

29. At its 28th meeting, held on 3 June, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 27 non-governmental organizations that had no responded to the Committee's questions despite three reminders sent to the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I (e)).

B. New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification

30. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 16th through 20th, 25th and 26th meetings, held from 26 to 28 May and 1 and 2 June 2015. The Committee considered a total of 212 new applications for consultative status.

New applications recommended

31. Of the 212 non-governmental organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 121 should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

Action solidaire pour le développement communautaire
Actions pour l'environnement et le développement durable
ADJMOR
Agalliao Development Initiative
Agence pour les droits de l'homme
Alliance for Health Promotion (A4HP)
Appui aux femmes démunies et enfants marginalisés au Kivu
Asociación Colectivo de Víctimas del Terrorismo en el País Vasco "COVITE"
Association d'intérêt régional-AIR
Association des Femmes Peules Autochtones du Tchad (AFPAT)
Association des Ressortissants et Amis D’Eséka
Association femmes solidaires au Togo
Association Miraisme International
Association nationale de coopération pour le développement du Cameroun (ANACODECAM)
Association PANAFRICA
Association pour les Victimes Du Monde
Associazione Carcere Territorio
Bilie Human Rights Initiative
Canada's National Firearms Association
Centre de vulgarisation de l'outil informatique (C.V.O.I)
Centre for Budget and Policy Studies
Centre for Equality Ltd.
Centre for Renewable Energy and Action on Climate Change
Centre international de droit comparé de l'environnement
CGFNS International, Inc.,
Chant du Guépard dans le Désert
Child Concern
China Association of Non-Profit Organizations
Chinese American Parent-Student Council of New York City Inc.
Concepts of Truth, Inc.
Connecting.nyc Inc.
Corporación ATS Acción Técnica Social
Coup de Pouce
Dar Si-Hmad for Development, Education and Culture in Sidi Ifni
Darüssafaka Cemiyeti
Diplomatic Council e.V.
Dynamique des Groupes des Peuples Autochtones (DGPA)
East and Central African Association for Indigenous Rights Inc.
Elizka Relief Foundation
EMERGENCY - Life Support for Civilian War Victims
Engage Now Africa Inc
Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development
EuroChild
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition
Fairfood International
FEMM Foundation
Fielding Graduate University
Fondation Institut de recherche pour le développement durable et les relations internationales
Fondation Mohammed VI pour la Protection de l'Environnement
Fondation pour l'éradication du travail des enfants dans la culture du tabac
Fondazione Giovanni Paolo II - Onlus per il dialogo, cooperazione e sviluppo (CC)
Fondazione Rosselli Americas
Forum for Women in Democracy (FOWODE)
Forum Réfugiés-Cosi
Fundación Latinoamericana por los Derechos Humanos y el Desarrollo Social
Fundación Riba
Gadejuristen
Galkayo Medical Centre (GMC)
Global Bioethics Initiative, Inc.
Global Migration Policy Associates (GMPA)
Global Partnership for Local Action
Global Vision India Foundation
Groupe d'action pour la survie, la santé et l'éducation de la mère et de l'enfant (GASSEME)
Help Me See, Inc.
Human In Love Corporation
Institut de la démocratie et de la coopération
Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Loreto Generalate
Integrated Youth Empowerment - Common Initiative Group (I.Y.E. - C.I.G.)
Inter-Action Globale (I.A.G.)
International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation, Inc.
International Veterinary Students Association (Ivsa)
International Women & Family Foundation
Isa Viswa Prajnana Trust
Janaseva Foundation, Pune
Japan National Assembly of Disabled Peoples' International
Japan Overseas Cooperative Association
Kaurareg Aboriginal Land Trust
Kršcanski centar za pomoć i rehabilitaciju ovisnika i obitelji "Stijena"
L'Arche internationale
La fondation de la progeniture Denis Lomela Ifangwa
Laya
Manav Pragati Santhan, Rajgarh
Manhattan Multicultural Counseling
Medrar
México Unido contra la Delincuencia, A.C.
Mountain Area Information Network
National Aboriginal Circle Against Family Violence
Niger Talents
Noahs Arc Foundation
Non-for-profit organization "International Association of Technical Survey and Classification Institutions"
Nouveaux droits de l'homme (NDH)
NVO "Preporod"
Oil Change International
ONG Carbone Guinée
Organisation pour la prévention et l'intervention contre les risques et contingences
Organizzazione Mondiale Degli Agricoltori
Parlement africain de la société civile
Poverty Alleviation for the Poor Initiative
Privacy International
Promotion pour le Développement (PROMODEV)
Rede Brasileira de Redução de Danos e Direitos Humanos - REDUC
Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Dir
Sahyog International Foundation
Samarthyam
Social Welfare Corporation, "Miral Welfare Foundation"
Specified Non-profit Corporation, Health and Global Policy Institute
Stichting African Sky
Stiftelsen Stockholm International Water Institute
Tabernacle Worship and Prayer Ministry Inc
The Arab Anti-Corruption Organisation
The Arab Group for the Protection of Nature
The New Zealand Drug Foundation
The United Kingdom Grand Priory of the International Knightly Order Valiant of St. George
Toplumsal Haklar ve Araştırmalar Derneğii (TOHAD)
Trilok Youth Club and Charitable Trust, Vadodara
UN Women for Peace Association Inc.
United States Sustainable Development Corporation
Utah China Friendship Improvement Sharing Hands Development and Commerce
Wash United gGmbH
Wiener Drogen Komitee (Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs)
Youth and Women Empowerment Centre

**New applications deferred**

32. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 91 non-governmental organizations pending receipt of questions posed by the Committee to the organizations during its 2015 resumed session:

Action on Smoking and Health
African Australian Network Limited
AIDES
Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation
American Medical Overseas Relief
American Society for Nutrition, Inc.
Antigonish Women's Resource Centre and Sexual Assault Services Association
Arbeiter Samariter-Bund Deutschland e.V. (ASB)
Article 36 Limited
Asociación Pro-Bienestar de la Familia Colombiana "Profamilia"
Association Concerning Sexual Violence against Women
Association for Human Rights and Solidarity with Oppressed People (MAZLUMDER)
Association Internationale de la Libre Pensée
Australian Drug Foundation Inc.
Behinderung und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit e.V.
Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation
Campanha Latino-Americana pelo Direito à Educação - CLADE Brasil
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development
Child Soldiers International
Conselho Indigenista Missionário CIMI
Days for Girls International
Digital Opportunity Trust
Diplomatic Mission Peace And Prosperity
Ecole de la Paix
Education on Human Rights Public Association
Egyptian Centre for Human Rights
Electronic Frontier Foundation, Inc.
ELIGE Red de Jóvenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos, A.C.
Eminence Associates for Social Development
Engineers Without Borders - International
Ensemble contre la Peine de Mort
Eurasia Foundation (The)
Fondation des jeunes pour un développement durable
Forum Europeen pour les Roms et les Gens du Voyage (FERV)
Foundation for Sustainable Development
Fountain House, Inc.
Fundación Novia Salcedo
Gain International
Global Mass Community (Welfare Organization)
Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction
Global Partnership for Afghanistan
Health Squared Limited
Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor Office
Initiative Féministe Européenne
Institute for Multi-track Diplomacy
Interregional Non-governmental Organization "Committee against Torture"
Intersections International Initiative, Inc.
Islamic Help
Japan Federation of Democratic Medical Institutions (MIN-IREN)
Jeunesse Canada Monde - Canada World Youth
Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation
Kirkon Ulkomaanavun Säätiö
Le Collectif de la Paix au Sri Lanka
Little People of Kosovo
Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Menschenrechte - Forschungsverein (BIM-FV)
Luxembourg Income Study
Maori Women's Welfare League Inc.
Mouvement de la Paix
New Jersey Minority Educational Development NJ-MED
O.N.G Casa de Acogida La Esperanza
Oromia Support Group in Australia Inc.
Palestine Sports for Life
Plan International (UK)
Public Interest Advocacy Centre Ltd
Shah Satnam Ji Green-S Welfare Force Wing
Sindhi Adhikar Manch (Association)
Social Services Trust
Sri Sri J.S.M.D. Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri
Stichting HealthNet International - Transcultural Psychosocial Organization
Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik
STUF United Fund Inc.
Sukyo Mahikari
The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty
The African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes Education Trust ("ACCORD Education Trust")
The Aspen Institute, Inc.
The Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation
The Children's Investment Fund Foundation (UK)
The Death Penalty Project Limited
The Medtronic Foundation
Uçan Süpürge Kadın İletişim ve Arastirma Dernegi
Universal Cultural Society Inc.
US-Africa Synergy Inc
VOICE (Vietnamese Overseas Initiative for Conscience Empowerment)
V-Day Karama
We Care for Humanity
Women for Water Partnership
Women's Initiative for Self-Actualization
Work In Progress
World Without Genocide
Yayasan Dompet Dhuafa Republika
Youth Service America

**Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation**

33. At its 19th meeting, on 27 May, the Committee reviewed the application of the organization Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation. The representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, South African and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela posed questions to the organization on its activities.

34. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the observer for Viet Nam. He registered the strong objection of the Government of Viet Nam to the application of this organization, which was believed to gravely violate the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations by carrying out politically motivated acts aimed for separation of the territory of Viet Nam by calling for the establishment of an independent state of the Khmer people. He pointed out that in 2012 the Council had decided not to grant consultative status to this organization and that it was not accredited to attend the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. He urged the Committee not to recommend the organization for consultative status with the Council.

35. Also at the same meeting, the representative of the United States clarified that in 2012 the organization was unanimously recommended by the Committee to be granted consultative status and that the Council overturned the Committee’s recommendation by a vote. She stressed that her delegation believes that the organization should have received consultative status in 2012 and she hoped that the Committee at the current session would recommend that it be granted consultative
status. She emphasized that the organization had not advocated for any violence and had only criticized governments on their human rights records.

36. The representative of the Russian Federation confirmed that the process as outlined by the representative of the United States on how the application of the organization was handled in 2012 was accurate but it did not reflect the complete picture. He then clarified that it was only after the Committee had decided to recommend that the organization be granted consultative status a statement was delivered by the representative of Viet Nam through which the members of the Committee became aware of the separatist activities of the organization, therefore, the Committee’s recommendation was voted and rejected in the Council.

37. Questions were posed to the organization and the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Vietnamese Overseas Initiative for Conscience Empowerment (VOICE)

38. At its 19th meeting, on 27 May, the Committee reviewed the application of the organization Vietnamese Overseas Initiative for Conscience Empowerment (VOICE). At the same meeting, the representatives of Cuba, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, South Africa and Sudan posed questions to the organization.

39. Also at the same meeting, the observer for Viet Nam made a statement, expressing strong objection to the application of this organization. He emphasized that the organization had close affiliation with a number of extremist Vietnamese overseas organizations working against the State of Viet Nam. He stressed that the organization violated the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and Council resolution 1996/31 by carrying out politically motivated acts against the State of Viet Nam. He urged the members of the Committee not to recommend the organization for consultative status. The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Requests for reclassification

40. At its 20th and 24th meetings, on 28 May and 1 June, the Committee considered seven requests for reclassification of consultative status, which included four new requests for reclassification, contained in document E/C.2/2015/R.3/Add.1, and three deferred requests for reclassification, contained in document E/C.2/2015/CRP.9. It decided to recommend the reclassification of status of four non-governmental organizations, including three from the Roster to special consultative status and one from special to general consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)).

41. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application for reclassification of status of the following two non-governmental organizations:

   Widows for Peace through Democracy
   World Council for Curriculum and Instruction
Application for reclassification closed with prejudice

42. At its 28th meeting, held on 3 June, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council to close without prejudice consideration of the application for reclassification of status of one non-governmental organization, United States Federation for Middle East Peace, that had not responded to the Committee’s questions despite three reminders sent to the organization (see chap. I, draft decision I (f)).

Requests for a change of name

43. At its 25th meeting, on 1 June, the Committee considered two new requests for a change of name by non-governmental organizations in consultative status, as contained in document E/C.2/2015/CRP.12.2

44. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of one of the organizations, International Committee for the Indians of the Americas (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)). The Committee deferred the request of the other organization, World Society for the Protection of Animals, pending receipt of responses to questions posed to it by the Committee.

45. Also at the same meeting, the Committee considered five deferred requests for a change of name by non-governmental organizations in consultative status, as contained in document E/C.2/2015/CRP.11.2 The Committee decided to take note of the change of name of two of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)). The Committee deferred its consideration of the request for a change of name by the following organizations, pending receipt of responses to questions posed to it by the Committee:

Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development
InnerCity Mission of Christ Embassy
Syriac Universal Alliance

III. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

A. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council that had been deferred at the resumed session

46. At its 25th meeting, on 1 June, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of 38 quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Council on their activities during the period 1998-2013, which had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (see E/C.2/2015/CRP.10).2 Of the 38 reports, the Committee took note of the report of the following non-governmental organization (included in chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)).
International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (2010-2013)

47. Also at its 25th meeting, the Committee decided to defer further consideration of the 37 deferred quadrennial reports of the following 28 non-governmental organizations:

- Amnesty International (2008-2011)
- Armenian Assembly of America (2007-2010)
- Asociatia Pro Democratia (2007-2010)
- Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir (2009-2012)
- EarthRights International (2008-2011)
- Freedom House (2007-2010)
- Global Environmental Action (2009-2012)
- Human Rights Watch (2009-2012)
- International Development Enterprises (India) (2009-2012)
- International PEN (2006-2009)
- International Shinto Foundation (2009-2012)
- International Union of Socialist Youth (2005-2008)
- Kimse Yok Mu (2010-2013)
- Reporters sans frontières international (2005-2008, 2009-2012)
- Simply Help (2009-2012)
- Suzanne Mubarak Women’s International Peace Movement (2007-2010)
- Syriac Universal Alliance (2007-2010)
- Ukrainian World Congress (2003-2006, 2007-2010)
- Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (2009-2012)
- Women for Women’s Human Rights: New Ways (2009-2012)
B. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

48. At its 24th and 25th meetings, on 1 June, the Committee considered agenda item 4 (b), Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council. It had before it notes by the Secretary-General containing 177 new quadrennial reports (see E/C.2/2015/2/Add.13-20 and E/C.2/2015/CRP.132 and 142). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 167 of those organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)) and decided to defer consideration of the reports of the following 10:

- Catholic Organization for Relief and Development Aid (2010-2013)
- Catholics for Choice (2010-2013)
- Centrist Democratic International (2010-2013)
- DiploFoundation (2010-2013)
- European Union of Jewish Studies (2010-2013)
- Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (2010-2013)
- International Commission of Jurists (2009-2012)
- International Institute for Non-aligned Studies (2010-2013)
- Vital Voices Global Partnership (2010-2013)
- World Organization Against Torture (2010-2013)

C. Suspension of consultative status of non-governmental organizations that have failed to submit their quadrennial reports for one or more consecutive reporting periods

49. At its 25th meeting, on 1 June, the Committee considered agenda item 6 (c), Other related matters. The Secretariat informed the Committee that it had sent several notifications to non-governmental organizations that had not fulfilled the requirement to submit their quadrennial reports for the period by 1 May 2015, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4. The Secretariat had also sought assistance from the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries where the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

50. In that regard, the Committee adopted a draft decision recommending that the Council suspend, for a period of one year, the consultative status of 165 non-governmental organizations that had failed to submit quadrennial reports by 1 May 2015, in accordance with the guidelines set out in Council resolution 2008/4 (see chap. I, draft decision IV). The Committee further requested the Secretariat to advise the organizations concerned of the suspension of their consultative status and to inform the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries where the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.
D. Reinstatement of consultative status of non-governmental organizations that had been previously suspended owing to non-submission of their quadrennial reports

51. At its 25th meeting, on 1 June, in accordance with Council resolution 2008/4 and Council decision 2014/223, the Committee decided to recommend reinstatement of the consultative status of 24 non-governmental organizations upon receipt of their pending quadrennial reports prior to the termination of the suspension period (see chap. I, draft decision V).

52. The following non-governmental organizations had failed to submit their quadrennial reports for the periods 2008-2011 and 2009-2012 by 1 May 2014:

- Asociación de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Madres Irlandesas (2009-2012);
- Associação Brasileira de Gays, Lésbicas e Transgeneros (2009-2012);
- General Arab Women Federation (2009-2012);
- International Council of Management Consulting Institutes (2009-2012);
- International Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse (2009-2012);
- Network of Women’s Non-Governmental Organizations in the Islamic Republic of Iran (2009-2012);
- Relief International (2008-2011);

53. The consultative status of all eight organizations had been suspended by the Council in July 2014 for a period of one year, through July 2015. The reports were subsequently submitted by the organizations and presented to the Committee at its regular session in January 2015, and the Committee took note of them (see E/2015/32 (Part I) chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)). While the Council had endorsed the recommendations of the Committee in its decision 2015/207, the consultative status of these eight organizations will be formally reinstated upon approval by the Council in July, at the conclusion of the period of suspension.

E. Withdrawal of consultative status of non-governmental organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports

54. At the 25th meeting, on 1 June, the Secretariat informed the Committee that it had sent several notifications to non-governmental organizations that were already on the list of organizations suspended for one year owing to outstanding quadrennial reports, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4. It also informed the Committee that it had failed to receive any response from 85 of those organizations and that it had also sought assistance from the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries where the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

55. Accordingly, the Committee decided to recommend that the Council withdraw the consultative status of the 85 non-governmental organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports, in accordance with the guidelines set out in Council resolution 2008/4, and recalled Council decision 2014/223 (see chap. I, draft
decision VI). The Committee requested the Secretariat to advise the concerned organizations of the withdrawal of their consultative status and to accordingly inform the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries where the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

IV. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat

56. At its 16th meeting, on 26 May, the Committee jointly considered agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat; agenda item 6, Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304; and agenda item 8, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network, and heard oral reports made by the Secretariat.

57. The Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, informed the Committee of some changes in the paperless committee platform, a document and record management retrieval system set up in 2008 to support the Committee’s work. The Office underscored that the laptops used by the Committee members have not been updated since 2008 and needed to be replaced as a matter of urgency.

V. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304

Recommendations for improving the working methods of the Committee

58. Delegations requested more time in which to consider the issues that could contribute to improving the working methods of the Committee. Informal consultations would be held to address those issues at a later stage.

Statements by non-governmental organizations at the 2015 session of the Council

59. At its 16th meeting, held on 26 May, the Committee took note of the requests submitted by the following 27 non-governmental organizations in consultative status to be heard by the Council at the high-level segment of its 2015 session (see E/C.2/2015/CRP.17):

- Action Aides aux Familles Demunies (Special, 2002)
- African British Returnees International Ltd (Special, 2015)
VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

African Technical Association and African Technology Development Link

60. At its 16th meeting, on 26 May 2015, the Committee heard a complaint by the representative of Pakistan, following a formal letter of complaint from the Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nation (see annex I), concerning the organizations African Technical Association and African Technology
Development Link. The representative of Pakistan underlined the following points: (a) the two organizations were national organizations based in Zambia and Guinea, respectively; (b) the statements delivered by the two organizations in the Human Rights Council were not in compliance with their mandate but concerned the political and human rights situation in Pakistan; (c) the two organizations were on the Roster and not in general or special consultative status; (d) the applications of the two organizations were not available as they were placed on the Roster by virtue of their consultative status with other United Nations bodies or the specialized agencies; (e) the organizations’ addresses were not available nor did they have websites; and (f) the language used by the two organizations were politically motivated.

61. The representative of the United States reminded the Committee that in accordance with Council resolution 1996/31, due process must be followed, and the organizations should be given an adequate opportunity to respond to the complaint presented by the representative of Pakistan. She added that though the organizations were based in Africa this should not preclude them from commenting about the situation in other countries. She underscored that the organizations should not be penalized for not having a website as this was not a criteria in Council resolution 1996/31. The Committee requested the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, to contact the two organizations requesting them to respond to the complaint from the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations.

62. At its 24th meeting, on 1 June, the Committee resumed its consideration of the matter and reviewed the responses of the two organizations. The representative of Pakistan stated that the African Technical Association in its response had indicated that it would update its address, which confirmed his point of view that the organization had not provided its updated address to the NGO Branch. Furthermore, the organization had acknowledged that it provided a platform to dissent politicians from Pakistan and other countries and its activities were not in compliance with Council resolution 1996/31. He also stated that the African Technology Development Link had not responded to the compliant but instead had given further allegations against his country. He added that he was informed by the delegation of Guinea that the phone number of this organization was not correct. The representative of the United States stressed that her delegation would like to seek further clarification from the two organizations before rushing to a decision and that more consultation among Committee members was required.

63. At its 26th meeting, on 2 June, the Committee resumed its consideration of the matter. The representative of Pakistan underlined that the organizations were maligning the African continent and its representatives were not African. He stated that the African countries would not invite politicians from outside their continent to deliver statements against other Member States. He requested withdrawal of the Roster status of the two organizations and indicated that, in light of a lack of consensus on his proposal, his delegation would request for a vote.

64. The representative of India stressed that the Committee needed to consider the matter in more detail, in a fair and transparent manner and work towards a consensus decision. He expressed concern about the complaint by the representative of Pakistan that the organizations had given platform to political. The representative of the United States expressed her concern that the process was rushed and not
transparent. She added that her delegation was hoping to request clarification from a representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the practice of the Human Rights Council which seemed to differ from the Council’s practice, there were only four non-governmental organizations from Zambia and nine from Guinea in the whole United Nations system, the organizations were in the system for over 20 years without any incident, and they may have contributed positively to the work of the Council. In light of the statements made by the representatives of India and the United States and following clarification from the representative of Pakistan, the Chair informed the Committee that a roll-call vote would be taken separately on each organization to recommend that the Council withdraw their Roster status.

**African Technical Association**

65. At its 26th meeting, on 2 June, the Committee proceeded to a roll-call vote in accordance with rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council to recommend withdrawal of the consultative status of the organization.

66. Statements in explanation of vote were made by Member States. The representatives of China and Sudan stated that their delegations would vote in favour of withdrawal of the consultative status as the organization seemed to be technical in nature but it had a political agenda launching attacks against Member States. The representatives of Greece, the United States, India, Israel and Uruguay stated that they would vote against the proposal as the process lacked transparency, it was a rushed decision and the organization was not given sufficient time to respond to further questions. The representative of the United States added her delegation’s concern about the targeting of non-governmental organizations who expressed their views in the Human Rights Council contrary to the view of governments.

67. The non-governmental organization was recommended for withdrawal of the consultative status by a roll-call vote of 13 to 5, with 0 abstentions. Eighteen of the 19 members of the Committee were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

- China, Cuba, Guinea, Islamic Republic of Iran, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Azerbaijan

*Against:*

- Greece, India, Israel, United States, Uruguay

*Absent:*

- Burundi

**African Technology Development Link**

68. At its 27th meeting, on 2 June, the Committee proceeded to a roll-call vote in accordance with rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council to recommend withdrawal of the consultative status of the organization.
69. Statements in explanation of vote were made by Member States. The representative of the United States stated that their delegation would vote against the proposal, expressing the view that not enough time had been given for consultation on the issue and that questions remained with regard to the organization and its activities, since the Committee had not gotten a chance to ask the organization about the work it undertakes in Africa. Furthermore, the representative expressed concern regarding the potential precedent set for non-governmental organizations that engage with the Human Rights Council and which may be critical of Member States. The representative of India stated that his delegation would also be voting against the proposal to withdraw status, because the issue had not been debated in the Committee in a free, fair and transparent manner with the objective of arriving at a consensus. The representatives of Greece, Israel and Uruguay added their voice to the discussion by expressing similar reservations regarding the need for more time and transparency of the process.

70. The non-governmental organization was recommended for withdrawal of the consultative status by a roll-call vote of 12 to 5, with 0 abstentions. Seventeen of the 19 members of the Committee were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*  
China, Cuba, Guinea, Islamic Republic of Iran, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Turkey, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Azerbaijan

*Against:*  
Greece, India, Israel, United States, Uruguay

*Absent:*  
Burundi, Sudan

71. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by Member States. The representative of Guinea acknowledged the concerns voiced by delegations and stated that the organization did not have accreditation with the government of Guinea. The representative of Pakistan reiterated his position that enough time had been given for the organization to respond and for the case to be considered, after which time a democratic vote was taken. The representative of the United States expressed concern that the Committee had taken very lightly the decision to strip two non-governmental organizations of their consultative status, which they had held for decades. The representative further stated that the action would have a chilling effect on civil society and the way that it interacts with the United Nations. The representative of Sudan, who was not present in the room when the vote was taken, expressed his support for the outcome of the vote and indicated that he would have voted in favour.

**VII. Provisional agenda and documentation of the 2016 session of the Committee**

72. At its 28th meeting, on 3 June, the Committee considered agenda item 9, Provisional agenda and documentation of the 2016 session of the Committee, and had before it the draft provisional agenda of its 2016 session (E/C.2/2015/L.1).
73. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council the following dates for the sessions in 2016: 25 January to 3 February and 16 February for its 2016 regular session; and 23 May to 1 June and 10 June for its 2016 resumed session.

VIII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

74. The Committee held its 2015 resumed session from 26 May to 3 June and on 12 June. The Committee held 14 meetings.

B. Attendance

75. The session was attended by all 19 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants was issued in document E/C.2/2015/INF/2.

76. At its 2015 resumed session, the Committee heard 15 representatives of non-governmental organizations, who were given the opportunity to respond to questions raised by the Committee. The additional information provided by the representatives facilitated the debate and the work of the Committee in taking its decisions.

C. Election of officers

77. At its 16th meeting, on 26 May, the Committee elected by acclamation Murat Uğurluoğlu (Turkey) as Vice-Chair from the Western European and other States to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Gizem Sucuoğlu (Turkey).

78. At the same meeting, the Committee also elected by acclamation Mustafa Elhossein Elshareef (Sudan) to fill the remaining vacancy from the African States.

D. Agenda

79. The agenda (E/C.2/2015/1) of the 2015 regular and resumed session reads as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;
(b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;

(c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.

4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;

(b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.

5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.

6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:

(a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;

(b) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group;

(c) Other related matters.

7. Consideration of special reports.


9. Provisional agenda and documentation of the 2015 session of the Committee.

10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

E. Documentation

80. The list of documents before the Committee at its 2015 regular and resumed session is available on the paperless committee system.

IX. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2015 resumed session

81. At its 28th meeting, on 3 June, the Committee took note of the draft report and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report with the support of the Secretariat and in consultation with the members of the Committee, as appropriate, with a view to its submission to the Council for appropriate action.

82. At its 29th meeting, on 12 June, the Committee adopted the present report.
Annex

Letter dated 19 May 2015 from the Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organization

As a member of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organization, Pakistan appreciates the role and contribution of non-governmental organizations in support of the activities of the Economic and Social Council and other relevant United Nations subsidiary organs in accordance with the principles and purposes set out in Council resolution 1996/31. With this understanding, Pakistan has been supportive of the efforts of many non-governmental organizations to make positive and constructive contributions within the United Nations system, and like the delegation of all other member states, Pakistan's delegation has played its role responsibly within the Committee to facilitate accreditation of all genuine national and international non-governmental organizations to the Council.

It is with the same understanding and mutual respect and obligations that member states of the Committee expect the accredited non-governmental organizations to observe the core guiding principles of Council resolution 1996/31 on conduct and activities of the non-governmental organizations within the United Nations system.

According to Council resolution 1996/31:

(a) The aims and purposes of the organization shall be in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

(b) Organizations granted consultative status by the Council shall conform at all times to the principles governing the establishment and nature of their consultative relations with the Council.

(c) The consultative status of non-governmental organizations with the Council and the listing of those on the Roster shall be suspended up to three years or withdrawn, if an organization, either directly or through its affiliates or representatives acting on its behalf, clearly abuses its status by engaging in a pattern of acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations including unsubstantiated or politically motivated acts against Member States of the United Nations.

It is against this backdrop that I would like to bring to the attention of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations the cases of the following two Roster-listed Africa-based non-governmental organizations, who have evidently failed to conform to these clear and unequivocal principles and abused their respective consultative status by undertaking politically motivated acts including usage of language not authorized in United Nations parlance and levelling unsubstantiated allegations against Pakistan in violation of their mandate.

I wish to underline here that the purpose of the present letter is not to respond to the baseless allegations of these non-governmental organizations but only refer to
evidence and examples which are sufficient to illustrate the violation of laid down principles and the clear political motives of these organizations against Pakistan:

(i) African Technical Association: The full application and exact address of this non-governmental organization are not available with the NGO Branch. Moreover, we have failed to trace its website on the internet. The little information received from the NGO Branch indicates that it is a “Zambia-based African non-governmental organization”, which was “listed on the Roster”, at some “unknown date”, by “virtue of its consultative status with another United Nations body or Specialized Agency”. Instead of remaining focused on its apparent aims as suggested by its name, country of location, scope and status of accreditation, this non-governmental organization has repeatedly “offered its platform to a dissident Pakistani politician and made “politically motivated and unsubstantiated allegations against Pakistan on several occasions. While taking part in debate under agenda item 5 of the 28th session of the Human Rights Council, this organization delivered a statement on situation in the Baluchistan province of Pakistan, inter alia, alleging that the security of the people of Baluchistan has been threatened by “state-sponsored proscribed militant outfits such as Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jamat-ul-Dawa and the military itself”. This statement of the non-governmental organization is not only clearly politically motivated but also patently false as all the militant organizations mentioned in its statement have been banned by the Government of Pakistan, so how can they be regarded as “state-sponsored outfits”. Moreover, the military of Pakistan like the military of any other country is for the security of its people and not for threatening their security, as alleged by this non-governmental organization. These allegations are as false as politically motivated and damaging to territorial integrity and reputation of a sovereign member state.

Similarly, while speaking under agenda item 4 of the 28th Human Rights Council, this non-governmental organization alleged that “religious outfits that the state has let loose in Baluchistan are also acting as death squads” and that “the situation was expected to get worse with China helping Pakistan to loot Baluch resources”. This allegation, by a Zambia-based African non-governmental organization on Roster, is again clearly motivated to harm the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Pakistan as well as its relations with neighbouring countries through false statements.

(ii) African Technology Development Link: Like the preceding non-governmental organization, the full application of this non-governmental organization is also not available with the NGO Branch. Moreover, we have failed to trace its website on the internet. The little information received from the NGO Branch indicates that it is a “Guinea-based African non-governmental organization”, which was “listed on the Roster”, at some “unknown date”, by “virtue of its consultative status with another United Nations body or Specialized Agency”. Instead of remaining focused on its apparent aims as suggested by its name, country of location, scope and status of accreditation, this non-governmental organization has resorted to make politically motivated and false comments with regard to political and human rights situation in various parts of Pakistan. While taking part in debate under agenda item 4 of the 28th Session of the Human Rights Council, this organization delivered a statement blaming Pakistan of “colonial rule” and calling it an “occupying regime”, as can be seen from the following excerpts of its statement which is available on United Nations Web TV:
“Pakistani occupying regime has been providing huge funds to promote its own culture and language and discourage the unique culture of Chitral and Gilgit-Baltistan. Because of the colonial rule of Pakistan, people are deprived of their economic, social and cultural rights”.

The allegations by this non-governmental organization are again not only false but clearly politically motivated which amounts to an attack on the territorial integrity and reputation of a sovereign member state.

In light of the above, it is abundantly clear that the above two non-governmental organizations have engaged in activities which constitute violation of the rules for non-governmental organization participation in the work of the Council and other subsidiary organs as laid down in Council resolution 1996/31. The kind of politically motivated statements, unsubstantiated allegations, as well as terminology used by these murky, Africa-based non-governmental organizations on the political and human rights situation in Pakistan is inconsistent with the principles and purposes of United Nations Charter and the conduct expected from accredited non-governmental organizations under Council resolution 1996/31.

The Permanent Mission of Pakistan is of the view that paragraph 57 (a) of Council resolution 1996/31, which stipulates the suspension of consultative status for up to three years or its withdrawal, is fully applicable to the above-mentioned two non-governmental organizations.

Therefore, I kindly request that the present letter be immediately brought to attention of the member states of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organization, under the relevant agenda item during its resumed session, to be held from 26 May to 3 June 2015.

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