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**Non-governmental organizations****Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2016 regular session****(New York, 25 January – 3 February, and 16 February 2016)***Summary*

At its 2016 regular session, held from 25 January to 3 February, and 16 February 2016, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 475 applications for consultative status, including 200 applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 206 for consultative status, deferred 245 for further consideration at its resumed session in 2016 and closed consideration without prejudice of 23 applications that had failed to respond to queries over two consecutive sessions of the Committee. The Committee also had before it six requests for reclassification of consultative status; it deferred its consideration of all six requests. The Committee considered nine requests for a change of name, took note of five of those requests and deferred four. It also had before it 451 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 361. The Committee heard 20 representatives of the 40 non-governmental organizations that attended the session.

The present report contains four 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 206 non-governmental organizations;
- (b) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of five non-governmental organizations;

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(c) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 361 non-governmental organizations, including new and deferred reports;

(d) Close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by 23 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee;

(e) Decide to close the application for consultative status of the non-governmental organization Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation (KKKF).

By draft decision II, the Council would take note of the withdrawal of consultative status requested by one non-governmental organization.

By draft decision III, the Council would decide to reinstate the consultative status of one non-governmental organization that had submitted its outstanding quadrennial report.

By draft decision IV, the Council would take note of the present report.

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## **I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention**

### **Draft decisions for adoption by the Council**

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 206 non-governmental organizations:

#### *Special consultative status*

"Association of Women with University Education" Social Organization

"Coup de Pousse" Chaîne de l'Espoir Nord-Sud (C.D.P-C.E.N.S)

"IDEA" International Dialogue for Environmental Action Public Association

"Tort for Torture Victims Centre" (TT-VC)

ABAAD Resource Center for Gender Equality

Acclaim Otago Incorporated

Action Communautaire Femme et Enfant

Action Jeunesse pour le Développement

Action on Smoking and Health

Action pour la protection des droits de l'homme en Mauritanie

Action pour le Développement Humain au Congo

African Australian Network Limited

Agency for Health and Food Security

Al Manarah - Association for Arab Persons with Disabilities

Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation

All-Russian social movement "Association of Finno-Ugric peoples of the Russian Federation"

Alliance nationale des consommateurs et de l'environnement (ANCE)

American Academy of Pediatrics, The

American Arabic Academy of Science and technology, LLC

American Middle East Christians Congress

ANAJA (L'Eternel a répondu)

Ariel Foundation International

Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA)  
Asian Disaster Preparedness Center  
Asoc Hispano-Nigeriana para el Desarrollo Industrial y Comercial  
Asociación Civil Generación Par  
Asociatia Obsteasca "Centrul Ecologic-Recuperare, Reciclare, Reintegrare"  
Association Aide aux femmes et enfants  
Association Bharathi Centre Culturel Franco-Tamoul  
Association des étudiants tamouls de France  
Association des Fabricants européens de Munitions de Sport  
Association du Développement et de la Promotion de Droits de l'Homme  
Association for the Protection of Women and Children's Rights (APWCR)  
Association Genèse  
Association locale pour le développement intégral  
Association Malienne de Savoir Construire (A.M.S.C.)  
Association mauritanienne pour la promotion des droits de l'homme  
Association nationale de promotion et de protection des droits de l'homme  
Association pour le Développement Humain en Mauritanie  
Australian Drug Foundation Inc.  
Azerbaijani American Cultural Association, Inc.  
Bakhter Development Network (BDN)  
Barzani Charity Foundation / BCF  
Behinderung und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit e.V.  
Beijing NGO Association for International Exchanges  
British Nuclear Tests Veterans Association  
Buddies Association of Volunteers for Orphans, Disabled and Abandoned Children  
Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation  
Bureau Pour la Croissance Intégrale et la Dignité de L'enfant  
Business and Professional Women Voluntary Organization - Sudan  
Center of Civil Initiatives Support  
Centre d'accompagnement des filles désœuvrées  
Change Human's Life  
Christian Associations of Italian Laborers (U.S.A.) Inc. (ACLI)  
Climate Change Excellence Africa (Climate XL - Africa)  
Coastal Association for Social Transformation (COAST) Trust

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College of the Atlantic  
Community Systems Foundation  
Compass Housing Services Co. Ltd  
Conquer Nepal  
Conseil International pour le soutien à des procès équitables et aux Droits de l'Homme - Cispedh  
Corporacion Cultural Nueva Acropolis Chile  
Covenant International University and Seminary Inc  
Days for Girls International  
DHAN (Development of Humane Action) Foundation  
Diplomatici  
Disability Association of Tavana  
Diversity Living Services  
Earth Charter Associates Ltd.  
Enable India  
Engineers Without Borders - International  
Engineers Without Borders - USA, Inc.  
Ensemble contre la Peine de Mort  
Ethnic Community Development Organization (ECDO)  
Fédération Internationale des Organisations de Donneurs de Sang  
Fondation Monseigneur Emmanuel Kataliko  
Fondation Ngangambi  
Fondation One Drop / One Drop Foundation  
Fondation Tamukwidi Matiti Donatien  
Fondazione Rosselli  
Forum Europeen pour les Roms et les Gens du Voyage (FERV)  
France Volontaires  
FreeMuslim Association, Inc  
Fundación Lobbying Social  
Fundación Novia Salcedo  
Fundamental Human Rights & Rural Development Association  
Global Civic Sharing  
Global Mass Community (Welfare Organization)  
Global Millennium Development Foundation Inc  
Global Millennium International, Inc.

Global Youth Organization  
Güçsüzler Yurdu Sakinleri Koruma Yardimlasma Dayanisma Egitim ve Kültür Derneği  
Haitelmex Foundation A.C.  
Human Rights Observers  
Human Rights Sanrakshan Sansthaa  
Humanic Relief - Menschen Hilfswerk  
India Media Centre  
India Water Foundation  
Indian Trust for Rural Heritage and Development  
Initiative d'opposition contre les discours extrémistes  
Initiative Féministe Européenne  
Insan Dost Association  
Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya  
Institute for Human Rights & Business Limited  
Institute for Security and Safety GmbH  
Instituto de Desenvolvimento e Direitos Humanos - IDDH  
Instituto Igarapé  
International Detention Coalition Inc.  
International Federation of the Blue Cross, Bern  
International Health Council  
International Human Rights Commission Relief Fund Trust  
International Young Professionals Foundation  
Internationale Gemeinschaft für die Unterstützung von Kriegsopfern e.V.  
Intersections International Initiative, Inc.  
Isät lasten asialla ry  
Japan Federation of Democratic Medical Institutions (MIN-IREN)  
Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation  
JCall - European Jewish Call for Reason  
Jeevan Jyothi Charitable Trust  
Kapo Seba Sangha (KSS)  
Karna-Subarna Welfare Society  
Kaushalya Gramodyog Sansthan  
Kirkon Ulkomaanavun Säätiö  
Klumpfußprojekt Mali - ein Verein zur Klumpfußbekämpfung in Mali, Westafrika



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Kuwaiti Association for Learning Differences  
Leah Charity Foundation  
Los Angeles Community Action Network  
Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Menschenrechte - Forschungsverein (BIM-FV)  
Luxembourg Income Study  
Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights Association  
Maiti Nepal  
Malankara Social Service Society  
March of Dimes Canada  
Martial Arts Academy  
Memory Trees Corporation  
Microclinic International  
Mouvement des Jeunes pour le Réveil et le Développement  
National Educational, Social and Traditional Knowledge (NEST) Foundation  
National Old Folks of Liberia, Inc.  
NGO Sustainability, Inc.  
NGOs Computer Literacy Shelter Welfare, Rawalpindi Cantt.  
Nimbus Foundation  
Non-Profit Foundation "The Foundation for the Study of Democracy and Geopolitics"  
O.N.G. ACHE Internacional  
Observatório Nacional de Segurança Viária e Veicular  
ONG Aesadev Togo  
Orphan Charity Foundation  
Pakistan Lions Youth Council Khanewal  
Pakistan Rural Workers Social Welfare Organization (PRWSWO)  
Palestine Sports for Life  
Palestinian Center for Development and Media Freedoms "MADA"  
Partnership for Human Rights  
Partnership for Justice Ltd/Gte  
Phamous Vision  
Plan International (UK)  
Porini Welfare Association  
Potohar Organization for Development Advocacy (PODA)  
Red, Paz, Integración y Desarrollo "PAZINDE"

Redemption Research for Health and Educational Development Society  
Regroupement des Jeunes Africains pour la Démocratie et le Développement -  
Section Togo  
Réseau Unité pour le Développement de Mauritanie  
Rural Development Foundation Global Ltd  
Shah Maqem Trust  
Shah Satnam Ji Green-S Welfare Force Wing  
Shelter and Settlements Alternatives: Uganda Human Settlements Network  
(SSA: UHSNET)  
Sister to Sister One in the Spirit Inc  
Société coopérative des agriculteurs du Cameroun "STE COOPAGRIPO  
COOP-CA"  
Sri Ramanuja Mission Trust  
Sri Sri J.S.M.D. Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri  
Stichting Basug (Bangladesh Support Group)  
Stichting International Center for Ethnobotanical Education, Research &  
Service  
Stichting Soham Baba Mission  
Stichting West European Confederation of Maritime Technology Societies  
STUF United Fund Inc.  
Sudanese Organization for Combating Violence against Women & Child  
(SAO)  
Sukyo Mahikari  
Takal Welfare Organization  
TERRE Policy Centre  
The Children's Investment Fund Foundation (UK)  
The Death Penalty Project Limited  
The Geneva Consensus Foundation  
The Iraqi Society for Emergency Medicine  
The Leadership Foundation  
The MILLA Project Inc  
The Network of Rural Women Producers  
The Organization for Poverty Alleviation and Development  
The Sind Graduates Association  
The United Iraqi Medical Society for Relief and Development  
Total Quality Management Magazine  
True Worth Foundation

US-Africa Synergy Inc  
 USC Canada  
 Vision GRAM-International  
 WASH Network (SL)  
 WEConnect International Inc  
 West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation  
 Women for Water Partnership  
 Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) Limited  
 World Mission Good Seed  
 World Wide Web Foundation  
 Yayasan Dompot Dhuafa Republika  
 Young African Leaders Initiative Limited  
 Youth Development of Congo YOUDEC  
 Youth for Comm. Academic & Dev. Services - YOCADS  
 Youth Organisations for Drug Action  
 Zaka Rescue and Recovery

(b) To note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of the following five non-governmental organizations:

Global Action Against Poverty (Special, 1995) to Fracarita International  
 Groupe des ONG pour la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant (Special, 2011) to Child Rights Connect  
 Rehabilitation and Research Centre of Torture Victims (Special, 2008) to Dignity - Danish Institute Against Torture  
 Scientific Association of Youth Political Scientists (Special, 2014) to Hellenic Association of Political Scientists (HAPSc)  
 World Society for the Protection of Animals (General, 2013) to World Animal Protection

(c) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 361 non-governmental organizations: <sup>1/</sup>

"Children of the World" - Regional Public Charitable Fund of Assistance to Cultural and Sports Development of Children and Young People, The  
 5th Pillar  
 Abantu for Development (People for Development)

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<sup>1/</sup> The reports listed are for the 2011-2014 period, except where stated otherwise in parentheses.

Abibimman Foundation  
Academy for Future Science  
Action des Chrétiens activistes des droits de l'homme à Shabunda  
Action Health Incorporated  
Action Sensibilisation sur les Nouvelles Technologies de L'Information et de la Communication  
Africa Development Interchange Network  
African Action on AIDS  
African Association of Education for Development  
African Youth for Transparency (AYFT)  
Africans Unite Against Child Abuse (AFRUCA)  
Afromedianet  
Agewell Foundation  
Aide Internationale pour L'enfance  
AIDS Foundation East-West  
Al-Hakim Foundation  
ALDET Centre-Saint Lucia, The  
All China Women's Federation  
All India Women's Education Fund Association  
All Pakistan Women's Association  
All-Russian Social Fund, "The Russian Children Foundation"  
Alliance Forum Foundation  
American Conservative Union, The  
American Indian Law Alliance  
American Youth Understanding Diabetes Abroad, Inc / AYUDA, Inc.)  
Amigos do Protocolo de Kyoto  
Antiviolence Center  
AquaFed - International Federation of Private Water Operators  
Armenian Constitutional Right-Protective Centre  
Asayesefid (White Cane)  
Asia Pacific Women's Watch (APWW)  
Asian Centre for Organization Research and Development  
Asociación Civil ONGD Educación, Ambiente y Territorio  
Asociacion Cubana de las Naciones Unidas (Cuban United Nations Association)  
Asociación de Federaciones y Asociaciones de Empresarias del Mediterráneo

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Asociación Dominicana de las Naciones Unidas ANU-RD  
Asociación Panameña de Corredores y Promotores de Bienes Raices  
Association Burkinabé pour la Survie de l'Enfance  
Association de Défense des Droits de l'Homme  
Association de la jeunesse Congolaise pour le developpement  
Association des Consommateurs de Télécommunication de Cote d'ivoire  
Association femmes soleil d'Haiti  
Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst - AECC  
Association for Reproductive and Family Health (ARFH)  
Association for Solidarity with freedom-deprived juveniles  
Association Mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit  
Association Mondiale de Psychanalyse du Champ Freudien AMP  
Association Nationale Al Hidn - A.N.H.  
Association of United Families International  
Association of War-Affected Women  
Association of World Reindeer Herders  
Association pour le développement économique, social, environnemental du nord  
Associazione IRENE - Initiatives, Researches, Experiences for a New Europe  
Assyrian Aid Society - Iraq  
Athletes United for Peace  
Aube Nouvelle pour la Femme et le Développement  
Bahrain Women Society  
Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha  
Bangwe et Dialogue  
Behnam Daheshpour Charity Organization  
Beijing Children's Legal Aid and Research Center  
Beijing Zhicheng Migrant Workers' Legal Aid and Research Center  
Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti Jaipur  
Cameroun Terre Nouvelle  
Campaign Life Coalition  
Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA)  
Care International  
Caribbean Medical Association. Asociacion Medica del Caribe.  
Center for Alcohol and Drug Research and Education

Center for Economic and Social Rights, The  
Center for Global Community and World Law  
Center for Interethnic Cooperation, The  
Center for International Earth Science Information Network  
Center for Regional Policy Research and Cooperation "Studiorum"  
Centre d'Accueil et de Volontariat pour Orphelins, Abandonnés et Handicapés  
du Cameroun (CAVOAH-CAM)  
Centre for International Sustainable Development Law  
Centro de Estudios Sobre la Juventud  
Cercle d'initiative commune pour la recherche, l'environnement et la qualité  
Child Development Foundation  
Child Helpline International  
Childlink Foundation  
Children's Human Rights Centre of Albania  
China Association for Preservation and Development of Tibetan Culture  
(CAPDTC)  
China Energy Fund Committee  
China Great Wall Society  
China Green Foundation  
China International Public Relations Association (CIPRA)  
Chinese Association for International Understanding  
Christian Legal Fellowship  
CIDSE  
CITYNET - Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of  
Human Settlements  
Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre  
CLIPSAS  
Colombian Commission of Jurists  
Comision Juridica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos -  
Capaj  
Comité Español de Representantes de Personas con Discapacidad  
Comite Francais pour l'Afrique du Sud  
Commission africaine des promoteurs de la santé et des droits de l'homme  
Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul  
Concern for Environmental Development And Research  
Concern Worldwide US, Inc.

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Confederacion Latinoamericana de Cooperativas de Ahorro y Credito - COLAC -V

Conservation Force, Inc.

Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations

Corrections India

Council for American Students in International Negotiations

Council for International Development

Crowley Children's Fund

David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies

Daytop Village Foundation, Inc.

Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevoelkerung - German Foundation for World Population

Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era

DEVNET Association

Dianova International

Disabled Peoples' International

Dominican Union of Journalists for Peace

Drammeh Institute, Inc

Drug Prevention Network of Canada

Du Pain Pour Chaque Enfant

Earthjustice

Egyptian Center for Women's Rights

Ensemble luttons contre le Sida

Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement - Bwaise Facility

Environmental Women's Assembly

Equidad de Genero: Ciudadania ,Trabajo y Familia,A.C.

Espace Afrique International

Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The - (ERLC),

Euromontana (European Association for Mountain Areas)

European Disability Forum

European Transport Safety Council

European Youth Forum

Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International e.V.

Federacion Internacional de Asociaciones de Ayuda Social Ecologica y Cultural FIADASEC / International Federation of Associations for Social, Ecological and Cultural Help

Federal Union of European Nationalities  
Federation for Women and Family Planning  
Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, Inc.  
Finland National Committee for UN-Women  
Fondation Congo Assistance  
Fondation Humanus / Humanus International  
Fondazione Marista per la Solidarietà Internazionale ONLUS  
Forum Azzahrae pour la Femme Marocaine  
Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action Aboriginal Corporation  
Foundation for Research on Technology Migration and Integration  
Foundation for the development of knowledge Suma Veritas  
Foundation Projekta for Women and Development Services / Stichting Projekta  
Framework Convention Alliance for Tobacco Control  
Fund of Aid for Youth, The  
Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez de la Naturaleza y el Hombre  
Fundación Atenea Grupo GID  
Fundacion Diagrama - Intervacion Psicosocial  
Gic Technologies Nouvelles au Cameroun  
Girl Scouts of the United States of America  
Global Action Against Poverty  
Global Exchange  
Global Justice Center  
Global Volunteers  
Globe International  
Globetree  
Good People International (GPI)  
Grand Triangle, Inc.  
Groupe des ONG pour la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant  
Grupo de Informacion en Reproduccion Elegida, A.C. (GIRE)  
Gulf Research Center Foundation  
Habitat for Humanity Int'l  
Handicap International  
Hariri Foundation for Sustainable Human Development  
Helios Life Association



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HelpAge International  
High Atlas Foundation  
Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation  
Hong Kong Council of Social Service, The  
Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society  
Human Appeal International  
Human Relief Foundation  
Human Rights Congress for Bangladesh Minorities (HRCBM)  
Human Rights Council of Australia, Inc.  
Human Rights Defence Centre  
Human Rights Law Centre  
Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa  
Human Rights National Circle (H.R.N.C.) / Cercle National des Droits de l'Homme (C.N.D.H.)  
HYDROAID Water for Development Institute  
Ilngwesi Afya Program  
Institute for International Urban Development  
Institute for Women's Studies and Research  
Institute of Noahide Code  
Instituto Para la Participación y el Desarrollo-INPADE-Asociación Civil  
Inter-Press Service International Association (IPS)  
International Action Network on Small Arms  
International Administrative Science Association  
International Alert  
International Alliance of Women  
International Art & Technology Cooperation Organization  
International Association Against Torture  
International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty - Association Internationale Pour La Defense de la Liberte  
International Association for Water Law  
International Association of Charities  
International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists  
International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms  
International Association of Peace Messenger Cities  
International Association of Schools of Social Work  
International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE)

International Campaign to Ban Landmines  
International Center for Alcohol Policies  
International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (INCPL)  
International Christian Organisation of the Media  
International Committee for the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas  
International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
International Corrections and Prisons Association for the Advancement of Professional Corrections, The  
International Council for Adult Education  
International Council of Women / Conseil International des Femmes  
International Ecological Safety Cooperative Organization  
International Federation for Family Development  
International Federation of ACAT (Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture)  
International Federation of Associations of the Elderly  
International Federation of Business and Professional Women  
International Federation of Medical Students' Associations  
International Federation of Psoriasis Associations  
International Federation of Social Workers  
International Federation of University Women  
International Federation on Ageing  
International Human Rights Observer (IHRO) Pakistan  
International Indian Treaty Council  
International Informatization Academy  
International Institute for Child Protection  
International Institute for Non-aligned Studies (2010-2013)  
International Institute for the Rights of the Child  
International Islamic Committee for Woman and Child  
International Islamic Relief Organization  
International Jurists Organisation  
International Juvenile Justice Observatory  
International Kolping Society  
International Law Association  
International Lesbian and Gay Association  
International Motor Vehicle Inspection Committee  
International Movement ATD Fourth World

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International Multiracial Shared Cultural Organization  
International Muslim Women's Union  
International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse  
International Network of Basin Organizations / Reseau International des Organismes de Basin  
International Network of Liberal Women  
International Ocean Institute  
International Ontopsychology Association  
International Organization for Standardization  
International Planned Parenthood Federation, Europe Region  
International Police Executive Symposium  
International Real Estate Federation  
International Religious Liberty Association  
International Rescue Committee, Inc.  
International Road Safety  
International Samaritan  
International Sociological Association  
International Statistical Institute  
International Touring Alliance  
International Volunteerism Organization for Women, Education and Development - VIDES  
International Women's Health Coalition  
IOGT International  
Isfahan Human Rights and Development Organization  
Japan Federation of Bar Associations  
Japan National Committee for UN Women  
Join Together Society Korea  
Jubilee Campaign  
Junior Chamber International  
Kikandwa Rural Communities Development Organization (KIRUCODO)  
Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation (LGWPF)  
Latter-Day Saint Charities  
Legiao da Boa Vontade - Legion of Good Will  
Liberal International (World Liberal Union)  
Life Ethics Educational Association  
Life for Relief and Development

Ligue internationale contre le racisme et l'antisémitisme  
Livelihood NGO  
L'auravetli'an Information and Education Network of Indigenous People (LIENIP)  
Madre, Inc.  
Mayors for Peace  
Mercy-USA for Aid and Development, Inc  
Millennium Institute  
Mision Mujer AC  
Muhammadiyah Association  
National Children's and Youth Law Centre  
National Council of Child Rights Advocates, Nigeria: South West Zone  
National Council of Negro Women  
National Council of Women of the United States Inc.  
National Native Title Council  
National Union of the Association of Protection of Motherhood, Childhood and Families  
National Women's Council of Catalonia - Consell Nacional de Dones de Catalunya  
New Human Rights  
New Japan Women's Association  
New York County Lawyers' Association  
Niger Delta Women's Movement for Peace and Development  
Nord-Sud XXI - North-South XXI  
Objectif Sciences International  
OceanCare  
OLPC Foundation  
Order of St. John, The  
Organisation Nationale des Donneurs de Sang Bénévole  
Organização das Famílias da Ásia e do Pacífico  
Organización de Entidades Mutuales de las Américas, ODEMA, Asociación Civil  
Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities  
Oxfam Novib  
Pacific Rim Institute for Development & Education  
Pag-Aalay Ng Puso Foundation (Offering of the Heart Foundation)

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Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association of Thailand  
PanAmerican-PanAfrican Association, Inc.  
Paz y Cooperacion  
Peace Action  
Permanent Assembly for Human Rights  
Plan International, Inc.  
Poverty Elimination and Community Education Foundation  
Prasad Project, Inc, The  
Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)  
Public International Law and Policy Group  
Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs  
Ramola Bhar Charitable Trust  
Real Medicine Foundation  
Red Mujeres, Desarrollo, Justicia Y Paz AC  
Red Venezolana de Organizaciones para el Desarrollo Social  
RESO-Femmes  
Restoration World Outreach Ministries  
Romanian Independent Society of Human Rights  
Rural Community Development Program  
Rural Development Centre  
Rural Development Leadership Network  
Sacro Militare Ordine Costantiniano di San Giorgio  
Safari Club International Foundation  
Safe Water Network  
Salesian Missions, Inc.  
Salvation Army, The  
Save a Child's Heart in Memory of Dr. Ami Cohen  
Serve Train Educate People's Society  
Service and Research Institute on Family and Children  
Several Sources Foundation  
Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre  
Shimin Gaikou Centre (Citizens' Diplomatic Centre for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples)  
Shohratgarh Environmental Society  
Socialist International

Socialist International Women  
Society for Development and Community Empowerment  
Society for Human advancement and Disadvantaged Empowerment (SHADE)  
Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses  
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues  
Society for Upliftment of Masses, The  
Sociologists for Women in Society  
Soroptimist International of Europe  
SOS Éducation  
South Sudanese Women Christian Mission for Peace  
Southern Diaspora Research and Development Center, Inc. The  
Sucardif Association  
Sudanese Women General Union  
Surfrider Foundation Europe  
Swedish Association for Sexuality Education  
Swedish Federation of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights - RFSL  
Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression  
Terre Des Hommes Federation Internationale  
Third World Institute - Instituto del Tercer Mundo  
Touro Law Center, The Institute on Human Rights and The Holocaust  
Tribal Link Foundation, Inc  
UDISHA  
Udyama  
Umid Support to social development public union

(d) To close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following 23 non-governmental organizations after those organizations had failed, following three reminders over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to respond to queries posed to them by members of the Committee:

AIDES  
Al-Dameer Association for Supporting Prisoners and Human Rights  
All-Ukrainian Association of Civil Organizations "Union of Armenians of Ukraine"  
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)  
 Dalit Foundation - Ahmedabad  
 Ecole de la Paix  
 Education on Human Rights Public Association  
 Fondation des jeunes pour un développement durable  
 Global Partnership for Afghanistan  
 Health Squared Limited  
 Le Collectif de la Paix au Sri Lanka  
 Little People of Kosovo  
 Maori Women's Welfare League Inc.  
 Mother Helpage (UK)  
 O.N.G Casa de Acogida La Esperanza  
 The African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes Education Trust ("ACCORD Education Trust")  
 The Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation  
 The Medtronic Foundation  
 Uçan Süpürge Kadın İletişim ve Araştırma Derneği  
 Universal Cultural Society Inc.

(e) To close the application for consultative status of the non-governmental organization Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation (KKKF).

**Draft decision II**  
**Request for withdrawal of consultative status**

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the request for withdrawal of consultative status by the following non-governmental organization which has ceased to exist:

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

**Draft decision III**  
**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, and recalling its decision 2014/223, to reinstate the consultative status of

the non-governmental organization listed below, which submitted its outstanding quadrennial report:

International Press Institute (2010-2013)

**Draft decision IV**

**Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2016 regular session**

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2016 regular session.

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

2. The Committee considered agenda items 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 1st through 15th meetings, held from 25 January to 3 February 2016. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/2016/R.2 and E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.1-27);-

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new requests for reclassification to be considered by the Committee (E/C.2/2016/R.3);

(c) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held from 2008 to 2015 (E/C.2/2016/CRP.1);

(d) Compilation of deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from sessions of the Committee held from 2002 to 2015 (E/C.2/2016/CRP.2);

(e) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2016/CRP.3);

(f) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations requesting a change of name (E/C.2/2016/CRP.4);

(g) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations for a change of name, deferred from a previous session of the Committee (E/C.2/2016/CRP.5);

(h) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing one request from a non-governmental organization for reinstatement of consultative status, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4 (E/C.2/2016/CRP.6);

(i) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from one non-governmental organization for withdrawal of its status (E/C.2/2016/CRP.7).



## **A. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee**

3. The Committee considered item 3(a) of its agenda, Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, at its 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> meetings and 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> meetings, held from 27 to 29 January, and 2 and 3 February 2016. The Committee considered a total of 200 deferred applications for consultative status.

### **Applications recommended**

4. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 54 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

#### *Special consultative status*

Action on Smoking and Health  
African Australian Network Limited  
Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation  
Australian Drug Foundation Inc.  
Azerbaijani American Cultural Association, Inc.  
Behinderung und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit e.V.  
Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation  
Business and Professional Women Voluntary Organization - Sudan  
Days for Girls International  
Earth Charter Associates Ltd.  
Engineers Without Borders - International  
Engineers Without Borders - USA, Inc.  
Ensemble contre la Peine de Mort  
Ethnic Community Development Organization (ECDO)  
Forum Europeen pour les Roms et les Gens du Voyage (FERV)  
Fundación Novia Salcedo  
Global Mass Community (Welfare Organization)  
Human Rights Sanrakshan Sansthaa  
India Media Centre  
India Water Foundation  
Initiative Féministe Européenne  
Insan Dost Association  
Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya  
Institute for Human Rights & Business Limited

Instituto Igarapé  
International Human Rights Commission Relief Fund Trust  
Intersections International Initiative, Inc.  
Japan Federation of Democratic Medical Institutions (MIN-IREN)  
Kaushalya Gramodyog Sansthan  
Kirkon Ulkomaanavun Säätiö  
Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Menschenrechte - Forschungsverein (BIM-FV)  
Luxembourg Income Study  
Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights Association  
NGOs Computer Literacy Shelter Welfare, Rawalpindi Cantt.  
Palestine Sports for Life  
Plan International (UK)  
Shah Maqem Trust  
Shah Satnam Ji Green-S Welfare Force Wing  
Sri Sri J.S.M.D. Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri  
Stichting Basug (Bangladesh Support Group)  
Stichting Soham Baba Mission  
STUF United Fund Inc.  
Sukyo Mahikari  
Takai Welfare Organization  
The Children's Investment Fund Foundation (UK)  
The Death Penalty Project Limited  
The Leadership Foundation  
US-Africa Synergy Inc  
USC Canada  
WEConnect International Inc  
West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation  
Women for Water Partnership  
Yayasan Dompot Dhuafa Republika  
Zaka Rescue and Recovery

**Applications deferred**

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 122 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee to them during its 2016 regular session:

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Access Now  
Africa Unite  
Afrikaanse Forum vir Burgerregte  
Al-Marsad, The Arab Centre for Human Rights in the Golan Heights (R.A.)  
Ambedkar Center for Justice and Peace  
Article 36 Limited  
Asia Center for Human Rights (ACHR)  
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  
Assyrian Aid Society of America Inc.  
Assyrian National Congress  
Avocats Sans Frontières  
Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara Occidental  
Campanha Latino-Americana pelo Direito à Educação - CLADE Brasil  
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development  
Center for Constitutional Rights Inc.  
Center for Media & Peace Initiative Inc.  
Centre Zagros pour les Droits de l'Homme  
Child Soldiers International  
Christian Solidarity Worldwide  
Collectif des Familles de Disparu(e)s en Algerie  
Committee to Protect Journalists, Inc.  
Congrès National des Arméniens Occidentaux (CNAO)  
Conselho Indigenista Missionário CIMI  
Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience  
Dansk Flygtningehjælp  
Digital Opportunity Trust  
Diplomatic Mission Peace And Prosperity  
Droits de l'Homme sans Frontières - Human Rights Without Frontiers  
ECCO2 Corp  
Egyptian Centre for Human Rights  
Egyptian Judges' Club

ELA-Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Género  
Electronic Frontier Foundation, Inc.  
ELIGE Red de Jóvenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos, A.C.  
Eminence Associates for Social Development  
Eurasia Foundation (The)  
European Muslims League  
Federal Lezghin National and Cultural Autonomy  
Foundation for Sustainable Development  
Fountain House, Inc.  
Gain International  
Geneva Institute for Human Rights (GIHR)  
Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health  
Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction  
Heavenly Shower of Peace Church of God  
Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor Office  
Hokok Coalición Internacional Contra la Impunidad  
Human Aid UK  
IDEAS Centre  
Institute for Multi-track Diplomacy  
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 Police Commission Philippine Command Association Inc  
Interregional Non-governmental Organization "Committee against Torture"  
Iran Human Rights Documentation Center  
Islamic African Relief Agency (IARA)  
Islamic Help  
James Madison University  
Jeunesse Canada Monde - Canada World Youth  
Korea Human Rights Foundation  
Legal Resources Centre  
Let's Breakthrough, Inc.  
Liberia Youth Initiative for Peace and Sustainable Development (LYIPSUD),  
Inc.  
Light House

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Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus  
Mouvement de la Paix  
Muslim Aid  
Muslim Hands  
National Development Youth Club, Jaran Wali Gali Poonch  
National Secular Society  
New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative  
New Jersey Minority Educational Development NJ-MED  
Nigerian Diaspora Youths Movement for Peace and Development  
International Organization  
Oromia Support Group in Australia Inc.  
Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays, Inc. (P-FOX)  
PCCIIS International Inc.  
Peace Islands Institute Inc  
Population Matters  
Profesionales por la Ética  
Public Interest Advocacy Centre Ltd  
RESDAL Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina Asociación Civil  
Rural Development Institute  
Sheikh Eid Bin Mohammad Al Thani Charitable Association  
Sindhi Adhikar Manch (Association)  
Social Services Trust  
Stichting HealthNet International - Transcultural Psychosocial Organization  
Stichting Samenwerkingsverband IKV - Pax Christi  
Stichting War Child  
Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik  
Survivor's Network of those Abused by Priests  
Swadhikar  
The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty  
The Aspen Institute, Inc.  
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 Simons Foundation

The World Academy of Art and Science  
Treatment & Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture  
United Sikhs  
Virtual Activism Incorporated  
VOICE (Vietnamese Overseas Initiative for Conscience Empowerment)  
V-Day Karama  
We Care for Humanity  
Women Living under Muslim Laws - International Solidarity Network (WLUML)  
Women's Freedom Forum, Inc.  
Women's Initiative for Self-Actualization  
Work In Progress  
World Without Genocide  
Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (YCSRR)  
Youth Foundation of Bangladesh  
Youth of European Nationalities  
Youth Service America

**Congrès National des Arméniens Occidentaux (CNAO)**

6. At its 9th meeting, on 29 January, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Congrès National des Arméniens Occidentaux (CNAO).

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Turkey posed questions to the organization, which were followed by a statement by the Observer Member State of Armenia. In his statement, the Observer State of Armenia pointed out that in its several sessions since the end of 2013 the Committee had deferred the consideration of two Armenian diaspora organizations as a result of questions from two Committee members, and reiterated the call for a constructive and impartial approach to considering the organization's application.

8. The delegate of Azerbaijan stressed that the Committee members had performed their duties in an impartial manner, and that questions were asked to seek clarification from organizations. The representative of Turkey underlined that Turkey strongly supported the involvement and active participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nation 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. She 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. The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

**Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation (KKKF)**

9. At its 6th meeting on 27 January, the Committee considered the application of Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation (KKKF).

10. At the same meeting, the delegate of Cuba, speaking also on behalf of the delegates of Nicaragua and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), stated that the application from the KKKF was not in line with the principles of resolution 1996/31 since the aims of the organization go against the territorial integrity of a member state, based on the Note Verbale presented to the Committee by the Observer State of Vietnam on 13 January 2016. He therefore, requested that the Committee consider closing the application from this organization.

11. The delegate from the United States stated that her delegation did not share the views of the representatives of Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) because the Committee had an obligation to engage in an open dialogue with organizations. In response, the Cuban delegate stated that due to a lack of consensus among Committee members on his proposal, the application should be voted on later in the week, to enable delegations sufficient time to obtain instructions from their capitals.

12. The delegation from the Russian Federation stated that discussions about the KKKF had taken place in the Committee before, when the Council, reversing the recommendation of the Committee, did not approve consultative status for this organization. The delegation then posed several questions to help the Committee to determine whether the KKKF's position had undergone any changes, which would allow a reconsideration of its application. In response, the delegate from the United States reiterated her call to hear from the NGO, clarifying at the same time that the Committee had actually recommended granting consultative status to the organization a few years ago, but that it was later overturned by the intervention of one Member State.

13. Following the request from the delegation from Cuba, the vote on the application was postponed later in the week.

14. At the same meeting, the Chair announced that a representative of the non-governmental organization Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation (KKKF) would be invited to participate in the Q&A session that afternoon. However, since the ruling of the Chair was appealed to by a member of the Committee, the Chair declared that in accordance with Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure of ECOSOC, the appeal should be put to the vote, and that the ruling of the Chair would stand unless overruled by the majority of the members present in the vote.

15. At its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting on 28 January, the Committee proceeded to a roll call vote on the appeal to the Chair's decision to invite the Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation to participate in the Q&A session, which resulted in 13 votes in favour, 4 against, 1 abstention, and 1 absent. The appeal to the Chair's ruling was thereby adopted.

16. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 18 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

*Against:*

Greece, Israel, United States, Uruguay

*Abstaining:*

Russian Federation

*Absent:*

Guinea

17. The delegate from the United States made a statement after the vote, stating that the outcome showed a shocking lack of transparency in the work of this Committee since choosing not to listen to the organization conveyed a message that free speech was stifled in the Committee, and removed due process, silencing an NGO from responding to allegations brought against it. In fact, he stated, the decision of this Committee sends a chilling message that free speech is under threat at the United Nations. The delegation of Greece concurred with the United States, expressing his disappointment with the outcome of the vote which he stated was against freedom of expression and an attempt to silence organizations with whom Committee members did not necessarily agree.

18. The delegate from South Africa also made a statement after the vote, stating that his government believed in the rule of law, the centrality of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law. In this regard, his Government would not support the accreditation with the United Nations of any organization that seeks to undermine the principle of territorial integrity of any State. South Africa did not support the notion that the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law can be subordinated to the exercise of the right to freedom of expression. The right to freedom of speech can never supersede the fundamental principles on which the United Nations is founded.

19. Delegates from Azerbaijan, Cuba, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nicaragua, Sudan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) also took the floor to explain their vote, concurring with South Africa.

20. The delegate from Turkey stated that since the criteria for considering applications from non-governmental organizations are based on the principles of resolution 1996/31, it was therefore important to determine whether an organization respected the UN Charter. This consideration determined Turkey's position. Therefore, she would like to put on record her delegation's understanding that it was not a vote on freedom of expression.

21. At its 10th meeting on 29 January, the Committee resumed consideration of the application of the non-governmental organization Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation (KKKF).

22. In responding to the request for a vote to close the application by the delegate of Cuba at the Committee's 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Chair moved to call for a vote according to rule 59 of the ECOSOC Rules of Procedure.

23. Before proceeding to a vote, the delegate from the United States took the floor as an explanation of the vote before the vote, according to Rule 62 of the Rules of



Procedure. He stated that the same Member State that had worked hard to overturn the recommendation of the Committee in ECOSOC years earlier, was now working to deny the organization the opportunity to answer serious allegations made against it. The representative noted that closing this application is premature as the Committee recently began consideration of KKKF's application, and had not given the organization an opportunity to respond. He stated further that the United States believed the KKKF's work is to promote 1116Newpassand protect the existence of the Khmer Krom people and ensure that their rights as Vietnamese citizens are protected, and that the KKKF is working to promote and protect religious freedom and minority rights, including the linguistic rights of the Khmer Krom people. Therefore, his delegation would oppose the closure of the application.

24. The application from the non-governmental organization was recommended for closure by a roll-call vote of 15 to 3, with 1 abstention. Of the 19 members of the Committee, all were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

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

*Against:*

Greece, Israel, United States

*Abstaining:*

Uruguay

25. After the vote, explanations were provided by Member States. The delegate from Greece stressed that this vote was taken to close the application, which is an extreme penalty. In his delegation's opinion, the closure of the application was penalizing the NGO since it did not allow for a proper review of the application, and the Committee did not provide an opportunity to the NGO to respond to allegations made against it.

26. Delegates from Sudan and Nicaragua also took the floor to explain that they believed that it is the responsibility of the Committee to uphold the UN Charter, and that this vote did not imply closing the door to non-governmental organizations, but to respect and uphold the principles of resolution 1996/31.

27. The Chair then gave the floor to the Observer State of Vietnam to make a general statement. The delegate from the Observer State expressed his appreciation to the Committee to close the application of the Khmer Kampuchea-Krom Federation saying that this is a decision to uphold the principles of resolution 1996/31 and safeguard the sovereign and territorial integrity of member states.

### **Applications closed without prejudice**

28. At its 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 3 February, the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 23 non-governmental organizations that had not responded to the Committee's questions despite three reminders sent to the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I (d)).

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

29. The Committee considered item 3(b) of its agenda, New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup> meetings, from 25 January to 27 January and 1 to 2 February 2016. The Committee considered a total of 275 new applications for consultative status.

**New applications recommended**

30. Of the 275 organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 152 should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (a)):

*Special consultative status*

"Association of Women with University Education" Social Organization

"Coup de Pousse" Chaîne de l'Espoir Nord-Sud ( C.D.P-C.E.N.S)

"IDEA" International Dialogue for Environmental Action Public Association

"Tort for Torture Victims Centre" (TT-VC)

ABAAD Resource Center for Gender Equality

Acclaim Otago Incorporated

Action Communautaire Femme et Enfant

Action Jeunesse pour le Développement

Action pour la protection des droits de l'homme en Mauritanie

Action pour le Développement Humain au Congo

Agency for Health and Food Security

Al Manarah - Association for Arab Persons with Disabilities

All-Russian social movement "Association of Finno-Ugric peoples of the Russian Federation"

Alliance nationale des consommateurs et de l'environnement (ANCE)

American Academy of Pediatrics, The

American Arabic Academy of Science and technology, LLC

American Middle East Christians Congress

ANAJA (L'Eternel a répondu)

Ariel Foundation International

Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA)

Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

Asoc Hispano-Nigeriana para el Desarrollo Industrial y Comercial

Asociación Civil Generación Par

Asociatia Obsteasca "Centrul Ecologic-Recuperare, Reciclare, Reintegrare"

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Association Aide aux femmes et enfants  
Association Bharathi Centre Culturel Franco-Tamoul  
Association des étudiants tamouls de France  
Association des Fabricants européens de Munitions de Sport  
Association du Développement et de la Promotion de Droits de l'Homme  
Association for the Protection of Women and Children's Rights (APWCR)  
Association Genèse  
Association locale pour le développement intégral  
Association Malienne de Savoir Construire (A.M.S.C.)  
Association mauritanienne pour la promotion des droits de l'homme  
Association nationale de promotion et de protection des droits de l'homme  
Association pour le Développement Humain en Mauritanie  
Bakhter Development Network (BDN)  
Barzani Charity Foundation / BCF  
Beijing NGO Association for International Exchanges  
British Nuclear Tests Veterans Association  
Buddies Association of Volunteers for Orphans, Disabled and Abandoned Children  
Bureau Pour la Croissance Intégrale et la Dignité de L'enfant  
Center of Civil Initiatives Support  
Centre d'accompagnement des filles désoeuvrées  
Change Human's Life  
Christian Associations of Italian Laborers (U.S.A.) Inc. (ACLI)  
Climate Change Excellence Africa (Climate XL - Africa)  
Coastal Association for Social Transformation (COAST) Trust  
College of the Atlantic  
Community Systems Foundation  
Compass Housing Services Co. Ltd  
Conquer Nepal  
Conseil International pour le soutien à des procès équitables et aux Droits de l'Homme - Cispedh  
Corporacion Cultural Nueva Acropolis Chile  
Covenant International University and Seminary Inc  
DHAN (Development of Humane Action) Foundation  
Diplomatici  
Disability Association of Tavana

Diversity Living Services  
Enable India  
Fédération Internationale des Organisations de Donneurs de Sang  
Fondation Monseigneur Emmanuel Kataliko  
Fondation Ngangambi  
Fondation One Drop / One Drop Foundation  
Fondation Tamukwidi Matiti Donatien  
Fondazione Rosselli  
France Volontaires  
FreeMuslim Association, Inc  
Fundación Lobbying Social  
Fundamental Human Rights & Rural Development Association  
Global Civic Sharing  
Global Millennium Development Foundation Inc  
Global Millennium International, Inc.  
Global Youth Organization  
Güçsüzler Yurdu Sakinleri Koruma Yardimlasma Dayanisma Egitim ve Kültür Derneği  
Haitelmex Foundation A.C.  
Human Rights Observers  
Humanic Relief - Menschen Hilfswerk  
Indian Trust for Rural Heritage and Development  
Initiative d'opposition contre les discours extrémistes  
Institute for Security and Safety GmbH  
Instituto de Desenvolvimento e Direitos Humanos - IDDH  
International Detention Coalition Inc.  
International Federation of the Blue Cross, Bern  
International Health Council  
International Young Professionals Foundation  
Internationale Gemeinschaft für die Unterstützung von Kriegsofern e.V.  
Isät lasten asialla ry  
Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation  
JCall - European Jewish Call for Reason  
Jeevan Jyothi Charitable Trust  
Kapo Seba Sangha (KSS)

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Karna-Subarna Welfare Society  
Klumpfußprojekt Mali - ein Verein zur Klumpfußbekämpfung in Mali,  
Westafrika  
Kuwaiti Association for Learning Differences  
Leah Charity Foundation  
Los Angeles Community Action Network  
Maiti Nepal  
Malankara Social Service Society  
March of Dimes Canada  
Martial Arts Academy  
Memory Trees Corporation  
Microclinic International  
Mouvement des Jeunes pour le Réveil et le Développement  
National Educational, Social and Traditional Knowledge (NEST) Foundation  
National Old Folks of Liberia, Inc.  
NGO Sustainability, Inc.  
Nimbus Foundation  
Non-Profit Foundation "The Foundation for the Study of Democracy and  
Geopolitics"  
O.N.G. ACHE Internacional  
Observatório Nacional de Segurança Viária e Veicular  
ONG Aesadev Togo  
Orphan Charity Foundation  
Pakistan Lions Youth Council Khanewal  
Pakistan Rural Workers Social Welfare Organization (PRWSWO)  
Palestinian Center for Development and Media Freedoms "MADA"  
Partnership for Human Rights  
Partnership for Justice Ltd/Gte  
Phamous Vision  
Porini Welfare Association  
Potohar Organization for Development Advocacy (PODA)  
Red, Paz, Integración y Desarrollo "PAZINDE"  
Redemption Research for Health and Educational Development Society  
Regroupement des Jeunes Africains pour la Démocratie et le Développement -  
Section Togo  
Réseau Unité pour le Développement de Mauritanie

Rural Development Foundation Global Ltd  
Shelter and Settlements Alternatives: Uganda Human Settlements Network (SSA: UHSNET)  
Sister to Sister One in the Spirit Inc  
Société coopérative des agriculteurs du Cameroun "STE COOPAGRIPO COOP-CA"  
Sri Ramanuja Mission Trust  
Stichting International Center for Ethnobotanical Education, Research & Service  
Stichting West European Confederation of Maritime Technology Societies  
Sudanese Organization for Combating Violence against Women & Child (SAO)  
TERRE Policy Centre  
The Geneva Consensus Foundation  
The Iraqi Society for Emergency Medicine  
The MILLA Project Inc  
The Network of Rural Women Producers  
The Organization for Poverty Alleviation and Development  
The Sind Graduates Association  
The United Iraqi Medical Society for Relief and Development  
Total Quality Management Magazine  
True Worth Foundation  
Vision GRAM-International  
WASH Network (SL)  
Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) Limited  
World Mission Good Seed  
World Wide Web Foundation  
Young African Leaders Initiative Limited  
Youth Development of Congo YOUDEC  
Youth for Comm. Academic & Dev. Services - YOCADS  
Youth Organisations for Drug Action

**New applications deferred**

31. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 123 organizations pending receipt of questions posed by the Committee to the organizations during its 2016 regular session:

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Action Sécurité Ethique Républicaines  
African Arts Institute  
African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment  
Aleradah & Altageer National Society  
Anti-Corruption Foundation  
Asian Science Park Association  
Association Consortium pour les Aires et Territoires du Patrimoine  
Autochtone et Communautaire (APAC)  
Association for Integrated Sustainable Development Initiatives (AISDI-CIG)  
Association of Pacific Rim Universities  
Association of Youths with Vision (AOYWV)  
Association pour la défense des droits de l'homme et des revendications  
démocratiques/culturelles du peuple Azerbaïdjanais-Iran - " ARC "  
Association pour la lutte contre la dépendance  
Association pour la solidarité & développement durable  
Association pour le Développement Durable la Promotion des Droits Humains  
et la Lutte Contre la Pauvreté  
Association Saemaul Undong Burundi  
Association Togolaise "Femmes et SIDA" (A.T.F.S)  
Association tunisienne de la santé de la reproduction  
Association Un Enfant Un Cartable Du Burkina Faso  
Ballerina Management Institute  
Bancroft Global Development  
Blacksmith Institute Inc.  
Cameroon League for Development (CAMLEAD)  
Center for Democracy and Technology  
Centre for Corrections and Human Development  
Christian Solidarity International (CSI)  
Cities of Peace, Inc.  
Conglomeration of Bengal's Hotel Owners  
Coordinadora de Organizaciones de Agricultores y Ganaderos Iniciativa Rural  
del Estado Español  
Coordination Waï (Eveil) relative à l'unité nationale et la lutte contre  
l'esclavage  
Coptic Solidarity  
Dalit Welfare Organization  
Démocratie Dans le Monde (DDM)

Development and Relief Foundation  
Eaglesworth Human Empowerment Foundation  
Earth Island Institute Inc  
Education, Communication and Development Trust (EDUCATR)  
Entrepreneurship Development and Support Initiative  
Europe Business Assembly Limited  
European Network on Independent living limited  
Faith Matters Community Interest Company  
Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB)  
Fang Protective Services, Incorporated  
Fédération de la Ligue Démocratique des Droits des Femmes  
FESTHES "Festival Pour la Santé"  
Fondation Alkarama  
Fondazione GEM  
Fondazione Proclade Internazionale - Onlus  
FORUT Solidaritetsaksjon for Utvikling  
Friendship Force, Inc.  
Frontier Reconstruction Welfare Agency  
Fundación BBVA para las Microfinanzas  
Fundacion Vida - Grupo Ecologico Verde  
Gestos Soropositividade Comunicação e Gênero  
Global Campaign for Education  
Global Financial Integrity  
Global Initiative for Positive Change  
Global Network of Sex Work Projects Limited  
Glozells Renewable Energy and Environment Society  
Gulf Centre for Human Rights (GCHR) Limited  
Heal the Land Initiative in Nigeria  
Hill-tribes' Mission Aid of India  
Horn of Africa Aid and Rehabilitation Action Network  
Human Rights Foundation Inc  
Humanity Family Foundation for Peace & Dev  
Inimõiguste Instituut  
Insamlingsstiftelsen Kvinna till Kvinna



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International Association for Religious Freedom, Co-ordinating Council for South Asia

International Gulf Organization FZ-LLC

International Human Right Organization

International Non-Olympic Committee

International Non-Olympic University

International Organization for Promoting Public Diplomacy, Science, Education and Youth Cooperation "Eurasian Commonwealth"

Ishaatool Mohammadiya Research and Development Foundation, Shevgaon

Karlen Communications

Kids & Teens Resource Centre

Leadership Initiative for Transformation & Empowerment

Liberia Widow Assistance and Development Agency

Ligue Camerounaise des Droits de l'Homme

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Lotus Initiative for the Blind

Maison d'Abraham

Message Welfare Society

Missing Children Global Network, Inc.

Mission des sociétés d'assurances pour la connaissance et la prévention des risques naturels

Narayan Sewa Sansthan Inc.

National Geographic Society

Neighbourhood Community Network

Neighbourhood Environment Watch Foundation

Network for Adolescent and Youth of Africa (NAYA)

Ngamiland Council of Non-Governmental Organisations

Pakistan Society for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled

Pan African Institute for Entrepreneurship and Community Development (Ltd/Gte)

People and Police for Egypt for Culture and Scientific Services

Prajachaitanya Yuvajana Sangam

Pranab Gandharva Gurukul

Prime Initiative for Green Development

Rainy River District Women's Shelter of Hope

Reading Hamlets

Ruldin-Society for Neglected Women of Nigeria  
Saavan Foundation  
Save the Earth Cambodia  
Sickle Cell Foundation of Tennessee  
Society for Environment and Development  
Society for Protection of Street & Working Children  
Society for the Widows and Orphans  
Sovereign Imperial and Royal House of Ghassan Inc.  
St Monica University Inc.  
Strategy for Mentoring Initiative and Leadership Empowerment  
Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition, Inc.  
The International Alliance of Carer Organizations, Incorporated  
The Lady Fatemah (A.S.) Charitable Trust  
The Leading Association Alryada for Development Studies and Human Rights  
The Next Century Foundation  
The RINJ Foundation  
The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania  
Ugonma Foundation  
WE Foundation, World Education Foundation  
Women Enabled  
Women of Africa  
World Christian Association for Peace And Assistance Ministry International  
World Food Logistics Organization  
Yale University  
Youths Employment Service (YES Cameroon)

**Requests for reclassification**

32. At its 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> meetings, on 27 January and 29 January, the Committee considered six requests for reclassification of consultative status, including four new requests for reclassification, as contained in document E/C.2/2016/R.3, and two deferred requests, as contained in document E/C.2/2016/CRP.3. It decided to defer its consideration of the application for reclassification of status of the following six organizations, pending receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee:

International Electrotechnical Commission  
International Federation of Thanatologists Associations FIAT-IFTA  
Widows for Peace through Democracy  
World Council for Curriculum and Instruction

World Evangelical Alliance  
Yayasan Cinta Anak Bangsa

#### **Requests for name change**

33. At its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 1 February, the Committee considered five new requests for a change of name by organizations in consultative status, as contained in document E/C.2/2016/CRP.4. It decided to take note of the change of name of four of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)). The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the request for a change of name by the following organization, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to it by the Committee:

International Center for Alcohol Policies (Special, 2011) to International Alliance for Responsible Drinking

34. At the same meeting, the Committee considered four deferred requests for a change of name by four organizations in consultative status, as contained in document E/C.2/2016/CRP.5. It decided to take note of the change of name of one of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)). The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the request for a change of name by the following three organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee:

Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development (DIIFSD) (Special, 2009) to Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)

Syriac Universal Alliance, The. Federation Syriaque International (SUA) (Special, 1999) to World Council of Arameans (Syriacs)

The InnerCity Mission of Christ Embassy (Special, 2014) to InnerCity Mission for Children

#### **Requests for withdrawal of consultative status**

35. At its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 1 February, the Committee took note of the request for withdrawal of consultative status by one non-governmental organization due to the dissolution of the organization (see chap. I, draft decision II).

### **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**

36. At its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting on 1 February, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of 47 quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status on their activities during the period 2002-2015, which had been deferred from

previous sessions of the Committee (see E/C.2/2016/CRP.2). Of the 47 reports, the Committee took note of the report of the following organization (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (e)):

International Institute for Non-aligned Studies (2010-2013)

37. The Committee decided to defer further consideration of 46 deferred quadrennial reports submitted by the following 36 organizations:

Amnesty International (2008 – 2011)  
Armenian Assembly of America (2007 – 2010)  
Asociatia Pro Democratia (2007 – 2010)  
Catholic Organization for Relief and Development Aid (2010 – 2013)  
Catholics for Choice (2010 – 2013)  
Catholicas Por El Derecho A Decidir (2009 – 2012)  
Centrist Democratic International (1998 – 2001)  
Centrist Democratic International (2002 – 2005)  
Centrist Democratic International (2006 – 2009)  
Centrist Democratic International (2010 – 2013)  
DiploFoundation (2010 – 2013)  
EarthRights International (2008 – 2011)  
End Human Trafficking Now (2007 – 2010)  
European Union of Jewish Students (2010 – 2013)  
Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (2010 – 2013)  
France Libertes : Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2007 – 2010)  
Freedom House (2007 – 2010)  
Global Environmental Action (GEA) (2009 – 2012)  
Human Rights First (2007 – 2010)  
Human Rights Watch (2009 – 2012)  
International Commission of Jurists (2009 – 2012)  
International Development Enterprises (India) (2009 – 2012)  
International Federation of Journalists (2005 – 2008)  
International Federation of Journalists (2009 – 2012)  
International PEN (2006 – 2009)  
International Press Institute (2001 – 2004)  
International Press Institute (2005 – 2008)  
International Press Institute (2009 – 2012)  
International Shinto Foundation (ISF) (2009 – 2012)  
International Union of Socialist Youth (2005 – 2008)

Kimse Yok Mu (2010 – 2013)  
 National Council of Women of Thailand, The (2000 – 2003)  
 Reporters Sans Frontiers International - Reporters Without Borders International (2005 – 2008)  
 Reporters Sans Frontiers International - Reporters Without Borders International (2009 – 2012)  
 Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights (2009 – 2012)  
 Simply Help, Inc. (2009 – 2012)  
 Society for Threatened Peoples (2001 – 2004)  
 Society for Threatened Peoples (2005 – 2008)  
 Society for Threatened Peoples (2009 – 2012)  
 Syriac Universal Alliance, The. Federation Syriaque International (2007 – 2010)  
 Ukrainian World Congress (2003 – 2006)  
 Ukrainian World Congress (2007 – 2010)  
 Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (2009 – 2012)  
 Vital Voices Global Partnership (2010 – 2013)  
 Women for Women's Human Rights - New Ways (2009 – 2012)  
 World Organisation Against Torture (2010 – 2013)

**B. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council**

38. At its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 29 January, 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 404 new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2016/2 and E/C.2/2016/2/Add.1-Add.26). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 360 of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)). The Committee decided to defer consideration of the report(s) of the following 44 organization(s):

AARP (2011 – 2014)  
 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2011 – 2014)  
 Asian Centre for Human Rights (2011 – 2014)  
 Associated Country Women of the World (2011 – 2014)  
 Association for Progressive Communications (APC) (2011 – 2014)  
 Buddha's Light International Association (2011 – 2014)  
 Caritas Internationalis (International Confederation of Catholic Charities) (2011 – 2014)  
 Centre d'accompagnement des autochtones pygmees et minoritaires vulnerables (2011 – 2014)

(COM) Club of Madrid (2011 – 2014)  
Community of Sant'Egidio (2011 – 2014)  
Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro - General Italian Confederation of Labour (2011 – 2014)  
Congregations of St. Joseph (2011 – 2014)  
Conscience and Peace Tax International (CPTI) (2011 – 2014)  
Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations (2011 – 2014)  
Coordination Immigrés du Sud du Monde/C.I.S.M.-Vénétie (2011 – 2014)  
Credo-Action (2011 – 2014)  
Cross-Cultural Solutions (2011 – 2014)  
Defence for Children International (2011 – 2014)  
Economists for Peace and Security (2011 – 2014)  
European Centre for Law and Justice, The / Centre Europeen pour le droit, les Justice et les droits de l'homme (2011 – 2014)  
Federación Internacional de Fe y Alegría (2011 – 2014)  
First Nations Summit (2011 – 2014)  
Forum for Women and Development - FOKUS (2011 – 2014)  
Heritage Foundation, The (2011 – 2014)  
Human Rights First (2011 – 2014)  
Indian Council of Education (2011 – 2014)  
International Bar Association (2011 – 2014)  
International Fellowship of Reconciliation (2011 – 2014)  
International Service for Human Rights (2011 – 2014)  
Korean Institute for Women and Politics (2011 – 2014)  
Minhaj-ul-Quran International (2011 – 2014)  
Movement for a Better World (2011 – 2014)  
National Council of German Women's Organizations (2011 – 2014)  
Nonviolent Peaceforce (2011 – 2014)  
Nonviolent Radical Party, Transnational and Transparty (2011 – 2014)  
Pax Christi International, International Catholic Peace Movement (2011 – 2014)  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America (2011 – 2014)  
Priests for Life (2011 – 2014)  
Redress Trust (2011 – 2014)  
Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (2011 – 2014)  
Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (2011 – 2014)

SOS Kinderdorf International (2011 – 2014)

Tandem Project, The (2011 – 2014)

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (2011 – 2014)

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

39. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 25 January, the Committee jointly considered agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, 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.

40. The Branch highlighted the need for increased resources to provide much-needed financial and human resources support to its work, including support to the paperless system, with a focus on maximizing its efficiency in meeting the increased workload of the Committee. It was also brought to the attention of the Committee that, in order to adequately support all the complementary areas of resolution 1996/31, the Committee should consider ways to support the Branch's efforts in that regard.

#### **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**

41. Delegations requested more time to consider issues that could contribute to improving the working methods of the Committee. It is expected that informal consultations may be held at a later stage to address these matters. The Committee noted useful views expressed by Committee Members in this regard.

#### **VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States**

42. At its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting on 1 February the Committee considered three Note Verbales from the Government of Haiti regarding the consultative status of the non-governmental organization Promotion pour le Développement (PROMODEV), based in Haiti, and took note of them.

## **VII. Organization of the session**

### **A. Opening and duration of the session**

43. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2016 regular session from 25 January to 3 February, and 16 February. The Committee held 16 meetings.

44. The session was opened by one of the Vice-Chairs of the 2016 session of the Committee, Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan), who served as temporary Chair.

45. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on 25 January, the Chair of the Committee, Jorge Dotta (Uruguay), made a statement, followed by an introductory statement by the Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

### **B. Attendance**

46. 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 will be issued in document E/C.2/2016/INF/1.

47. At its 2016 regular session, the Committee heard 20 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**

48. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 25 January, the Committee elected Jorge Dotta (Uruguay) as Chair of the Committee.

49. At the same meeting, the Committee elected Elif Çaliskan (Turkey), Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan) and El Hacen Eleyatt (Mauritania) as Vice-Chairs of the Committee. At its 6th meeting, on 27 January, it elected Forouzadeh Vadiati (Islamic Republic of Iran), as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

50. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 25 January 2016, it was decided that Vice-Chair, Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan) would also serve as Rapporteur of the Committee.

### **D. Agenda**

51. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 25 January 2016, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its 2016 session, as contained in document E/C.2/2016/1. The agenda 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.
8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.
9. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2017 session of the Committee.
10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

## **VIII. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2016 regular session**

52. At its 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 3 February 2016, 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 Economic and Social Council for appropriate action.
53. At its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 16 February 2016, the Committee adopted the present report.