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Summary

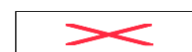
At its 2017 regular session, held from 30 January to 8 February, and 24 February 2017, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 524 applications for consultative status, including 235 applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 269 for consultative status, deferred 221 for further consideration at its resumed session in 2017 and closed consideration without prejudice of applications that had failed to respond to queries over two consecutive sessions of the Committee. The Committee also had before it five requests for reclassification of consultative status; it recommended granting 2 of those requests and deferred its consideration of the other 3 requests. The Committee considered seven requests for a change of name, took note of 6 of those requests and deferred 1. It also had before it 450 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 352. The Committee heard 15 representatives of the 198 non-governmental organizations that attended the session.

The present report contains seven 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 269 non-governmental organizations;
- (b) Reclassify the consultative status of 2 non-governmental organizations;
- (c) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of 6 non-governmental organizations;
- (d) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 352 non-governmental organizations, including new and deferred reports;

* E/2017/XXX.



(e) Close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by 31 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee;

(f) Close the applications of Istanbul Fikir Arastirmalrai Dernegi–ISFAM and Hazar Strateji Enstitusu Dernegi;

(g) Decide not to grant consultative status to the non-governmental organization Christian Solidarity Worldwide.

By draft decision II, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization “Kimse Yok Mu”.

By draft decision III, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization “Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi” *

By draft decision IV, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization “Turkiye Isadamlari ve Sanayiciler Konfederasyonu”.

By draft decision V, the Council would take note of the decision by the Committee that it cannot contact or communicate with the three organizations whose legal status have ceased to exist and, based on that, whose consultative status have been recommended to be withdrawn at its first meeting on 30 January 2017;

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

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

* English translation of which is “Journalists and Writers Foundation”

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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 269 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

"Association des Femmes pour la Paix et Encadrement des Familles" (AFPEFAM)

"ECO-FAWN" (Environment Conservation Organization - Foundation for Afforestation Wild Animals and Nature)

"Enosh" - The Israeli Mental Health Association

A.D.E.L. - Association for Development, Education and Labour

Action Sécurité Ethique Républicaines

Adaamasunle Foundation

African Development Assistance Consult

African Green Foundation International

African Woman and Child Feature Service

Agence de Développement Economique et Social

Agro Professional Care Foundation-Yola

Al Baraem Association for Charitable Work

Apostolic Ministerial International Network (AMIN)

Ashiana Collective Development Council

Asistencia Legal por los Derechos Humanos, Asociación Civil

Asociatia Tehnopol Galati

Asocio Esperanto Radikala

Association A.M.OR

Association Gabonaise pour les Nations Unies (AGNU)

Association MIMAN

Association Nationale des Echanges Entre Jeunes

Association Respect Cameroun

Association Solidarité pour les Personnes Vivant le Veuvage
Association Un Monde Avenir
Association de l'éducation environnementale pour les futures générations
Association de lutte contre la pauvreté
Association for Promotion Sustainable Development
Association for Rural Area Social Modification, Improvement and Nestling
Association nationale du civisme
Association of Christian Counsellors of Nigeria
Association of Youths with Vision (AOYWV)
Association pour l'Éducation et la Santé de la Femme et de l'Enfant (AESFE)
Association pour le Développement Durable la Promotion des Droits Humains et la Lutte Contre la Pauvreté
Association pour le développement culturel (ADEC)
Association tunisienne de la santé de la reproduction
Associazione per i Diritti Umani e la Tolleranza
Avabe Initiative for Community Development
Ballerina Management Institute
Bangladesh Jatiyo Mahila Ainjibi Samity
Barrackpore Elderly Care Society
Ben Newman Hope Care Foundation
Better World
Biedrība "Donum Animus"
Blessing for Romania World Ministry
Blood Donors Organisation for Social Service (BOSS) Pakala
Books To Africa International
Build Africa
Bureau d'Informations Formations Echanges et Recherches pour le Developpement "B.I.F.E.R.D."
Burleson Institute Inc
CDP Worldwide
CIPINA (Centre d'Information et de Promotion de l'Image d'une Nouvelle Afrique)
Campanha Latino-Americana pelo Direito à Educação - CLADE Brasil
Canadian Centre on Disability Studies Inc.
Caribbean Policy Development Centre Inc.
Center for the Global Study of Social Enterprise a NJ Nonprofit Corporation
Center for the Human Rights of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry

Centre Africain D'echange Culturel
Centre d'Observation et de Promotion de l'Etat de Droit (C.O.P.E.D)
Centre d'action pour le développement rural
Centre d'Education et de Développement pour les Enfants Mauriciens
Centre for Convention on Democratic Integrity Ltd/Gte
Centre for Corrections and Human Development
Centre for Gerontological Studies
Centre for Peace, Culture and Environmental Studies
Centre for Women Studies and Intervention
Change Managers International Network Limited by Guarantee
Chikka Federation of India
Child Soldiers International
Cities of Peace, Inc.
Combite pour la paix et le développement
Community Active in Development Association (CADA)
Community Research and Development Organization (CRDO)
Congregation of the Mission
Congressional Black Caucus Political Education & Leadership Institute
Consultation. Evaluation. Education., Inc.
Coordination nationale des associations des consommateurs
Cornerstone Mount Group "CMG", Inc.
Cultural Meeting Foundation
DESSI International
DHRUVH-Social Awareness Forum
DIYNGO Community Based Organization
Death Penalty Focus
Department of Political Science and Public Administration of the University of Athens Alumni Association
Diligent Care for Creative Intelligence Development
Disability Organisations Joint Front
Disability Rights Fund Inc
Distance Education For Africa (DE Africa) Enseignement à Distance pour l'Afrique
Drug Policy Australia Limited
Dynamic Youth Development Organization
ERAN - Israel's Association for Emotional First Aid via the Telephone, in memory of Dr. A. Zaslany

EUROGEO

East Africa Consortium International

El Ghad Essihi Pour le Développement et la Protection de L'Environnement en Mauritanie

Entrepreneurship Development and Support Initiative

Equal Rights for Persons with Disabilities International, Inc

Europe Business Assembly Limited

European Network on Independent living limited

Fairways Accommodation Support Trust

Finance Center for South-South Cooperation Limited

First Ladies Initiative

Fondation Espoir et Vie

Fondation Kalipa pour le Développement

Fondation Vivons Ensemble

Fondazione Proclade Internazionale - Onlus

Forum Droghe Associazione Movimento per il Contenimento dei Danni

Foundation for Disabled Women

Foundation of International Servant leadership Exchange Association

Friendasia

Fundacao Museu do Futuro

Fundacja Instytut na rzecz Kultury Prawnej Ordo Iuris

Fédération internationale des Coalitions pour la diversité culturelle, International Federation of Coalitions for Cultural Diversity

Girls Education Mission International

Global Fund for Widows

Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communication Technologies

Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health

Grameen Development & Poverty Alleviation Sangstha (GDPAS)

Guinee Humanitaire

HACEY's Health Initiative

Habitat Alliance

Heal The Planet Global Organisation - HTP

Health of Mother Earth Foundation

Healthy Caribbean Coalition Inc

Holly Heart United

Holt International Children's Services, Inc.

Holt children's Services. INC.
Honeypot Village
Human Appeal International [UK]
Human Development Society the Gambia
Human Rights Consortium
Humanitarian Ambassadors NGO
ISKCON Communications International
Idara-i-Talim-o-Aaghai (Centre for Education and Consciousness) Public Trust
Initiative: Eau
Institute for Youth Development
International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.
International Emergency and Development Aid
International Human Rights Protector's Group
International Institute of Space Law
International Movement for Advancement of Education Culture Social and Economic Development
International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists
International Port Community Systems Association EEIG
International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation
Jus Cogens
Kadın ve Demokrasi Derneği
Karlen Communications
Kathak Academy
Kids & Teens Resource Centre
Kuwaiti Society for Autism
Kırmızı Biber Derneği
L'Organisation Non Gouvernementale des Cercles Nationaux de Réflexion sur la Jeunesse - ONG CNRJ
Landsrådet for Norges barne- og ungdomsorganisasjoner
Le Monde des Possibles
Le Pont
Leadership Initiative for Transformation & Empowerment
Legal Resources Centre
Les Amis du Projet Imagine
Les amis des enfants
Let's Breakthrough, Inc.

Light House
Lightup Foundation
Lotus Initiative for the Blind
Maawandoon Inc.
Maher
Major Groups Partnership on Forests
Makhzoumi Foundation
Man Up Campaign US, Inc.
Manav Seva Sansthan (SEVA)
Mandala Transformation Foundation Inc.
Manusher Jonno Foundation
Marin Experimental Teaching, Training and Advising Center
Mayan Families
Mouvement de la Paix
Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies
National Council of Catholic Women
National Organization for Global Education Inc.
New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative
Newline Social Organization
Novant Health, Inc.
Observatoire du Crime Organisé
Onhappy Corporation
Organisation Constellée pour le Développement Economique et Social de la Commune des Gonaïves
Organisation Mauritanienne pour la lutte contre l'extremisme et pour l'appui à l'unité Nationale
Orphélins, Déplacés et Incarcérés de Côte D'Ivoire (ORDIN-CI)
P3 Foundation
Partnership Network International
Peace & Livelihood Support Organisation
Peace and Development Organization
Peacebuilders International
People and Police for Egypt for Culture and Scientific Services
People of Good Heart
Pleadors of Children and Elderly People at Risk "PEPAINGO"
Prajachaitanya Yuvajana Sangam

Public Association Women's Organization "ALGA"
Quintessential Business Women Association
RADION International Foundation
Regional Institute of Health, Medicine and Research
Results Educational Fund, Inc.
Rural Planning and Developmental Organization
Rural Relief Foundation
Rural Women's Network Nepal
Rwanda Women Community Development Network
Réseau Guinéen des Organisations des Personnes Handicapées pour la Promotion de
la Convention Internationale sur les Droits des Personnes Handicapées
"ROPACIDPH"
Réseau National des Organisations Féminines Pour la Démocratie, la
Décentralisation, le Développement Durable et les Droits Humains du Mali ou
Réseau Wassa
Réseau communautaire pour le Pauvre
Réseau des femmes africaines pour la gestion communautaires des forêts
SEALOEarth Corporation
SERAC-Bangladesh
SOS Rassismus und Diskriminierung Schweiz
SWASTI
Safe Campaign LLC
Save the Earth Cambodia
Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples.Inc
Shirazi Foundation
Sivil Yaşam Derneği
Social Economic and Governance Promotion Centre (SEGP)
Society for Protection of Street & Working Children
Society of Research Administrators International, Inc.
Society to Heighten Awareness of Women and Children Abuse
South Caucasus Office on Drugs and Crime
Special Talent Exchange Programme
Stichting Kidsrights
Stichting War Child
Strategy for Mentoring Initiative and Leadership Empowerment
Sukalyan Welfare Society
Sulabh International Centre for Action Sociology

Sustainable Development for Vulnerable Peoples in Bangladesh
Takshila Education Inc
Tamil Uzhagam
Thalassaemia International Federation Limited
The 5 Gyres Institute
The Association of the Egyptian Female Lawyers
The Center of Food Industries Association
The Council of Technical Education and Training
The Global Health Review, Inc.
The Green Light Project, Inc.
The Hashoo Foundation
The Hip-Hop Dance Conservatory Foundation
The Lady Fatemah (A.S.) Charitable Trust
The Leading Association Alryada for Development Studies and Human Rights
The National Society for Human Rights
The Next Century Foundation
The RINJ Foundation
The Zahra Trust
Translators Without Borders - US, Inc.
Truth Foundation
Turnstone Global
Türkiye İş Kadınları Derneği
U.P. Planning and Development Research Foundation Incorporated
U.S. Climate Plan
Ugonma Foundation
Ukrainian Charity Fund "Social Partnership"
Unchained At Last Inc
Union C
United States Pharmacopeial Convention, Inc.
United Zo Organization (USA) Inc.
Utpidit Samaj Sarokar Kendra, Pokhara
Virutcham Magalir Munnetra Kazangiam, Virudhunagar
Women & Community Livelihood Foundation
Women Educators Association of Nigeria
Women Enabled
Women With Disabilities Australia Inc.

Women of Africa
 World Forum for Ethics in Business
 World Peace Volunteers
 World Share
 Young Heart Foundation
 equilibres & populations
 shOObh Group Welfare Society
 urbaMonde - Suisse

(b) To reclassify the following non-governmental organizations from:

Roster to general consultative status: Institute of International Law

Roster to special consultative status: World Council for Curriculum and Instruction

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

Bakhtar Development Network Switzerland "BDN Swiss" to **Action for Development (AfD Suisse)**

International Federation of Family Associations of Missing Persons from Armed Conflicts to **Families of the Missing**

NeuroCare Ethiopia to **Global NeuroCare**

Stichting Rutgers WPF to **Rutgers**

Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church to **United Methodist Women**

World of Hope International to **World Organization of Governance & Competitiveness Inc.**

(d) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 352 non-governmental organizations: ¹/

"Women and Modern World" Social Charitable Centre

ACT Alliance - Action by Churches Together

AIDS Healthcare Foundation

AVSI Foundation

Abiodun Adebayo Welfare Foundation

Academic Council on the United Nations System

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2011-2014)

¹ / The reports listed are for the 2012-2015 period unless stated otherwise.

Academy of Mining Sciences
Action Canada for Population and Development
Africa Humanitarian Action
African Agency for Integrated Development (AAID)
African Aid Organization
African Canadian Legal Clinic
African Centre for Community and Development
African Development Association
Agence de Développement Economique et Culturel Nord-Sud
Agence pour le Développement Intégré au Congo
Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development (ACORD)
Aging Research Center
Agricultural Missions, Inc.
Airline Ambassadors International, Inc.
Al Zubair Charitable Foundation
Al-Haq, Law in the Service of Man
Alan Guttmacher Institute
Albert B. Sabin Vaccine Institute, Inc.
All India Shah Behram Baug Society (for Scientific and Educational Research)
All-Russian Public Organization of Disabled People with Multiple Sclerosis
Alliance for Africa Ltd/Gte
Alliance for Arab Women
American Association of University Women
American Planning Association
Amizade Ltd.
Amman Center for Human Rights Studies (2010-2013)
Apne Aap Women World Wide (India) Trust
Arab Centre for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession
Arab Penal Reform Organization
Architects for Peace Inc.
Arigatou International
Asabe Shehu Yar Adua Foundation
Asia Crime Prevention Foundation
Asia-Japan Women's Resource Centre
Asian Consultancy on Tobacco Control Limited

Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD)

Asociacion Mujeres Unidas para el Microcredito

Asociacion Regional de Empresas de Petroleo y Gas Natural en Latinoamerica y el Caribe

Asociación de Amigos de las Naciones Unidas

Assemblea delle Donne per lo Sviluppo e la Lotta Contro L'Esclusione (ASDO)

Associated Country Women of the World (2011-2014)

Association Dunenyó

Association Tunisienne des Droits de l'Enfant

Association de l'Intervention pour les Mères

Association des Jeunes pour l'Agriculture du Mali

Association for Progressive Communications (APC) (2011-2014)

Association for Social and Environmental Development

Association for the Prevention of Torture

Association of Families and Women in Rural Areas

Association of the Indigenous Peoples in the Ryukyus

Association pour l'Intégration et le Développement Durable au Burundi

Association pour le Développement de la Société Civile Angolaise - ADSCA

Autonomous Women's Center

Awaz Centre for Development Services

Baltic Sea Forum e.V.

Beit Issie Shapiro - Amutat Avi

Biovision Stiftung für ökologische Entwicklung

Bischöfliches Hilfswerk Misereor e.V.

Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha

British Humanist Association

CIRID (Centre Independent de Recherches et d'Initiatives pour le Dialogue)

Canadian Federation of Agriculture

Canadian Labour Congress

Cancer Aid Society

Captive Daughters

Caritas Internationalis (International Confederation of Catholic Charities) (2011-2014)

Carter Center, Inc., The

Centa for Organisational Development Ltd/Gte

Center for Africa Development and Progress
Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance
Center for International Human Rights
Center for Justice and International Law
Center for Women's Global Leadership
Centre for Economic and Leadership Development
Centre for Environment and Development
Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy
Centre for Social Research
Centro UNESCO di Firenze
Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS) Asociación Civil
Cercle de Recherche sur les Droits et les Devoirs de la Personne Humaine
Chabad - International Jewish Educational and Cultural Network
Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Production of the Argentine Republic
Chamber of Computer Logistics People Worldwide
Charitable Institute for Protecting Social Victims, The
Chicago T.A.S.C. Inc.
Child Family Health International
Children Education and Social Welfare Society
Children International
China Association for Science and Technology
China Care and Compassion Society
China Society for Promotion of the Guangcai Programme
Climate Action Network Association e.V.
Comisión para la Investigación de Malos Tratos a las Mujeres
Compagnons D'action pour le Développement Familial
Concile Mondial de Congres Diplomatiques des Aumoniers pour la Paix Universelle des Droits Humains et Juridiques
Conectas Direitos Humanos (2010-2013)
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd
Congress of Aboriginal Peoples
Cooperazione Internazionale
Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (2010-2013)
Corporacion para la Defensa y Promocion de los Derechos Humanos Reiniciar

Corporación para la Investigación, el Desarrollo Sostenible y la Promoción Social
CORPROGRESO

Corps de Réflexion et de Planification pour l'Utilité Sociale (CORPUS)

Credo-Action (2011-2014)

Cubraiti, Inc.

Deutsche Model United Nations e.V.

Disarm Education Fund Inc.

Drug Abuse Information Rehabilitation and Research Centre

Eagle Eyes Association for Afghan Displaced Youth

Earth Child Institute, Inc.

Earth Society Foundation, Inc.

Eastern African Sub-Regional Support Initiative for the Advancement of Women,
The

Ecoagriculture International, Inc.

Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans

Edmund Rice International Limited

Egyptian AIDS Society

Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation

Endeavour Forum Inc.

Environmental Development Action in the Third World (ENDA)

European Federation of Older Students at Universities

European Network of Policewomen

European Union Association in the United States

Famille Debout

Family Action Foundation / Accion Familiar

Federacion Estatal de Lesbianas, Gays, Transexuales y Bisexuales - FELGT/
Lesbian, Gay, Transgender and Bisexual State Federation

Federación Española de Mujeres Directivas Ejecutivas Profesionales y Empresarias
FEDEPE

Federación de Mujeres Progresistas

Federatie van Nederlandse Verenigingen tot Integratie Van Homoseksualiteit - COC
Nederland

Federation of Environmental and Ecological Diversity for Agricultural Revampment
and Human Rights, The (FEEDAR & HR)

Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations

Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (2010-2013)

Femmes Solidaires

Fondation Ostad Elahi - Ethique et Solidarite Humaine
Fondation des Oeuvres pour la Solidarité et le Bien Etre Social - FOSBES ONG
Fondation pour l'étude des relations internationales et du développement
Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi - Onlus
Food & Water Watch
Forest Stewardship Council AC
Forum for Women and Development - FOKUS (2011-2014)
Foundation ECPAT International (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking in Children for Sexual Purposes)
Foundation for GAIA
Foundation for Global Sports Development
Foundation for Human Horizon
Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research
Foundation for the Child and the Family
Foundation for the Social Promotion of Culture (Fundacion Promocion Social de la Cultura)
Foundation for the Support of the United Nations
France Terre d'Asile
Franciscans International (2011-2014)
Fraternite Notre Dame, Inc.
Freemuse - The World Forum on Music and Censorship
Fundacao de Assistencia Medica Internacional
Fundacion Cultural Baur, A.C.
Fundación Argentina a las Naciones Camino a la Verdad
General Research Institute on the Convention on the Rights of the Child
Geneva Infant Feeding Association
Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition
Global Eco-Village Network, The
Global Economist Forum
Global Family for Love and Peace
Global Hand
Global Hope Network International
Global Policy Forum
Global Social Observatory
Global Sustainable Electricity Partnership/Partenariat mondial pour l'électricité durable

Globe Aware
Globethics.net Foundation
Goi Peace Foundation, The
Good Neighbors International
Gran Fraternidad Universal (Universal Great Brotherhood)
Guru Angad Dev Sewa Society, Punjab, Ludhiana
HOPE Worldwide, Ltd.
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS, Inc.)
Hong Kong Federation of Women
Horizon Foundation
Housing Works Inc
Human Rights Association for Community Development in Assiut
Human Rights Information and Training Center
IDP Foundation, Inc.
IRESC International Radio Emergency Support Coalition
IUS PRIMI VIRI International Association
Ibero American Institute of Aeronautic and Space Law and Commercial Aviation
Impact for Change and Development Limited by Guarantee
Indian Development Foundation
Indian Social Institute
Indigenous Information Network
Indigenous Peoples Survival Foundation
Innovation: Africa
Institut Jules-Destrée
Institute for Interreligious Dialogue
Institute for the Development in Education, Arts and Leisure
Institute of Asian Culture & Development
Institute of International Social Development
Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology
Institute of Social Studies Trust
Instituto Internacional de Ciencias Politicas - IICP - IISP
Inter-American Statistical Institute
Intercambios Asociación Civil
International AIDS Society (IAS)
International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals

International Association for Democracy in Africa
International Association of Penal Law
International Automobile Federation
International Buddhist Relief Organisation
International Catholic Child Bureau
International Catholic Migration Commission
International Circle of Faith Chaplaincy Corps Ltd/Gte
International Commission of Catholic Prison Pastoral Care
International Council of Environmental Law
International Council on Alcohol and Addictions
International Council on Clean Transportation Inc.
International Federation of Beekeepers' Associations
International HIV/AIDS Alliance
International Human Rights & Anti-Corruption Society
International Institute for Human Rights, Environment and Development
International Lactation Consultant Association
International Longevity Center Global Alliance, Ltd.
International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR)
International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development
International Native Tradition Interchange, Inc
International Organization for Victim Assistance
International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN)
International Police Association
International Presentation Association
International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims
International Risk Governance Council (IRGC)
International Youth Hostel Federation
Internationale Organisation Für Volkskunst (IOV)
Isis - International Women's Information and Communication Service
Islamic Women's Institute of Iran
Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice delle Salesiane di Don Bosco
Japanese Association for the Right to Freedom of Speech
Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning
Japanese Workers' Committee for Human Rights
Jeunesse Horizon

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice
KARP
Kejibaus Youth Development Initiative
Kenya Alliance for the Advancement of Children
Kerman Raad
Kindernothilfe, Help for Children in Need
Kosmos Associates, Inc
Krityanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur
Kuwait Association for The Basic Evaluators for Human Rights
Kyung Hee University
LDC Watch
LICHT FÜR DIE WELT - Christoffel Entwicklungszusammenarbeit
Land is Life, Inc.
Lassalle-Institut (2011-2014)
Le Conseil des Jeunes Congolais de l'Etranger (CJCE)
Les Enfants de Frankie
Liberian United Youth for Community Safety and Development
Lutheran World Federation
Major Alliance Education Centre (MAEC)
Make Mothers Matter - MMM
Manavata
Match International Centre
Medecins du Monde - International
Mediators Beyond Borders
Mother Care Foundation (MOCAF) NGO
Mother's Union
Mountain Institute, The
Mouvement International d'Apostolate des Milieux Sociaux Independants
Movement for the Protection of African Child (MOPOTAC)
Movimiento Cubano por la Paz y la Soberania de los Pueblos
Mundo Sin Guerras
NGO Coordination post Beijing Switzerland
NGO Health Committee, Inc.
National Advocates for Pregnant Women Inc
National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., The

National Coalition Against Racial Discrimination
National Council of Women in Great Britain
Network of Non-Governmental Organisations of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women, The
New Future Foundation, Inc.
Ngoma Club
Nigeria-Togo Association
Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development
Norwegian Refugee Council
ODHIKAR - Coalition for Human Rights
OISCA International, South India Chapter (2011-2014)
Observatorio Mexicano de la Crisis, Asociación Civil
Okedongmu Children in Korea
Okogun Odigie Safewomb International Foundation
Organisation Technique eropéenne du Pneumatique et de la Jante ADF
Organisation camerounaise pour la protection de l'arbre
Organisation pour la Communication en Afrique et de Promotion de la Cooperation Economique Internationale - OCAPROCE Internationale
Pacific Disability Forum
Pan European Forest Certification Council
Partnership for Global Justice
Partnership for Indigenous Peoples Environment
Peace Education Foundation
Peace Operation Training Institute Inc.
Peace Parks Foundation
Peacebuilding Solutions
People for Successful Corean Reunification
People to People
People with Disabilities Uganda
Pesticide Action Nexus Association
Planetary Association for Clean Energy, Inc., The
Plataforma Portuguesa para os Direitos das Mulheres - Associação
Plateforme pour le Developpement Durable des Caraibes (PLAC 21)
Population Connection
Population Council, The

Pos Keadilan Peduli Ummat
Pragya
Priests for Life (2011-2014)
Project One, Inc
Public Union of the Citizens "International Centre of Education of Georgian and German Women"
Quaker Earthcare Witness
Rainforest Partnership
Release Legal Emergency and Drugs Service Limited
Relief International
Research Centre for Feminist Action (Centro de Investigacion Para la Accion Femenina) (CIPAF)
Right To Play
Rural Development Organization
Saratoga Foundation for Women Worldwide, Inc.
Scalabrini International Migration Network, Inc.
Search for Common Ground
Shinji Shumeikai
Ship and Ocean Foundation
Sigma Theta Tau, National Honorary Society of Nursing, Inc.
Sir William Beveridge Foundation
Smile Foundation
Social Action Forum for Manav Adhikar (SAFMA)
Social Service Agency of the Protestant Church in Germany
Society Studies Centre (MADA ssc)
Society for Threatened Peoples (2005-2008)
Society for the Protection and Assistance of the Socially Disadvantaged Individuals, The
Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (2011-2014)
Society for the Protection of the Rights of the Child
Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries
Solar Cookers International
Solidarité Agissante pour le Développement Familial (SADF)
Soroptimist International
Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Council
Stichting Global Reporting Initiative

Stichting Rutgers WPF
Stichting Spanda
The Central British Fund for World Jewish Relief
The Institute for Conscious Global Change, Inc.
The Japan Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs (Gensuikyo)
The Salamander Trust
Women's General Association of Macau, The.
Women's Health and Education Center
World Heart Federation

(e) To close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following 31 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:

Association Consortium pour les Aires et Territoires du Patrimoine Autochtone et Communautaire (APAC)
Association Mondiale pour l'Echange Culturel, Artistique et Artisanal
Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention Inc
Association pour la solidarité & développement durable
Assyrian National Congress
Collectif des Familles de Disparu(e)s en Algerie
Connections for Afghanistan Research and Prosperity Organization
Crisis Management Initiative ry
Fon Foundation.Org
Global Federation of Competitiveness Councils
HealthBridge Foundation of Canada
Human Aid UK
Humanity Family Foundation for Peace & Dev
Institute for Multi-track Diplomacy
International Clergy Association
International Police Commission Philippine Command Association Inc
Iraqi Association for Public Policy and administration
Ishaatool Mohammadiya Research and Development Foundation, Shevgaon
Kepa Ry, Kepa Rf
Liberia Youth Initiative for Peace and Sustainable Development (LYIPSUD), Inc.

Marijuana Policy Project
Media and Gender Enlightenment Initiative
Promundo-US
Public Interest Advocacy Centre Ltd
Re-evaluation Foundation
Stichting Child and Youth Finance International
Survivor's Network of those Abused by Priests
The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania
Vision Africa Give a Child a Future
World Christian Association for Peace And Assistance Ministry International
World Food Logistics Organization

(f) To close the applications of Istanbul Fikir Arastirmalrai Dernegi–ISFAM and Hazar Strateji Enstitusu Dernegi;

(g) Not to grant consultative status to the non-governmental organization Christian Solidarity Worldwide.

Draft decision II

Withdrawal of consultative status of the non-governmental organization “Kimse Yok Mu”

The Economic and Social Council decides to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization “Kimse Yok Mu”.

Draft decision III

Withdrawal of consultative status of the non-governmental organization “Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi” *

The Economic and Social Council decides to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization “Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar” *.

Draft decision IV

Withdrawal of consultative status of the non-governmental organization “Turkiye Isadamlari ve Sanayiciler Konfederasyonu”

The Economic and Social Council decides to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization “Turkiye Isadamlari ve Sanayiciler Konfederasyonu”.

Draft decision V

Refrain from contacting or communicating with the three organizations whose legal status have ceased to exist and, based on that, whose consultative status have been recommended to be withdrawn at the first meeting of the Committee on NGOs on 30 January 2017

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the decision by the Committee that it cannot contact or communicate with the three organizations whose legal status have ceased to exist and, based on that, whose consultative status have been recommended to be withdrawn at its 1st meeting on 30 January 2017.

Draft decision VI

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:

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Market Women's Fund

Draft decision VII

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2017 regular session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2017 regular session.

* English translation of which is "Journalists and Writers Foundation"

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 2nd through 15th meetings, held from 30 January to 8 February 2017. It had before it the following documents:

(a) 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.2/2017/CRP.1) and requests for reclassification deferred from 2012 to 2015 (E/C.2/2017/CRP.2);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/2017/R.2 and E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.1-28);

(c) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new requests for reclassification to be considered by the Committee (E/C.2/2017/R.3);

(d) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a new request for a merger (E/C.2/2017/R.4);

(e) Compilation of deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2017/CRP.3);

(f) Notes by the Secretary-General containing quadrennial reports for the 2012-2015 period (E/C.2/2017/2 and E/C.2/2017/2/Add.1-23);

(g) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations requesting a change of name (E/C.2/2017/CRP.4);

(h) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from one non-governmental organization for withdrawal of its status (E/C.2/2017/CRP.5).

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 7th through 11th meetings and 14th through 15th meetings, held from 2 to 6 February and from 7 to 8 February 2017. The Committee considered a total of 235 deferred applications for consultative status.

Applications recommended

4. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 74 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

"ECO-FAWN" (Environment Conservation Organization - Foundation for Afforestation Wild Animals and Nature)

Action Sécurité Ethique Républicaines

Adaamasunle Foundation

Asistencia Legal por los Derechos Humanos, Asociación Civil

Association of Youths with Vision (AOYWV)

Association pour le Développement Durable la Promotion des Droits Humains et la Lutte Contre la Pauvreté

Association tunisienne de la santé de la reproduction

Ballerina Management Institute

Campanha Latino-Americana pelo Direito à Educação - CLADE Brasil

Caribbean Policy Development Centre Inc.

Centre for Convention on Democratic Integrity Ltd/Gte

Centre for Corrections and Human Development

Centre for Peace, Culture and Environmental Studies

Change Managers International Network Limited by Guarantee
Child Soldiers International
Cities of Peace, Inc.
Death Penalty Focus
Disability Organisations Joint Front
Entrepreneurship Development and Support Initiative
Europe Business Assembly Limited
European Network on Independent living limited
Fondation Kalipa pour le Développement
Fondazione Proclade Internazionale – Onlus
Forum Droghe Associazione Movimento per il Contenimento dei Danni
Girls Education Mission International
Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communication Technologies
Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health
HACEY's Health Initiative
Human Appeal International [UK]
ISKCON Communications International
International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.
International Human Rights Protector's Group
International Movement for Advancement of Education Culture Social and
Economic Development
Jus Cogens

Kadın ve Demokrasi Derneği
Karlen Communications
Kids & Teens Resource Centre
Landsrådet for Norges barne- og ungdomsorganisasjoner
Le Monde des Possibles
Leadership Initiative for Transformation & Empowerment
Legal Resources Centre
Let's Breakthrough, Inc.
Light House
Lotus Initiative for the Blind
Mouvement de la Paix
Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies
New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative
Novant Health, Inc.
P3 Foundation
People and Police for Egypt for Culture and Scientific Services
Prajachaitanya Yuvajana Sangam
Results Educational Fund, Inc.
Réseau National des Organisations Féminines Pour la Démocratie, la
Décentralisation, le Développement Durable et les Droits Humains du Mali ou
Réseau Wassa
Save the Earth Cambodia
Society for Protection of Street & Working Children
Society to Heighten Awareness of Women and Children Abuse
Stichting War Child
Strategy for Mentoring Initiative and Leadership Empowerment
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 Zahra Trust
Truth Foundation
Ugonma Foundation
United States Pharmacopeial Convention, Inc.
Women & Community Livelihood Foundation

Women Educators Association of Nigeria

Women Enabled

Women With Disabilities Australia Inc.

Women of Africa

World Forum for Ethics in Business

equilibres & populations

urbaMonde - Suisse

Applications deferred

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 128 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee to them during its 2017 regular session:

"SEG" Civil Society Support Center NGO

Action Against Hunger USA

Akhil Bharatiya Human Rights Organisation

Al-Marsad, The Arab Centre for Human Rights in the Golan Heights (R.A.)

Aleradah & Altageer National Society

Ambedkar Center for Justice and Peace

Anti-Corruption Foundation

Arab-European Center of Human Rights and International Law (AECHRIL)

Asia Center for Human Rights

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 pour la défense des droits de l'homme et des revendications démocratiques/culturelles du peuple Azerbaïdjanais-Iran - « ARC »

Assyrian Aid Society of America Inc.

Bahrain Center for Human Rights

Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara Occidental

Cameroon League for Development (CAMLEAD)

Center for Constitutional Rights Inc.

Center for Democracy and Technology

Center for Media & Peace Initiative Inc.

Center of Political Analysis and Information Security

Centre Zagros pour les Droits de l'Homme

Christian Solidarity International (CSI)

Citizens' Alliance for North Korean Human Rights
Conglomeration of Bengal's Hotel Owners
Congrès National des Arméniens Occidentaux (CNAO)
Coordination Waï (Eveil) relative à l'unité nationale et la lutte contre l'esclavage
Coptic Solidarity
Creators Union of Arab
Dalit Welfare Organization
Danjuma Atta Eye Foundation
Dansk Flygtningehjælp
Database Center for North Korean Human Rights (NKDB)
Diplomatic Mission Peace And Prosperity
Droits de l'Homme sans Frontières - Human Rights Without Frontiers
ELA-Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Género
ELIGE Red de Jóvenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos, A.C.
Eaglesworth Human Empowerment Foundation
Education, Communication and Development Trust (EDUCATR)
Egyptian Centre for Human Rights
Electronic Frontier Foundation, Inc.
Establishment of Sheikh Thani bin Abdullah Al Thani for Humanitarian Services
Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network
European Muslims League
Fair Trials International
Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB)
Federal Lezghin National and Cultural Autonomy
Femmes unies pour un avenir meilleur
Fondation Alkarama
Fundación Acción Pro Derechos Humanos
Gestos Soropositividade Comunicação e Género
Global Campaign for Education
Global Forum for Media Development
Global Initiative for Positive Change
Global Network of Sex Work Projects Limited
Gulf Centre for Human Rights (GCHR) Limited
Gulshan-e-John
Heal the Land Initiative in Nigeria

Heavenly Shower of Peace Church of God
Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor Office
Hokok Coalición Internacional Contra la Impunidad
Inimõiguste Instituut
Insamlingsstiftelsen Kvinna till Kvinna
Int'l Centre for Women Empowerment & Child Dev.
International Association for Religious Freedom, Co-ordinating Council for South Asia
International Association of Genocide Scholars, Inc., The
International Child Rights Center
International Dalit Solidarity Network
International Gulf Organization FZ-LLC
International Human Right Organization
International Non-Olympic Committee
International Non-Olympic University
Interregional Non-governmental Organization "Committee against Torture"
Iran Human Rights Documentation Center
Islamic African Relief Agency (IARA)
James Madison University
Jubilee USA Network Inc.
Korea Human Rights Foundation
Mangfoldhuset
Medical Women's Association of Nigeria
Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus
Muslim Aid
Muslim Hands
NK Watch
National Development Youth Club, Jaran Wali Gali Poonch
Neighbourhood Community Network
Pan African Institute for Entrepreneurship and Community Development (Ltd/Gte)
Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays, Inc. (P-FOX)
Partnership for Change
Peace Brigades International
Peace Islands Institute Inc
Population Matters
Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc.

RESDAL Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina Asociación Civil
Sex & Samfund
Sheikh Eid Bin Mohammad Al Thani Charitable Association
Social Services Trust
Society Without Violence Non-Governmental Organization
Society for Environment and Development
Society for the Widows and Orphans
Stichting Samenwerkingsverband IKV - Pax Christi
Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition, Inc.
Swadhikar
Syrian American Medical Society Foundation
The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty
The Andrey Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice
The F W de Klerk Foundation Trust
The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)
The Simons Foundation
The Voice Society
The World Academy of Art and Science
The World Information Technology and Services Alliance
Treatment & Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture
US Committee for Human Rights in North Korea
USA Refugees & Immigrants, Corp.
United Sikhs
Universal Rights Group
VOICE (Vietnamese Overseas Initiative for Conscience Empowerment)
Vang Pao Peace Institute
V-Day Karama
We Care for Humanity
West Papua Interest Association
Women Living under Muslim Laws - International Solidarity Network (WLUML)
Women's Freedom Forum, Inc.
Womens Voices Now Inc.
World Association for Sexual Health
World Without Genocide
Yay Gender Harmony

Applications closed

6. At its 15th meeting, on 8 February, the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 31 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 (e)).

İstanbul Fikir Araştırmaları Derneği - İSFAM

7. At its 5th meeting on 1 February 2017, the Committee considered the application of the organization İstanbul Fikir Araştırmaları Derneği – İSFAM. The representative of Turkey reminded the Committee members about the letter (Annex I) it had circulated earlier regarding the dissolution of the organization through a Decree with Force of Law, which is also approved by the Turkish parliament as a law whereby the legal personality and activities as such of the organization had ceased to exist. Under the circumstances, she requested the Committee to recommend closing the consideration of this application.

8. The delegate of the United States enquired whether there would be time for the organization to respond before the Committee made its decision in line with what had been done in the past. In response the Turkish delegate reiterated that the organization had ceased to exist and there was no legal personality. The delegate of India joined the Turkish delegate to state that the Committee had had a detailed discussion on this issue and that if an organization is closed, then there would be no one to contact.

9. The delegate of the United States stated that as mentioned on prior occasions, her country was gravely concerned about the crackdown on civil society and agrees to close an application only if the NGO is suspected of having links to terrorism. The US delegate took the floor to express her delegation's concern that the NGO had not been given the opportunity to respond, and that the Committee should therefore wait instead of rushing to make a decision.

10. Following these statements, the Committee decided by consensus to recommend the closure of the application.

Ilankai Thamil Sangam, Inc.

11. At its 6th meeting on 1 February 2017, the Committee considered the application from Ilankai Thamil Sangam, Inc. Assuming that there were no objections, the Chair gavelled the recommendation to grant special consultative status to the NGO. However, the delegate of China had requested the floor to ask the NGO to explain its position with regard to the issue of Tibet, Autonomous Region of China.

12. Since the Chair had already gavelled the recommendation, several member states took the floor to voice their concern about the appropriate time necessary for Committee members to consider an application and for the Chair to gavel the recommendation. The delegates of Greece and the United States maintained that per rules and procedures, once a decision is gavelled, it cannot be taken back, while delegates from Cuba and China stated that the speed with which the decision was gavelled did not allow sufficient time for the Interpreters to finish translating the Chair's statement.

13. The Representative of the Russian Federation highlighted the fact that there should be few seconds delay between a recommendation made by the Chair and the actual gaveling of the decision so as to avoid rushing into decision. The Indian delegate suggested that the Committee should not challenge the integrity of a member state, and therefore China's question should be accommodated.

14. Due to a lack of consensus among Committee members, the delegate of China stressed that the problem was created due to a technical error, and therefore, his country is obliged to ask for a vote to give the Chinese delegation the opportunity to pose its question to the organization. The Russian delegation urged member states to be flexible and avoid resorting to a vote on this issue. The U.S. delegate stated that in the past, the gavel has always served as the "final ruling" and the Committee cannot go back and revisit decisions.

15. The Committee voted to overturn the Chair's decision by a roll call vote of 12 in favour, 4 against and 2 abstentions. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 18 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Sudan, Venezuela

Against:

Greece, Israel, United States, Uruguay

Abstaining:

South Africa, Turkey

Absent:

Guinee

16. Following the vote, the delegate of China reiterated his question to the NGO, requesting the organization to explain its position with regard to Tibet, Autonomous Region of China, and to clarify its relations with the Dalai Lama and his separatist movement.

Hazar Strateji Enstitüsü Derneği

17. At its 7th meeting on 2 February 2017, the delegate of Turkey stated that it had informed the Committee members earlier and also circulated a letter (Annex 1) about the dissolution of this organization according to a Decree with Force of Law, which is also approved by the Turkish parliament as a law, whereby the legal personality and activities as such of this organization had ceased to exist. In this framework, the delegate of Turkey requested the closure of the consideration of this application. The US delegate took the floor to express her delegation's concern that the NGO had not been given the opportunity to respond, and that the Committee should therefore wait until the following Tuesday instead of rushing to make a decision.

18. In response, the Turkish delegate maintained that as a long-standing member of the Committee, her country valued and observed the rules of procedure, as well as the practices of the Committee but that in this case, since the organization had been

dissolved and its legal personality no longer existed, the expressed request did not apply. The US delegate in turn stated that her country wanted to be on record in expressing its concern about the global crackdown in the participation of civil society, and reiterated calls to follow proper procedures in the Committee.

19. Following these statements, the Committee decided by consensus to recommend the closure of the application.

Christian Solidarity Worldwide

20. At its 9th meeting on 3 February 2017, the Committee considered the application from Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW). The delegate of China posed a question to the organization requesting further information about its participation at the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council.

21. The delegate of Greece took the floor to say that his country attached major significance to promoting religious tolerance and countering any discrimination based on religion or belief, and stressed the importance of defending religious freedom in response to the rise of religious extremism in various parts of the world and the subsequent targeting of persons belonging to religious minorities.

22. He stated further that this NGO had over three decades of experience in advocating for freedom of religion and had engaged regularly with United Nations mechanisms to provide valid, evidence-based analysis. It applied for consultative status 8 years ago, in 2009, but a decision on the application had been deferred for 14 sessions during which the organization had been asked more than 80, often repetitive questions. Since the NGO had consistently cooperated with the Committee and responded in a timely and comprehensive manner to all the questions, the delegate of Greece stated that consultative status should be recommended and therefore requested a vote on the application, pursuant to Rule 59 of the ECOSOC Rules of Procedure. He added that Greece would vote yes and encouraged all delegations to join him.

23. The delegate of Cuba stated the Committee should not be forced to make a decision since the organization had not yet fulfilled the requirements for consultative status as per resolution 1996/31. He recalled that the organization had been requested to explain its relationship with Christian Solidarity International (CSI), and that although CSW maintained that it separated from CSI in 1999, no documentation had ever been provided as proof. He recalled further that the organization had not provided the Committee with basic documents such as a constitution, financial statements and a certificate of registration. With a view to clarifying matters relating to its functioning, establishment, election of members, and in order to verify information published on their website and about their local partners, the Committee found it necessary to request the NGO to clarify these matters on several occasions, and in many cases, more than three times. He stated that the response had been evasive, and even when there was a response, Christian Solidarity Worldwide indicated that it would not answer those questions. He contended that that was a break with past practice followed by the Committee under Resolution 1996/31. He therefore maintained that his delegation was not in a position to make a decision and would therefore vote against the proposal.

24. The representative of Uruguay took the floor to state her support for granting status to CSW, saying that this organization complies with all the necessary requirements to have consultative status in accordance with Resolution 1996/31.

Furthermore, she stated that this organization promotes freedom of religion and thought in all forms, and that redundant questions were being posed to block this NGO from being granted status.

25. As an explanation of the vote, the delegate of China stated that his country had an open attitude to applications from NGOs for status, and had an open and frank meeting with the said organization. He pointed out that these NGOs should comply with the requirements under resolution 1996/31, especially the purpose and principles of the UN Charter. He also stressed that China's position with regard to the NGO was not based on considerations regarding freedom of belief or religion but on holding the organization to the criteria established in the resolution. Accordingly, his country would vote no because he believed that the organization was clearly not in compliance.

26. The delegate of India agreed with China, saying that while freedom of religion is a fundamental right in the constitution of India, this NGO had not provided satisfactory responses that fulfilled the requirements under resolution 1996/31. Therefore, his delegation would vote against the granting status so the NGO can be requested to answer further questions.

27. The Committee voted to overturn the proposal by Greece to grant status to the NGO by a roll call vote of 4 in favour, 11 against and 3 abstentions. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 16 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Greece, Israel, United States, Uruguay

Against:

Burundi, China, Cuba, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Nicaragua, Pakistan, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Venezuela

Abstaining:

Russian Federation

Absent:

Azerbaijan, Guinea, Mauritania

28. Following the vote, the delegate of Greece made a statement to express his deep disappointment that the Committee had decided not to grant consultative status to the organization because his delegation was convinced that CSW's contribution to ECOSOC would be crucial on issues of freedom of religion or belief. He went on to express his country's serious concern about the growing trend in the Committee to defer important and credible organizations for several sessions despite the fact that they have diligently answered all the questions posed and engaged constructively with Members of the Committee. In this respect, he reiterated his country's long-standing position that the NGO Committee should facilitate the access of NGOs to the UN and not obstruct them by deviating from the guiding principles laid down in resolution 1996/31. He stressed his country's particular concern regarding the delaying tactics to defer applications through repetitive questions or inquiries which go beyond the information required under ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, and hoped that the NGO would be granted consultative status by ECOSOC the soonest possible.

29. The Observer Member State of the United Kingdom took the floor to thank Greece for calling for a vote on this application and to all who voted in favour. He stated that since the organization had first applied in 2009, their application had gone through 14 sessions since 2010, during which they had diligently provided answers to 80, often repetitive question, and had participated in the Committee's Q&A sessions on three occasions. Therefore, he maintained that there did not seem to be any questions left to be asked. He concluded by saying that CSW fulfilled all requirements in resolution 1996/31 and hoped that the Council would grant it status, given that the organization's work is rooted in the UN Charter and in Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Inimõiguste Instituut

30. At its 10th meeting on 3 February 2017, the Committee considered the application of the organization Inimõiguste Instituut. The delegate of the Russian Federation requested the NGO to explain how, in implementing a project to protect human rights of the Crimean Tatars, it was able to justify working with individuals who had been accused of blowing up electric lines connecting Crimea in the winter, and were therefore considered terrorists.

31. The Observer Member State of Estonia requested the floor to state that her country considers civil society to be a vital partner that offers data and other information that would otherwise be overlooked. She said that this organization is the oldest NGO in Estonia and had been working on human rights issues in Estonia and the world for many years. She regretted that its application had been postponed yet again for unclear reasons, and urged the Committee to grant status to the organization. The request was seconded by the Observer Member States of Hungary, Finland and a representative of the European Union who all stated that the organization was doing commendable work and urged the Committee to fulfil its core mandate and recommend consultative status to the NGO.

32. The delegate of the Russian Federation repeated his question to the NGO and asked that it be transmitted for a response.

Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus

33. At its 10th meeting on 3 February 2017, the Committee considered the application of the organization Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus.

34. The delegate of the Russian Federation stated that in Karelia, in the Russian Federation where the NGO also worked, regional authorities had drawn attention to the fact that many events organized by the organization could be classified as promoting separatism. He added that his government was currently evaluating the NGO's activities in order to make a decision. He went on to pose new questions to the NGO, saying that it had not responded satisfactorily to an earlier question posed by his delegation, particularly regarding the Fenno-Ugric people who are now stateless.

35. The Observer Member State of Hungary requested the floor to make a statement in support of the NGO, saying that her government supported the application of the NGO, which was not only active in Estonia but also in Hungary and Finland, and that its activities fell within the competence of the Economic and Social Council.

She explained that the organization cooperated closely with Hungarian organizations such as the Reguly-társaság, Magyarok Vilagszövetsége or the Hungarian-Estonian Association (Ungari eesti Selts), and they were doing commendable work in preserving the small Finno-Ugric indigenous cultures and languages. This, she said, was an example of an organisation that should clearly be recommended for consultative status, whose application had been pending since 2013. With an established record of activities that were aligned to the goals of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, she urged the Committee to fulfil its core mandate as set down by ECOSOC, and defend and uphold the guiding principles in resolution 1996/31 by recommending consultative status to organisations such as *MTU Fenno-Ugria Asutus*.

36. The delegation of the United States reminded the Committee that members had heard not only from Estonia, but also from Hungary, Finland and the European Union who voiced their support for this application, which had been pending a decision since May 2014. She reiterated that since indigenous issues are taken up regularly at the UN, it was important to have an organization that contributed to constructive discussions on these issues.

The Green Light Project, Inc.

37. At its 11th meeting on 6 February 2017, the delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran stated that on 1 February 2017, the Committee had granted status to the organization Green Light Project which is registered under the name of Mr. Robert Benton, its beneficiary. He went on to say that it seemed that this name was being used as a cover-up to obtain status for another organization with no links to the Green Light Project and its beneficiary. The application and the supporting documents submitted to the Committee indicate that the organization that the Committee granted status to was “Green Light Project, Inc.” Besides, the Green Light Project clearly indicates in the application form that it has no affiliates.

38. The delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran maintained that this dishonesty and dubious behaviour may constitute a fraudulent act intended to betray the trust of member states and harm the integrity of the work of the Committee. He stated that his understanding was that the organization that the Committee granted status to on 1 February was the “Green Light Project” and not any other entity. He added that his delegation will continue to monitor the work and performance of this NGO and its compliance with the provisions of ECOSOC resolution 1996/31.

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

39. The Committee considered item 3(b) of its agenda, New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 2nd to 6th and 13th to 14th meetings, from 30 January to 1 February and on 7 February 2017. The Committee considered a total of 289 new applications for consultative status.

New applications recommended

40. Of the 289 organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 195 should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (a)):

Special consultative status

"Association des Femmes pour la Paix et Encadrement des Familles" (AFPEFAM)

"Enosh" - The Israeli Mental Health Association

A.D.E.L. - Association for Development, Education and Labour

African Development Assistance Consult

African Green Foundation International

African Woman and Child Feature Service

Agence de Développement Economique et Social

Agro Professional Care Foundation-Yola

Al Baraem Association for Charitable Work

Apostolic Ministerial International Network (AMIN)

Ashiana Collective Development Council

Asociatia Tehnopol Galati

Asocio Esperanto Radikala

Association A.M.OR

Association Gabonaise pour les Nations Unies (AGNU)

Association MIMAN

Association Nationale des Echanges Entre Jeunes

Association Respect Cameroun

Association Solidarité pour les Personnes Vivant le Veuvage

Association Un Monde Avenir

Association de l'éducation environnementale pour les futures générations

Association de lutte contre la pauvreté

Association for Promotion Sustainable Development

Association for Rural Area Social Modification, Improvement and Nestling

Association nationale du civisme

Association of Christian Counsellors of Nigeria

Association pour l'Éducation et la Santé de la Femme et de l'Enfant (AESFE)

Association pour le développement culturel (ADEC)

Associazione per i Diritti Umani e la Tolleranza

Avabe Initiative for Community Development

Bangladesh Jatiyo Mahila Ainjibi Samity

Barrackpore Elderly Care Society

Ben Newman Hope Care Foundation

Better World
Biedrība "Donum Animus"
Blessing for Romania World Ministry
Blood Donors Organisation for Social Service (BOSS) Pakala
Books To Africa International
Build Africa
Bureau d'Informations Formations Echanges et Recherches pour le Developpement
"B.I.F.E.R.D."
Burleson Institute Inc
CDP Worldwide
CIPINA (Centre d'Information et de Promotion de l'Image d'une Nouvelle Afrique)
Canadian Centre on Disability Studies Inc.
Center for the Global Study of Social Enterprise a NJ Nonprofit Corporation
Center for the Human Rights of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry
Centre Africain D'echange Culturel
Centre d'Observation et de Promotion de l'Etat de Droit (C.O.P.E.D)
Centre d'action pour le développement rural
Centre d'Education et de Développement pour les Enfants Mauriciens
Centre for Gerontological Studies
Centre for Women Studies and Intervention
Chikka Federation of India
Combite pour la paix et le développement
Community Active in Development Association (CADA)
Community Research and Development Organization (CRDO)
Congregation of the Mission
Congressional Black Caucus Political Education & Leadership Institute
Consultation. Evaluation. Education., Inc.
Coordination nationale des associations des consommateurs
Cornerstone Mount Group "CMG", Inc.
Cultural Meeting Foundation
DESSI International
DHRUVH-Social Awareness Forum
DIYNGO Community Based Organization
Department of Political Science and Public Administration of the University of
Athens Alumni Association

Diligent Care for Creative Intelligence Development
Disability Rights Fund Inc
Distance Education For Africa (DE Africa) Enseignement à Distance pour l'Afrique
Drug Policy Australia Limited
Dynamic Youth Development Organization
ERAN - Israel's Association for Emotional First Aid via the Telephone, in memory of Dr. A. Zaslany
EUROGEO
East Africa Consortium International
El Ghad Essihi Pour le Développement et la Protection de L'Environnement en Mauritanie
Equal Rights for Persons with Disabilities International, Inc
Fairways Accommodation Support Trust
Finance Center for South-South Cooperation Limited
First Ladies Initiative
Fondation Espoir et Vie
Fondation Vivons Ensemble
Foundation for Disabled Women
Foundation of International Servant leadership Exchange Association
Friendasia
Fundacao Museu do Futuro
Fundacja Instytut na rzecz Kultury Prawnej Ordo Iuris
Fédération internationale des Coalitions pour la diversité culturelle, International Federation of Coalitions for Cultural Diversity
Global Fund for Widows
Grameen Development & Poverty Alleviation Sangstha (GDPAS)
Guinee Humanitaire
Habitat Alliance
Heal The Planet Global Organisation - HTP
Health of Mother Earth Foundation
Healthy Caribbean Coalition Inc
Holly Heart United
Holt International Children's Services, Inc.
Holt children's Services. INC.
Honeypot Village
Human Development Society the Gambia

Human Rights Consortium
Humanitarian Ambassadors NGO
Idara-i-Talim-o-Aaghai (Centre for Education and Consciousness) Public Trust
Initiative: Eau
Institute for Youth Development
International Emergency and Development Aid
International Institute of Space Law
International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists
International Port Community Systems Association EEIG
International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation
Kathak Academy
Kuwaiti Society for Autism
Kırmızı Biber Derneği
L'Organisation Non Gouvernementale des Cercles Nationaux de Réflexion sur la
Jeunesse - ONG CNRJ
Le Pont
Les Amis du Projet Imagine
Les amis des enfants
Lightup Foundation
Maawandoon Inc.
Maher
Major Groups Partnership on Forests
Makhzoumi Foundation
Man Up Campaign US, Inc.
Manav Seva Sansthan (SEVA)
Mandala Transformation Foundation Inc.
Manusher Jonno Foundation
Marin Experimental Teaching, Training and Advising Center
Mayan Families
National Council of Catholic Women
National Organization for Global Education Inc.
Newline Social Organization
Observatoire du Crime Organisé
Onhappy Corporation

Organisation Constellée pour le Développement Economique et Social de la Commune des Gonaïves

Organisation Mauritanienne pour la lutte contre l'extremisme et pour l'appui à l'unité Nationale

Orphélins, Déplacés et Incarcérés de Côte D'Ivoire (ORDIN-CI)

Partnership Network International

Peace & Livelihood Support Organisation

Peace and Development Organization

Peacebuilders International

People of Good Heart

Pleaders of Children and Elderly People at Risk "PEPAINGO"

Public Association Women's Organization "ALGA"

Quintessential Business Women Association

RADION International Foundation

Regional Institute of Health, Medicine and Research

Rural Planning and Developmental Organization

Rural Relief Foundation

Rural Women's Network Nepal

Rwanda Women Community Development Network

Réseau Guinéen des Organisations des Personnes Handicapées pour la Promotion de la Convention Internationale sur les Droits des Personnes Handicapées "ROPACIDPH"

Réseau communautaire pour le Pauvre

Réseau des femmes africaines pour la gestion communautaires des forêts

SEALOEarth Corporation

SERAC-Bangladesh

SOS Rassismus und Diskriminierung Schweiz

SWASTI

Safe Campaign LLC

Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples.Inc

Shirazi Foundation

Sivil Yaşam Derneği

Social Economic and Governance Promotion Centre (SEGP)

Society of Research Administrators International, Inc.

South Caucasus Office on Drugs and Crime

Special Talent Exchange Programme

Stichting Kidsrights
Sukalyan Welfare Society
Sulabh International Centre for Action Sociology
Sustainable Development for Vulnerable Peoples in Bangladesh
Takshila Education Inc
Tamil Uzhangam
Thalassaemia International Federation Limited
The 5 Gyres Institute
The Association of the Egyptian Female Lawyers
The Center of Food Industries Association
The Council of Technical Education and Training
The Global Health Review, Inc.
The Green Light Project, Inc.
The Hashoo Foundation
The Hip-Hop Dance Conservatory Foundation
The National Society for Human Rights
Translators Without Borders - US, Inc.
Turnstone Global
Türkiye İş Kadınları Derneği
U.P. Planning and Development Research Foundation Incorporated
U.S. Climate Plan
Ukrainian Charity Fund "Social Partnership"
Unchained At Last Inc
Union C
United Zo Organization (USA) Inc.
Utpidit Samaj Sarokar Kendra, Pokhara
Virutcham Magalir Munnetra Kazangiam, Virudhunagar
World Peace Volunteers
World Share
Young Heart Foundation
shOObh Group Welfare Society

New applications deferred

41. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 93 organizations pending receipt of questions posed by the Committee to the organizations during its 2017 regular session:

AIM Education & Research Society

AMPHTS

Action pour la promotion du développement

Africa Youth Growth Foundation

African Women Chartered Accountants Forum NPC

Aid Organization

Al-Hasaniya Moroccan Women's Project

Albert Kunstadter Family Foundation

Alliance des Avocats pour les Droits de l'Homme

Alliance internationale pour la défense des droits et des libertés

Alliance pour la Solidarité et le Partage en Afrique-Jeunesse pour Intégration Culturelle et Sociale

American Human Rights Council

Association Marocaine de Planification Familiale

Association M'zab prévention routière et développement

Association d'assistance aux grands handicapés à domicile

Association de la continuité des générations

Association organisation populaire pour l'enseignement des droits humains

Canadian Council for Refugees

Caribbean Natural Resources Institute

Center for Assistance to Justice and Animation for Development

Comisión Unidos Vs Trata

Comité des observateurs des droits de l'homme

Community Empowerment and Development Initiative, Warri

Council for a Parliament of World Religions

Deutsche Welthungerhilfe e.V.

Diakonia

Dream Touch for All

Drishti Foundation Trust

Embajada Mundial de Activistas por la Paz (Global Embassy of Activists for Peace) Corp.

Emmanuel Development Association (EDA)

Emperor Gaza International Foundation

European Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Limited

Family Life Association of Swaziland (FLAS)
Family Policy Institute
Formation Awareness and Community Empowerment Society (FACES) Pakistan
GenderCC - Women for Climate Justice e.V.
Global Peace Foundation
INA (Māori, Indigenous & South Pacific) HIV/AIDS Foundation
Ilankai Tamil Sangam, Inc.
Imam Khomeini Relief Foundation
Initiative for Youth Awareness on Climate Change
Initiative pour le Developpement de l'Afrique – I.D.A.
Institut international de recherches pour la Paix à Genève (GIPRI)
International Centre for Development Initiatives (ICDI)
International Centre for Leadership Development Nigeria
International Human Rights Council
International Mayor Communication Centre Limited
International Right of Way Association
J.P. Foundation Inc.
Jerusalem Institute of Justice
Jeunesse Etudiante Tamoule
Keeping Children Safe
Legal Advice Centre
Malteser International e.V.
Millennium Network for Community Development Initiative
Mkokoteni Aid Development Organization
NDLH International Network of International Diplomacy, International Law and Human Rights
National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People
Navjivan Foundation
Niger Delta Budget Monitoring Group
Orion Projects Private Limited
Orji Uzor Kalu Foundation
Pak Special Persons Welfare Society
Pak Women
Pakistan International Human Rights Organization
Pan African Climate Justice Alliance
Pirate Parties International Headquarters

Reprieve
Reviving Hope Uganda
Right Livelihood Award Foundation
Rights and Resources Institute, Inc.
Roads of Success
Rwenzori Center for Research and Advocacy (RCPA)
SAE International
Saviour USA - One World Charity
Settlement Services International Incorporated
Slum Child Foundation
Solidarity for Peace and Reunification of Korea
Somali Youth Development Foundation (SYDF)
Standards Charter
Stichting Pro Papua
The Arab Council for Supporting Fair Trial
The New Woman Foundation
The Nigerian Council Inc
The Red Elephant Foundation
Viešoji įstaiga "Trust in Development"
White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood, Inc
Women and Child Watch Initiatives
Women's Rights and Health Project
World Learning Inc.
Youth RISE (Resource, Information, Support, Education) Limited
Youth for a Better World, Inc.
Youth in Action Balochistar JFD

Requests for reclassification

42. At its 6th and 11th meetings, on 1 and 6 February, the Committee considered five requests for reclassification of consultative status, including three new requests for reclassification, as contained in document E/C.2/2017/R.3, and two deferred requests, as contained in document E/C.2/2017/CRP.2. It decided to defer its consideration of the application for reclassification of status of the following three organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee:

International Campaign to Ban Landmines
Universal Peace Federation

Widows for Peace through Democracy

Requests for mergers

43. At its 6th meeting, on 1 February, the Committee considered one new application for a merger of the Social Service Agency of the Protestant Church in Germany (in special consultative status) with the Protestant Development Service (organization not in status with the Council) to form the Protestant Agency for Diakonie and Development (PADD). It decided to defer its consideration of the application for a merger, pending receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee.

Requests for a change of name

44. At its 13th meeting, on 7 February, the Committee considered seven new requests for a change of name by organizations in consultative status, as contained in document E/C.2/2017/CRP.4. It decided to take note of the change of name of six of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)) and to defer its consideration of the request for a change of name by the following organization, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee:

Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute, Inc. to C-Fam, Inc.

Requests for withdrawal of consultative status

45. At its 13th meeting, on 7 February, the Committee took note of the request for withdrawal of consultative status by one non-governmental 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

46. At its 12th to 13th meeting from 6 to 7 February, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of 90 quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status on their activities during the period 1998 -2014, which had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (see E/C.2/2017/CRP.3).

Of the 90 reports, the Committee took note of the report of the following 16 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (e)):

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2011-2014)

Amman Center for Human Rights Studies (2010-2013)

Associated Country Women of the World (2011-2014)

Association for Progressive Communications (APC) (2011-2014)

Caritas Internationalis (International Confederation of Catholic Charities) (2011-2014)

Conectas Direitos Humanos (2010-2013)

Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (2010-2013)

Credo-Action (2011-2014)

Federation of Western Thracian Turks in Europe (2010-2013)

Forum for Women and Development - FOKUS (2011-2014)

Franciscans International (2011-2014)

Lassalle-Institut (2011-2014)

OISCA International, South India Chapter (2011-2014)

Priests for Life (2011-2014)

Society for Threatened Peoples (2005-2008)

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (2011-2014)

47. The Committee decided to defer further consideration of the 74 deferred quadrennial reports submitted by the following 61 organizations:

(COM) Club of Madrid

AARP

Amnesty International

Armenian Assembly of America

Armenian Assembly of America

Asociatia Pro Democratia

Catholics for Choice

Catolicas Por El Derecho A Decidir

Centrist Democratic International

Centrist Democratic International

Centrist Democratic International

Centrist Democratic International

Conscience and Peace Tax International (CPTI)

Cross-Cultural Solutions

EarthRights International

Egyptian Organization for Human Rights

End Human Trafficking Now

European Centre for Law and Justice, The / Centre Europeen pour le droit, les Justice et les droits de l'homme

Federación Internacional de Fe y Alegría
France Libertes: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand
France Libertes: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand
Freedom House
Freedom House
Global Environmental Action (GEA)
Heritage Foundation, The
Human Rights First
Human Rights First
Human Rights House Foundation
Human Rights Watch
Institute of Inter-Balkan Relations
International Association for Religious Freedom
International Bar Association
International Commission of Jurists
International Federation of Journalists
International Federation of Journalists
International Fellowship of Reconciliation
International PEN
International Press Institute
International Press Institute
International Press Institute
International Service for Human Rights
International Social Service
International Union of Socialist Youth
Kimse Yok Mu
Medical Women's International Association
Minhaj-ul-Quran International
National Council of Women of Thailand, The
Nonviolent Peaceforce
Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement - International (OISCA)
Pathfinder International
Pax Christi International, International Catholic Peace Movement
Physicians for Human Rights

Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Redress Trust
Reporters Sans Frontiers International - Reporters Without Borders International
Reporters Sans Frontiers International - Reporters Without Borders International
Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights
Simon Wiesenthal Center
Simply Help, Inc.
Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology
Sulabh International
Tandem Project, The
Temple of Understanding
The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Ukrainian World Congress
Ukrainian World Congress
Ukrainian World Congress
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
Women for Women's Human Rights - New Ways
World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations
World Council of Arameans (Syriacs)
World Jewish Congress
World Organisation Against Torture
World Safety Organization

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

48. At its 11th to 12th meeting, on 6 February, 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 360 new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2017/2 and E/C.2/2017/2/Add.1-Add.23). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 336 of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)). The Committee decided to defer consideration of the report(s) of the following 24 organization(s):

Advocates for Human Rights
Amnesty International
Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development
CIVICUS - World Alliance for Citizen Participation

Centre for Human Rights
 Christian Conference of Asia
 East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project
 Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief, The
 Front Line, The International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders
 Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi * 2/
 Human Rights Now
 International Association for Media and Communication Research
 International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children
 International Council on Social Welfare
 International Federation for Human Rights Leagues
 International Humanist and Ethical Union
 Iraqi Development Organization
 Lawyers Without Borders
 Mahila Dakshata Samiti
 Minority Rights Group
 People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy
 Restless Development
 The World Habitat Foundation
 World Hunger Year, Inc.

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

49. At its 1st meeting, on 30 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.

50. The Branch highlighted the lack of adequate resources to deliver on a steadily increasing volume of work, including the processing of applications and quadrennial reports from NGOs every year, as well as the related support to the Committee's paperless system. The particular urgency at this time was emphasized due to the fact that the workload of the NGO Branch in 2017 far exceeded its capacity to deliver on

* English translation of which is "Journalists and Writers Foundation"

2/ The organization's quadrennial report for the 2012-2015 period has been deferred by the Committee pending the decision by the Council on the recommended withdrawal of its consultative status.

its commitments with no concomitant increases in its resources. Under the circumstances, the potential for a backlog in the submission of applications had increased significantly, leading to inordinate delays for NGOs in obtaining consultative status with ECOSOC. This fact was highlighted by the Director of the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (OESC) in his Opening Statement at this session, as well as by the Under Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) in a letter to the Chair of the Committee. The Committee was therefore encouraged to consider ways to support the Branch's efforts to enable it to fully meet its obligation under resolution 1996/31.

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

51. Based on a request from the delegate of China to turn off the live video feed of the Q&A segment of the Committee session on 6 February 2017, a provisional, compromise solution, reached by consensus, was found according to which the screens in the conference room would display the applications from the NGOs considered. In future, the Committee would consider the issue at a meeting on the methods of work so that the Committee can work effectively on the matter at the beginning of its next session. The solution reached for the current session was transitional.

VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

52. At its first meeting on 30 January 2017, the Committee took up agenda item 7 on Special Reports. The delegate of Turkey referred to a letter dated 23 January 2017 (Annex II) that had been circulated to members of the Committee earlier which contained a request for withdrawal of status of three Turkish organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC that had been closed on the ground of having membership to, or affiliation or connection with the Fetullahist Terrorist Organization (FETO), which had staged the failed coup attempt of 15 July 2016 in Turkey against the constitutional order in Turkey. Saying that the purpose of her delegation's intervention that day as well as the circulated letter was to notify the Committee about current legal status of the organizations concerned, namely *Kimse Yok Mu*, *Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfı* * and *Türkiye İşadamları ve Sanayiciler Konfederasyonu*, she added that the relevant Decree with Force of Law about the closure was issued on 23 July 2016 and was approved by the Turkish parliament as a law. As a result, these three organizations had been dissolved. Accordingly, their legal personality and activities as such, hence the basis for their consultative status had ceased to exist. The delegates of Azerbaijan, India, Pakistan and Burundi voiced their support for the request from Turkey.

53. The delegate of the United States took the floor to request that more information should be solicited from the NGOs before continuing the discussion, citing the seriousness of the charges, and suggested following the rules of procedure and past practice of the Committee. In providing information regarding past practice, the Secretary of the Committee explained that there had been a similar request regarding an NGO in consultative status two years earlier. At the time, the Committee had agreed to seek clarification from the NGO concerned before proceeding to a recommendation to withdraw its consultative status, which it did a week later, after receiving its response. The difference in this case, he clarified, was that an immediate withdrawal of status of the NGOs was requested.

54. In support of the request from Turkey, the representative of China expressed his view that the explanation from Turkey was sufficient to justify the request for withdrawal since the three NGOs no longer conformed to Article 2 of resolution 1996/31. However, the delegation of the United States responded that the question was not about substance but precedent. She noted that in the case of the Journalists and Writers Foundation, the dissolving of an organization was not a technical matter and since the NGO is now registered in the United States, it still does exist. She went on to say that Turkey had also refused to provide any details of the NGO's links to terrorism. Therefore, the US delegation did not agree with the technical arguments and was going to continue to oppose this motion.

55. While the delegate of Sudan supported Turkey's request, the representative of Cuba acknowledged that given the serious allegations, he thanked the Secretariat for the precedent cited which involved an NGO that did not belong to a country of one of the members of the Committee. However, in this case, the country involved was a member of the NGO Committee, and could brief the Committee directly. Therefore the situation was different.

* English translation of which is "Journalists and Writers Foundation"

56. The delegate of Turkey took the floor to explain that the three organizations had been closed following a legal decree in Turkey, reiterating that they no longer had "legal personalities" and therefore had no basis for maintaining consultative status. Furthermore, she stated that as regards the organization referred to by the US delegation, at the time of application and when granted consultative status it was registered only in Turkey with its headquarters in Turkey. She went on to say that since the basis for awarding consultative status was its registration in Turkey, and since that registration no longer exists, the status should be withdrawn immediately.

57. In its statement supporting Turkey, the representative of Venezuela said that it was standard practice for an NGO to be registered in a given country and to notify the Committee when it relocates to another country.

58. This was followed by a renewed request from the US delegation for more information from the NGOs and to follow the rules of procedures and precedent, thereby objecting to the request from Turkey. The delegate of Sudan maintained that since the NGOs no longer exist, the Committee must move directly to a vote.

59. The Chair explained that a vote had been requested to recommend the withdrawal of status of all three organizations to ECOSOC, at which point the US delegation requested a point of order, assuming that the initial proposal was to move immediately to withdrawal of status to which the US had already objected. She requested the Chair to clarify whether the Committee should vote now, or solicit information from the NGOs first as per paragraph 56 of resolution 1996/31, quoting from the resolution that the NGO “shall be given written reasons for that decision and shall have the opportunity to present its response.”

60. The delegate of Sudan intervened to say that there could be two votes, the first on whether the Committee should vote on the request by the US delegate, followed by a second vote on whether to withdraw the consultative status.

61. Following these statements, a vote was called to postpone action as requested by the United States. The proposal to postpone the vote was rejected by a roll call vote of 14 to 2, with 2 abstaining. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 18 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Israel, United States

Against:

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

Abstaining:

Russian Federation, Uruguay

Absent:

Greece

62. Following the vote, the Committee proceeded to vote to withdraw the consultative status of the three organizations, one by one. On the first organization “*Kimse Yok Mu*”, the request by Turkey to withdraw its consultative status was recommended by a roll call vote of 16 in favour, none against, and 2 abstentions. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 18 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

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

Abstaining:

United States, Uruguay

Absent:

Israel

63. Before proceeding to the next vote the delegation of the United States expressed her delegation's concern about the global crackdown on civil society organizations, and closing of civic space, explaining that the US only opposes accreditation or revocation of accreditation of NGOs based on concerns of terrorism or related criminal activities. In this case, even though she was concerned about the decision to not follow the precedent, since the NGO was no longer operational and no longer held registration in any Member State, her delegation abstained from the above vote.

64. Before the third vote, the delegation of Turkey explained that the vote is to withdraw the consultative status of the organization under its Turkish name "*Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi*" as listed in document E/2015/INF/5, as well as in the report of the NGO Committee during its 2012 regular session. The US delegation stated that the NGO should be called the Journalists and Writers Foundation, as listed in the NGO database. The United States delegate stated that the US regrets the Committee did not have more time to review the letter presented on the Journalists and Writers Foundation and that the NGO was not allowed to respond to allegations made in the letter. She continued that the NGO could not be closed on technical grounds because it is registered in the US and continues to operate from its headquarters in New York. She listed a number of events the NGO has recently participated in from its New York headquarters and asked again for more time to hear from this organization. The delegate of Turkey stated that since the basis for the organization's consultative status, its registration in Turkey, had ceased to exist, the consultative status should accordingly be withdrawn, adding that there is also no legal personality as such. The delegate of Turkey also stated that the name of the organization under which it was granted status in 2012 was in Turkish and the English phrase was a translation; hence, for the sake of clarity, the original name of the organization should be reflected, with English translation in parenthesis.

65. Following these statements, the request by Turkey to withdraw the consultative status of "*Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi*" * was recommended by a roll call vote of 16 in favour, two against, and 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, Greece, Guinea, India, Iran, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Venezuela

Against:

Israel, United States

Abstaining:

Uruguay

66. In moving to the next vote, on *Türkiye İşadamları ve Sanayiciler Konfederasyonu*, the representative of the United States took the floor to once again express her delegation's concern about the global crackdown on civil society

organizations and the closing of civic space. She further explained that that the US only opposes accreditation or revocation of accreditation of NGOs based on concerns of terrorism or related criminal activities, but even though she was concerned about the decision to not follow the precedent, since the NGO was no longer operational, the US would abstain.

67. The request by Turkey to withdraw the consultative status of “*Türkiye İşadamları ve Sanayiciler Konfederasyonu*,” was recommended by a roll call vote of 16 in favour, none against and 2 abstentions. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 18 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

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

Against:

None

Abstaining:

United States, Uruguay

Absent:

Israel

* English translation of which is “Journalists and Writers Foundation”

68. Following the vote, the Chair stated that the NGOs concerned shall be provided written notification as expeditiously as possible, to which the delegate of Turkey objected, maintaining that since these organizations had been dissolved, they do not legally exist, and that the referenced article in the resolution therefore, did not apply. She added that the report of the Committee would also serve as the official declaration of all the decisions taken by the Committee. The delegate from the United States insisted that the Committee follow paragraph 56 of resolution 1996/31, emphasizing that the organizations should be provided written reasons, and that the Council was the only body to change the procedures it itself had laid down.

69. At its 2nd meeting on 30 January 2017, the Committee continued the discussions from the first meeting. The delegate of Turkey took the floor to state that Article 56 of ECOSOC resolution 1996/31 did not apply with regard to communicating the decision of the Committee to withdraw status to the organizations concerned because the organizations had ceased to exist and did not have any legal standing.

70. In response the United States delegation reiterated that no decision that the organization did not exist had been taken in the 1st meeting, and that the decision in

the morning was to recommend that the Council withdraw accreditation. In turn, the delegate of Turkey quoted paragraph 15 of the resolution which stated that “the granting, suspension and withdrawal of consultative status, as well as the interpretation of norms and decisions relating to this matter, are the prerogative of Member States exercised through ECOSOC and Committee on NGOs”. She also added that the Committee had discussed and already taken a decision on this issue through its procedural vote in its previous meeting.

71. The delegates of India, Pakistan and Azerbaijan questioned the rationale for contacting entities that were no longer in existence.

72. The delegate of the United States emphasized that the Committee’s role was to make a recommendation only and ultimately for ECOSOC to take a decision. He stated further that the decision taken earlier by the Committee was not that the three organizations no longer existed, particularly with respect to one of the organizations, but solely on the withdrawal of status. He therefore urged the Committee to follow due process all the way through as articulated in the resolution, since resolution 1996/31 was being applied to the organizations for purposes of seeking to withdraw their status, and by the same token, the procedural elements of 1996/31 must also be applied.

73. In response, the representative of China took the floor in support of Turkey, saying that there was no need to revisit the decision taken earlier, while Cuba added that there seemed to be “legal void” in the resolution with regard to NGOs that have ceased to exist. To which the US delegate once again took the floor to say that his position is that the question discussed in the earlier session was not relevant to the question of allowing NGOs to respond after a recommendation for withdrawal of status, but rather had concerned whether to take an immediate decision on such withdrawal. He also disagreed about a legal void in the resolution, reiterating that as a subsidiary body the Committee is not competent to override provisions in a Council resolution.

74. The Turkish delegate maintained that paragraph 15 was quite clear about the prerogative of Member States on the interpretation of norms and decisions related to granting, suspension and withdrawal of status, adding that there was a majority of Member States that were leaning towards that interpretation, and requested that the matter be put to a vote. On a Point of order the US delegate stated that if it was a proposal to overrule a resolution of ECOSOC, the parent body, then it was beyond the competence of the Committee to make such decisions. To which the Turkish delegation responded that paragraph 15 provided Member States through the Committee and ECOSOC the prerogative to decide on such matters.

75. Citing inconsistency with paragraph 56 of the resolution, the US delegate said that it contradicted the authority of ECOSOC, and moved to challenge the competence of the NGO Committee to take the action that Turkey proposed. The Committee voted against the motion by a roll call vote of 14 against, 2 in favor and

1 abstention. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 17 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Israel, United States

Against:

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, India, Iran, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Venezuela

Abstaining:

Uruguay

Absent:

Greece, Guinea

76. The Committee then proceeded to a vote on the motion from Turkey which stated that “The NGO Committee decides that it cannot contact or communicate with the three organizations whose legal status has ceased to exist and, based on that, whose consultative status had been recommended to be withdrawn in the morning session of the Committee.” The Committee voted in support of the motion by a roll call vote of 13 in favour, 2 against, and 2 abstentions. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 17 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

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

Against:

Israel, United States

Abstaining:

Russian Federation, Uruguay

Absent:

Greece, Guinea

77. In explaining his vote after the vote, the representative of Venezuela stated that his delegation voted in favour of the proposal of Turkey in order to be consistent with the votes taken earlier in the session on these NGOs. He explained that his country’s vote did not violate resolution 1996/31 because he believed that there was a legal void in the resolution and the Committee is acting in accordance with its mandate.

VII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

78. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2017 regular session from 30 January to 8 February, and 24 February. The Committee held 16 meetings.

79. The session was opened by the Chair of the 2016 session of the Committee, Jorge Dotta (Uruguay).

80. At the 1st meeting, on 30 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

81. 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.2/2017/INF/1.

82. At its 2017 regular 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 ^{3/}

83. At its 1st meeting, on 30 January, the Committee elected Jorge Dotta (Uruguay) as Chair of the Committee.

84. At the same meeting, the Committee elected Ceren Hande Özgür (Turkey), as Vice-Chair of the Committee. At its 10th meeting, on 3 February, it elected Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan), as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

85. At its 10th meeting, on 3 February 2017, the Committee took note of the announcement made by the Chair that Vice-Chair, Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan), agreed to also serve as Rapporteur of the Committee.

D. Agenda

86. At its 1st meeting, on 30 January 2017, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its 2017 session, as contained in document E/C.2/2017/1. The agenda reads as follows:

^{3/} The Committee elected all officers for both its regular and resumed sessions of 2017.

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 2018 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

87. At its 15th meeting, on 8 February 2017, 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.

88. The date of the 16th meeting of the Committee was changed from 21 to 24 February 2017 for technical reasons. At its 16th meeting, on 24 February 2017, the Committee adopted the present report.

Annex I

Letter dated 31 January 2017 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch

2017/11878741

New York, 31 January 2017

Dear Mr. Dorel,

I would like to inform you that in accordance with Part 2, Article 2 of the Decree with Force of Law No: 667 (Decree Law No: 667) issued by the Turkish Council of Ministers on 23 July 2016 and approved by the Turkish Grand National Assembly as a law, the foundations and associations and their commercial enterprises listed in Annex III thereof have been closed down on the ground of having membership to, affiliation or connection with Fetullahist Terrorist Organization (FETO), which staged the failed coup attempt of 15 July 2016 against the constitutional order in Turkey.

Two of those organizations, of which names are as follows, have pending applications for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. These applications have been submitted before the issuance of Decree Law No: 667.

- İstanbul Fikir Araştırmaları Derneği – İSFAM
- Hazar Strateji Enstitüsü Derneği

As a result of Decree Law No: 667, the abovementioned organizations have been dissolved. Accordingly, their legal personality and activities as such have ceased to exist.

In light of the above, Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations requests the closure of the consideration of the applications in question.

I kindly request that the present letter be brought to the attention of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations during its regular session to be held from 30 January to 8 February 2017.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Güven Begeç
Deputy Permanent Representative

Mr. Marc-André Dorel
Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch
Department of Economic and Social Affairs
United Nations

Annex II**Letter dated 23 January 2017 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**

2017/11878715

New York, 23 January 2017

Dear Mr. Dotta,

I would like to inform you that in accordance with Part 2, Article 2 of the Decree with Force of Law No: 667 (Decree Law No: 667) issued by the Turkish Council of Ministers on 23 July 2016 and approved by the Turkish Grand National Assembly as a law, the foundations and associations and their commercial enterprises listed in Annex III thereof have been closed down on the ground of having membership to, affiliation or connection with Fetullahist Terrorist Organization (FETO), which staged the failed coup attempt of 15 July 2016 against the constitutional order in Turkey.

Three of those organizations, of which names are as follows, are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:

- "Kimse Yok Mu" Dayanışma ve Yardımlaşma Derneği
- "Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfı"
- "Türkiye İşadamları ve Sanayiciler Konfederasyonu"

As a result of Decree Law No: 667, abovementioned organizations have been dissolved. Accordingly, their legal personality and activities as such, hence the basis for their consultative status have ceased to exist.

In light of the above, as well as the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations requests the withdrawal of the consultative status of the organizations in question.

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I kindly request that the present letter be brought to the attention of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations during its regular session to be held from 30 January to 8 February 2017.

Sincerely,

(*Signed*) Güven Begeç
Deputy Permanent Representative

Mr. Jorge Dotta
Chair of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

CC: Mr. Marc-André Dorel
Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch
Department of Economic and Social Affairs
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