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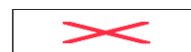
Summary

At its 2017 resumed session, held from 22 to 31 May, and 12 June 2017, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 385 applications for consultative status, including 221 applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 191 for consultative status, deferred 162 for further consideration at its regular session in 2018 and closed without prejudice consideration of 30 applications of non-governmental organizations that had failed to respond to queries over two consecutive sessions of the Committee. The Committee deferred consideration of the four requests for reclassification of consultative status that were before it and of a request for merger. The Committee considered five requests for a change of name, took note of four of those requests and deferred one. It also had before it 184 new quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 174. The Committee heard 20 representatives of the 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 191 non-governmental organizations;
- (b) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of four non-governmental organizations;
- (c) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 196 non-governmental organizations, including new and deferred reports;



(d) Close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by 30 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee;

(e) Note the withdrawal of applications by two non-governmental organizations.

By draft decision II, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of the non-governmental organization “International Chamber of Commerce” due to a change in its status at the United Nations;

By draft decision III, the Council would suspend, for a period of one year, the consultative status of 128 organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports;

By draft decision IV, the Council would decide to reinstate the consultative status of 30 organizations that had submitted their outstanding quadrennial reports;

By draft decision V, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of 128 organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision VI, the Council would approve the provisional agenda for the 2018 session of the Committee;

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

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

Draft decisions for adoption by the Council

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

Draft decision I

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

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following 191 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

ABC Tamil Oli

ACE

AMFORHT

ASSOCIATION CULTURELLE DES TAMOULS EN FRANCE

Action pour la promotion du développement

Adelphi Consult GmbH

Afectividad y Sexualidad, Asociación Civil

African Trade Center LTD/GTE

Aid Organization

Al-Hasaniya Moroccan Women's Project

Albert Kunstadter Family Foundation

All Win Network

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

Asia Injury Prevention Foundation

Asian Marine Conservation Association

Asociación Cubana de Limitados Físico-Motores

Asociación Española de Directivos, A.E.D.-1996

Asociación Pro-Bienestar de la Familia Colombiana "Profamilia"

Association Adala-Justice
Association Debout femmes autochtones du Congo
Association Marocaine de Planification Familiale
Association Mauritanienne pour la Promotion de la Famille
Association M'zab prévention routière et développement
Association Thendral
Association d'Entraide Médicale Guinée
Association de la continuité des générations
Association des relais communautaires d'Oshwé
Association for Protection of Maternity, Infancy and Family João e Maria
Association mauritanienne pour la transparence et le développement
Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development
Associação Brasileira dos Organizadores de Festivais de Folclore e Artes Populares
Associação de Jovens Engajamundo
Autonomous Non-Profit Organization Ethnocultural Association Elleyada
Biedrība "Mūsdienu Latvijas Teritoriju Apdzīvojošās Krievvalodīgās Pamattautas Asociācija"
Bäuerliche Erzeugergemeinschaft Schwäbisch Hall w.V.
Canadian Council for Refugees
Caucasian Jews World Congress
Center for Development Support Initiatives
Center for Media & Peace Initiative Inc.
Centre for Disaster Risk and Crisis Reduction
Centre for Human Rights and Climate Change Research
Centre for Policy Dialogue
Centre for Youth and Literacy Development
Centre for the Sustainable use of Natural and Social Resources (CSNR)
Centre international de recherche - Action pour un développement durable
Centrul European Pentru Prevenirea Adictiilor
Chia-Funkuin Foundation
China Academy of Culture Limited
China-Africa Business Council
Collectif haitien des droits humains (CHDH)
Comisión Unidos Vs Trata

Comité des observateurs des droits de l'homme
Community Empowerment and Development Initiative, Warri
Compassion in World Farming
Conglomeration of Bengal's Hotel Owners
Creators Union of Arab
Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation
Deutsche Welthungerhilfe e.V.
Drishti Foundation Trust
Education Above All Foundation
Education, Communication and Development Trust (EDUCATR)
Equis: Justicia para las Mujeres
European Business Club Association e.V.
European Federation of Psychologists Associations
European Union of the Deaf
Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB)
Farmers Development Organization
Fondation Alkarama
Foreningen for Human Narkotikapolitikk
Foundation Sozopol
Foundation for Environmental Stewardship
Fundación Acción Pro Derechos Humanos
Fundación América Solidaria Internacional
Fundación Éforo
Fundação Abrinq pelos Direitos da Criança e do Adolescente
Fédération bruxelloise des institutions pour toxicomanes
GenderCC - Women for Climate Justice e.V.
Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue
Geo-Environmental Resource Association (GERAS)
Gestos Soropositividade Comunicação e Gênero
Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption
Gusenghwe Inc.
HUMAN DIGNITY - HD
Haiti Cholera Research Funding Foundation Inc
Heal the Land Initiative in Nigeria

Health In Action Limited
Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light
Heavenly Shower of Peace Church of God
Help Not Handcuffs
Hope for Education
Hope for Women
Horizon d'échange et de lutte contre la pauvreté
Humanitarian Care Malaysia Berhad
IMPACT Initiatives
INA (Māori, Indigenous & South Pacific) HIV/AIDS Foundation
IOGT-NTO
Ihsan Foundation for West Africa
Initiative for Equality
Initiative for Youth Awareness on Climate Change
Initiative pour le Developpement de l'Afrique – I.D.A.
Institut für Klimaschutz, Energie und Mobilität - Recht, Ökonomie und Politik e.V.
(IKEM)
Institut international de recherches pour la Paix à Genève (GIPRI)
Institute of Sustainable Development
Int'l Centre for Women Empowerment & Child Dev.
International Association for Religious Freedom, Co-ordinating Council for South Asia
International Centre for Development Initiatives (ICDI)
International Centre for Leadership Development Nigeria
International Disability Alliance
International Doctors for Healthier Drug Policies CIC
International Human Rights Council
International Mayor Communication Centre Limited
International Right of Way Association
Irene Menakaya School Onitsha
J.P. Foundation Inc.
James Madison University
Korea Civil Society Forum on International Development Cooperation
Korea Disaster Relief

Korea Food for the Hungry International
Korea Spinal Cord Injury Association
Leadership for Environment and Development - Pakistan
Les oeuvres sociales pour les actions de développement
Lokmanya Sewa Sangh Parle
Medical Women's Association of Nigeria
Millennium Network for Community Development Initiative
Mor Çatı Kadın Sığınağı Vakfı
Nagorik Uddyog
Namaa Association of Social Development
Navjivan Foundation
Neighbourhood Community Network
New York Encounter
Niger Delta Budget Monitoring Group
NoBox Transitions Foundation, Inc
Organization Earth
Orji Uzor Kalu Foundation
Pakistan Council for Social Welfare and Human Rights
Pan African Institute for Entrepreneurship and Community Development (Ltd/Gte)
Partnership for Change
PathFinders Limited
Peace Foundation Pakistan
Pirate Parties International Headquarters
Positive Planet
Professional Women's Network Madrid
Project 1948 Foundation
Public Organization "Public Advocacy"
Qatar Foundation for Social Work
Rebirth Charity Society
Roads of Success
Rwenzori Center for Research and Advocacy (RCPA)
SAE International
Sadakatasi Dernegi
Samaj Kalyanka Lagi Yuwa Nepal

Saudi Green Building Forum
Save Our Needy Organization
Saviour USA - One World Charity
Sense International, India
Settlement Services International Incorporated
Slum Child Foundation
Small and Medium Scale Entrepreneurship Fundamentals Foundation
Sociedad Cubana para la Promoción de las Fuentes Renovables de Energía y el Respeto Ambiental (Cubasolar)
Society for Environment and Development
Society for Roots for Equity
Society for the Widows and Orphans
Société Civile Africaine sur la Société de l'Information, Réseau pour les TIC et le Développement
Somali Youth Development Foundation (SYDF)
Stichting Samenwerkingsverband IKV - Pax Christi
Stichting Simavi
Sulabh Sanitation Mission Foundation
Sunfull Movement
The Brooke
The HAMS Harm Reduction Network, Inc.
The Mary Robinson Foundation
The Nigerian Council Inc
The Red Elephant Foundation
The World Academy of Art and Science
The women striving for brighter tomorrow
Viešoji įstaiga "Trust in Development"
Voice of the Youth
WePower – Women's Electoral Power for the Advancement of Women's Leadership in Israel (R.A.)
Win the War! Against Violence
Women and Child Watch Initiatives
Women and Media Collective
Women's Rights Center
Womens Voices Now Inc.

World Martial Arts Union
 Youth Foundation for Development, Education and Leadership
 Youth Social Service Organization, Pulpally
 Youth for a Better World, Inc.
 Zéro pauvre A
 Öğretmen Akademisi Vakfi

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

Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute, Inc. [Special, 2014] to C-Fam, Inc.
 Fondation Suisse Maroc pour le développement durable [Special, 2010] to
 Fondation VIMANIS
 Stichting West European Confederation of Maritime Technology Societies [Special,
 2016] to Stichting Confederation of European Maritime Technology Societies
 The Worldwide Palliative Care Alliance [Special, 2012] to The Worldwide Hospice
 Palliative Care Alliance

(c) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 196 non-governmental organizations:^{4/}

AARP (2011-2014)
 Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia (2011-2014)
 ActionAid (2011-2014)
 Advocates for Human Rights
 Africa Culture Internationale
 African Women's Development & Communication Network (FEMNET)
 Aland Islands Peace Institute, The
 Alulbayt Foundation
 American Civil Liberties Union
 Arab Commission for Human Rights
 Arab Lawyers Union (2011-2014)
 Art of Living Foundation
 Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW)
 Asociación para el Desarrollo "Foro Rural Mundial"

^{4/} The reports listed under 1(c) are for the 2012-2015 period, except where indicated otherwise in parentheses.

Association Graines de Paix
BAOBAB for Women's Human Rights (2011-2014)
Belgrade Centre for Human Rights (2011-2014)
Bharat Sevashram Sangha
Catholic Medical Mission Board, Inc.
Centre for Democracy and Development (2011-2014)
Centre for Human Rights
Cesvi Fondazione
China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation (2011-2014)
Climate Institute
Commission National des Femmes Travailleuses de Guinee - Confetrag/CNTG (2011-2014)
Community and Family Services International
Conseil International du Sport Militaire - CISM / International Military Sports Council (2011-2014)
Coordination Francaise du Lobby Europeen des Femmes
Corporación Excelencia en la Justicia
Corporation of Opportunity and Jointly Action Opcion - OPCION CORPORATION
Daya Pertiwi Foundation
Development Innovations and Networks (2011-2014)
Development Promotion Group
Dignity - Danish Institute Against Torture
Dutch Council for Refugees / VluchtelingenWerk Nederland
Earth Day Network, Inc.
East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project
Environic Foundation International
European Centre for Law and Justice, The / Centre Europeen pour le droit, les Justice et les droits de l'homme (2011-2014)
European Women's Lobby (2011-2014)
Femmes Afrique Solidarité
Fondation Connaissance et Liberte / Fondasyon Konesans ak Libete
Fondazione Giovanni e Francesca Falcone - Foundation Giovanni e Francesca Falcone
Fonds pour le développement énergétique durable
Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief, The

Frathekk Foundation Common Initiative Group (FRA.FO-CIG)
Front Line, The International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders
Fundacion Instituto Psicopedagogico Uruguayo
God's Harvest Foundation, GHARFO
Human Rights First (2007-2010)
Human Rights First (2011-2014)
Human Rights Now
Humane Society of the United States
Hunter College Center for Community and Urban Health
ICT for Peace Foundation
ICW Global Comunidad Internacional de Mujeres viviendo con VIH - SIDA.,
Asociación Civil
IT for Change
Initiative for Environment, Health and Social Development
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
Institute for Multicultural Communications Cooperation and Development, Inc.
Instituto Qualivida (2011-2014)
International Association for Media and Communication Research
International Bar Association (2011-2014)
International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children
International Council of Scientific Unions (2011-2014)
International Federation of Hard of Hearing People
International Fellowship of Reconciliation (2011-2014)
International Humanist and Ethical Union
International Planned Parenthood Federation, East and Southeast Asia and Oceania
Region (IPPF ESEAOR) (2011-2014)
International Trade Union Confederation (2011-2014)
Islamic Relief USA
Islands First, Inc.
JASMAR Human Security Organization (2011-2014)
Korean Assembly for Reunion of Ten-million Separated Families
Lebanese Welfare Association for the Handicapped, The
Local Action Organization
Medical Women's International Association (2011-2014)

Mother Child Education Foundation
Mountain Women Development Organization (MWDO)
Mukono Multi-purpose Youth Organisation
NCCI (NGO Coordination Committee for Iraq)
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (2011-2014)
National Centre for Sustainable Development
National Space Society
Nature Conservancy, The
Nigeria Model United Nations Society
Noble Institution for Environmental Peace Inc.
Non-Aligned Students and Youth Organization (2011-2014)
Non-Governmental Organisations' Coordinating Committee
Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development (2011-2014)
Oidhaco, Bureau International des Droits Humains - Action Colombie
Organisation Mondiale des Experts-Conseils Arbitres
Painted Children UK Limited
Palestinian Centre for Human Rights
Pax Christi International, International Catholic Peace Movement (2011-2014)
Plan Suomi Säätiö (2011-2014)
Planned Parenthood Federation of America (2011-2014)
Press Council
Public Fund "Medialife"
Public Health Institute
Reality of Aid Network
Red de Educacion Popular Entre Mujeres (REPEM)
Rehab Group
Resources for the Future, Inc. (2011-2014)
Restless Development
Restoration and Healing
Sakyadhita
Samuhik Abhiyan (2011-2014)
Self-Help Development Facilitators (2011-2014)
Service for Peace, Inc.
Singapore Institute of International Affairs

Sister to Sister International
Smile of the Child
Somali Women Civil War Survivors
Stiftung Brot fuer Alle
Struggle for Change (2011-2014)
SustainUS, Inc.
Sveriges Kvinnolobby
Swisscontact, Schweizerische Stiftung für technische Entwicklungs-zusammenarbeit
Tabitha Cumi Foundation
Talented Girl Students Trust (TGST)
Tandem Project, The (2011-2014)
The Bread of Life Development Foundation
The Federation of Women Groups
The Fishermen
The International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP)
The International Legal Foundation, Ltd.
The Peacemaker Corps Foundation
The Sant Nirankari Mandal, Delhi
The Worldwide Palliative Care Alliance
Thin and High
Tlachinollan; Grupo de Apoyo a los Pueblos Indios de la Montaña
Tour Opération et Initiatives
Training for Women Network
Turkish Philanthropy Funds (2011-2014)
UMUT Foundation
UN Women - Nationell Kommitté Sverige (2011-2014)
UPR Info
US Women Connect
USA Mali Charitable Association of NYC
Union Arabischer Mediziner in Europa
Union Internationale des Huissiers de Justice et Officiers Judiciaires
United Nations Association of China (UNA-China)
Universal Networking Digital Language Foundation
Unnayan Onneshan

VDE Prüf- und Zertifizierungsinstitut GmbH
VIVAT International
Vie Montante International (VMI)
Vienna Economic Forum
Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund, Inc.
Voice of Change International
Voices of African Mothers, Inc.
Vojenský a špitální Rád svatého Lazara Jeruzalémského - Bohemia
Volontari nel Mondo - FOCSIV
Voluntary Service Overseas
WOOMB International Ltd
Wahine Maori Queensland Inc.
Women Deliver, Inc.
Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management
Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation (2011-2014)
Women and Children First UK
Women's Consortium of Nigeria
Women's Forum Fighting Against The Violence On Women / Stree Atyachar Virodhi Parishad
Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
Won-Buddhism Women's Association
Word of Life Christian Fellowship
World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action
World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations (2011-2014)
World Association of Children's Friends (2011-2014)
World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts
World Barua Organization (WBO)
World Family Organization
World Federation of Therapeutic Communities (2011-2014)
World Federation of United Nations Associations (2011-2014)
World Human Dimension
World Hunger Education Service
World Igbo Congress

World Organization of Governance and Competitiveness
World Organization of former students of Catholic Education
World Safety Organization (2011-2014)
World Space Week Association
World Veterans Federation
World Welfare Association
World Wide Fund for Nature International
World Youth Alliance
World Youth Foundation
Worldwide Network Nigeria: Women in Development and Environment
Yachay Wasi, Inc.
Yakutia - Our Opinion
Young Men's Hebrew Association of the City of New York, The
Young Professionals Forum
Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action
Yugoslav Youth Association Against AIDS - Youth of JAZAS
ZOA Vluchtelingen zorg
Zayed International Prize for the Environment

(d) To close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following 30 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:

Action Against Hunger USA
Africa Youth Growth Foundation
African Women Chartered Accountants Forum NPC
Association d'assistance aux grands handicapés à domicile
Association for Human Rights and Solidarity with Oppressed People (MAZLUMDER)
Caribbean Natural Resources Institute
Center for Assistance to Justice and Animation for Development
Council for a Parliament of World Religions
Droits de l'Homme sans Frontières - Human Rights Without Frontiers
Egyptian Centre for Human Rights

ELA-Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Género
ELIGE Red de Jóvenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos, A.C.
Emmanuel Development Association (EDA)
Family Life Association of Swaziland (FLAS)
Femmes unies pour un avenir meilleur
Global Initiative for Positive Change
Ilankai Tamil Sangam, Inc.
Muslim Aid
National Development Youth Club, Jaran Wali Gali Poonch
Pan African Climate Justice Alliance
Population Matters
Reviving Hope Uganda
Rights and Resources Institute, Inc.
Standards Charter
Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition, Inc.
The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty
The World Information Technology and Services Alliance
Treatment & Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture
Women's Rights and Health Project
Youth in Action Balochistar JFD

(e) To note that the Committee took note of the withdrawal of their application by two non-governmental organizations:

European Muslims League
Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor Office

Draft decision II

Withdrawal of the consultative status of the non-governmental organization International Chamber of Commerce

The Economic and Social Council decides to withdraw consultative status with the Council of the non-governmental organization International Chamber of Commerce, based on a request by the organization, since it has been invited to participate at the General Assembly in the capacity of observer as per General Assembly resolution 71/156.

Draft decision III

Having confirmed at its resumed session in May 2017 that the Secretariat had reminded non-governmental organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports of their reporting obligation and had advised them of the consequences of their further non-compliance after 1 May 2017, and that it had notified the permanent missions of the Member States in which the headquarters of such organizations are based of the final reminders, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4 of 21 July 2008, to suspend immediately, for a period of one year, the consultative status of the 128 non-governmental organizations listed below, and requests the Secretary-General to advise the concerned organizations of their suspension.

A la Vista! Communication Sociale

A.K. Munshi Yojana

AIDS Information Switzerland

Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine

Afghan Poverty Relief

African Peace Network

Ajegunle Community Project

All India Christian Council

Alzheimers Disease International - The International Federation of Alzheimers Disease and Related Disorders Societies Inc.

American Life League Inc

Antonio Restrepo Barco Foundation

Arab Network for Environment and Development

Arcidonna Onlus

Artfully AWARE, Inc.

Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact

Asian Women in Cooperative Development Forum

Asociación Civil Observatorio Social

Association Haitienne d'Aide aux Enfants Necessiteux et au Relevement des Communes de l'Artibonite

Association Jeunesse Action Developpement

Association of African Entrepreneurs

Association togolaise pour les Nations Unies

Association tunisienne de la communication et des sciences spatiales

Autism Speaks Inc
BATANI International Development Fund for Indigenous Peoples of the North,
Siberia and the Far East
Black Sea Civil Society Solidarity Association (Union of Black Sea Region NGOs)
Bridges of Hope Project, Inc.
CARAM - Asia Berhad
Catholic Institute for International Relations
Centre d'Information et de Conseil des Nouvelles Spiritualités
Centre for Development Communication
Centre for European Constitutional Law - Themistocles and Dimitris Tsatsos
Foundation
Centro Ecuatoriano de Derecho Ambiental
Centro de Estudios Europeos
Child Welfare League of America
Children of Peru Foundation, Inc.
China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE)
Chinese Society for Sustainable Development
Colectiva Mujer y Salud
Comite pour les relations internationales de jeunesse de la communaute francaise de
Belgique
Comunicacion Cultural
Concordis International Trust
Confédération Européenne des Cadres CEC
Council on Health Research for Development
Doctors Worldwide Ltd
Droit a l'energie sos futur
EarthRights International
Education For Employment Foundation (THE)
European Intermodal Association
Family Health International
Federation Of Jain Associations in North America
Finnish Youth Co-operation - ALLIANSSI
Fondation Marocaine de L'Education Pour L'Emploi
Fondation Mohammed V pour la Solidarite
Fondation Yves Rocher

Friends Society in Social Service
Fundacion Para La Libertad - Askatasun Bidean
Fundacion para Una Cultura de Paz
Fundación Proacceso ECO
Global 2000 (2010) International
Global Action Plan International, Inc
Global Deaf Connection
Global Workers Justice Alliance
Grassroots Leadership, Inc
Grupo Ecologico Sierra Gorda I.A.P.
Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association
Help Handicapped International
Hindu Council of New Zealand Incorporated
Interchurch Medical Assistance, Inc.
International Academy of Ecology and Life protection Sciences
International Association "Znanie"
International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property
International Diabetes Federation
International Federation of Multimedia Associations
International Federation of Resistance Movements
International Federation of Translators
International Paralympic Committee (IPC) e.V.
International Partners in Mission
International Planned Parenthood Federation (South Asia Region Office)
International Prisoners Aid Association
International School Psychology Association
International Senior Lawyers Project
Japan Water Forum
L'Association d'equipements collectifs La Castellane
Law Council of Australia
Legal Advisory Office for Popular Organizations
Legal Aid Forum for Human Rights
Links Incorporated, The
Mali Rising Foundation

Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights
National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
National Council of Women of Thailand, The
National Engineers Week Foundation
National Forum "Alternatives, Practice, Initiatives"
Nigerian Army Officers' Wives Association
One World Trust, The
Ordre des Avocats a la Cour de Paris
Organisation de Bender Djedid Pour le Developpement Socio-Economique
Organisation pour la Rénovation Environnante du Sud d'Haiti (RESH)
PFI Foundation
Peter-Hesse-Stiftung (Solidarity in Partnership for One World)
Programme on Women's Economic Social and Cultural Rights
Promocom
Regional Public Foundation Assistance for the Elderly "Dobroe Delo"
Reseau Malien des journalistes pour la lutte contre la corruption et la pauvrete
Romani CRISS - Roma Centre for Social Intervention and Studies
Rural Africa Water Development Initiative
Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra
Scottish Association for Mental Health
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States
Shrimati Pushpa Wati Loomba Memorial Foundation, The
South Asia Partnership International
Stichting Foundation Management EEAC
Stichting Universal Education Foundation
Sudan Council of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA)
The Diabetic Association of Sri Lanka
The Fund for Women in Asia, Inc.
Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion, for Reforestation and the
Protection of Natural Habitats (TEMA Foundation)
U.S. Green Building Council, Inc.
Uganda Management Assistance Programme
Vikash
War Veterans Committee

Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development
Women in Media and Entertainment
Women's Association for a Better Aging Society (WABAS)
Woods Hole Research Center
World Alliance for Youth Empowerment
World Association of the Major Metropolises
World Energy Council

Draft decision IV

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4 of 21 July 2008, and recalling its decision 2016/236 of 25 July 2016, to reinstate the consultative status of 30 non-governmental organizations listed below, which have submitted their outstanding quadrennial reports:

Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia
ActionAid
Arab Lawyers Union
BAOBAB for Women's Human Rights
Belgrade Centre for Human Rights
Centre for Democracy and Development
China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation
Commission National des Femmes Travailleuses de Guinee - Confetrag/CNTG
Conseil International du Sport Militaire - CISM / International Military Sports Council
Development Innovations and Networks
European Women's Lobby
Instituto Qualivida
International Council of Scientific Unions
International Planned Parenthood Federation, East and Southeast Asia and Oceania Region (IPPF ESEAOR)
International Trade Union Confederation
JASMAR Human Security Organization
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Non-Aligned Students and Youth Organization
Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development
Plan Suomi Säätiö

Resources for the Future, Inc.
Samuhik Abhiyan
Self-Help Development Facilitators
Struggle for Change
Turkish Philanthropy Funds
UN Women - Nationell Kommitté Sverige
Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation
World Association of Children's Friends
World Federation of Therapeutic Communities
World Federation of United Nations Associations

Draft decision V

Having confirmed at its resumed session in May 2017 that the Secretariat had reminded non-governmental organizations having continued outstanding quadrennial reports of their reporting obligation and whose status had been suspended by the Economic and Social Council pursuant to Council decision 2016/236 of 25 July 2016, that it had advised them of the consequences of their further non-compliance after 1 May 2017 and that it had notified the permanent missions of the Member States in which the headquarters of such organizations are based of the final reminders, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4 of 21 July 2008, and recalling its decision 2016/236 of 25 July 2016, to withdraw immediately the consultative status of the 128 non-governmental organizations listed below, and requests the Secretary-General to advise the concerned organizations of this decision.

African American Institute
Amicale Marocaine des Handicapes
Arab Council for Childhood and Development
Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress
Asian Women's Human Rights Council
Asociacion Mensajeros de la Paz
Asociatia Pro Democratia
Associacao Nacional das Empresarias
Association d'aide aux enfants cancéreux
Association des jeunes pour le développement Pasteef
Association des volontaires pour l'assistance au développement en Guinée

Association for Democratic Initiatives
Association internationale des régions francophones
Association pour le développement durable
Associazione Nazionale Volontarie Telefono Rosa
Azerbaijan Turkey Business Association
Azərbaycan Grinin Avro-Atlantika Tkilat
Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Batool Welfare Trust
Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions
Citizens' Rights Protection Society
Clean Energy Promoting Citizen's Forum
Community-Based Rehabilitation Network (South Asia)
Confédération fiscale européenne
Consortio Boliviano de Juventudes — Casa de la Juventud
Coordinadora Española para el Lobby Europeo de Mujeres
December 18 vzw
Demokratyczna Unia Kobiet
Djenne Initiative
Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation
Ecocosm Dynamics
End Human Trafficking Now
Environment Support Group
European Environmental Citizens Organisation for Standardisation
Family Welfare Foundation of India
Feminist Press
Focus on the Family
Focus on the Family (Canada) Association
Foundation for the Future
Foundation for the Rights of the Family (PRODEFA)
Fundación Instituto de Cultura del Sur
General Federation of Jordanian Women
Global 2000
Global Aid Network
Global Fund for Women

Gong
Gulf Automobile Federation
Healthy Solutions
Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development
Indian Muslim Council — USA
Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage
Indigenous and Peasant Coordinator of Communal Agroforestry (CICAFOC)
Initiative du millénaire des femmes africaines contre la pauvreté et pour les droits humains
Inner Trip Reiyukai International
Institute for Cognitive Science Studies
Interact Worldwide
Intermon
International Abolitionist Federation
International Bureau for Children's Rights
International Cartographic Association
International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development
International Commission for Distance Education
International Council on Human Rights Policy
International Federation of Industrial Energy Consumers
International Hotel and Restaurant Association
International Longevity Center
International Reading Association
International Trustee Fund of the Tsyolkovsky Moscow State Aviation Technological University
Istanbul Research Centre on Women
Jamaican Association on Mental Retardation
Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development
Karat Coalition
Katimavik-Opcan
Kenya Community Development Group
Korean Sharing Movement
Latin American Committee for the Defence of Women's Rights
Leaders Organization

Legal Service Coalition
Life for Africa
Link-Up (Queensland) Aboriginal Corporation
Local Initiatives Program
Mbutu Agriculture Society
Mediterranean Women’s Studies Centre
Mémorial de la Shoah
Mental Health Initiative for Africans in Crisis
Mumbai Educational Trust
National Association for Work Bless
National Bar Association
National Rural Development Society
National Wildlife Federation
National Women’s Studies and Information Center “Partnership for Development”
Network Women In Development Europe
Niall Mellon Township Trust
Not for Sale Campaign
Pan African Civil Society Network
Patim
Plan Life
Project Green Nigeria
PROSALIS — Projecto de Saúde em Lisboa
Red ACTIVAS
Réseau des organisations du secteur éducatif du Niger
Roma Zaedno
Rufaida Health Foundation
Sahara for Life Trust
Service d’appui aux initiatives locales développement
SHATIL — New Israel Fund’s Empowerment and Training Center for Social
Change Organizations
Singamma Sreenivasan Foundation
Social Initiatives Support Fund
SOUL Development of Women and Children
STEER Foundation

Sudan National Committee on Harmful Traditional Practices
Sudanese Organization for Education Development
Tamil Christian Broadcasting Network
Thakur Hari Prasad Institute of Research and Rehabilitation for the Mentally Handicapped
Think Youth Independent Association
Trickle Up Program
Türk Kalp Vakfi
Union of Social Child Care
Union of the Electricity Industry
United States Burn Support Organization
Vali-Asr Rehabilitation Foundation for Disabled Children and Adults
Western Cape Therapeutic Community Centre
Women's Alliance For a Democratic Iraq
World Federation of Democratic Youth
World Job and Food Bank
World Savings Banks Institute
WORLDWIDE Network — Women in Development and Environment
Zoroastrian Women's Organization

Draft decision VI

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Decides that the 2018 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from 29 January to 7 February and on 23 February 2018 and its resumed session from 21 to 31 May and on 11 June 2018;

(b) Approves the provisional agenda for the 2018 session of the Committee as set out below.

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:

(a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;

- (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;
 - (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:
- (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;
 - (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:
- (a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;
 - (b) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group;
 - (c) Other related matters.
7. Consideration of special reports.
8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.
9. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2019 session of the Committee.
10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

Draft decision VII

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

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

II. Applications for consultative status, requests for reclassification and mergers 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 18th through 29th meetings, held from 22 to 31 May 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 2017 (E/C.2/2017/CRP.7) and requests for reclassification deferred from 2012 to 2015 (E/C.2/2017/CRP.8);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.29 to E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.45)

(c) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new requests for reclassification to be considered by the Committee (E/C.2/2017/R.3/Add.1);

(d) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations for mergers (E/C.2/2017/CRP.9);

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 21st through 25th meetings and 27th through 29th meetings, held from 24 to 26 May and on 30 and 31 May. The Committee considered a total of 221 deferred applications for consultative status.

Applications recommended

4. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 67 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

Action pour la promotion du développement

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

Asociación Pro-Bienestar de la Familia Colombiana "Profamilia"

Association Marocaine de Planification Familiale

Association M'zab prévention routière et développement

Association de la continuité des générations

Canadian Council for Refugees

Center for Media & Peace Initiative Inc.

Comisión Unidos Vs Trata
Comité des observateurs des droits de l'homme
Community Empowerment and Development Initiative, Warri
Conglomeration of Bengal's Hotel Owners
Creators Union of Arab
Deutsche Welthungerhilfe e.V.
Drishti Foundation Trust
Education, Communication and Development Trust (EDUCATR)
Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB)
Fondation Alkarama
Fundación Acción Pro Derechos Humanos
GenderCC - Women for Climate Justice e.V.
Gestos Soropositividade Comunicação e Gênero
Heal the Land Initiative in Nigeria
Heavenly Shower of Peace Church of God
INA (Māori, Indigenous & South Pacific) HIV/AIDS 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)
Int'l Centre for Women Empowerment & Child Dev.
International Association for Religious Freedom, Co-ordinating Council for South Asia
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.
James Madison University
Medical Women's Association of Nigeria
Millennium Network for Community Development Initiative
Navjivan Foundation
Neighbourhood Community Network
Niger Delta Budget Monitoring Group

Orji Uzor Kalu Foundation
Pan African Institute for Entrepreneurship and Community Development (Ltd/Gte)
Partnership for Change
Pirate Parties International Headquarters
Roads of Success
Rwenzori Center for Research and Advocacy (RCPA)
SAE International
Saviour USA - One World Charity
Settlement Services International Incorporated
Slum Child Foundation
Society for Environment and Development
Society for the Widows and Orphans
Somali Youth Development Foundation (SYDF)
Stichting Samenwerkingsverband IKV - Pax Christi
The Nigerian Council Inc
The Red Elephant Foundation
The World Academy of Art and Science
Viešoji įstaiga "Trust in Development"
Women and Child Watch Initiatives
Womens Voices Now Inc.
Youth for a Better World, Inc.

Applications deferred

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 122 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee to them during its 2017 resumed session:

"SEG" Civil Society Support Center NGO
AIM Education & Research Society
AMPHTS
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
American Human Rights Council
Anti-Corruption Foundation

Arab-European Center of Human Rights and International Law (AECHRIL)
Asia Center for Human Rights
Association Concerning Sexual Violence against Women
Association organisation populaire pour l'enseignement des droits humains
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 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
Congrès National des Arméniens Occidentaux (CNAO)
Coordination Wai (Eveil) relative à l'unité nationale et la lutte contre l'esclavage
Coptic Solidarity
Dalit Welfare Organization
Danjuma Atta Eye Foundation
Dansk Flygtningehjælp
Database Center for North Korean Human Rights (NKDB)
Diakonia
Diplomatic Mission Peace And Prosperity
Dream Touch for All
Eaglesworth Human Empowerment Foundation
Electronic Frontier Foundation, Inc.
Embajada Mundial de Activistas por la Paz (Global Embassy of Activists for Peace) Corp.
Emperor Gaza International Foundation
Establishment of Sheikh Thani bin Abdullah Al Thani for Humanitarian Services
Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network
European Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Limited

Fair Trials International
Family Policy Institute
Federal Lezghin National and Cultural Autonomy
Formation Awareness and Community Empowerment Society (FACES) Pakistan
Global Campaign for Education
Global Forum for Media Development
Global Network of Sex Work Projects Limited
Global Peace Foundation
Gulf Centre for Human Rights (GCHR) Limited
Gulshan-e-John
Hokok Coalición Internacional Contra la Impunidad
Imam Khomeini Relief Foundation
Inimõiguste Instituut
Insamlingsstiftelsen Kvinna till Kvinna
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)
Jerusalem Institute of Justice
Jeunesse Etudiante Tamoule
Jubilee USA Network Inc.
Keeping Children Safe
Korea Human Rights Foundation
Legal Advice Centre
Malteser International e.V.
Mangfoldhuset
Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus
Mkokoteni Aid Development Organization

Muslim Hands
NDLH International Network of International Diplomacy, International Law and Human Rights
NK Watch
National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People
Orion Projects Private Limited
Pak Special Persons Welfare Society
Pak Women
Pakistan International Human Rights Organization
Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays, Inc. (P-FOX)
Peace Brigades International
Peace Islands Institute Inc
Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc.
RESDAL Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina Asociación Civil
Reprieve
Right Livelihood Award Foundation
Sex & Samfund
Sheikh Eid Bin Mohammad Al Thani Charitable Association
Social Services Trust
Society Without Violence Non-Governmental Organization
Solidarity for Peace and Reunification of Korea
Stichting Pro Papua
Swadhikar
Syrian American Medical Society Foundation
The Andrey Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice
The Arab Council for Supporting Fair Trial
The F W de Klerk Foundation Trust
The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)
The New Woman Foundation
The Simons Foundation
The Voice Society
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
White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood, Inc
Women Living under Muslim Laws - International Solidarity Network (WLUML)
Women's Freedom Forum, Inc.
World Association for Sexual Health
World Learning Inc.
World Without Genocide
Yay Gender Harmony
Youth RISE (Resource, Information, Support, Education) Limited

Inimõiguste Instituut

6. At its 24th meeting on 25 May 2017, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Inimõiguste Instituut. The representative of the Russian Federation expressed his dissatisfaction with the organization's response to the question posed by the Committee on 7 February 2017, and reiterated its question to the organization to explain whether it finds it possible to cooperate with people who had been accused of terrorism.

7. In taking the floor, the Observer State of Estonia stated that civil society and non-governmental organizations are vital partners in the work of the United Nations, not only in the policy deliberation processes but also in the execution of those policies. That being the case, it was imperative for the NGO Committee to facilitate a more accessible, transparent and meaningful process for the NGOs to engage in. In strongly supporting the activities of the NGO Inimõiguste Instituut, (the Estonian Institute of Human Rights in English), she highlighted the reputation of the organization as Estonia's first and oldest independent organization that is focused on the protection of human rights in Estonia and around the world. As such, she regretted the deferment of the application once again and urged the Committee to recommend consultative status to the NGO without delay.

Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus

8. At its 24th meeting on 25 May 2017, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus. The representative of the Russian Federation requested the NGO to provide updated, detailed information regarding projects that it had implemented during 2016 and

2017 within the territory of the Russian Federation where the Fenno-Ugric people lived, which had been financed through grants from Estonia and other countries.

9. The Observer State of Estonia requested the floor to state that the Committee should live up to its responsibility of making decisions on the applications as quickly and effectively as possible based on whether the NGO's activities satisfied the criteria established in ECOSOC resolution 1996/31 and whether the organization's aims and purposes were in conformity with the spirit, principles and aspirations of the UN Charter. She deplored the deviations from those guiding principles whereby the consideration of organizations were subjected to endless procedural measures or subverted to political agendas. She reiterated that Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus was doing commendable work in preserving the small Fenno-Ugric indigenous cultures and languages, and should clearly be recommended for consultative status. Instead, she remarked that their application had been pending since 2014, deferred for eight sessions for reasons that were unclear. She strongly urged the Committee to recommend granting consultative status to the NGO.

10. The representative of the Russian Federation stated since there were over 80,000 Russian-speaking people in Estonia who were stateless, his delegation had requested this NGO to explain how it protected the rights of those persons, but was yet to receive a response from the NGO. He went on to say that his country had been carefully following the work of this organization and it seemed that the NGO had been using the issue of indigenous peoples to incite separatism. That is why his delegation felt that the organization did not deserve to be granted consultative status with ECOSOC.

11. The representative of the United States stressed that it would be unfortunate to politicize the work of the NGO which was doing important work and whose application had been pending since 2014. She emphasized that the organization had already responded in 2014 to the same question posed to it by the Russian Federation, and therefore requested the delegation of the Russian Federation to withdraw its question.

12. The representative of the Russian Federation reiterated the need to pose the question because the organization did not meet the criteria for obtaining consultative status with ECOSOC. The representative of the United States expressed concern that the Russian delegation seemed to have confused the two organizations with another since the Committee was reviewing the organization that focuses on the rights of the Fenno-Ugric people and preserving their culture and language, not any other people.

Iran Human Rights Documentation Center

13. At its 28 meeting on 30 May 2017, following a question posed by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning the application of the Iran

Human Rights Documentation Center, the representative of the United States took the floor to remind the Committee that the application from this organization had been pending since January 2010, having been blocked by several delegations for seven years or 15 consecutive sessions, with over 60 questions posed to it about its funding and work, which it had answered dutifully. She emphasized that despite the fact that many of the questions were repetitive or unreasonably detailed, the organization had nevertheless responded to each of them. For example, on several occasions IHRDC has had to justify why it has chosen to focus on the human rights situation in Iran, even though the UN Third Committee has repeatedly passed a resolution concerning the human rights situation in Iran. The Committee, she reiterated, was tasked to determine if NGOs could contribute meaningfully to the work of ECOSOC, and on the basis of that criteria, her delegation strongly supported the organization, stating that it merited accreditation to ECOSOC. The U.S. delegate stated that on January 17, 2011, this Committee asked IHRDC how the organization maintains its independence while receiving funding from governments. The NGO answered this question on January 28, 2011. Even so, the Committee again asked IHRDC this same question on February 2, 2011; May 27, 2011; February 7, 2012; February 6, 2013; February 2 2015; and June 5, 2015. IHRDC has been asked the same question numerous times since applying five years ago. The Committee subjects very few NGOs to such intense levels of politically-motivated scrutiny, the only ostensible purpose of which is to delay IHRDC's application indefinitely. She therefore requested the delegation of Iran to review the responses received so far and to withdraw its questions.

14. In his response, the representative of the Islamic republic of Iran stated that the case of this organization was one that demonstrated the validity of the NGO Committee and its work. He cited this as an example of manipulation and abuse of NGO status, stating that it is an ostensible NGO created by a government to act against another government, and can in no way be considered a non-governmental organization and did not deserve to have the status of an NGO. He maintained that this case was an exploitation of the NGO status for political purposes to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries, which is clearly against the Charter of United Nations, and against resolution 1996/31. In reaction to the US delegation using the term "block", he said that his delegation understood the reason why the US delegation was trying to block the work of the NGO Committee by posing many irrelevant questions and inquiries. He further stated that if anything is the business of the United States, it is not human rights, and it is not interference into other country's internal affairs. He continued by saying that the Committee understood what is politically motivated and what is not, that this specific organization was a clear example of the politicization of human rights and NGOs, and his delegation would not accept any interference by the United States in the internal affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. He reiterated that his delegation did not think that human rights was an issue that the government of the United States was particularly concerned about, as voiced many times recently by the President of the United States himself. He concluded by advising the United States to focus on its own concerns and priorities as everyone knew what they were.

Requests for reclassification

15. At its 25th meeting, on 26 May, the Committee considered 3 deferred requests for reclassification of consultative status, as contained in document E/C.2/2017/CRP.8. It decided to defer its consideration of the applications for reclassification of status of the following organization, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee:

International Campaign to Ban Landmines

Universal Peace Federation

Widows for Peace through Democracy

Applications closed without prejudice

16. At its 29th meeting, on 31 May, the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 30 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)).

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

17. The Committee considered item 3(b) of its agenda, New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 18th to 20th meetings held from 22 May to 23 May and on its 27th meeting, on 30 May 2017. The Committee considered a total of 164 new applications for consultative status.

New applications recommended

18. Of the 164 organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 124 should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (a)):

Special consultative status

ABC Tamil Oli

ACE

AMFORHT

ASSOCIATION CULTURELLE DES TAMOULS EN FRANCE

Adelphi Consult GmbH

Afectividad y Sexualidad, Asociación Civil

African Trade Center LTD/GTE

All Win Network

Asia Injury Prevention Foundation

Asian Marine Conservation Association

Asociación Cubana de Limitados Físico-Motores
Asociación Española de Directivos, A.E.D. -1996
Association Adala-Justice
Association Debout femmes autochtones du Congo
Association Mauritanienne pour la Promotion de la Famille
Association Thendral
Association d'Entraide Médicale Guinée
Association des relais communautaires d'Oshwé
Association for Protection of Maternity, Infancy and Family João e Maria
Association mauritanienne pour la transparence et le développement
Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development
Associação Brasileira dos Organizadores de Festivais de Folclore e Artes Populares
Associação de Jovens Engajamundo
Autonomous Non-Profit Organization Ethnocultural Association Elleyada
Biedrība "Mūsdienu Latvijas Teritoriju Apdzīvojošās Krievvalodīgās Pamattautas Asociācija"
Bäuerliche Erzeugergemeinschaft Schwäbisch Hall w.V.
Caucasian Jews World Congress
Center for Development Support Initiatives
Centre for Disaster Risk and Crisis Reduction
Centre for Human Rights and Climate Change Research
Centre for Policy Dialogue
Centre for Youth and Literacy Development
Centre for the Sustainable use of Natural and Social Resources (CSNR)
Centre international de recherche - Action pour un développement durable
Centrul European Pentru Prevenirea Adictiilor
Chia-Funkuin Foundation
China Academy of Culture Limited
China-Africa Business Council
Collectif haitien des droits humains (CHDH)
Compassion in World Farming
Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation
Education Above All Foundation
Equis: Justicia para las Mujeres

European Business Club Association e.V.
European Federation of Psychologists Associations
European Union of the Deaf
Farmers Development Organization
Foreningen for Human Narkotikapolitikk
Foundation Sozopol
Foundation for Environmental Stewardship
Fundación América Solidaria Internacional
Fundación Éforo
Fundação Abrinq pelos Direitos da Criança e do Adolescente
Fédération bruxelloise des institutions pour toxicomanes
Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue
Geo-Environmental Resource Association (GERAS)
Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption
Gusenghwe Inc.
HUMAN DIGNITY - HD
Haiti Cholera Research Funding Foundation Inc
Health In Action Limited
Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light
Help Not Handcuffs
Hope for Education
Hope for Women
Horizon d'échange et de lutte contre la pauvreté
Humanitarian Care Malaysia Berhad
IMPACT Initiatives
IOGT-NTO
Ihsan Foundation for West Africa
Initiative for Equality
Institut für Klimaschutz, Energie und Mobilität - Recht, Ökonomie und Politik e.V.
(IKEM)
Institute of Sustainable Development
International Disability Alliance
International Doctors for Healthier Drug Policies CIC
Irene Menakaya School Onitsha

Korea Civil Society Forum on International Development Cooperation
Korea Disaster Relief
Korea Food for the Hungry International
Korea Spinal Cord Injury Association
Leadership for Environment and Development - Pakistan
Les oeuvres sociales pour les actions de développement
Lokmanya Sewa Sangh Parle
Mor Çatı Kadın Sığınağı Vakfı
Nagorik Uddyog
Namaa Association of Social Development
New York Encounter
NoBox Transitions Foundation, Inc
Organization Earth
Pakistan Council for Social Welfare and Human Rights
PathFinders Limited
Peace Foundation Pakistan
Positive Planet
Professional Women's Network Madrid
Project 1948 Foundation
Public Organization "Public Advocacy"
Qatar Foundation for Social Work
Rebirth Charity Society
Sadakatasi Dernegi
Samaj Kalyanka Lagi Yuwa Nepal
Saudi Green Building Forum
Save Our Needy Organization
Sense International, India
Small and Medium Scale Entrepreneurship Fundamentals Foundation
Sociedad Cubana para la Promoción de las Fuentes Renovables de Energía y el Respeto Ambiental (Cubasolar)
Society for Roots for Equity
Société Civile Africaine sur la Société de l'Information, Réseau pour les TIC et le Développement
Stichting Simavi

Sulabh Sanitation Mission Foundation

Sunfull Movement

The Brooke

The HAMS Harm Reduction Network, Inc.

The Mary Robinson Foundation

The women striving for brighter tomorrow

Voice of the Youth

WePower – Women's Electoral Power for the Advancement of Women's Leadership in Israel (R.A.)

Win the War! Against Violence

Women and Media Collective

Women's Rights Center

World Martial Arts Union

Youth Foundation for Development, Education and Leadership

Youth Social Service Organization, Pulpally

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Öğretmen Akademisi Vakfi

New applications deferred

19. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 40 organizations pending receipt of questions posed by the Committee to the organizations during its 2017 resumed session:

Alliance to Renew Co-operation among Humankind

American Jewish World Service, Inc.

Arab Center for the Promotion of Human Rights

Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment

Asociación Red de Mujeres Afrolatinoamericanas, Afrocaribeñas y de la Diáspora

Centre universitaire de droit international humanitaire

Children's Hope India, Inc.

Commonwealth Medical Trust

Congres mondial Amazigh - CMA

Engineering Association for Development and Environment

Ertegha Keyfiat Zendegi Iranian Charitable Institute

Fondation Cordoue de Genève

GAHT-US Corporation

International Charitable Foundation "Alliance for Public Health"
International Media Support (IMS)
International Organisation to Preserve Human Rights Ltd
International Women's Peace Group Corporation
Iraqi Al-Amal Association
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.
Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA) Inc.
Norsk organisasjon for reform av marihuanalovgivning
North Korea Intellectuals Solidarity
Ohaha Family Foundation
Okuolu International Limited
Peace Research Institute Oslo
People's Right to Information and Development Implementing Society of Mizoram (PRISM)
Public Aid Organization
Research Society of International Law
Saafah Foundation for Transparency and Integrity
Salam for Democracy and Human Rights
Scholé Futuro
Soulforce, Inc.
Stichting CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality
Tabriz Green Hearts Charity Society
The International Center for Supporting Rights and Freedoms
The Union of Non-governmental Associations "The International Non-governmental Organization "The World Union of Cossack Atamans"
Turkiye Diyanet Vakfi
Uganda Youth Development Link
Wockhardt Foundation
WomenNC-NC Committee for CSW/CEDAW

Requests for reclassification

20. At its 20th meeting on 23 May, the Committee considered a new request for reclassification from the International Federation of Consular Corps and Associations, as contained in document E/C.2/2017/R.3/Add.1. It decided to defer

its consideration of the request pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee.

C. Applications from non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status

21. At its 25th meeting, on 26 May, the Committee considered one 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), deferred from previous sessions. It decided to defer its consideration of the application for a merger, pending receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee.

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

22. The Committee considered agenda items 4(a), deferred quadrennial reports and 4(b) new quadrennial reports (including E/C.2/2017/CRP.13 to E/C.2/2017/CRP.15 for reinstatement, suspension and withdrawal of status as per resolution 2008/4) at its 25th through 27th meetings, held from 26 to 30 May 2017. It had before it the following documents:

(a) 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.10);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing quadrennial reports for the 2012-2015 and 2011-2014 periods (E.C.2/2017/CRP.17 to E.C.2/2017/CRP.28);

(c) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing compilation of non-governmental organizations that had their consultative status reinstated, suspended and withdrawn (E/C.2/2017/CRP.13 to E/C.2/2017/CRP.15);

(d) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations requesting a change of name (E/C.2/2017/CRP.12);

(e) Compilation containing deferred requests from non-governmental organizations requesting a change of name (E/C.2/2017/CRP.11);

(f) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from one non-governmental organization for withdrawal of its status (E/C.2/2017/CRP.29).

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

23. At its 26th meeting on 26 May, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of 96 quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status on their activities during the period 2002-2017, which had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (see E/C.2/2017/CRP.10).

Of the 96 reports, the Committee took note of 22 reports from the following organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (e)):

AARP (2011-2014)

Advocates for Human Rights (2012-2015)

Centre for Human Rights (2012-2015)

East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project (2012-2015)

European Centre for Law and Justice, The / Centre Europeen pour le droit, les Justice et les droits de l'homme (2011-2014)

Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief, The (2012-2015)

Front Line, The International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders (2012-2015)

Human Rights First (2007-2010)

Human Rights First (2011-2014)

Human Rights Now (2012-2015)

International Association for Media and Communication Research (2012-2015)

International Bar Association (2011-2014)

International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (2012-2015)

International Fellowship of Reconciliation (2011-2014)

International Humanist and Ethical Union (2012-2015)

Medical Women's International Association (2011-2014)

Pax Christi International, International Catholic Peace Movement (2011-2014)

Planned Parenthood Federation of America (2011-2014)

Restless Development (2012-2015)

Tandem Project, The (2011-2014)

World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations (2011-2014)

World Safety Organization (2011-2014)

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

(COM) Club of Madrid (2011-2014)

Amnesty International (2008-2011)
Amnesty International (2012-2015)
Armenian Assembly of America (2011-2014)
Armenian Assembly of America (2007-2010)
Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (2012-2015)
Asociatia Pro Democratia (2007-2010)
CIVICUS - World Alliance for Citizen Participation (2012-2015)
Catholics for Choice (2010-2013)
Catolicas Por El Derecho A Decidir (2009-2012)
Centrist Democratic International (2010-2013)
Centrist Democratic International (2002-2005)
Centrist Democratic International (2006-2009)
Centrist Democratic International(1998-2001)
Christian Conference of Asia (2012-2015)
Conscience and Peace Tax International (CPTI) (2011-2014)
Cross-Cultural Solutions (2011-2014)
EarthRights International (2008-2011)
Egyptian Organization for Human Rights (2010-2013)
End Human Trafficking Now (2007-2010)
Federación Internacional de Fe y Alegría (2011-2014)
France Libertes : Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2007-2010)
France Libertes : Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2011-2014)
Freedom House (2007-2010)
Freedom House (2011-2014)
Global Environmental Action (GEA) (2009-2012)
Heritage Foundation, The (2011-2014)
Human Rights House Foundation (2011-2014)
Human Rights Watch (2009-2012)
Institute of Inter-Balkan Relations (2010-2013)
International Association for Religious Freedom (2011-2014)
International Commission of Jurists (2009-2012)
International Council on Social Welfare (2012-2015)
International Federation for Human Rights Leagues (2012-2015)
International Federation of Journalists (2009-2012)

International Federation of Journalists (2005-2008)
International PEN (2006-2009)
International Press Institute (2001-2004)
International Press Institute (2005-2008)
International Press Institute (2009-2012)
International Service for Human Rights (2011-2014)
International Social Service (2011-2014)
International Union of Socialist Youth (2005-2008)
Iraqi Development Organization (2012-2015)
Lawyers Without Borders (2012-2015)
Mahila Dakshata Samiti (2012-2015)
Minhaj-ul-Quran International (2011-2014)
Minority Rights Group (2012-2015)
National Council of Women of Thailand, The (2000-2003)
Nonviolent Peaceforce (2011-2014)
Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement - International (OISCA) (2011-2014)
Pathfinder International (2011-2014)
People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (2012-2015)
Physicians for Human Rights (2011-2014)
Redress Trust (2011-2014)
Reporters Sans Frontieres International - Reporters Without Borders International (2005-2008)
Reporters Sans Frontieres International - Reporters Without Borders International (2009-2012)
Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights (2009-2012)
Simon Wiesenthal Center (2011-2014)
Simply Help, Inc. (2009-2012)
Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (2011-2014)
Sulabh International (2011-2014)
Temple of Understanding (2011-2014)
The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (2011-2014)
The World Habitat Foundation (2012-2015)
Ukrainian World Congress (2003-2006)
Ukrainian World Congress (2007-2010)

Ukrainian World Congress (2011-2014)
 Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (2009-2012)
 Women for Women's Human Rights - New Ways (2009-2012)
 World Council of Arameans (Syriacs) (2007-2010)
 World Hunger Year, Inc. (2012-2015)
 World Jewish Congress (2011-2014)
 World Organisation Against Torture (2010-2013)

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

25. At its 25th meeting, on 26 May, 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 184 new quadrennial reports for the 2012-2015 reporting period (E/C.2/2017/Add.24 and E/C.2/2017/2/CRP.17-CRP.28). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 174 of those organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)). The Committee decided to defer consideration of the reports of the following organizations:

American Psychological Association
 British Overseas NGOs for Development (BOND)
 Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches
 Federacion de Asociaciones de Defensa y Promocion de los Derechos Humanos
 Medecins sans Frontieres (International)
 US Human Rights Network Inc.
 United Methodist Church - General Board of Global Ministries
 Universal Peace Federation
 World Council of Independent Christian Churches
 World Vision International

C. Other related matters

Requests for a change of name

26. At its 27th meeting, on 30 May, the Committee considered four new requests for a change of name by organizations in consultative status, as contained in document E/C.2/2017/CRP.12 and one request for a name change, deferred from previous sessions as contained in document E/C.2/2017/CRP.11. It decided to take note of the change of name of four 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:

ZOA Vluchtelingen zorg [Special, 2012] to Stichting ZOA

Requests for withdrawal of consultative status

27. At its 27th meeting, on 30 May, the Committee took note of the request for withdrawal of consultative status by one non-governmental organization (see chap. I, draft decision II).

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

28. At its 17th meeting, on 22 May, 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.

29. The Acting Chief of the NGO 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 after temporary resources allocated by the fifth Committee had been discontinued. Under the circumstances, a backlog in the submission of applications has appeared, leading to inordinate delays for NGOs in obtaining consultative status with ECOSOC. . The Committee was therefore urged to consider ways to support the Branch's efforts to enable it to fully meet its obligation under resolution 1996/31. As a mean to cope with the increased workload, the presentation of quadrennial reports to the Committee as Conference Room Papers allowed for a quicker and cost effective processing of the exponential number of these reports.

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

30. Under item 2 of the Agenda, the representative of China requested the Secretariat to clarify the word "Statements" in the work programme of the Committee which he stated had not appeared in past sessions, and questioned the need for its inclusion. The Secretariat explained that the term had been introduced in the regular session of the Committee in January 2017 because of requests for general statements from the floor by Member States and Observer States at the opening of the session of the Committee.

31. The representative of the United States reminded the Committee that the word "statements" was included to clarify the specific agenda item under which general

statements could be made as there had previously been confusion about when statements, including Member States statements, should be made, leading to the adoption of the programme of work with the word “statements” at the last session. The representative of India confirmed the statement, but maintained that as far as NGOs were concerned, they were allotted a particular time slot during the question and answer session at the end of each day to make their statements, referring to NGOs that had submitted their applications for obtaining consultative status. He added that while he was happy to see the word “statements” included, it nevertheless needed further discussions about the nature of the statements, the particular topics, list of speakers, etc.

32. The representative of Greece said that he welcomed the explicit addition of the word “Statements” in the Agenda, which was compatible with past practice and that it made sense for Member States of the Committee, Observer States and civil society to make general statements at the beginning of the session.

33. The representative of China reiterated that the inclusion of the word was not necessary, and if it was to be included at all, it should clarify that these are “Statements from Member States” only. The representative of Venezuela also requested clarification about who should deliver the statements in order to avoid any confusion or misinterpretation.

34. Following these statements, the Chair of the Committee gavelled the programme of work and suggested that members of the Committee take up the issue informally, to which the representative of China objected, saying that since there was a pending question, the Agenda could not be adopted. In support of the delegate of China, the representative of the Russian Federation stated that the Chair should not have adopted the agenda without objections because there had been objections. The Chair explained that in his view, there was no substantive difference whether the statement was included or not.

35. The representative of China reiterated that his delegation had no objections to statements from Member States and Observer States and proposed amending the wording to “Statements from Member States and Observer States”, to which the representative of Iran joined in. The representative of the United States objected to the wording and stated that since the agenda had already been approved, it was necessary to continue with the programme of work. The representative of Greece also expressed his support for the programme of work as it had been gavelled.

36. The representative of Cuba suggested that the Chair should allow more time before gaveling in order to avoid rushing through the programme of work and to enable the interpreters sufficient time to translate his words. He agreed to the inclusion of the word “statements” with the understanding that it refer only to Member States and Observer States, as had been the practice of the Committee, i.e., to allow general statements at the opening session of the Committee session, and specific statements when a specific application was under review, while allowing NGOs to make their statements only at the Q&A session every day.

37. The representative of the Russian Federation proposed that the current programme of work be adopted, but on the condition that the issue of inclusion of the word “statements” be postponed to Tuesday, 30 May, after discussions during informal consultations.

38. However, the representative of China maintained that while his delegation did not want to challenge the Chair's gavel, the gavelling took place after his delegation had requested the floor, and his delegation was not able to accept the working paper as it was currently formulated.

39. The representative of the United States sought to clarify that the 5 to 6 pm Q&A session was not allotted for statements by NGOs in consultative status, but for NGO applicants hoping for accreditation. The representative of Greece supported the position of the United States, adding that there was no provision for NGOs to make general statements during the Q&A slot, which are only made at the opening session.

40. In agreeing with Cuba, China and Russia's request for additional time to discuss this issue, the representative of Israel also declined to challenge the Chair's gavelling. The representative of Venezuela pointed out that Member States seemed to be interpreting this issue in different ways, which was why the issue needed to be clarified right away in order to avoid future discussions.

41. The representative of China stated that his delegation could accept the Agenda and proceed to the next Agenda item, provided that the programme of work would be reconsidered on Tuesday 30 May.

42. At this point, the representative of the United States asked the Chinese delegate to clarify his reasons for not allowing NGOs to make general statements, citing the case of an NGO that spoke for four minutes on behalf of 250 organizations at the resumed session in 2016. The Chair sought to clarify that any Member State could cede the floor to civil society to speak, which is why it did not matter whether "statements by Member States and Observer States" was specifically inserted in the programme of work. He then proposed adopting the current version of the programme of work by deleting the word "statement" from it, to which the representative of the United States stated that as Member States are able to make statements, with or without the word "statement" her delegation could go along with the amendment. The Committee then adopted the Programme of work.

43. In concluding the discussions on subsequent agenda items, the Chair asked whether delegations had any statements to make, to which the representative of Uruguay requested to cede her delegation's place to an NGO. The representative of China then asked under which agenda item the NGO would be making the statement, and on being told that it was under item 6c "Other related matters" his delegation raised its objection and asked the delegate of Uruguay to explain why she was requesting the NGO to make a statement under this item.

44. In response, the Chair asked the delegation of China to clarify whether they were negating the right of Uruguay to give the floor to civil society, to which the representative of China responded that he would like to request the opinion of the legal advisor on this matter.

45. The delegation of the United States enquired the reason for preventing the NGO from making a statement, reiterating that she would like to hear from the organization unless it was a matter of a point of order. The Chair clarified that a request for a legal opinion had been made by China but that the request must be made on behalf of the entire Committee, and not by one Member State.

46. The representatives of the Russian Federation and India requested the representative of Uruguay to clarify whether the NGO in question was part of the Uruguayan delegation. In response, the representative of Uruguay cited the precedent set on 16 May, 2016, where a Member State had ceded its right to a civil society organization to make a statement from the floor of the Committee.

47. She reiterated that her delegation's request did not oppose any rule of the Committee. The representative of India reminded the Committee that this was not the first time that Member States had engaged in discussing this issue. However, he pointed to paragraph 32 of resolution E/1996/31 which provides NGOs in consultative status with the opportunity to make statements. In view of this provision, he suggested that his delegation would be happy to join consensus to a proposal for making a list of NGOs and other non-state actors wishing to make statements to be circulated prior to the session by specifying the appropriate agenda item so that it can be tabled in the Agenda.

48. The representative of Greece stated that there was no prohibition against NGOs from taking the floor and questioned the ground on which the delegation of Uruguay was being prevented from giving up its speaking slot to a member of civil society, once again reiterating his delegation's support for the NGO to take the floor, in keeping with the practice at the 2016 resumed session. The representative of the United States highlighted the fact that the role of the Committee was to promote the engagement of NGOs, which included hearing from NGOs, and since there was no point of order, she once again requested the representative of China to explain why he was concerned about allowing the NGO to speak before the Committee.

49. The representative of the Russian Federation expressed his support for the statements made by China and stated that while his delegation was in favour of allowing civil society to speak in any Committee, he was not aware of any practice where a Member State could cede the floor to a civil society organization. Instead, he suggested that if the organization was in consultative status, it could distribute its statement or the delegation of Uruguay could deliver it on behalf of the NGO.

50. The representative of China reiterated his call for the opinion of the legal advisor on this matter, and expressed the view that "no prohibition in the rules of procedure regarding ceding member state's right to civil society" does not simply mean "permission," while Russia maintained that his delegation would support the right of civil society to speak only if it was in accordance with the rules of procedure.

51. The representative of Uruguay then stated that since China and the Russian Federation objected to her country ceding its place to an NGO, she would call for a vote.

52. Following these statements, a roll call vote was requested by Uruguay in accordance with Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of ECOSOC to cede its right to Amnesty International to make a statement now. On a point of order, the representative of the United States requested clarification of what was being voted, and stated that she was concerned delegations were hiding behind semantics on the vote, and therefore she proposed two separate votes, to move beyond semantics of ceding the floor versus whether a civil society member could speak: the first to determine whether the delegation of Uruguay would be able to cede the floor to the

civil society organization to speak, and a second vote on whether the civil society organization could speak now.

53. As explanation of the vote before the vote, the representative of Iran reminded the Committee of its mandate and its workload, saying that the mandate should not go beyond granting of consultative status to NGOs. In his delegation's view, it was the prerogative of every member state to give its speaking slot to anyone as a representative, provided that that representative was part of the delegation of that country, sitting behind the nameplate of that country. Since that was not the case in this instance, his delegation would be voting against the proposal.

54. The representative of the United States underlined that it was extremely important for the Committee on NGOs to hear from civil society since it was the mandate of the Committee to accredit civil society to speak within the United Nations, and facilitate their participation through this formal process. That is why her delegation would like to encourage other member states to vote "yes" to allow a member of civil society to speak.

55. The representative of India explained that his delegation believed in the right of anyone to designate any person as a member of his or her delegation and authorize him or her to speak on behalf of the delegation. However, in this case, a member of an intergovernmental body was asking to authorize a non-member civil society organization to speak, which was venturing into uncharted territory. He emphasized that his delegation had been requesting that the matter be discussed further in order to arrive at a consensus rather than in a rushed manner. Therefore, he believed that while no member of the Committee had a right to cede its right to speak, his delegation would have been amenable if the floor had been given to a member of the delegation from the member's seat to make the statement. He added that his delegation could not accept ceding the floor to someone who was not a part of the delegation, which is why he would vote against the proposal.

56. The representative of Greece expressed his delegation's support to the right of the NGO Amnesty International, to take the floor to make a statement as Uruguay had requested, stating that there is added value in the work of the NGO Committee to hear an NGO make a statement. He went on to say that as it had already been clarified, there was no provision to prohibit an NGO from making a statement during the opening session of the NGO Committee especially when a member had requested it, which is why his delegation would vote in favour of Uruguay's request and encouraged all the delegations to do the same.

57. The proposal to allow Uruguay to cede its right to Amnesty International to speak now was rejected by a roll-call vote of 14 to 4. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 18 were present and voting. According to Rule 63 of the Rules of Procedure, the voting was as follows:

In favour:

Greece, Israel, United States, Uruguay

Against:

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

Absent:

Guinea

58. Following the vote the Russian Federation thanked everyone that voted against this proposal because he said that it would have undermined everything that this Committee had built up over the decades, emphasizing that no country is against civil society but that his delegation objected to being manipulated by means that are far removed from the interests of civil society. He added that while the NGO in question, Amnesty International, had a decent reputation, what transpired today at the Committee reflected negatively on the organization.

59. In explanation of the vote after the vote, the representative of Turkey stated that her country attached importance to the participation of civil society in the work of the UN and its bodies, including the NGO Committee, and that her delegation did not consider this vote as a vote on the participation of civil society at the United Nations or the NGO Committee. However, she clarified that the discussion prior to the vote, as well as most of the explanation of the vote indicated that more consultation was necessary since this was a new matter, not only from a substantive point of view, but also from the perspective of the rules of procedure and working methods and practices including those of the Committee.

60. At its 18th meeting on 22 May 2017, the representative of the United States stated that she would prefer not to have to call another vote, and asked the Committee members again to allow the NGO to speak, as had previously been done during the May 2016 session, after long and intensive discussions. When China and Russia objected, the United States called for a vote to allow an NGO accredited to ECOSOC to speak now at the 18th meeting on May 22nd, under agenda item 6c.

61. In response to the request by the United States, the representative of the Russian Federation requested a no action motion on this proposal, in accordance with rule 50 of the ECOSOC Rules of Procedure.

62. The Secretariat explained to the Committee that a motion for adjournment of debate under rule 50 of the rules of procedure of ECOSOC can be called by a Member State at any time on the item under discussion, and permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded only to two representatives in favour and to two opposing the adjournment, without any explanation of the vote, after which the motion would be put to the vote immediately.

63. The representative of China stated that his delegation supported the motion put forth by the Russian Federation.

64. In taking the floor, the representative of Greece stated that as a matter of principle his delegation objected to a no action motion because it did not facilitate substantive discussions and did not help the work of the Committee. In agreeing with Greece, the representative of the United States stated that her vote was called in order to engage in a substantive discussion whereas a call for a no action motion on the debate was designed to stop the substantive discussion. She reminded the Committee that there was already a precedent allowing the floor to a member of civil society to speak, and that a no action motion would be going back on that precedent.

65. The representative of the Russian Federation explained that while his delegation was in favour of civil society participation in the Committee, he was categorically opposed to civil society being used by some countries to further their political interests, and that there should be a consensus decision on this matter that satisfied all members of the committee.

66. The Chair then explained that a vote in favour of the motion for adjourning the debate would mean rejecting the proposal by the Representative of the United States, while a vote against the motion would mean that the proposal remained before the Committee and that the Committee would proceed to take action on it afterwards.

67. The no action motion to adjourn the debate was adopted by a roll-call vote of 13 to 4, with 1 abstention. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 18 were present and voting. According to rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure, the voting was as follows:

In favour:

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

Against:

Greece, Israel, United States of America, Uruguay

Abstaining:

Turkey

Absent:

Guinea

68. At the conclusion of the vote, the representative of the Observer State of Mexico took the floor to state that his delegation was distressed by the procedure that had just taken place because it violated rule 62 of the Rules of Procedure which stated that a delegation that submitted a motion could not support it. Moreover, he stated that this vote ran counter to the spirit of the United Nations and his delegation hoped that it did not constitute a precedent.

69. The representative of Venezuela explained that his delegation supported the motion because he felt that consultations among Committee members were necessary in order to reach consensus on the working methods of the Committee before establishing precedents. The representative of the Russian Federation echoed the words of Venezuela and advocated the need to reach an understanding on the challenging and sensitive issue of allowing civil society organizations to speak to the Committee. He elaborated on the need to develop principals and criteria for their participation.

70. In his turn, the representative of India maintained that his delegation viewed civil society as an important partner of the United Nations. However, he expressed

concern about the manner in which decisions were being precipitated regarding the working methods of the Committee, without prior consultation, and without considering the long term implications of these decisions. The representative of China concurred with the statement, maintaining that decisions by this Committee should be made by consensus and should avoid calling for votes.

71. At its 29th meeting on 31 May 2017, the representative of Cuba emphasized the need for formal discussions on Item 6 pertaining to the Methods of Work of the Committee during its sessions. The Chair also stressed the need to accelerate the work of the Committee and allow time to engage in such discussions. He further suggested informal discussions on the matter at a later date, prior to the 2018 regular session of the Committee.

Other related matters

Statements by non-governmental organizations at the 2017 session of the Council

72. At its 17th meeting, held on 22 May 2017, the Committee took note of the requests submitted by nine non-governmental organizations in consultative status to be heard by the Council at its 2017 session, as contained in conference paper E/C.2/2017/CRP.16, as follows:

Centre Européen de Recherche et de Prospective Politique – CEREPOL (Special, 2015)

IOGT International (Special, 2011)

IUS PRIMI VIRI International Association (Special, 2004)

International Committee For Peace And Reconciliation (Special, 2006)

International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (Special, 2003)

La Manif Pour Tous (Special, 2016)

Legiao da Boa Vontade - Legion of Good Will (General, 1999)

Rural Development Institute (Special, 2016)

Yakutia - Our Opinion (Special, 2012)

Statements by non-member States of the Committee

73. At its 17th meeting on 22 May, the observer for the European Union made a statement regarding the indispensable contribution of civil society to the work of the UN, from policy-making to their readiness to "speak truth to power" which he cited as critical to the health of democracy and decision-making. As such, he stated that the diversity of the NGOs to be considered for accreditation was a testimony to their vital role, which made the duties exercised by members of the NGO Committee of much importance and interest to UN Member States, observers and the wider world. He further stated that the EU and its Member States strongly supported all efforts to make the work of the NGO Committee more fair and transparent, and welcomed the decision by ECOSOC in April to webcast the proceedings of the Committee. He stressed the importance of fairness in the proceedings of the Committee, based on ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, and urged the Committee to avoid repeated deferment

of applications on unjust grounds so as to bolster the credibility of its deliberations and decisions.

74. The observer for Austria stated that the Committee on NGOs was a crucial body for NGO participation in the work of the United Nations, and it was therefore important for civil society representatives to address the Committee. To that end, the representative expressed his delegation's appreciation of the efforts made by the delegation of Uruguay to support civil society.

75. The observer for Chile highlighted the recent initiative taken by his country, with the support of Mexico and Uruguay, to draft a decision at ECOSOC in April to webcast the proceedings of the NGO Committee. He explained that this move was designed to help improve the working methods of the Committee and to make the work of the United Nations more accessible to civil society. He affirmed his country's belief that the participation of NGOs in UN processes was essential for the work of the organization and that the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda relied heavily on the support and partnership of NGOs for their effective implementation. To that end, he pointed to the unique position occupied by the NGO Committee to facilitate and encourage NGO participation, which is why he said it was necessary to inject greater transparency and accountability into its proceedings. He expressed hope that henceforth the webcasts would make the sessions accessible to all applicants and enable NGOs, especially from developing countries, to follow these proceedings and observe the decision-making process from all corners of the globe.

76. The observer for the United Kingdom stated that his country's position was fully aligned with the statement made by the European Union. He too welcomed the ECOSOC decision in April to webcast all public meetings of the NGO Committee and hoped that this modest step would help facilitate the participation of NGOs from across the globe, particularly for those who could not afford to come to New York to observe the proceedings. He stated that the United Kingdom placed great importance on the protection of civil society space at the UN, enabling NGOs to bring their expertise, new ideas and valuable perspectives to the development agenda. He further stated that his country felt the clear need for ECOSOC to have a body to review the large volume of applications received from NGOs for consultative status, but that it should be one that does so with the clear goal of facilitating greater NGO access to the UN and its work, not by restricting it. He emphasized the need for the Committee to embody the principles of non-discrimination, equality, participation, transparency and accountability as embodied in Resolution 1996/31, but which he lamented, were not always reflected in the actions of the Committee. He expressed his particular concern about applications that languished in the Committee for years, while others were rejected by this body without good cause, necessitating the reversal of some decisions by ECOSOC. He particularly highlighted the high rate of deferral of NGO applications that work on human rights, which he said was of great concern since human rights is one of the fundamental pillars of the UN, and the granting of consultative status to these NGOs was vital to the credibility of this body.

VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

77. There were no special reports for the Committee's consideration at the session.

VII. Provisional agenda and documentation of the 2018 session of the Committee

78. At its 29th meeting, on 31 May, the Committee considered item 9 of its agenda, Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2018 session of the Committee, and had before it the draft provisional agenda for its 2018 session (E/C.2/2017/L.1).

79. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council the following dates for the sessions in 2018: from 29 January to 7 February and on 23 February for its 2018 regular session, and from 21 to 31 May and 11 June for its 2018 resumed session.

VIII. Organization of the session**A. Opening and duration of the session**

80. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2017 resumed session from 22 to 31 May, and 12 June. The Committee held 14 meetings.

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/2.

82. At its 2017 resumed session, the Committee heard 20 representatives of non-governmental organizations, who were given the opportunity to respond to questions raised by the Committee. The additional information provided by the representatives facilitated the debate and the work of the Committee in taking its decisions.

C. Election of officers

83. At its 17th meeting, on 22 May, the Committee elected Mr. Hassan Idriss Ahmed Salih (Sudan) as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

D. Agenda

84. The agenda (E/C.2/2017/1) for the 2017 regular and resumed sessions reads as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:

- (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;
 - (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;
 - (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:
 - (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;
 - (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:
 - (a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;
 - (b) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group;
 - (c) Other related matters.
7. Consideration of special reports.
8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.
9. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2018 session of the Committee.
10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

IX. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2017 resumed session

85. At its 29th meeting, on 31 May 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.
86. At its 30th meeting, on 12 June 2017, the Committee adopted the present report.