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### Non-governmental organizations

## Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2011 resumed session

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### *Summary*

At its 2011 resumed session, held from 16 to 24 May and on 16 June 2011, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 333 applications for consultative status, including applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 146 for consultative status, deferred 154 for further consideration at its regular session in 2012, recommended not to grant consultative status to 1 non-governmental organization and closed consideration without prejudice of 32 applications that had failed to respond to queries over two consecutive sessions. It also took note of one non-governmental organization that had withdrawn its application. The Committee also had before it six requests for reclassification of consultative status; it recommended granting three of those requests. The Committee considered eight requests for change of name, taking note of all. It also had before it 174 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 154, including 15 reports of organizations that had been suspended in 2010 and whose consultative status had been reinstated upon receipt of the outstanding quadrennial reports. The Committee heard 28 representatives of the 34 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 146 non-governmental organizations;

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(b) Note the withdrawal of the application of one non-governmental organization;

(c) Note that the Committee decided not to grant consultative status to one non-governmental organization;

(d) Reclassify the consultative status of three non-governmental organizations;

(e) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of eight non-governmental organizations;

(f) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 154 non-governmental organizations, including new and deferred reports.

By draft decision II, the Council would decide to close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by 32 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions.

By draft decision III, the Council would suspend, for a period of one year, the consultative status of 103 organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision IV, the Council would decide to reinstate the consultative status of 16 organizations that had submitted their outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision V, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of 61 organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision VI, the Council would approve the provisional agenda for the 2012 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 146 non-governmental organizations:

#### *Special consultative status*

Abibimman Foundation

Action des chrétiens activistes des droits de l'homme à Shabunda

Action sensibilisation sur les nouvelles technologies de l'information et de la communication

Africa Development Interchange Network

Africa Youths International Development Foundation

Africans Unite Against Child Abuse

Aid the Children Network

Aide internationale pour l'enfance

AIDS Foundation East-West

Alliance Forum Foundation

AquaFed: International Federation of Private Water Operators

Asociación Nacional de Empresarios de Colombia

Asociación de Federaciones y Asociaciones de Empresarias del Mediterráneo

Asociación Dominicana de las Naciones Unidas

Asociación Panameña de Corredores y Promotores de Bienes Raíces

Association de défense des droits de l'homme

Association des jeunes pour le développement Pasteef

Association Mondiale de Psychanalyse du champ freudien

Association of War-Affected Women

Association pour le développement durable

Assyrian Aid Society (Iraq)

Batool Welfare Trust  
Belgrade Centre for Human Rights  
Cameroun terre nouvelle  
Center for Regional Policy Research and Cooperation “Studiorum”  
Centre d’accueil et de volontariat pour orphelins, abandonnés et handicapés du Cameroun  
Centre for International Sustainable Development Law  
Cercle d’initiative commune pour la recherche, l’environnement et la qualité  
Child Helpline International  
Childlink Foundation  
Children’s Human Rights Centre of Albania  
Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre  
Clean Energy Promoting Citizen’s Forum  
Comité Español de Representantes de Minusválidos  
Conservation Force  
Consortio Boliviano de Juventudes — Casa de la Juventud  
Corrections India  
Council for International Development  
Crowley Children’s Fund  
Demokratyczna Unia Kobiet  
Djenne Initiative  
Ensemble luttons contre le sida  
Environment Support Group  
Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement-Bwaise Facility  
Equit Institute  
European Environmental Citizens Organisation for Standardisation  
Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International e.V.  
Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations  
Finland National Committee for UN-Women  
First Nations Summit  
Fondazione Marista per la Solidarietà Internazionale ONLUS  
Foundation for the Future  
Free Africa Foundation (Ghana)  
Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales

Fundación Instituto de Cultura del Sur  
Fundación País Libre  
Gibh Varta Manch  
Gic technologies nouvelles au Cameroun  
Give to Colombia  
Global Aid Network  
Global Justice Center  
Godwing Osung International Foundation (The African Project)  
Gong  
Groupe des ONG pour la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant  
Grupo Intercultural Almaciga  
Gulf Research Center Foundation  
Healthy Solutions  
Helios Life Association  
High Atlas Foundation  
Human Rights House Foundation  
Human Rights Law Resource Centre  
Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa  
Hunt Alternatives Fund  
Iingwesi Afya Program  
Independent Advocacy Project  
Indian Muslim Council — USA  
Indira Gandhi Integral Education Centre  
Indo-European Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Institute of Noahide Code  
International Action Network on Small Arms  
International Art and Technology Cooperation Organization  
International Campaign to Ban Landmines  
International Center for Alcohol Policies  
International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
International Council of Russian Compatriots  
International Juvenile Justice Observatory  
International Mahavira Jain Mission  
International Reading Association

IOGT International  
Isfahan Minority Rights and Development  
Karamah: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights  
Karat Coalition  
Latter-Day Saint Charities  
Mental Disability Advocacy Center Foundation  
Mental Health Initiative for Africans in Crisis  
National Council of Child Rights Advocates, Nigeria: South West Zone  
National Rural Development Society  
Niger Delta Women's Movement for Peace and Development  
Objectif Sciences International  
OLPC Foundation  
Organización de Entidades Mutuales de las Américas (ODEMA)  
Overseas Development Institute  
Peace Family and Media Association  
Plan Life  
Policy Research  
Poverty Elimination and Community Education Foundation  
Program in International Human Rights Law  
Project Green Nigeria  
Real Medicine Foundation  
Red ACTIVAS  
Red Mujeres, Desarrollo, Justicia y Paz AC  
Redress Trust  
Réseau des organisations du secteur éducatif du Niger  
Restoration World Outreach Ministries  
Rural Community Development Program  
Safe Water Network  
Save a Child's Heart in Memory of Dr. Ami Cohen  
Self-Help Development Facilitators  
Service d'appui aux initiatives locales développement  
Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre  
Shohratgarh Environmental Society  
Social Development International

Society for Development and Community Empowerment  
Society for Human Advancement and Disadvantaged Empowerment  
SOS Éducation  
South Asian Forum for Environment  
STEER Foundation  
Stichting Femienza Nederland  
Students for Sensible Drug Policy  
Surfrider Foundation Europe  
Trust for Sustainable Livelihoods  
Udyama  
Un Techo para mi País  
Union internationale des voyageurs  
United States International Council on Disabilities  
Vision Welfare Group  
Western Cape Therapeutic Community Centre  
Women Advocates Research and Documentation Center  
Women Founders Collective  
Women's Alliance For a Democratic Iraq  
Working Women Association  
World Lebanese Cultural Union  
Yale International Relations Association  
Young People We Care  
Youth Bridge Foundation  
Youth Empowerment Synergy

(b) To note the withdrawal by the following non-governmental organization of its application for consultative status:

Centre for Psychology and Social Change<sup>1</sup>

(c) To note that the Committee decided to recommend not to grant consultative status to the following non-governmental organization:

International Lesbian and Gay Association

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<sup>1</sup> See E/C.2/2011/CRP.15.

(d) To reclassify the following non-governmental organizations:

(i) From the roster to special consultative status

United States Trademark Association

(ii) From special to general consultative status

Covenant House

Junior Chamber International

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

China International Institute of Multinational Corporations (special, 2006) to  
China International Council for the Promotion of Multinational Corporations

International Union Against Cancer (Roster) to Union for International Cancer  
Control

African Child Care Association (special, 2008) to African Aid Organization

Service and Research Foundation of Asia on Family and Culture (special,  
1999) to Service and Research Institute on Family and Children

International Save the Children Alliance (general, 1993) to Save the Children  
International

World Movement of Mothers (general, 2004) to Mouvement mondial des  
mères international

World Population Foundation (special, 2004) to Stichting Rutgers WPF

Feminist Club (special, 2005) to Caucasian Feminist Initiative

(f) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 154 non-governmental organizations for the 2006-2009 and earlier reporting periods:<sup>2</sup>

Adolescent Health and Information Projects (2005-2008)

African Women Empowerment Guild (2005-2008)

Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme

Ain o Salish Kendra

Airports Council International

All-Russian Society of Disabled People

Antioch Christian Centre

Asian Legal Resource Centre

Asian Institute of Transport Development

Association des femmes éducatrices du Mali

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<sup>2</sup> Organizations that reported on the 2005-2008 period are indicated in the list with the dates in parentheses.

Association européenne des cheminots  
Association for Assistance to Families with Disabled Children  
Association guinéenne pour la réinsertion des toxicomanes  
Association of Former United Nations Industry and Development Experts  
Association of Interbalkan Women's Cooperation Societies  
Association of Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa (New Zealand)  
Association pour la formation et l'insertion sociale de l'adolescent et de la femme  
Association pour la promotion de l'emploi et du logement  
Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (2005-2008)  
Big Brothers Big Sisters International  
Biopolitics International Organisation  
Blagovest Centre of People's Help International Public Charitable Organization  
Business Council for Sustainable Energy  
Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies  
Canadian Federation of University Women  
Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network  
Canadian Voice of Women for Peace (2005-2008)  
Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action  
Catholic International Education Office  
Catholics for Choice  
Centre de recherches et de promotion pour la sauvegarde des sites et monuments historiques en Afrique  
Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology  
Centre for Women, the Earth, the Divine  
China Disabled Persons Federation  
China International Institute of Multinational Corporations  
Chinese Immigrants Services  
Christian Aid  
Church World Service  
Collectif sénégalais des Africaines pour la promotion de l'éducation relative à l'environnement  
Comite catholique contre la faim et pour le développement

Consortium d'appui aux actions pour la promotion et le développement de l'Afrique

Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service

Couple to Couple League International

Danish Association for Gays and Lesbians

Dayemi Complex Bangladesh

DIYA All-Ukrainian Women's People's Democratic Association (2005-2008)

Eco-Ecolo

Ecopeace-Middle East Environmental NGO Forum

Education International

Engender

Ethiopian World Federation

European Union of Jewish Students

Families of Victims of Voluntary Disappearance

Family Research Council

Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia

Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya

Flora Tristan Peruvian Women's Center

Fondation européenne pour le développement durable des régions (2005-2008)

Fondation pour la promotion de la sante et le développement de la recherche (2005-2008)

Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute

Fundación AlvarAlice

Fundación Teleton Mexico

General Arab Women Federation (2005-2008)

Génération recherche action et formation pour l'environnement

Global Alliance against Traffic in Women

Global Rights (2005-2008)

Global Village for Rehabilitation and Development

Grail

Grassroots Organisations Operating Together in Sisterhood

Guild of Service

Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres

Hope for the Nations  
Humanity First  
Il Cenacolo  
Indonesian National Council on Social Welfare  
Institute for Security Studies (2005-2008)  
Institute of Inter-Balkan Relations  
International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI)  
International Association for Human Values  
International Association for Integration, Dignity and Economic Advancement  
International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation  
International Cooperative Alliance  
International Council of Psychologists  
International Environmental Law Research Centre  
International Higher Education Academy of Sciences  
International Holistic Tourism Education Centre (2005-2008)  
International Investment Centre  
International League for Human Rights  
International Lesbian and Gay Association — Europe  
International Planned Parenthood Federation (Africa region)  
International Psychoanalytical Association Trust  
International Wages for Housework Campaign  
Intersos Humanitarian Aid Organization  
IPAS  
ISIS: Women's International Cross-Cultural Exchange  
Israel Women's Network  
Italian Association for Women in Development  
Japanese Association of International Women's Rights  
Korean Federation for Environment Movement  
Ladies Charitable Society  
Leadership Watch  
Lebanon Family Planning Association  
Lighthouse International  
Local Government for Sustainability  
Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights

Mariano y Rafael Castillo Córdova Foundation  
MaterCare International  
Mauritius Family Planning Association  
Mennonite Central Committee  
Mental Disability Rights International  
Miramed Institute  
Movimento Italiano Casalinghe  
Movimiento Manuela Ramos  
National Association for Resource Improvement  
National Association of Non-Governmental Organizations  
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children  
National Congress of American Indians  
National Coordinator for Human Rights  
National Council on Family Relations (2005-2008)  
National Federation of International Immigrant Women Associations  
National Federation of Women for Democracy  
National Foundation for Women Legislators  
National Rural Support Programme  
New South Wales Council for Civil Liberties  
Northern Alliance for Sustainability  
Organization for the Solidarity of the Peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America  
Pan-African Women's Organization  
Pauktuutit Inuit Women's Association of Canada  
People's Decade of Human Rights Education  
Population Services International  
Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini  
Red de Salud de las Mujeres Latinoamericanas y del Caribe  
Russian Academy of Natural Sciences  
Russian Peace Foundation  
Saviya Development Foundation  
Secours populaire français  
Social Ecology Foundation  
Swedish Organisation of Disabled Persons International Aid Association

Tides Center  
Union of Arab Jurists (2005-2008)  
Vienna Institute for Development and Cooperation  
West Africa Network for Peacebuilding  
Womankind Worldwide  
Women's Environmental Development and Training  
Women's Intercultural Network  
Women's Political Watch  
Women's Right to Education Programme  
World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows (2005-2008)  
World Leisure Organization  
World Organization of the Scout Movement  
World ORT Union  
World Student Christian Federation  
World Water Council (2005-2008)

**Draft decision II****Closure of applications for consultative status of non-governmental organizations that had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions**

The Economic and Social Council decides to close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following 32 non-governmental organizations after those organizations had failed, after three reminders over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to respond to queries posed to them by members of the Committee:

Africa Millennium Development Network  
Agence de développement durable de Côte d'Ivoire  
All Women's Empowerment and Development Association  
Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers  
Anandilal Ganesh Podar Society  
Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation  
Centre des droits des gens (Maroc)  
China Youth Development Foundation  
Ducuum  
European Window Film Association  
Global AIDS Alliance  
Global Conscience Initiative

Global Life Focus Network  
Global Organization for Human Empowerment and Rights  
Great Tao Foundation of America  
Happy Hearts Fund  
Jananeethi  
Jordan Career Education Foundation  
Jordanian Women's Union  
Kita Chosen Nanmin Kyuen Kikin  
Life Academy of Vocational Studies  
Microbase  
Mouvement des entreprises de taille humaine, industrielles et commerciales  
NGO Computer Literacy Shelter Welfare, Rawalpindi  
Peacebuilders  
People's Life Centre  
SAHIL  
Sisterhood Agenda  
Somali Community Access Network  
Sree Research and Charitable Trust  
World Council of Press  
World Toilet Organization

**Draft decision III**

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

Having confirmed at its resumed session in May 2011 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 2011, 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 103 non-governmental organizations listed below, and requests the Secretary-General to advise the concerned organizations of their suspension.

**Non-governmental organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports, listed pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4**

A Woman's Voice International  
Action for Integrated Rural and Tribal Development Social Service Society  
Advisory Commission of the Evangelical Church in Germany  
Advisory Committee for the Protection of the Sea  
Africa Infrastructures Foundation  
Africa Legal Aid  
Africa Muslims Agency  
Agencia Latinoamericana de Información  
AIDS Alliance in Nigeria  
All Africa Farmers Network  
American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists  
American Society of Criminology  
Argentine Association of International Law  
Asociación Conciencia  
Assistance pédagogique internationale  
Association algérienne de solidarité aux malades respiratoires  
Association d'assistance aux grands handicapés à domicile  
Association des études internationales  
Association des parlementaires tunisiens  
Association européenne contre les violences faites aux femmes au travail  
Association femmes, enfants et développement  
Association internationale des mouvements familiaux de formation rurale  
Association marocaine d'aide à l'enfant et à la famille  
Association marocaine d'appui à la promotion de la petite entreprise  
Association marocaine de planification familiale  
Association marocaine de solidarité et de développement  
Association marocaine de soutien et d'aide aux handicapés mentaux  
Association marocaine pour la promotion de la femme rurale  
Association mauritanienne pour le bien-être et le secours de l'enfant et de la mère  
Association of Language Testers in Europe  
Association pour la défense des droits de la femme et de l'enfant

Azerbaijan Women and Development Center  
Canada Family Action Coalition  
Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women  
Catholic Relief Services (United States Catholic Conference)  
Center for Policy Alternatives  
Center for Strategic Research and Development of Georgia  
Centre d'études pour réaliser l'espoir de l'enfant du désert  
Centre féminin pour la promotion du développement  
Cercle de l'auto-promotion et de l'excellence  
Chinese Women's Association of America  
Cohort for Research on Environment, Urban Management and Human Settlements  
Comité national d'action pour les droits de l'enfant et de la femme  
Coordination des ONG féminines gabonaises  
La Morada  
Counterpart International  
Croatian World Congress  
Deutsche Welthungerhilfe  
Drug Watch International  
Eagle Forum  
European Union of Women  
EUROSOLAR Turkey  
Femmes actives et foyer  
Foster Care Organization International  
Foundation for Democracy in Africa  
Gaia Matter  
Global Housing Foundation  
Group 484  
Hawa Society for Women  
Indian Society of Agribusiness Professionals  
Indigenous People of Africa Coordinating Committee  
Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development  
International Association for Women's Mental Health  
International Club for Peace Research

International College of Surgeons  
International Education for Peace Institute  
International Federation of Training and Development Organisations  
International Forestry Students Association  
International Organization for Peace, Care and Relief  
International Possibilities Unlimited  
International Women Count Network  
Jose Marti Cultural Society  
Kongres Wanita Indonesia  
Korean Progressive Network-Jinbonet  
Le forum pour l'intégration des migrants  
Leadership for Environment and Development  
Leonard Cheshire Disability  
Mamta: Health Institute for Mother & Child  
Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation  
Maxim Institute  
Mercury Institute  
Mercy Corps International  
Mouvement international pour le loisir scientifique et technique  
National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan  
National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws  
National Environmental Trust  
Network of Ugandan Researchers and Research Users  
Observatoire national des droits de l'enfant  
Open Family Australia  
Organisation internationale pour la réduction des catastrophes  
Organisation tunisienne de jeunes médecins sans frontières  
PRIDE Youth Programs  
Pro Dignitate Foundation of Human Rights  
Pro femmes/Twese Hamwe  
Rede de informações para o terceiro setor  
Réseau d'information des aînées et aînés du Québec  
Society for Initiatives in Rural Development and Environmental Protection  
Society of Automotive Engineers

Traditions pour demain  
Union pour la promotion de la femme nigérienne  
United World Colleges  
World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters  
World Children's Relief and Volunteer Organization

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

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4 of 21 July 2008, and recalling its decision 2010/219 of 19 July 2010, to reinstate the consultative status of 16 non-governmental organizations listed below, which have submitted their outstanding quadrennial reports:

Adolescent Health and Information Projects  
African Women Empowerment Guild  
Bangladesh Mahila Parishad  
Canadian Voice of Women for Peace  
DIYA All-Ukrainian Women's People's Democratic Association  
Fondation européenne pour le développement durable des régions  
Fondation pour la promotion de la santé et le développement de la recherche  
General Arab Women Federaton  
Global Rights  
Innu Council of Nitassinan<sup>3</sup>  
Institute for Security Studies  
International Holistic Tourism Education Centre  
National Council on Family Relations  
Union of Arab Jurists  
World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows  
World Water Council

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

Having confirmed at its resumed session in May 2011 that the Secretariat had reminded non-governmental organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial

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<sup>3</sup> The quadrennial report submitted by this organization was not considered by the Committee during the session due to documentation limitation. The report will therefore be considered by the Committee at its regular session in January 2012.

reports of their reporting obligation, whose status was suspended by Economic and Social Council decision 2010/218 of 19 July 2010, that it had advised them of the consequences of their further non-compliance after 1 May 2011, 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, and recalling its decision 2010/218 of 19 July 2010, to withdraw immediately the consultative status of 61 non-governmental organizations listed below, and requests the Secretary-General to advise the concerned organizations of this decision.

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Anti-Racism Information Service

Arab Women Solidarity Association

Association for Counselling, Organization, Research and Development

Association mauritanienne pour le développement et la protection de l'environnement

Association nationale pour l'appui à l'initiative féminine à la protection infantile et environnementale

Association of Women Entrepreneurs of Karnataka

Association pour le bien-être des habitants de Beau Vallon

Association tunisienne du planning familial

Association tunisienne pour l'auto-développement et la solidarité

Center for Cognitive Liberty and Ethics

Centre for Development Studies and Action

Comité algérien des droits de l'homme et des peuples

Commonwealth Medical Association

Congress of Black Women of Canada

Cooperation Ireland

Côte d'Ivoire écologie

Development Through Savings and Credit

Ecological Youth of Angola

Environment Liaison Centre International

Environmental Protection Society

European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless

Federation of Arab Journalists

Femme — Jeunesse — Environnement — Santé

Foresight Institute  
Forum for Human Dignity  
Foundation for the Promotion and Protection of the Environment and Cultural Heritage  
Friends of Disabled Association  
Frontier Reconstruction Welfare Agency  
Global Resource Action Center for the Environment  
Indian Council for Child Welfare  
Institution nationale de solidarité avec les femmes en détresse  
International Association Against Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking  
International Institute for Vital Registration and Statistics  
International Islamic Charitable Organization  
International Organisation for the Provision of Work for Persons with Disabilities and Who are Occupationally Handicapped  
International Organization of Indigenous Resource Development  
International Romani Union  
International Sports Organization for the Disabled  
Internews International  
Irish Penal Reform Trust  
Islamic World Studies Centre  
LakeNet  
Mother and Child African Relief Organization  
National Aboriginal and Islanders Legal Services Secretariat  
National Action Committee on the Status of Women (Canada)  
National Anti-Poverty Organization  
National Association of Women Organisations in Uganda  
National Community Reinvestment Coalition  
National Women's Justice Coalition  
Organisation du renouveau de la prise de conscience féminine  
Organizatia Pentru Apararea Drepturilor Omului  
Organization of World Heritage Cities  
Programme Support Unit Foundation  
Reason Partnership  
Rivers Club

Terre Vivante  
Women's Society  
World Council of Indigenous Peoples  
World Psychiatric Association  
World Union of Professions

**Draft decision VI**  
**Dates of and provisional agenda for the 2012 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Decides that the 2012 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from 30 January to 8 February and on 17 February and its resumed session from 21 to 30 May and on 8 June 2012;

(b) Approves the provisional agenda for the 2012 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 United Nations 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 2012 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 2011 resumed session**

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2011 resumed session.

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

1. The Committee considered item 3 (a) and (b) of its agenda, Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, and New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 18th through 31st meetings, held from 16 to 24 May 2011. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/2011/R.2/Add.17-28);

(b) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held from 1999 through 2011 (E/C.2/2011/CRP.6);

(c) Compilation of deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from sessions of the Committee held in 2010 (E/C.2/2011/CRP.7);

(d) List of non-governmental organizations that did not submit their quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2011/CRP.13/Rev.1);

(e) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2011/CRP.8).

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

2. The Committee considered item 3 (a) of its agenda, Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from its previous sessions, at its 22nd to the 27th meetings from 18 to 20 May and on its 30th and 31st meetings held on 24 May 2011. The Committee considered a total of 216 deferred applications for consultative status.

### Applications recommended

3. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 88 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

#### *Special consultative status*

Abibimman Foundation

Action des chrétiens activistes des droits de l'homme à Shabunda

Action sensibilisation sur les nouvelles technologies de l'information et de la communication

Africa Development Interchange Network

Aid the Children Network

AIDS Foundation East-West

Alliance Forum Foundation

AquaFed: International Federation of Private Water Operators

Asociación Nacional de Empresarios de Colombia

. Asociación de Federaciones y Asociaciones de Empresarias del Mediterráneo

. Asociación Panameña de Corredores y Promotores de Bienes Raíces

Association of War-Affected Women

Association pour le développement durable

Assyrian Aid Society (Iraq)

Batool Welfare Trust

Cameroun terre nouvelle

Centre for International Sustainable Development Law

Cercle d'initiative commune pour la recherche, l'environnement et la qualité

Child Helpline International

Childlink Foundation

Children's Human Rights Centre of Albania

Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre

Corrections India

Council for International Development  
Crowley Children's Fund  
Ensemble luttons contre le sida  
Environment Support Group  
Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement — Bwaise Facility  
Equit Institute  
Finland National Committee for UN Women  
First Nations Summit  
Foundation for the Future  
Free Africa Foundation  
Fundación País Libre  
Gibh Varta Manch  
Gic technologies nouvelles au Cameroun  
Give to Colombia  
Godwing Osung International Foundation (The African Project)  
High Atlas Foundation  
Human Rights House Foundation  
Human Rights Law Resource Centre  
Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa  
Hunt Alternatives Fund  
Iingwesi Afya Program  
Indira Gandhi Integral Education Centre  
Indo-European Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Institute of Noahide Code  
International Action Network on Small Arms  
International Campaign to Ban Landmines  
International Center for Alcohol Policies  
International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
International Juvenile Justice Observatory  
International Reading Association  
IOGT International  
Isfahan Minority Rights and Development  
Karat Coalition  
Mental Health Initiative for Africans in Crisis

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National Council of Child Rights Advocates, Nigeria: South West Zone  
National Rural Development Society  
Niger Delta Women's Movement for Peace and Development  
Overseas Development Institute  
Policy Research  
Program in International Human Rights Law  
Project Green Nigeria  
Real Medicine Foundation  
Redress Trust  
Restoration World Outreach Ministries  
Rural Community Development Programme  
Self-Help Development Facilitators  
Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre  
Shohratgarh Environmental Society  
Social Development International  
Society for Human Advancement and Disadvantaged Empowerment  
SOS Éducation  
South Asian Forum for Environment  
STEER Foundation  
Students for Sensible Drug Policy  
Trust for Sustainable Livelihoods  
Udyama  
Un Techo para mi País  
Union internationale des voyageurs  
Vision Welfare Group  
Western Cape Therapeutic Community Centre  
Women Advocates Research and Documentation Center  
Yale International Relations Association  
Young People We Care  
Youth Bridge Foundation  
Youth Empowerment Synergy

**Applications deferred**

4. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 95 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee to them during its 2011 resumed session:

A Better Life Foundation  
All India Christian Council  
American Bible Society  
Amuta for NGO Responsibility  
Asia Catalyst  
Asia Center for Human Rights  
Asia Indigenous Peoples' Pact  
Asian-Eurasian Human Rights Forum  
Assyrian National Congress  
Australian Lesbian Medical Association  
Autonomous Women's Center  
Baidarie  
Bridging the Gulf  
British Columbia Civil Liberties Association  
British Humanist Association  
Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara Occidental  
Business and Professional Women Voluntary Organization — Sudan  
Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir, Córdoba  
Center for Global Nonkilling  
Centre for Human Rights  
Chamber of Computer Logistics People Worldwide  
Christian Solidarity Worldwide  
Collectif des familles de disparu(e)s en Algérie  
Creating Resources for Empowerment in Action  
Defense Small Arms Advisory Council  
Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association  
e 8  
Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans  
Erevna International Peace Center  
European Humanist Federation

European Union Association in the United States  
Foundation for GAIA  
Foundation for Human Horizon  
Freedom Now  
Freemuse: the World Forum on Music and Censorship  
Fundación Argentina a las Naciones Camino a la Verdad  
Fundación Mamonal  
Gender Links  
GGS Institute of Information Communication Technology India  
Global Economist Forum  
Global Family for Love and Peace  
Homosexuelle Initiative Wien  
Human Rights Association for Community Development in Assiut  
Human Rights Now  
Indira Gandhi National Foundation  
International Council for Human Rights  
International Dalit Solidarity Network  
International Federation of Liberal Youth  
International Foundation for Electoral Systems  
International Institute of Security and Safety Management  
International Organization for Victim Assistance  
International Prison Chaplains' Association  
International Senior Lawyers Project  
Iran Human Rights Documentation Center  
Kashmiri American Council  
Kerman Raad  
Korean Bar Association  
Kosmos Associates  
Krityanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur  
Kuchlak Welfare Society  
Law Council of Australia  
Lawyers for Lawyers  
Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre  
Mediators Beyond Borders

Mundo sin Guerras  
Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights  
New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative  
New World Hope Organization  
Odhikar — Coalition for Human Rights  
Palung Munishasan Dharmachakra Sangh  
PFI Foundation  
Programme on Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights  
Reality of Aid Network  
Rural Development Organization  
Scholars at Risk Network  
Search for Common Ground  
Second Amendment Foundation  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States  
Skyian Welfare Organization  
Society for Research in Child Development  
Solicitors' International Human Rights Group  
Soroptimist International of the Americas  
Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Council  
Sudanese Mothers for Peace  
Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression  
The Fishermen  
Thin and High  
Training for Women Network  
West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation  
Widows for Peace Through Democracy  
WITNESS  
Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights  
World Buddhist Supreme Tathagata Followers Peace Foundation  
World Igbo Congress  
Yoga in Daily Life (United States of America)

**International Foundation for Electoral Systems**

5. At its 28th meeting, on 23 May 2011, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization International Foundation for Electoral Systems.

6. The representative of Cuba sought an explanation about the organization's involvement in drafting a manual about democratic transition in Cuba and the electoral system in the country and posed several questions regarding motivations to make a manual on Cuba without the request of the country.

7. The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela posed further questions regarding the work of the non-governmental organization in her country and requested certificates of registration in Guatemala, Haiti and Nicaragua to clarify the organization's status in those countries.

8. The representative of Peru stated that the application of the non-governmental organization had been deferred for two years despite the fact that it met the requirements under resolution 1996/31. He added that after that long period of time the non-governmental organization deserved a response from the Committee, underlining that the lack of a decision affected the efficiency of the work of the Committee. Based on those technical criteria, he then proposed a motion under rule 51 to close further debate and to grant consultative status to the non-governmental organization.

9. The representative of Cuba opposed the motion on the grounds that responses from the non-governmental organization to questions posed by the Committee were still awaited. She also stated that International Foundation for Electoral Systems had issued inappropriate reports that called for a change of government in Cuba, that this was an illustrative example of interference in the internal affairs of a Member State and was detrimental to its sovereignty and that the non-governmental organization had thus acted contrary to Council resolution 1996/31. She also said that International Foundation for Electoral Systems was one of the organizations listed by USAID as a participant in a programme against Cuba that sponsored subversive plans against the country. She then called for a no-action motion on the proposal by Peru to keep reviewing the case until the Committee was fully satisfied with the answers.

10. In accordance with the rules of procedure, delegates from two Member States, namely China and the Russian Federation, spoke in support of the no-action motion proposed by Cuba. They stated that they believed in the right of all members as responsible States to ask questions and withhold action until the Committee was fully satisfied with the responses. They added that that was not only the right but the responsibility of the Committee. They also underlined that it was impossible to take an informed decision without having had a thorough dialogue with the non-governmental organizations that had submitted applications for consultative status.

11. The representatives of Bulgaria and the United States of America spoke against the no-action motion. The representative of Bulgaria stated that International Foundation for Electoral Systems had already undergone several rounds of questions, provided satisfactory answers to explain its work and clearly fulfilled the eligibility requirements under resolution 1996/31. The representative of the United States deplored the fact that procedural tactics were used to keep deferring the application instead of allowing members to vote on whether the non-governmental

organization met the criteria set out in resolution 1996/31. She further stated that the non-governmental organization had answered repeatedly that it did not operate in countries without the invitation of the host Government and that recent projects had included increasing accessibility to polling stations for those with disabilities.

12. The no-action motion was carried by a roll-call vote of 8 in favour, 6 against, with 4 abstentions. Eighteen of the 19 members of the Committee were present and voting.

*In favour:*

Burundi, China, Cuba, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Sudan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

*Against:*

Belgium, Bulgaria, Israel, Peru, Turkey, United States of America

*Abstaining:*

India, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Senegal

*Absent:*

Mozambique

13. The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in her statement after the vote, stated that the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela had serious and profound questions about the organization and needed clarification with regard to the investigations and complaints that had taken place regarding the actions of the organization in countries in the region, including in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. The representative stated that for her delegation it was worrisome that a decision about the organization was being forced when the organization had been accused of acting covertly to serve its reprehensible and unacceptable interventionist goals while meddling in the internal affairs of its country, following the orders of its main financier. Those actions infringed upon the spirit and letter of the Charter of the United Nations.

14. The representative of Turkey explained that his delegation had voted against the no-action motion because it believed that the Committee should take action on all applications that had been deferred for more than four sessions and, sharing the concern of some delegations that the Committee should not choose arbitrarily which applications to act upon, also believed that the Committee should adopt objective criteria in order to prevent endless discussions and further polarization of the Committee.

15. The representative of Pakistan stressed that voting in favour of the no-action motion was not a judgement on the substance of the non-governmental organization or its activities, but rather an affirmation of the principled position that each Committee member had a right to ask questions of any non-governmental organization in order to get satisfactory responses.

16. The representative of the United States of America once again expressed her concern that certain members of the Committee were using procedural tactics to obfuscate issues instead of evaluating non-governmental organizations on substance and using resolution 1996/31 as a guiding principle. She further stated that it was unacceptable to have the door of the United Nations closed to such a reputable non-governmental organization.

17. The representative of Peru expressed the hope that the Committee would recommend consultative status for the non-governmental organization as soon as it had received answers to the new questions posed to it today. He added that his delegation supported the proposal by the delegation of Turkey on the need to take action on applications that had been deferred for more than four sessions. Likewise, the representative of Israel expressed support for the work of the non-governmental organization and said her delegation would also be willing to recommend consultative status. She also supported Turkey's intervention regarding the necessity to take action on all applications that had been deferred for more than four sessions.

18. The representative of the Russian Federation stated that the Russian Federation looked forward to continuing the dialogue with the non-governmental organization, with a view to adopting a final decision in due course.

19. The representative of India stated that the non-governmental organization should be given an appropriate opportunity to respond to the questions raised by the Committee.

20. Following the outcome of the vote, further consideration of the non-governmental organization was deferred to the next session of the Committee.

#### **International Lesbian and Gay Association**

21. At its 29th meeting, on 23 May 2011, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization International Lesbian and Gay Association.

22. The representative of Burundi stated that the non-governmental organization still avoided answering directly on the questionnaire that had been submitted to it with the agreement and the approval of all the members of the Committee, since some of the non-governmental organization members had been accused of acts of paedophilia, which in 2002 had led the Committee to close consideration of its application by consensus. The refusal of the non-governmental organization to collaborate with the Committee was by now notorious. She added that the questionnaire was not discriminatory — as the non-governmental organization was describing it — since it had been addressed to the organization not in the context of the organization's objectives but only because of the facts for which it had been reproached. She requested that the non-governmental organization respond by submitting the questionnaire.

23. The representative of Belgium stated that the case of the International Lesbian and Gay Association was well known to the Committee. The non-governmental organization was making its third request for consultative status; it had done so in 1999, 2005 and 2009 and since the issue of the questionnaire was familiar to all, the non-governmental organization deserved a response from the Committee. He reiterated that the non-governmental organization had been harassed and discriminated against and that it was time for the Committee to move directly to a vote under rule 51.

24. The representative of Senegal stated that at the current point, since the non-governmental organization was challenging the Committee by refusing categorically to respond to the questionnaire sent unanimously by the Committee, it would not be possible to grant consultative status. He added that the practice in the Committee was to defer consideration of the application of any non-governmental

organization that had not responded to the questions posed by the delegations. He thus stated that his delegation, along with those of Burundi, Morocco and the Sudan, called for a no-action motion in response to the request by Belgium to take action on the non-governmental organization. He concluded by saying that those delegations would objectively take action on the non-governmental organization once it responded to the questionnaire.

25. With regard to the rules of procedure, the representatives of the Sudan and the Russian Federation spoke in favour of the no-action motion. The representative of the Sudan stated that it was standard procedure for non-governmental organizations to respond to the queries of the Committee and that the non-governmental organization should have responded to the aforementioned questionnaire by now. The representative of the Russian Federation stated that his delegation was also in favour of the proposal since the non-governmental organization had not responded to the questions posed, in keeping with the mandate of the Committee, and that it was important for the Committee to conclude the dialogue with a non-governmental organization before taking a responsible and informed decision on an application.

26. The representatives of Israel and Bulgaria spoke against the no-action motion. The representative of Israel stated that the organization was not new to the Committee, having received consultative status in 1993 and then having been suspended in 1994, after which time it had applied three times for consultative status. The representative of Bulgaria stated that the application had been pending for more than 10 years and that the non-governmental organization had already answered numerous questions posed to it by the Committee. She expressed her concern that a discriminatory approach had been systematically used towards the non-governmental organization in order to prevent the Committee from taking a decision on the substance, and that for that particular reason the decision had been delayed for a number of years.

27. The result of the no-action motion under rule 50 of the Council led to a tie, based on a roll-call vote of 7 in favour, 7 against and 4 abstaining. Eighteen of the 19 members of the Committee were present and voting. The Chair explained that under rule 71 when the vote is equally divided, the proposal for a motion is considered rejected. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Burundi, China, Morocco, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan

*Against:*

Belgium, Bulgaria, India, Israel, Peru, Turkey, United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Kyrgyzstan, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

*Absent:*

Cuba

28. Following the vote, the Chair proceeded with the vote to grant consultative status to the organization, as proposed by the representative of Belgium, under rule 59 of the Council. The representative of Senegal then asked for a roll-call vote on whether to grant consultative status to the non-governmental organization.

29. The roll-call vote for granting status followed, resulting in 8 votes against, 7 in favour and 3 abstentions. Eighteen of the 19 members of the Committee were

present and voting. The proposal to recommend granting consultative status to the non-governmental organization, International Lesbian and Gay Association, was thereby rejected.

*In favour:*

Belgium, Bulgaria, India, Israel, Peru, Turkey, United States of America

*Against:*

Burundi, China, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan

*Abstaining:*

Mozambique, Nicaragua, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

*Absent:*

Cuba

30. The voting was followed by statements from Member States. The representative of the United States of America explained that the reason her delegation had voted to grant status to the non-governmental organization was because the non-governmental organization had sought to prevent discrimination towards an organization based on sexual orientation and gender identity, which was in accordance with the criteria in resolution 1996/31. She stated her disappointment that the Committee was judging non-governmental organizations based on discriminatory grounds and stated that the United States would call on the Council yet again to do justice to the non-governmental organization as it had done in the past for other lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender non-governmental organizations.

31. Along similar lines, the representative of Bulgaria stated that her delegation was disappointed with the outcome of the vote because it amounted to a discriminatory approach that had prevented the Committee throughout its history from recommending even a single lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender organization for status.

32. The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in her statement after the vote, indicated that based on article 21 of the country's National Constitution (1999) and the legal interpretation of its Supreme Court, discrimination motivated by race, sex, religion, social condition or any kind of discrimination, including sexual orientation, was prohibited. The National Legislative Assembly was currently discussing a new organic law for gender equity and equality in order to specifically develop legislation regarding the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons and, in that regard, encouraged the activism of non-governmental organizations and social movements that defended the rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. The delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela had stated that it was ready to grant consultative status to the International Lesbian and Gay Association. However, it had abstained in both the motions for no-action and the vote on the application of the non-governmental organization because, according to the rules of procedures and the practice of the Committee, consultative status should not be granted to any organization while questions and enquiries were still pending from any member of the Committee. They regretted that the consideration of the application of the International Lesbian and Gay Association had been closed because of the decision of some Member States to force a decision by threatening a vote.

33. The representative of Israel expressed her disappointment with the fact that the organization had been rejected because it dealt with issues of sexual orientation and gender identity. While those were sensitive issues, the organization fully met the criteria contained in resolution 1996/31.

34. The representative of Belgium expressed a feeling of disappointment and shame that some delegations had hidden behind procedural tactics, instead of voting on substance. He acknowledged that there were differences of opinion on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues among Member States but that the non-governmental organization had complied with the criteria outlined in resolution 1996/31. He also said that while members of the Committee had the right to ask questions, it was also their responsibility to take a decision within a reasonable time frame.

35. The representative of Burundi said that it was regrettable that some members of the Committee, whose countries had been members of the Committee at various times when decisions on submitting the questionnaire to the non-governmental organization and on its suspension had been taken by consensus, had started to insist on the discriminatory character of the questionnaire.

36. The representative of the Sudan, in support of the representative of Burundi, stated that since questions posed to the non-governmental organization by the Committee were still pending, the non-governmental organization was obliged to respond to them.

37. The representative of Nicaragua stated that according to the constitution of her country, all individuals were equal before the law and had the same right to protection without any discrimination. Nicaragua was one of the few countries in the world that had a special office to promote and defend sexual diversity rights. Notwithstanding the above, her delegation abstained because of procedural considerations and out of respect for the right of Member States to ask appropriate questions and receive satisfactory responses from non-governmental organizations.

38. As a result of the vote, the Committee decided to recommend not to grant consultative status to the non-governmental organization.

#### **Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression**

39. At its 30th meeting, on 24 May 2011, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression.

40. The representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and China requested the non-governmental organization to provide documentation to prove that it was authorized to operate in the Syrian Arab Republic, and to submit answers to all outstanding questions.

41. The representative of the Sudan said that consideration of the non-governmental organization had raised concern among some of the members of the Committee since the Center was based in Paris but monitored sensitive issues, such as freedom of expression in the Syrian Arab Republic, without legal status in that country.

42. The representative of India noted that the non-governmental organization had not responded completely to a previous question posed to the organization.

43. The representative of the United States of America said that the non-governmental organization worked on human rights issues and freedom of expression and clearly fulfilled the requirements under resolution 1996/31. She maintained that the organization had already been deferred for more than two years, despite providing considerable documentation of its work and responding to more than 40 questions from the Committee, many of which were repetitive. She then called for immediate action to vote on the application of the non-governmental organization. She said it was clear that some delegations, including an observer delegation, were seeking to silence the non-governmental organization because they did not agree with the views of free speech put forward by the organization.

44. The representative of the Sudan then called for an adjournment of the debate on the non-governmental organization under rule 50 of the Council, citing the need to seek further clarification on the application and advising against taking hasty decisions that could potentially lead to its closure.

45. Pursuant to the rules of procedure, the representatives of Cuba and Nicaragua spoke in support of the motion by the Sudan to adjourn the debate. The representative of Cuba stated that there were still numerous doubts and misgivings among Committee members about the organization that had not been fully allayed. The representative of Nicaragua stated that the Committee could not grant consultative status to a non-governmental organization since some Member States still had doubts about the eligibility of the organization.

46. The representatives of Belgium and Bulgaria spoke against the motion. The representative of Belgium lauded the non-governmental organization for its good work and said that all its documents were in order. Under the circumstances, and after five rounds of questions and answers, the Committee had had sufficient time to make its decision. The representative of Bulgaria also underlined the fact that the non-governmental organization had provided clear-cut and thorough answers to numerous questions posed to it by the Committee, including an explanation about why it was not registered in the Syrian Arab Republic.

47. The no-action motion was passed by a roll-call vote of 10 to 6, with 3 abstentions.

*In favour:*

Burundi, China, Cuba, India, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Sudan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

*Against:*

Belgium, Bulgaria, Israel, Peru, Turkey, United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Senegal

48. In making a general statement, the representative of Turkey explained that his delegation had voted against the no-action motion because it believed that the Committee should take action on all applications that had been deferred for more than four sessions and, sharing the concern of some delegations that the Committee should not choose arbitrarily which applications to act upon, that the Committee should adopt an objective criteria in order to prevent endless discussions and further polarization of the Committee.

49. In his statement after the vote, the representative of the Sudan stressed that any non-governmental organization working in the Syrian Arab Republic must be respectful of Syrian national integrity. The representative of Burundi emphasized that each delegation had the right to ask questions and receive satisfactory answers.

50. The representative of the United States of America said that her delegation was deeply disappointed by the outcome of the vote and regretted that some members had once again resorted to procedural tactics in order to avoid making decisions. She emphasized that her delegation would continue working to ensure that the voices of civil society were not silenced.

51. In her statement after the vote, the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela stated that her delegation had questions that needed to be answered by the organization. Her delegation reiterated that members of the Committee had the full right to ask any questions necessary of applicant organizations. The delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela noted that taking decisions via force on certain non-governmental organizations — by applying a selective criteria — while there were hundreds of other non-governmental organizations still under consideration was against the practices and procedures established by the Committee.

52. The observer of France stated that the non-governmental organization had been founded in accordance with proper procedures in France and that its activities were in accordance with resolution 1996/31. Since its application had been deferred for two years, his country would request the Council to grant consultative status to the non-governmental organization in July 2011.

53. The observer of the Syrian Arab Republic stated that the sovereignty of her country must be upheld as a legitimate right of all Member States. She said that her country would not accept any interference by other States. She also mentioned that it was a legitimate question to ask why the non-governmental organization was registered in Paris but active in the Syrian Arab Republic.

54. Following the outcome of the vote, further consideration of the non-governmental organization was deferred to the next session of the Committee.

#### **Applications closed without prejudice**

55. At its 31st meeting, on 24 May 2011, the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 32 non-governmental organizations that had not responded to the Committee's questions despite three reminders sent to the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision II).

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

56. The Committee considered item 3 (b) of its agenda, New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification at its 18th to 25th meetings, from 16 to 18 May, and at its 28th through 31st meetings, on 23 and 24 May. The Committee considered a total of 117 new applications for consultative status.

**New applications recommended**

57. Of the 117 organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 58 should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (a)):

*Special consultative status*

Africa Youths International Development Foundation  
 Africans Unite Against Child Abuse  
 Aide internationale pour l'enfance  
 Asociación Dominicana de las Naciones Unidas  
 Association de défense des droits de l'homme  
 Association des jeunes pour le développement Pasteef  
 Association mondiale de psychanalyse du champ freudien  
 Belgrade Centre for Human Rights  
 Center for Regional Policy Research and Cooperation "Studiorum"  
 Centre d'accueil et de volontariat pour orphelins, abandonnés et handicapés du Cameroun  
 Clean Energy Promoting Citizen's Forum  
 Comité Español de Representantes de Minusválidos  
 Conservation Force  
 Consorcio Boliviano de Juventudes — Casa de la Juventud  
 Demokratyczna Unia Kobiet  
 Djenne Initiative  
 European Environmental Citizens Organisation for Standardisation  
 Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International e.V.  
 Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations  
 Fondazione Marista per la Solidarietà Internazionale ONLUS  
 Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales  
 Fundación Instituto de Cultura del Sur  
 Global Aid Network  
 Global Justice Center  
 Gong  
 Groupe des ONG pour la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant  
 Grupo Intercultural Almaciga  
 Gulf Research Center Foundation

Healthy Solutions  
Helios Life Association  
Independent Advocacy Project  
Indian Muslim Council — USA  
International Art and Technology Cooperation Organization  
International Council of Russian Compatriots  
International Mahavira Jain Mission  
Karamah: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights  
Latter-Day Saint Charities  
Mental Disability Advocacy Center Foundation  
Objectif sciences international  
OLPC Foundation  
Organización de Entidades Mutuales de las Américas  
Peace Family and Media Association  
Plan Life  
Poverty Elimination and Community Education Foundation  
Red ACTIVAS  
Red Mujeres, Desarrollo, Justicia y Paz AC  
Réseau des organisations du secteur éducatif du Niger  
Safe Water Network  
Save a Child's Heart in Memory of Dr. Ami Cohen  
Service d'appui aux initiatives locales développement  
Society for Development and Community Empowerment  
Stichting Femienza Nederland  
Surfrider Foundation Europe  
United States International Council on Disabilities  
Women Founders Collective  
Women's Alliance For a Democratic Iraq  
Working Women Association  
World Lebanese Cultural Union

**New applications deferred**

58. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 59 organizations pending receipt of questions posed by the Committee to the organizations during its 2011 resumed session:

Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine  
Afghan Poverty Relief  
AIDS Accountability International  
Al Tajdeed Cultural Social Society  
alpesandes.org  
American Council for World Jewry, Inc.  
Arab Penal Reform Organization  
Architects for Peace  
Asociación de Amigos de las Naciones Unidas  
Association for Social and Environmental Development  
Association Graines de Paix  
Association togolaise pour les Nations Unies  
Asylum Access  
AUA Americas Chapter  
British Overseas NGOs for Development  
Captive Daughters  
Clean Up Australia  
Corporación Excelencia en la Justicia  
Corporación para la Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos —  
Reiniciar  
Earth Day Network  
Education For Employment Foundation  
Ehsaas Foundation  
GAiN International  
General Forum of the Arabic and African Non-Governmental Organizations  
Housing Works  
International Association of Genocide Scholars  
International Christian Chamber of Commerce  
International Covenant for the Protection of Journalists  
International Partnership for Human Rights  
International Services Association  
Internationale Organisation Für Volkskunst  
Isfahan Association for Protection of Human Rights  
Islamic Relief USA

Japan Water Forum  
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation  
Legal Aid Forum for Human Rights  
Manavata  
National Secular Society  
NGO Coordination Committee for Iraq  
Noble Institution for Environmental Peace  
Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations Society  
People for Successful Corean Reunification  
Rainforest Partnership  
Release Legal Emergency and Drugs Service Limited  
Scandinavian Institute for Human Rights Norway  
Shrimati Pushpa Wati Loomba Memorial Foundation  
Sveriges Kvinnolobby  
Swisscontact, Schweizerische Stiftung für technische Entwicklungszusammenarbeit  
Trustees of Boston University  
United Hatzalah  
Universal Education Foundation  
UPR Info  
Voluntary Service Overseas  
WOOMB International  
World Alliance for Youth Empowerment  
World Hunger Year  
Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights  
Zambian International Health Alliance  
ZOA Vluchtelingen zorg

**Requests for reclassification**

59. At its 29th meeting, on 23 May 2011, the Committee considered six requests for reclassification of consultative status, which included one new request for reclassification, contained in document E/C.2/2011/R.3/Add.1, and five deferred requests for reclassification, contained in document E/C.2/2011/CRP.8. It decided to recommend reclassification of status for three organizations, including one from the Roster to special consultative status and two from special to general consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)).

60. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application for reclassification of status of the following three organizations:

International Diabetes Federation

International Federation of Consular Corps and Associations

Family Health International

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

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

61. At its 26th meeting, on 20 May 2011, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Council on their activities during the period from 1999 to 2010, which had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (see E/C.2/2011/CRP.7). Of the 19 reports, the Committee took note of 1 of at the current session. The Committee also decided to defer consideration of two of the reports contained in the list of new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2011/2/Add.17-32). Accordingly, the Committee decided to defer consideration of the following 20 quadrennial reports from 15 organizations:

Becket Fund for Religious Liberty (2006-2009)

Centrist Democratic International (1994-1997), (1998-2001), (2002-2005), (2006-2009)<sup>4,5</sup>

CIVICUS — World Alliance for Citizen Participation (2004-2007)

Freedom House (2003-2006)

Human Rights Watch (2005-2008)

Interfaith International (2006-2009)<sup>6</sup>

International Federation of Journalists (2005-2008)

International Network of Liberal Women (2003-2006)

International PEN (2006-2009)

International Press Institute (2001-2004), (2005-2008)<sup>7</sup>

International Union of Socialist Youth (2005-2008)

<sup>4</sup> See E/C.2/2011/2/Add.28.

<sup>5</sup> The name of the organization was Christian Democratic International until 1997. It subsequently changed its name to Centrist Democratic International and submitted reports for different reporting periods. There therefore, are a total of 20 deferred quadrennial reports from 15 non-governmental organizations.

<sup>6</sup> See E/C.2/2011/2/Add.20.

<sup>7</sup> The non-governmental organization has submitted reports for two reporting periods.

National Council of Women of Thailand (2000-2003)

Reporters sans frontières international (2005-2008)

Society for Threatened Peoples (2001-2004), (2005-2008)<sup>7</sup>

Ukrainian World Congress (2003-2006)

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

62. At its 26th meeting, on 20 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 a note by the Secretary-General containing 155 new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2011/2/Add.17-32). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 153 of those organizations and 1 from the list of previously deferred quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2011/CRP.7) for a total of 154 (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (f)).

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

63. At its 26th meeting, on 20 May, the Committee considered agenda item 4 (b). The Secretariat informed the Committee that it had sent several notifications to non-governmental organizations that had not fulfilled the requirement to submit quadrennial reports in 2010, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4. The Secretariat had also sought assistance from the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries where the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

64. In this regard, the Committee adopted a draft decision recommending that the Council suspend, for a period of one year, the consultative status of 103 non-governmental organizations that had failed to submit quadrennial reports, in accordance with the guidelines set out in Council resolution 2008/4 (see chap. I, draft decision III). The Committee further requested the Secretariat to advise the concerned organizations of the suspension of their consultative status and to inform the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries where the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

## **D. Reinstatement of consultative status of non-governmental organizations that had been previously suspended due to non-submission of their quadrennial reports**

65. At its 26th meeting, on 20 May, in accordance with Council resolution 2008/4 and Council decision 2010/219, the Committee decided to recommend reinstatement of the consultative status of 16 organizations upon receipt of their pending quadrennial reports prior to the termination of the suspension period (see chap. I, draft decision IV).

### **E. Withdrawal of consultative status of organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports**

66. At the 26th meeting, on 20 May, the Secretariat informed the Committee that it had sent several notifications to non-governmental organizations that were already on the list of organizations suspended for one year due to outstanding quadrennial reports, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4, and that it had failed to receive any response from 61 of those organizations. The Secretariat informed the Committee that it had also sought assistance from the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries where the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

67. Accordingly, the Committee decided to recommend that the Council withdraw the consultative status of the 61 non-governmental organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports, in accordance with the guidelines set out in Council resolution 2008/4 and recalling decision 2010/218 (see chap. I, draft decision V). The Committee further requested the Secretary-General to advise the concerned organizations of the withdrawal of their consultative status and to inform the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries where the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

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

68. At its 18th meeting, on 16 May 2011, the Committee jointly considered agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, 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.

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

**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**

**Other related matters**

**Recommendations for improving the working methods of the Committee**

70. Deliberations of the Informal Working Group of the Committee were held on 4 May 2011 to discuss the methods of work of the Committee. However, a number of delegations requested more time to consider the issues that were highlighted and the Committee agreed to continue further discussion of that matter at a later stage.

**Statements by non-governmental organizations at the substantive session of 2011 of the Council**

71. At its 31st meeting, on 24 May 2011, the Committee took note of the requests submitted by the following 55 non-governmental organizations<sup>8</sup> in consultative status to be heard by the Council at the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2011 (see E/C.2/2011/CRP.14):

- Africa Humanitarian Action (special, 2008)
- African Citizens Development Foundation (special, 2009)
- Associazione Casa Famiglia Rosetta (special, 2009)
- AVSI Foundation (general, 1996)
- Baha'i International Community (special, 1970)
- Biopolitics International Organisation (special, 2006)
- Buddha's Light International Association (special, 2003)
- CARE International (general, 1991)
- Cause première (special, 2010)
- Center for Practice-Oriented Feminist Science (special, 2001)
- Concerned Women for America (special, 2001)
- Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (general, 2002)
- Convention of Independent Financial Advisors (special, 2007)
- Dianova International (special, 2007)
- Dones per la Llibertat i Democràcia (special, 2010)
- Education International (special, 1950)

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<sup>8</sup> Current status and year in which the organization was granted status appear in parentheses after the organization's name.

Egyptian Center for Women's Rights (special, 2007)

European Disability Forum (special, 2003)

Fédération européenne des centres de recherche et d'information sur le sectarisme (special, 2009)

Foundation for Subjective Experiments and Research (special, 2008)

Foundation for the Social Promotion of Culture (general, 2004)

Franciscans International (general, 1995)

Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society (special, 2010)

Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children (special, 1993)

International Alliance of Women (general, 1947)

International Association for Religious Freedom (general, 1995)

International Association of University Presidents (special, 1993)

International Buddhist Relief Organisation (special, 2000)

International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (special, 1989)

International Eurasia Press Fund (special, 2007)

International Federation "Terre des hommes" (special, 1987)

International Federation of University Women (special, 1947)

International Federation of Women in Legal Careers (special, 1961)

International Forum for Child Welfare (special, 1995)

International Movement ATD Fourth World (general, 1991)

International Network of Liberal Women (special, 2003)

International Save the Children Alliance (general, 1993)

Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice delle Salesiane di Don Bosco (special, 2008)

Kimse Yok Mu (special, 2010)

Legiao da Boa Vontade (general, 1999)

Leonard Cheshire Foundation (special, 2006)

Native Women's Association of Canada (special, 2005)

New Future Foundation (special, 2008)

Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (special, 2000)

Planetary Association for Clean Energy (special, 2004)

Shirley Ann Sullivan Educational Foundation (special, 2010)

Society to Support Children Suffering from Cancer (special, 2001)

Soroptimist International (general, 1984)  
United Network of Young Peacebuilders (special, 2010)  
Women's Health and Education Organization (special, 2008)  
World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (general, 2000)  
World Information Transfer (general, 2002)  
World Jewellery Confederation (special, 2006)  
World Vision International (general, 2004)  
World Youth Alliance (special, 2004)

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

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

## **VII. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2012 session of the Committee**

73. At its 31st meeting, on 24 May 2011, the Committee considered item 9 of its agenda and had before it the draft provisional agenda for its 2012 session (E/C.2/2011/L.3).

74. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council the following dates for the sessions in 2012: from 30 January to 8 February and on 17 February for its 2012 regular session and from 21 to 30 May and on 8 June for its 2012 resumed session.

## **VIII. Organization of the session**

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

75. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2011 resumed session from 16 to 24 May 2011 and on 16 June 2011. The Committee held 15 meetings (18th to 32nd).

### **B. Attendance**

76. 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.2/2011/INF/3.

77. At its 2011 resumed session, the Committee heard 28 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**

78. At its 31st meeting, on 24 May, the Committee designated Marghoob Saleem Butt (Pakistan) to serve as Rapporteur of the Committee.

### **D. Agenda**

79. The agenda (E/C.2/2011/1) for the 2011 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 2012 session of the Committee.
  - 10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.
80. At its 31st meeting, on 24 May 2011, the Committee approved its programme of work as contained in document E/C.2/2011/L.3.

### **E. Documentation**

81. The list of documents before the Committee at its 2011 resumed session will be issued in document E/C.2/2011/INF/3.

## **IX. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2011 resumed session**

82. At its 31st meeting, on 24 May 2011, the Committee took note of the draft report as contained in document E/C.2/2011/L.4 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.
83. At its 32nd meeting, on 16 June 2011, the Committee adopted the present report.
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