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**Non-governmental organizations**

### **Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2012 regular session**

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#### *Summary*

At its 2012 regular session, held from 30 January to 8 February and on 17 February 2012, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 343 applications for consultative status, including applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 157 for consultative status, deferred 162 for further consideration at its resumed session in May 2012, closed consideration of 1 application and closed consideration without prejudice of 20 applications of organizations that had failed to respond to queries over two consecutive sessions. It also took note that three non-governmental organizations had withdrawn their applications. The Committee also had before it seven requests for reclassification of consultative status; it recommended granting three of those requests. The Committee took note of all 12 requests for change of name. It also had before it 395 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 374. The Committee heard 21 representatives of the 32 non-governmental organizations that attended the session.

The present report contains two 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 one hundred and fifty-seven non-governmental organizations;
- (b) Reclassify the consultative status of three non-governmental organizations;

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(c) Note the withdrawal of the application of three non-governmental organizations;

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

(e) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of three hundred and sixty-nine non-governmental organizations for the period 2007-2010;

(f) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of five organizations covering earlier periods;

(g) Note that the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by twenty non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions;

(h) Note that the Committee decided to close consideration of the request for consultative status made by the non-governmental organization Movement against Atrocities and Repression.

By draft decision II, 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 one hundred and fifty-seven non-governmental organizations:<sup>1</sup>

##### *General consultative status*

Biovision Stiftung für ökologische Entwicklung

Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfı

Islamic Relief USA

Voluntary Service Overseas

##### *Special consultative status*

Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine

Africa culture internationale

African Agency for Integrated Development

African Centre for Community and Development

African Development Association

Agence pour le développement intégré au Congo

Ajgunle Community Project

A.K. Munshi Yojana

Albert B. Sabin Vaccine Institute

All-Russian Public Organization of Disabled People with Multiple Sclerosis

Amizade

Arab Penal Reform Organization

Artfully AWARE

Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact

Asian Consultancy on Tobacco Control

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<sup>1</sup> Including both new and deferred applications.

Asociación Civil Observatorio Social  
Asociación de Amigos de las Naciones Unidas  
Association de l'intervention pour les mères  
Association des jeunes pour l'agriculture du Mali  
Association Dunenyo  
Association graines de paix  
Association of African Entrepreneurs  
Association pour le développement de la société civile angolaise  
Association pour l'intégration et le développement durable au Burundi  
Association togolaise pour les Nations Unies  
Awaz Centre for Development Services  
Bread of Life Development Foundation  
British Humanist Association  
Cancer Aid Society  
Captive Daughters  
Centa for Organisational Development  
Center for Africa Development and Progress  
Centre d'information et de conseil des nouvelles spiritualités  
Centre for Development Communication  
Centre for Economic and Leadership Development  
Centre for Environment and Development  
Centre for Human Rights  
Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales  
Centro Ecuatoriano de Derecho Ambiental  
Chamber of Computer Logistics People Worldwide  
Chicago TASC  
Children Education and Social Welfare Society  
Colectiva Mujer y Salud  
Comisión para la Investigación de Malos Tratos a las Mujeres  
Compagnons d'action pour le développement familial  
Concile mondial de congrès diplomatiques des aumôniers pour la paix universelle des droits humains et juridiques  
Confédération européenne des cadres  
Corporación para la Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos-Reiniciar

Corps de réflexion et de planification pour l'utilité sociale  
Daya Pertiwi Foundation  
Diabetic Association of Sri Lanka  
Disarm Education Fund  
e 8  
Earth Day Network  
East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Projects  
Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans  
European Union Association in the United States  
Famille Debout  
Federation of Women Groups  
Fondation des oeuvres pour la solidarité et le bien-être social  
Fondation marocaine de l'éducation pour l'emploi  
Foundation for Human Horizon  
Frathekk Foundation Common Initiative Group  
Freemuse: the World Forum on Music and Censorship  
Fundación Argentina a las Naciones Camino a la Verdad  
Fundación Proacceso ECO  
Global Deaf Connection  
Global Economist Forum  
Global Family for Love and Peace  
Guru Angad Dev Sewa Society — Punjab, Ludhiana  
Horizon Foundation  
Housing Works  
ICW Global: Comunidad Internacional de Mujeres Viviendo con VIH-SIDA  
IDP Foundation  
Impact for Change and Development  
Indian Development Foundation  
Indigenous Information Network  
Innovation: Africa  
Institut Jules-Destrée  
Institute for Conscious Global Change  
Intercambios  
Interchurch Medical Assistance

International Longevity Center Global Alliance  
International POPs Elimination Network  
Internationale Organisation Für Volkskunst  
Iraqi Development Organization  
IRESA: International Radio Emergency Support Coalition  
Japan Water Forum  
Korean Assembly for Reunion of Ten Million Separated Families  
Kosmos Associates  
Kuwait Association for the Basic Evaluators for Human Rights  
Kyung Hee University  
Law Council of Australia  
LDC Watch  
Legal Aid Forum for Human Rights  
Liberian United Youth for Community Safety and Development  
Licht für die Welt — Christoffel Entwicklungszusammenarbeit  
Local Action Organization  
Major Alliance Education Centre  
Mediators Beyond Borders  
Mother Care Foundation  
Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights  
National Advocates for Pregnant Women  
National Coalition Against Racial Discrimination  
NGO Coordination Committee for Iraq  
NGO Coordination post Beijing Switzerland  
Ngoma Club  
Nigeria Model United Nations Society  
Observatorio Mexicano de la Crisis  
ODHIKAR: Coalition for Human Rights  
Okogun Odigie Safewomb International Foundation  
Organisation camerounaise pour la protection de l'arbre  
Organisation pour la rénovation environnementale du sud d'Haïti  
Painted Children UK  
People for Successful Korean Reunification  
Pesticide Action Nexus Association

PFI Foundation  
Pragya  
Public Fund “Medialife”  
Public Health Institute  
Public Union of Citizens “International Centre of Education of Georgian and German Women”  
Reality of Aid Network  
Regional Public Foundation Assistance for the Elderly “Dobroe Delo”  
Release Legal Emergency and Drugs Service  
Salamander Trust  
Sant Nirankari Mandal — Delhi  
Search for Common Ground  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States  
Shrimati Pushpa Wati Loomba Memorial Foundation  
Smile Foundation  
Solidarité agissante pour le développement familial  
Stichting Universal Education Foundation  
Sveriges Kvinnolobby  
The Fishermen  
Thin and High  
Tlachinollan: Grupo de Apoyo a los Pueblos Indios de la Montaña  
Tomorrow’s Peacekeepers Today  
Tour opération et initiatives  
Training for Women Network  
Uganda Management Assistance Programme  
US Women Connect  
USA Mali Charitable Association of NYC  
Voice of Change International  
Vojenký a špitální Řád svatého Lazara Jeruzalémského — Bohemia  
WOOMB International  
World Alliance for Youth Empowerment  
World Barua Organization  
World Hunger Year  
World Igbo Congress



Yakutia — Our Opinion  
 Young Professionals Forum  
 ZOA Vluchtelingenzorg

*Roster*

Erevna International Peace Center

(b) To reclassify the following three non-governmental organizations from the Roster to special consultative status:

International Diabetes Federation  
 International Federation of Translators  
 World Heart Federation

(c) To take note of the withdrawal by the following three non-governmental organizations of their applications for consultative status:

Act of Life  
 International Christian Chamber of Commerce  
 Soroptimist International of the Americas

(d) To take note of the decision by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to take note of the change of name of the following twelve non-governmental organizations:

Brothers of Charity to Global Action Against Poverty  
 Comité Español de Representantes de Minusválidos to Comité Español de Representantes de Personas con Discapacidad  
 Danish Association for Gays and Lesbians to LGBT Denmark: The National Organization for Gay Men, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered People  
 Global Foundation for Democracy and Development to Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo  
 Human Rights Law Resource Centre to Human Rights Law Centre  
 International Federation “Terre des Hommes” to Terre des Hommes fédération internationale  
 International Union of Forestry Research Organizations to International Union of Forest Research Organizations  
 National Federation of Women for Democracy to National Confederation of Women in Equality  
 New York and New Jersey Asian American Law Enforcement Advisory Committee to United States Asian American Law Enforcement Foundation  
 Suzanne Mubarak Women’s International Peace Movement to End Human Trafficking Now  
 UNIFEM Australia Incorporated to UN-Women Australia  
 World Coal Institute to World Coal Association

(e) To take note of the decision by the Committee to take note of the quadrennial reports submitted by the following 369 non-governmental organizations for the period 2007-2010:

All-Russian Society of the Deaf/All-Russian Public Organization of Persons with Disabilities

ABANTU for Development

Academy for Future Science

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

ActionAid

African Action on AIDS

African Youth for Transparency

AIESEC International

ALDET Centre (Saint Lucia)

Al-Hakim Foundation

All China Women's Federation

All India Women's Conference

All India Women's Education Fund Association

All Pakistan Women's Association

All-Russian Social Fund "The Russian Children Foundation"

American Youth Understanding Diabetes Abroad

Ankara Foundation of Children with Leukemia

Antiviolence Center

Arab Lawyers Union

Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress

Armenian Constitutional Right-Protective Centre

Asayesefid White Cane

Asian Centre for Human Rights

Asian Centre for Organization Research and Development

Asian People's Disability Alliance

Asociación Mensajeros de la Paz

Asociación Proyecto Hombre

Associated Country Women of the World

Association des consommateurs de télécommunication de Côte d'Ivoire

Association for Democratic Initiatives

Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst

Association for Progressive Communications  
Association for Reproductive and Family Health  
Association nationale Al Hidn  
Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions  
Association of Third World Studies  
Association of United Families International  
Association pour le développement économique, social, environnemental du nord  
Associazione IRENE  
Bahrain Women Society  
Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha  
Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Bangwe et dialogue  
BAOBAB for Women's Human Rights  
Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti Jaipur  
Brothers of Charity  
Buddha's Light International Association  
Bunyad Literacy Community Council  
Campaign Life Coalition  
Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse  
Caritas Internationalis  
Caucus for Women's Leadership  
Center for Economic and Social Rights  
Center for Interethnic Cooperation  
Center for International Earth Science Information Network  
Center for International Health and Cooperation  
Centre d'accompagnement des autochtones pygmées et minoritaires vulnérables  
Centre for Democracy and Development  
Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions  
Centro de Estudios de Estado y Sociedad  
Child Development Foundation  
Children of the World: Regional Public Charitable Fund of Assistance to Cultural and Sports Development of Children and Young People  
China Association for NGO Cooperation

China Association for Preservation and Development of Tibetan Culture  
China International Public Relations Association  
Chinese Association for International Understanding  
Christian Legal Fellowship  
CIDSE  
Citizens' Coalition for Economic Justice  
CITYNET: Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements  
Club of Madrid  
Coalition of Activist Lesbians (Australia)  
Colombian Commission of Jurists  
Comité français pour l'Afrique du Sud  
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America  
Community of Sant'Egidio  
Community Social Welfare Foundation  
Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul  
Confédération fiscale européenne  
Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro  
Conference of European Churches  
Congregations of St. Joseph  
Conscience and Peace Tax International  
Conseil de jeunesse pluriculturelle  
Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations  
Convention of Independent Financial Advisors  
Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations  
Council of American Overseas Research Centers  
Cross-Cultural Solutions  
David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies  
Daytop Village Foundation  
Defence for Children International  
Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era  
Development Innovations and Networks  
Dianova International  
Dignity International

Disabled Peoples International  
Dominican Union of Journalists for Peace  
Earthjustice  
Equidad de Genero: Ciudadania, Trabajo y Familia  
Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention  
European Disability Forum  
European Transport Safety Council  
European Women's Lobby  
European Youth Forum  
Federación Internacional de Asociaciones de Ayuda Social Ecológica y Cultural  
Feminist Press  
Focus on the Family  
Fondation Congo Assistance  
Fondation Humanus  
Forum for Women and Development  
Foundation for Ecological Security  
Foundation for the Rights of the Family  
Foundation Projekta for Women and Development Services  
Franciscans International  
Fund of Aid for Youth  
Fundación Antonio Nuñez Jiménez de la Naturaleza y el Hombre  
Fundación Salvadoreña Para el Desarrollo Económico y Social  
Geneva International Model United Nations  
German Foundation for World Population  
Girl Scouts of the United States of America  
Global Action on Aging  
Global Exchange  
Global Volunteers  
Good People International  
Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida  
Gulf Automobile Federation  
Hariri Foundation for Sustainable Human Development  
Heritage Foundation  
Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation

Hong Kong Council of Social Service  
Howard League for Penal Reform  
Human Appeal International  
Human Rights Congress for Bangladesh Minorities  
Human Rights Defence Centre  
Human Rights Information and Documentation Systems International  
Human Rights National Circle  
Inclusion International  
Indian Council of Education  
Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage  
Information Habitat  
Initiatives: Women in Development  
Inner Trip Reiyukai International  
Institute for Global Environmental Strategies  
Institute for International Urban Development  
Institute for Sustainable Development and Research  
Institute for Women's Studies and Research  
Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust  
Istituto Qualivida  
Interact Worldwide  
InterAction: American Council for Voluntary International Action  
Intermon  
International Abolitionist Federation  
International Alliance of Women  
International Association for Religious Freedom  
International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty  
International Association for Volunteer Effort  
International Association for Water Law  
International Association of Charities  
International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing  
International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists  
International Association of Lawyers against Nuclear Arms  
International Association of Peace Messenger Cities  
International Association of Schools of Social Work

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International Bar Association  
International Bureau for Epilepsy  
International Cartographic Association  
International Catholic Union of the Press  
International Center for Not-for-Profit Law  
International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development  
International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development  
International Chamber of Shipping  
International Committee for the Indians of the Americas (Switzerland)  
International Council for Adult Education  
International Council of Scientific Unions  
International Council of Women  
International Driving Tests Committee  
International Electrotechnical Commission  
International Eurasia Press Fund  
International Federation for Family Development  
International Federation for Housing and Planning  
International Federation of ACAT  
International Federation of Associations of the Elderly  
International Federation of Business and Professional Women  
International Federation of Social Workers  
International Federation of University Women  
International Federation on Ageing  
International Federation “Terre des Hommes”  
International Fellowship of Reconciliation  
International Forum for Child Welfare  
International Hotel and Restaurant Association  
International Informatization Academy  
International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis  
International Institute of Administrative Sciences  
International Islamic Committee for Woman and Child  
International Islamic Relief Organization  
International Jurists Organisation  
International Kolping Society

International Law Association  
International Motor Vehicle Inspection Committee  
International Movement ATD Fourth World  
International Network of Basin Organizations  
International Network of Liberal Women  
International Ocean Institute  
International Ontopsychology Association  
International Organization for Standardization  
International Organization of Employers  
International Peacebuilding Alliance  
International Planned Parenthood Federation (East and South-East Asia and Oceania Region)  
International Planned Parenthood Federation (Europe Region)  
International Planned Parenthood Federation (western hemisphere region)  
International Real Estate Federation  
International Religious Liberty Association  
International Road Federation  
International Road Safety  
International Service for Human Rights  
International Social Security Association  
International Social Service  
International Sociological Association  
International Statistical Institute  
International Touring Alliance  
International Trade Union Confederation  
International Trustee Fund of the Tsyolkovsky Moscow State Aviation Technological University  
International Tunnelling Association  
International Union of Economists  
International Volunteerism Organization for Women, Education and Development  
International Women's Health Coalition  
Inuit Circumpolar Council  
ISHA Foundation  
Jana Utthan Pratisthan



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Japan Civil Liberties Union  
Japan Federation of Bar Associations  
Join Together Society  
Jubilee Campaign  
Kids Can Free the Children  
Korean Institute for Women and Politics  
Korean Sharing Movement  
Kurdistan Reconstruction and Development Society  
Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation  
Lassalle-Institut  
Latin American Committee for the Defence of Women's Rights  
L'auravetl'an Information and Education Network of Indigenous People  
Legal Service Coalition  
Legião da Boa Vontade  
Liberal International  
Life Ethics Educational Association  
Life for Relief and Development  
Link-Up (Queensland) Aboriginal Corporation  
Mayors for Peace  
Mbutu Agriculture Society  
Medical Women's International Association  
Mediterranean Women's Studies Centre  
Mentor Foundation  
Mercy-USA for Aid and Development  
Minaret of Freedom Institute  
Mission International Rescue Foundation  
Misión Mujer  
Movement for a Better World  
Muslim World League  
National Association of Community Legal Centres  
National Committee for UNIFEM (Japan)  
National Council of German Women's Organizations  
National Council of Negro Women  
National Council of Women of the United States

National Wildlife Federation  
National Women's Council of Catalonia  
Network Women In Development Europe  
New Human Rights  
New Japan Women's Association  
New York County Lawyers' Association  
Nonviolent Peaceforce  
Northern Ireland Women's European Platform  
OISCA International (South India chapter)  
Pacific Rim Institute for Development and Education  
Pag-Aalay Ng Puso Foundation (Offering of the Heart Foundation)  
PanAmerican-PanAfrican Association  
Pax Christi International  
Paz y Cooperación  
Perhaps Kids Meeting Kids Can Make a Difference  
Permanent Assembly for Human Rights  
Physicians for Human Rights  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Prasad Project  
Priests for Life  
Program for Appropriate Technology in Health  
Ramola Bhar Charitable Trust  
RICS Foundation  
Romanian Independent Society of Human Rights  
Rural Development Leadership Network  
Safari Club International Foundation  
Sahara for Life Trust  
Salesian Missions  
Salvation Army  
Service and Research Institute on Family and Children  
Several Sources Foundation  
SHATIL: New Israel Fund's Empowerment and Training Center for Social Change Organizations  
Shimin Gaikou Centre

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Simon Wiesenthal Center  
Socialist International  
Socialist International Women  
Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses  
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues  
Sociologists for Women in Society  
Sodalitas  
SOUL Development of Women and Children  
Southern Diaspora Research and Development Center  
Special Olympics International  
St. Joan's International Alliance  
Stree Aadhar Kendra  
Struggle for Change  
Sudan National Committee on Harmful Traditional Practices  
Sudanese Women General Union  
Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement  
Swedish Association for Sexuality Education  
Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights  
Swiss Catholic Lenten Fund  
Tandem Project  
Temple of Understanding  
Third World Institute  
Transparency International  
Tribal Link Foundation  
Trickle Up Program  
Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation  
UNESCO Centre of Catalonia  
UNIFEM Australia  
Union internationale des avocats  
Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs  
Union of International Associations  
Union of the Electricity Industry  
United Cities and Local Governments  
United Nations Association of Russia

United Nations Association of San Diego  
United Religions Initiative  
United States Burn Support Organization  
United States Committee for UNIFEM  
Vali-Asr Rehabilitation Foundation for Disabled Children and Adults  
Water Environment Federation  
Wittenberg Center for Alternative Resources  
Women in Europe for a Common Future  
Women's Human Rights International Association  
Women's International Zionist Organization  
Women's Sports Foundation  
Women's Union of Russia  
Women's World Banking  
Women's World Summit Foundation  
World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations  
World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations  
World Blind Union  
World Coal Institute  
World Federation for Mental Health  
World Federation of Democratic Youth  
World Federation of Khoja Shi'a Ithna-Asheri Muslim Communities  
World Federation of the Deaf  
World Federation of the Deafblind  
World Federation of Therapeutic Communities  
World Fellowship of Buddhists  
World Jewish Congress  
World Job and Food Bank  
World Jurist Association of the World Peace Through Law Center  
World Mission Foundation  
World Muslim Congress  
World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry  
World Safety Organization  
World Savings Banks Institute  
World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations

World Wind Energy Association  
World Young Women's Christian Association  
Worldwide Organization for Women  
Youth with a Mission

(f) To take note of the quadrennial reports for periods earlier than 2007-2010 submitted by the following five organizations:

Becket Fund for Religious Liberty  
Centrist Democrat International  
CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation  
Interfaith International  
International Network of Liberal Women

(g) To note that the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations decided to close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following twenty non-governmental organizations, after those organizations had failed, after three reminders from the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to respond to questions put to them by the Committee:

A Better Life Foundation  
alpesandes.org  
American Bible Society  
American Council for World Jewry  
Baidarie  
Clean Up Australia  
Creating Resources for Empowerment in Action  
Ehsaas Foundation  
Fundación Mamonal  
Gender Links  
General Forum of the Arabic and African Non-Governmental Organizations  
GGSI Institute of Information Communication Technology India  
International Council for Human Rights  
International Institute of Security and Safety Management  
Kashmiri American Council  
Korean Bar Association  
Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre  
Society for Research in Child Development

World Buddhist Supreme Tathagata Followers Peace Foundation

Zambian International Health Alliance

(h) To note that the Committee decided to close consideration of the request for consultative status made by the non-governmental organization Movement against Atrocities and Repression.

**Draft decision II**

**Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2012 regular session**

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2012 regular session.

**II. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification, change of name and withdrawal of application received from non-governmental organizations**

1. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, and 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 1st to 16th meetings, from 30 January to 8 February 2012. 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.2/2012/R.2 and Add.1-18);

(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.2/2012/CRP.1);

(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 2011 (E/C.2/2012/CRP.2);

(d) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2012/CRP.3);

(e) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from organizations requesting a change of name (E/C.2/2012/CRP.4).

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

2. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from its previous sessions, at its 1st through 16th meetings, from 30 January to 8 February 2012. The Committee considered a total of 153 deferred applications for consultative status.

**Applications recommended**

3. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to the following 50 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (a)):

*General consultative status*

Islamic Relief USA  
Voluntary Service Overseas

*Special consultative status*

Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine  
Arab Penal Reform Organization  
Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact  
Asociación de Amigos de las Naciones Unidas  
Association graines de paix  
Association togolaise pour les Nations Unies  
British Humanist Association  
Captive Daughters  
Centre for Human Rights  
Chamber of Computer Logistics People Worldwide  
Corporación para la Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos-Reiniciar  
e 8  
Earth Day Network  
Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans  
European Union Association in the United States  
Foundation for Human Horizon  
Freemuse: the World Forum on Music and Censorship  
Fundación Argentina a las Naciones Camino a la Verdad  
Global Economist Forum  
Global Family for Love and Peace  
Housing Works  
Internationale Organisation Für Volkskunst  
Japan Water Forum  
Kosmos Associates  
Law Council of Australia  
Legal Aid Forum for Human Rights

Mediators Beyond Borders  
Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights  
NGO Coordination Committee for Iraq  
ODHIKAR — Coalition for Human Rights  
People for Successful Corean Reunification  
PFI Foundation  
Reality of Aid Network  
Release Legal Emergency and Drugs Service  
Search for Common Ground  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States  
Shrimati Pushpa Wati Loomba Memorial Foundation  
Stichting Universal Education Foundation  
Sveriges Kvinnolobby  
The Fishermen  
Thin and High  
Training for Women Network  
WOOMB International  
World Alliance for Youth Empowerment  
World Hunger Year  
World Igbo Congress  
ZOA Vluchtelingen zorg

*Roster*

Erevna International Peace Center

**Applications deferred**

4. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 80 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2012 regular session:

Afghan Poverty Relief  
AIDS Accountability International  
Al Tajdeed Cultural Social Society  
All India Christian Council  
Amuta for NGO Responsibility  
Architects for Peace  
Asia Catalyst



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Asia Center for Human Rights  
Asian-Eurasian Human Rights Forum  
Association for Social and Environmental Development  
Assyrian National Congress  
Asylum Access  
AUA Americas Chapter  
Australian Lesbian Medical Association  
Autonomous Women's Center  
Bridging the Gulf  
British Columbia Civil Liberties Association  
British Overseas NGOs for Development  
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  
Christian Solidarity Worldwide  
Collectif des familles de disparu(e)s en Algérie  
Corporación Excelencia en la Justicia  
Defense Small Arms Advisory Council  
Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association  
Education for Employment Foundation  
European Humanist Federation  
Foundation for GAIA  
Freedom Now  
GAiN International  
Homosexuelle Initiative Wien  
Human Rights Association for Community Development in Assiut  
Human Rights Now  
Indira Gandhi National Foundation  
International Association of Genocide Scholars  
International Covenant for the Protection of Journalists  
International Dalit Solidarity Network  
International Federation of Liberal Youth

International Organization for Victim Assistance  
International Partnership for Human Rights  
International Prison Chaplains' Association  
International Senior Lawyers Project  
International Services Association  
Iran Human Rights Documentation Center  
Isfahan Association for Protection of Human Rights  
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation  
Kerman Raad  
Krityanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur  
Kuchlak Welfare Society  
Lawyers for Lawyers  
Manavata  
Mundo Sin Guerras  
National Secular Society  
New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative  
New World Hope Organization  
Noble Institution for Environmental Peace  
Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations Society  
Palpung Munishasan Dharmachakra Sangh  
Programme on Women's Economic Social and Cultural Rights  
Rainforest Partnership  
Rural Development Organization  
Scandinavian Institute for Human Rights Norway  
Scholars at Risk Network  
Second Amendment Foundation  
Skyian Welfare Organization  
Solicitors' International Human Rights Group  
Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Council  
Sudanese Mothers For Peace  
Swisscontact: Schweizerische Stiftung für technische  
Entwicklungszusammenarbeit  
Trustees of Boston University  
United Hatzalah

UPR Info

West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation

Widows for Peace Through Democracy

WITNESS

Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights

Yoga in Daily Life USA

Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights

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

5. At its 9th meeting, on 3 February 2012, the Committee reviewed the application of the organization Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara Occidental. The representative of Morocco requested that the application be closed. During the discussion, the following objections regarding the activities of the organization were raised: instead of focusing on the promotion of human rights, the organization was engaged in a pattern of politically motivated activities against one Member State; the organization was involved in activities that violated the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of the Member State, in violation of Article 2 (4) of the Charter of the United Nations and paragraphs 2 and 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31; the organization's website contained unsubstantiated and politically motivated attacks against the Member State and other materials constituting de facto interference in the internal affairs of the Member State. The representatives of the Sudan and Senegal supported the request to close the application. The representatives of Venezuela and Cuba requested that they be given more time and the representative of Belgium proposed that the organization be given an opportunity to respond to the objections raised. The Committee decided, in accordance with paragraph 15 of resolution 1996/31, to request the Secretariat to send a letter to the organization, in order to seek its response to the objections that had been raised in the Committee regarding its activities.

### **Application closed**

### **Movement against Atrocities and Repression**

6. At its 12th meeting, on 6 February, the Committee reviewed the application for consultative status of the organization Movement against Atrocities and Repression. The representative of India requested that the application be closed. He expressed grave concerns over acts of terrorism, in particular the hijacking of two Indian Airlines aircraft, which had been committed by the leadership of the organization. Judicial cases against the individuals, who were fugitives from the law, were currently pending in India. The representatives of the United States of America, Israel, Belgium and Turkey supported the request. The Committee decided, in accordance with paragraph 15 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, to request the Secretariat to send a letter to the organization, highlighting that the hijacking of civilian aircraft is an act of terrorism and inviting the organization's response to the objections that had been raised in the Committee. The organization responded on 10 February. At its 17th meeting, on 17 February, the Committee decided to close its consideration of the application (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (h)).

**Applications closed without prejudice**

7. At its 15th meeting, on 8 February, the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 20 non-governmental organizations that had failed, despite three reminders sent to them over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to respond to queries posed by the Committee (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (g)).

**Applications withdrawn**

8. The Committee decided to take note of the withdrawal of the deferred applications of the following two non-governmental organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (c)):

International Christian Chamber of Commerce  
Soroptimist International of the Americas

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

9. The Committee considered item 3 (b) of its agenda, New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 1st to 16th meetings, from 30 January to 8 February 2012. The Committee considered a total of 190 new applications for consultative status.

**New applications recommended**

10. Of the 190 organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 107 organizations should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (a)):

*General consultative status*

Biovision Stiftung für ökologische Entwicklung  
Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfı

*Special consultative status*

A.K. Munshi Yojana  
Africa culture internationale  
African Agency for Integrated Development  
African Centre for Community and Development  
African Development Association  
Agence pour le développement intégré au Congo  
Ajegunle Community Project  
Albert B. Sabin Vaccine Institute  
All-Russian Public Organization of Disabled People with Multiple Sclerosis

Amizade  
Artfully AWARE  
Asian Consultancy on Tobacco Control  
Asociación Civil Observatorio Social  
Association de l'intervention pour les mères  
Association des jeunes pour l'agriculture du Mali  
Association Dunenyo  
Association of African Entrepreneurs  
Association pour le développement de la société Civile angolaise  
Association pour l'intégration et le développement durable au Burundi  
Awaz Centre for Development Services  
Bread of Life Development Foundation  
Cancer Aid Society  
Centa for Organisational Development  
Center for Africa Development and Progress  
Centre d'information et de conseil des nouvelles spiritualités  
Centre for Development Communication  
Centre for Economic and Leadership Development  
Centre for Environment and Development  
Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales  
Centro Ecuatoriano de Derecho Ambiental  
Chicago TASC  
Children Education and Social Welfare Society  
Colectiva Mujer y Salud  
Comisión para la Investigación de Malos Tratos a las Mujeres  
Compagnons d'action pour le développement familial  
Concile mondial de congrès diplomatiques des aumoniers pour la paix universelle des droits humains et juridiques  
Confédération européenne des cadres  
Corps de Réflexion et de Planification pour l'Utilité Sociale  
Daya Pertiwi Foundation  
Diabetic Association of Sri Lanka  
Disarm Education Fund  
East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Projects

Famille Debout  
Fondation des oeuvres pour la solidarité et le bien-être social  
Fondation marocaine de l'éducation pour l'emploi  
Frathekk Foundation Common Initiative Group  
Fundación Proacceso ECO  
Global Deaf Connection  
Guru Angad Dev Sewa Society — Punjab, Ludhiana  
Horizon Foundation  
ICW Global: Comunidad Internacional de Mujeres Viviendo con VIH-SIDA  
IDP Foundation  
Impact for Change and Development  
Indian Development Foundation  
Indigenous Information Network  
Innovation: Africa  
Institut Jules-Destrée  
Institute for Conscious Social Change  
Intercambios  
Interchurch Medical Assistance  
International Longevity Center Global Alliance  
International POPs Elimination Network  
Iraqi Development Organization  
IRESC: International Radio Emergency Support Coalition  
Korean Assembly for Reunion of Ten Million Separated Families  
Kuwait Association for the Basic Evaluators for Human Rights  
Kyung Hee University  
LDC Watch  
Liberian United Youth for Community Safety and Development  
Licht für die Welt — Christoffel Entwicklungszusammenarbeit  
Local Action Organization  
Major Alliance Education Centre  
Mother Care Foundation  
National Advocates for Pregnant Women  
National Coalition Against Racial Discrimination  
NGO Coordination post Beijing Switzerland

Ngoma Club  
 Nigeria Model United Nations Society  
 Observatorio Mexicano de la Crisis  
 Okogun Odigie Safewomb International Foundation  
 Organisation camerounaise pour la protection de l'arbre  
 Organisation pour la rénovation environnante du sud d'Haïti  
 Painted Children UK  
 Pesticide Action Nexus Association  
 Pragya  
 Public Fund "Medialife"  
 Public Health Institute  
 Public Union of Citizens "International Centre of Education of Georgian and German Women"  
 Regional Public Foundation Assistance for the Elderly "Dobroe Delo"  
 Salamander Trust  
 Sant Nirankari Mandal — Delhi  
 Smile Foundation  
 Solidarité agissante pour le développement familial  
 Tlachinollan: Grupo de Apoyo a los Pueblos Indios de la Montaña  
 Tomorrow's Peacekeepers Today  
 Tour opération et initiatives  
 Uganda Management Assistance Programme  
 US Women Connect  
 USA Mali Charitable Association of NYC  
 Voice of Change International  
 Vojenský a špitální Řád svatého Lazara Jeruzalémského (Bohemia)  
 World Barua Organization  
 Yakutia — Our Opinion  
 Young Professionals Forum

**New applications deferred**

11. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 82 organizations pending receipt of answers to questions posed to the organizations by the Committee at its 2012 regular session:

Abiodun Adebayo Welfare Foundation  
 Addameer Prisoners Support and Human Rights Association

Afrikaanse Forum vir Burgerregte  
Alliance for Reproductive Health Rights  
Al-Mahdi Institute  
Al-Maqdese for Society Development  
Al-Marsad: The Arab Centre for Human Rights in the Golan Heights  
Apne Aap Women World Wide (India) Trust  
Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua Foundation  
Asia Journalist Association  
Asociación Centro Indígena para el Desarrollo Sostenible  
Association for Defending Victims of Terrorism  
Cambodian League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights  
Canterio International for Sustainable Development  
Catholic Fund for Overseas Development  
Center for International Policy  
Child Rights Information Network  
Coalition mondiale contre la peine de mort  
Conseil des jeunes congolais de l'étranger  
Corporación para la Investigación, el Desarrollo Sostenible y la Promoción Social  
Dialogue interreligieux monastique  
Eagle Eyes Association for Afghan Displaced Youth  
Earth Child Institute  
Egyptian Association for Dissemination and Development of Legal Awareness  
Fahamu Trust  
Forest Stewardship Council  
Global Network for Rights and Development  
Hands of Love Group System  
Hokok Coalición Internacional Contra la Impunidad  
Human Rights Network (HURINET)  
ICT for Peace Foundation  
Ilitha Labantu  
ImageMagica  
Initiative for Environment, Health and Social Development  
Institute of Asian Culture and Development



International Association for Advancement of Space Safety  
International Circle of Faith Chaplaincy Corps  
International Coalition against War Criminals (Norway)  
International Council for the Day of Vesak  
International Human Rights and Anti-Corruption Society  
International Public Organization “Sovereign Knightly Order of Christ the Savior”  
Iranian Vegetable Oil Industries Association  
Islamic African Relief Agency  
Jerusalem Legal Aid and Human Rights Center  
JustWorld International  
KARP  
Kazakhstan Criminological Association  
Kejibaus  
Kuki Organization for Human Rights Trust  
Living Bread International Church  
Management Sciences for Health  
Maria and Liberdade Foundation  
Mines Action Canada  
Movement for the Protection of the African Child  
National Forum “Alternatives, Practice, Initiatives”  
Network for North Korean Democracy and Human Rights  
Organisation technique européenne du pneumatique et de la jante  
Pacific Disability Forum  
Peacemaker Corps Foundation  
Peace Operation Training Institute  
Population Connection  
Royal Society of Chemistry  
Rural Women Empowerment and Life Improvement Association  
Sairam Population Research Trust  
Scalabrini International Migration Network  
Shikhar Chetna Sangathan  
Singapore Institute of International Affairs  
SKG Sangha  
Somali Women Civil War Survivors

South Asia Partnership Pakistan  
Stichting Spanda  
Tabitha Cumi Foundation  
TrustAfrica  
United Planet Corporation  
Unnayan Onneshan  
Virtual Activism  
Women Deliver  
World Future Council Foundation  
World Shelter Organisation  
World Welfare Association  
Young Men's Hebrew Association of the City of New York  
Zeitgeist — the Spirit of the Times

**Islamic African Relief Agency**

12. At its 3rd meeting, on 31 January, the Committee reviewed the application of the Islamic African Relief Agency. The organization had been granted special consultative status since 1985 and had its consultative status withdrawn in 2006, based on ties to terrorism. In its new application, the organization failed to disclose that it had previously held consultative status. The representative of the United States stated that her delegation would seek closure of the application and that the organization should have accurately represented the facts. In addition, she expressed concern over its ties to terrorist organizations. The representative of Israel shared those concerns and supported the request for closure of the application, stating his delegation's unequivocal position against terrorism. The representative of the Sudan stated that the organization was engaged only in relief work and that it had no connection to terrorist organizations. The organization had been duly registered as a non-governmental organization in his country, which had a stringent vetting process.

13. At its 15th meeting, on 8 February, the Committee considered the answers received from the organization. The representative of the United States informed the Committee that her delegation would seek closure of the application at the Committee's resumed session, in order to give delegations more time to consider it. The representative of the Sudan stated that his delegation intended to propose that the organization be recommended for consultative status at the resumed session.

**Requests for reclassification**

14. At its 14th meeting, on 7 February, the Committee considered seven requests for reclassification of consultative status, including four new requests, contained in document E/C.2/2012/R.3, and three deferred requests for reclassification, contained in document E/C.2/2012/CRP.3. It decided to recommend reclassification of three organizations from the Roster to special consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (b)).

15. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to defer consideration of the application for reclassification of status of the following four organizations:

- Family Health International
- Geriatrics Care Foundation of Pakistan
- International Federation of Consular Corps and Associations
- World Council for Curriculum and Instruction

**New withdrawal of application**

16. The Committee took note of the withdrawal of the new application of the following non-governmental organization (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (c)):

- Act of Life

**Requests for change of name**

17. At its 15th meeting, on 8 February, the Committee considered 12 requests for a change of name by organizations in consultative status, contained in document E/C.2/2012/CRP.4. It took note of all 12 name changes (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (d)).

### **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**

18. At its 8th and 9th meetings, on 3 and 4 February 2012, 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 (E/C.2/2012/CRP.2). Of the 20 reports, the Committee took note of the reports of the following 5 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (f)):

- Becket Fund for Religious Liberty (2006-2009)
- Centrist Democrat International (1994-1997)<sup>2</sup>
- CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation (2004-2007)
- Interfaith International (2006-2009)
- International Network of Liberal Women (2003-2006)

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<sup>2</sup> The representative of Cuba stated that her delegation disassociated itself from the decision to take note of this quadrennial report.

19. The Committee decided to defer further consideration of the following 15 deferred quadrennial reports from 11 organizations:

Centrist Democrat International (1998-2001) (2002-2005) (2006-2009)

Freedom House (2003-2006)

Human Rights Watch (2005-2008)

International Federation of Journalists (2005-2008)

International PEN (2006-2009)

International Press Institute (2001-2004) (2005-2008)

International Union of Socialist Youth (2005-2008)

National Council of Women of Thailand (2000-2003)

Reporters sans frontières international (2005-2008)

Society for Threatened Peoples (2001-2004) (2005-2008)

Ukrainian World Congress (2003-2006)

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

20. At its 10th meeting, on 3 February 2012, 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 375 new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2012/2 and Add.1-24). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 369 of those organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (e)). The Committee decided to defer consideration of six reports of the following organizations:

Armenian Assembly of America

Asociatia Pro Democratia

France libertes: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand

Freedom House

Human Rights First

Syriac Universal Alliance

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

21. At its 1st meeting, on 31 January 2012, the Committee jointly considered agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, agenda item 6, Review of the methods of work of the Committee, 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.

22. Representatives of the Branch highlighted the need for increased financial and human resources to provide much-needed support to the paperless system, with a focus on maximizing efficiency in order to meet the demands of the increased workload of the Committee. It was also brought to the attention of the Committee that the Committee should consider ways to support the efforts of the Branch to provide adequate support to the complementary areas covered by Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

## **V. 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**

### **Other related matters**

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

23. Delegations requested more time to consider a number of issues that could contribute to improving the working methods of the Committee. These were: questions posed to non-governmental organizations, including questions about individual members, and the procedure for transmitting questions; the procedure for reclassifying non-governmental organizations; the procedure for reviewing the quadrennial reports of non-governmental organizations, including organizations submitting multiple reports; and the procedure for putting applications onto either list 1 or list 2. Informal consultations would be held to address those issues before the resumed session.

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

### **Centre Europe-tiers monde**

24. On 9 December 2011, the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch received a letter from the non-governmental organization Centre Europe-tiers monde, whose consultative status with the Economic and Social Council had been suspended for the period from 20 July 2010 to 19 July 2012. In its decision 2010/221 suspending the organization, the Council had requested it to submit to the Committee a letter confirming that it would conform at all times to the principles governing the establishment and nature of its consultative relations with the Council, as stipulated in paragraph 55 of Council resolution 1996/31. At its 15th meeting, on 8 February 2012, the Committee was informed about the letter.

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

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

25. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2012 regular session from 30 January to 8 February and on 17 February 2012. The Committee held 17 meetings (1st to 17th).

26. The session was opened by the Rapporteur of the 2011 sessions of the Committee, Marghoob Saleem Butt (Pakistan), who served as temporary Chair.

27. At the 1st meeting, on 30 January, the Chair of the Committee, Maria Pavlova Tzotzorkova (Bulgaria), made an opening statement. An introductory statement was made by the Acting Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.

### **B. Attendance**

28. The session was attended by the 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.2/2012/INF/2.

29. At its 2012 regular session, the Committee heard 21 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**

30. At its 1st meeting, on 30 January, the Committee elected Maria Pavlova Tzotzorkova (Bulgaria) as Chair. At its 6th meeting, on 1 February, it elected Yoni Ish-Hurwitz (Israel) as Vice-Chair. At its 11th meeting, on 6 February, the Committee elected Mansor Ciss (Senegal) as Vice-Chair. At its 17th meeting, the Committee elected Nurbek Kasymov (Kyrgyzstan) as Vice-Chair.

31. At its 11th meeting, the Committee decided that Vice-Chair Yoni Ish-Hurwitz (Israel) would also serve as Rapporteur of the Committee.

### **D. Agenda**

32. At its 1st meeting, on 30 January, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its 2012 session as contained in document E/C.2/2012/1.

### **VIII. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2012 regular session**

33. At its 16th meeting, on 8 February 2012, the Committee took note of a 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.

34. At its 17th meeting, on 17 February, the Committee adopted the present report.

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