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**Non-governmental organizations**

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

**(New York, 21-30 May and 8 June 2012)**

#### *Summary*

At its 2012 resumed session, held from 21 to 30 May and on 8 June 2012, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 281 applications for consultative status, including applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 129 for consultative status, deferred 130 for further consideration at its regular session in 2013, and closed consideration without prejudice of 22 applications that had failed to respond to three reminders over two consecutive sessions. The Committee also had before it five requests for reclassification of consultative status; it recommended granting one of those requests. The Committee took note of all seven requests for change of name. It also had before it 172 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 151. The Committee heard 6 representatives of the 54 non-governmental organizations that attended the session.

The present report contains eight 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 129 non-governmental organizations;
- (b) Reclassify the consultative status of one non-governmental organization;
- (c) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of seven non-governmental organizations;

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(d) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 151 non-governmental organizations, including new and deferred reports.

(e) Close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by 22 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to three reminders over the course of two consecutive sessions.

By draft decision II, the Council would decide to withdraw the status of the non-governmental organization Interfaith International.

By draft decision III, the Council would suspend, for a period of one year, the consultative status of 202 organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision IV, the Council would decide to reinstate the consultative status of 27 organizations that had submitted their outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision V, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of 75 organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports.

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

By draft decision VII, the Council would approve the provisional agenda for the 2013 session of the Committee.

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

By taking note of the present report, the Council takes note of the statement by the Chair of the Committee on the reinstatement of status of the non-governmental organization Centre Europe-tiers monde.

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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 129 non-governmental organizations:

#### *Special consultative status*

1. A la Vista! Communication Sociale
2. Abiodun Adebayo Welfare Foundation
3. ACT Alliance - Action by Churches Together
4. Afghan Poverty Relief
5. AIDS Healthcare Foundation
6. All India Christian Council
7. Alliance for Africa Ltd/Gte
8. Alzheimers Disease International - The International Federation of Alzheimers Disease and Related Disorders Societies Inc.
9. Apne Aap Women World Wide (India) Trust
10. Architects for Peace Inc.
11. Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua Foundation
12. Asociación para el Desarrollo "Foro Rural Mundial"
13. Association for Social and Environmental Development
14. Association of the Indigenous Peoples in the Ryukyus
15. Autism Speaks Inc
16. Autonomous Women's Center
17. Beit Issie Shapiro - Amutat Avi
18. Bridges of Hope Project, Inc.
19. British Overseas NGOs for Development (BOND)
20. Center for International Human Rights
21. Centro UNESCO di Firenze
22. Children of Peru Foundation, Inc.

23. Climate Action Network Association e.V.
24. Concordis International Trust
25. Corporación Excelencia en la Justicia
26. Corporación para la Investigación, el Desarrollo Sostenible y la Promoción Social CORPROGRESO
27. Cubraiti, Inc.
28. Deutsche Model United Nations e.V.
29. Doctors Worldwide Ltd
30. Eagle Eyes Association for Afghan Displaced Youth
31. Earth Child Institute, Inc.
32. Ecoagriculture International, Inc.
33. Edmund Rice International Limited
34. Education For Employment Foundation (THE)
35. Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
36. Federación de Mujeres Progresistas
37. Federación Española de Mujeres Directivas Ejecutivas Profesionales y Empresarias FEDEPE
38. Fondation pour l'étude des relations internationales et du développement
39. Fondation Yves Rocher
40. Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi - Onlus
41. Food & Water Watch
42. Forest Stewardship Council AC
43. Foundation for GAIA
44. Foundation for Global Sports Development
45. France Terre d'Asile
46. Global Hope Network International
47. Globethics.net Foundation
48. Grassroots Leadership, Inc
49. Hindu Council of New Zealand Incorporated
50. Human Rights Association for Community Development in Assiut
51. Human Rights Now
52. ICT for Peace Foundation
53. Initiative for Environment, Health and Social Development
54. Institute of Asian Culture & Development
55. International AIDS Society (IAS)
56. International Circle of Faith Chaplaincy Corps Ltd/Gte
57. International Council on Clean Transportation Inc.

58. International Human Rights & Anti-Corruption Society
59. International Organization for Victim Assistance
60. International Partners in Mission
61. International Risk Governance Council (IRGC)
62. International Senior Lawyers Project
63. Islands First, Inc.
64. Japanese Association for the Right to Freedom of Speech
65. KARP
66. Kejibaus
67. Kerman Raad
68. Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation
69. Krityanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur
70. Land is Life, Inc.
71. Le Conseil des Jeunes Congolais de l'Etranger (CJCE)
72. Mali Rising Foundation
73. Manavata
74. Movement for the Protection of African Child (MOPOTAC)
75. Mundo Sin Guerras
76. National Engineers Week Foundation
77. National Forum "Alternatives, Practice, Initiatives"
78. Noble Institution for Environmental Peace Inc.
79. Oidhaco, Bureau International des Droits Humains - Action Colombie
80. Organisation Technique européenne du Pneumatique et de la Jante ADF
81. Pacific Disability Forum
82. Peace Operation Training Institute Inc.
83. Plataforma Portuguesa para os Direitos das Mulheres - Associação
84. Population Connection
85. Programme on Women's Economic Social and Cultural Rights
86. Promocom
87. Quaker Earthcare Witness
88. Rainforest Partnership
89. Restless Development
90. Restoration and Healing
91. Rural Development Organization
92. Rural Women Empowerment and Life Improvement Association

93. Sakyadhita
94. Scalabrini International Migration Network, Inc.
95. Scottish Association for Mental Health
96. Sigma Theta Tau, National Honorary Society of Nursing, Inc.
97. Singapore Institute of International Affairs
98. Sir William Beveridge Foundation
99. Somali Women Civil War Survivors
100. Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Council
101. Stichting Foundation Management EEAC
102. Stichting Global Reporting Initiative
103. Stichting Spanda
104. Stiftung Brot fuer Alle
105. Swisscontact, Schweizerische Stiftung für technische  
Entwicklungs-zusammenarbeit
106. Tabitha Cumi Foundation
107. The Central British Fund for World Jewish Relief
108. The International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations  
(ILEP)
109. The International Legal Foundation, Ltd.
110. The Japan Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs  
(Gensuikyo)
111. The Peacemaker Corps Foundation
112. The World Habitat Foundation
113. The Worldwide Palliative Care Alliance
114. U.S. Green Building Council, Inc.
115. Unnayan Onneshan
116. UPR Info
117. US Human Rights Network Inc.
118. VDE Prüf- und Zertifizierungsinstitut GmbH
119. Vienna Economic Forum
120. Wahine Maori Queensland Inc.
121. Women and Children First UK
122. Women Deliver, Inc.
123. Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights
124. World Hunger Education Service
125. World Space Week Association
126. World Welfare Association
127. Young Men's Hebrew Association of the City of New York, The



*Roster*

1. Hands of Love Group System Inc.
2. Widows for Peace Through Democracy

(b) To reclassify the following non-governmental organization from Special to General consultative status:

Family Health International

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

1. Aid The Children Network (Special 2011) to International Institute for Child Protection
2. International Association of Mayors of Northern Cities (Roster 1997) to World Winter Cities Association for Mayors
3. International Catholic Union of the Press (Special 1951) to International Catholics Organisation of the Media
4. International Iron and Steel Institute (Roster 1978) to World Steel Association
5. Isfahan Minority Rights and Development (Special 2011) to Isfahan Human Rights and Development Organization
6. RICS Foundation (Special 2003) to The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
7. Sudan Association for Combating Landmines (Special 2007) to JASMAR Human Security Organization

(d) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 151 non-governmental organizations:<sup>1</sup>

1. Association Marocaine pour la Promotion de la Femme Rurale (2006-2009)
2. AARP
3. Action Health Incorporated
4. African Association of Education for Development
5. Agencia Latinoamericana de Informacion (ALAI) (2006-2009)
6. American Conservative Union, The
7. Amicale Marocaine des Handicapes
8. Asia Pacific Women's Watch (APWW)
9. Asian Non-Governmental Organizations Coalition for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development
10. Asian Women's Human Rights Council
11. Asociacion Cubana de las Naciones Unidas (Cuban United Nations Association)
12. Associação Nacional das Empresarias
13. Association d'aide aux enfants cancéreux
14. Association Internationale des Régions Francophones (AIRF)
15. Association marocaine des droits humains
16. Azerbaijan Women and Development Center (2006-2009)
17. Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (2006-2009)
18. Caribbean Medical Association. Asociacion Medica del Caribe.
19. Centre Féminin pour la Promotion du Développement (CEFEPD) (2006-2009)
20. Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development India
21. Centro de Estudios Sobre la Juventud
22. Citizens' Rights Protection Society
23. Civil Resource Development and Documentation Centre / CIRDDOC

<sup>1</sup> The reports listed are for the period 2007-2010, with the exception of 30 organizations that reported on other periods, as indicated in the list with the dates in parentheses.

24. Comité National d'Action pour les Droits de l'Enfant et de la Femme (2006-2009)
25. Commission africaine des promoteurs de la santé et des droits de l'homme
26. Commission Nationale des Femmes Travailleuses de Guinée - Confetrag/CNTG
27. Community-Based Rehabilitation Network (South Asia) - CBR Network (South Asia)
28. Concern Worldwide US, Inc.
29. Confederación Latinoamericana de Cooperativas de Ahorro y Crédito
30. Conseil International du Sport Militaire - CISM / International Military Sports Council
31. Coordination Immigrés du Sud du Monde/C.I.S.M.-Vénétie
32. Credo-Action
33. DEVNET Association
34. Du Pain Pour Chaque Enfant
35. Economists for Peace and Security
36. Environmental Women's Assembly
37. Espace Afrique International
38. Euromontana (European Association for Mountain Areas)
39. European Centre for Law and Justice, The / Centre Europeen pour le droit, les Justice et les droits de l'homme
40. European Union of Women (2006-2009)
41. EUROSOLAR Turkey (2006-2009)
42. Family Welfare Foundation of India
43. Federal Union of European Nationalities
44. Federation for Women and Family Planning
45. Federation of Associations of Former International Civil Servants
46. Focus on the Family (Canada) Association
47. Forum pour l'intégration des migrants (2006-2009)
48. Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action Aboriginal Corporation
49. Freedom House (2003-2006)
50. Fundación Diagrama - Intervención Psicosocial
51. Global Housing Foundation (GHF) (2006-2009)
52. Groupement d'appui aux initiatives économiques des femmes
53. Handicap International
54. Hawa Society for Women (2006-2009)
55. HelpAge International
56. Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights
57. Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society
58. Human Rights Council of Australia, Inc.
59. Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development
60. Indigenous and Peasant Coordinator of Communal Agroforestry (CICAFOC)
61. Indigenous People of Africa Coordinating Committee (2006 – 2009)
62. Innu Council of Nitassinan (2005-2008)
63. Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (2006-2009)
64. International Association Against Torture
65. International Association for Women's Mental Health (2006-2009)
66. International Association of Peace Foundations
67. International Black Women for Wages for Housework
68. International Bureau for Children's Rights
69. International Commission for Distance Education
70. International Council on Human Rights Policy
71. International Federation for Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida - IF
72. International Federation of Medical Students' Associations
73. International Federation of Training and Development Organisations, Ltd. (2006-2009)
74. International Forestry Students' Association (2006-2009)
75. International Institute for the Rights of the Child
76. International Institute of Humanitarian Law
77. International Multiracial Shared Cultural Organization
78. International Muslim Women's Union
79. International Network for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises
80. International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association

81. International Rescue Committee, Inc.
82. International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade
83. International Union of Latin Notariat
84. Inter-Press Service International Association (IPS)
85. Islamic Human Rights Commission
86. Jose Marti Cultural Society (2006-2009)
87. Katimavik
88. Kongres Wanita Indonesia (2006-2009)
89. Leadership for Environment & Development (2006-2009)
90. Leonard Cheshire Disability (2006-2009)
91. Ligue internationale contre le racisme et l'antisémitisme
92. Local Initiatives Program (LIP)
93. Madre, Inc.
94. Mamta - Health Institute for Mother & Child (2006-2009)
95. Mandat International
96. Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation (2006-2009)
97. Mercy Corps International (2006-2009)
98. Millennium Institute
99. Mumbai Educational Trust
100. National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan (NaYORA) (2006-2009)
101. National Children's and Youth Law Centre
102. National Right to Life Educational Trust Fund
103. Network Movement for Justice and Development
104. New Seminary, The
105. Non-Aligned Students and Youth Organization
106. Non-Governmental Ecological Vernadsky Foundation
107. Nonviolent Radical Party, Transnational and Transparty
108. Nord-Sud XXI - North-South XXI
109. Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development
110. Order of St. John, The
111. Organisation internationale pour la réduction des catastrophes (OIRC) (2006-2009)
112. Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement - International (OISCA)
113. Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities
114. Oxfam Novib
115. Palakkad District Consumers Association
116. Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association of Thailand
117. Pathfinder International
118. Peace Action
119. Prison Fellowship International
120. Pro Dignitate Foundation of Human Rights (2006-2009)
121. PROSALIS: Projecto de Saude em Lisboa
122. Public International Law and Policy Group
123. Red Venezolana de Organizaciones para el Desarrollo Social
124. Rencontre africaine pour la défense des droits de l'homme
125. Reseaux I.P Europeens Network Coordination Centre
126. Resources for the Future, Inc.
127. Rural Women Environmental Protection Association
128. Samuhik Abhiyan
129. Society for the Protection of Unborn Children
130. Society for Upliftment of Masses, The
131. SOS Kinderdorf International
132. Sri Lanka Anti Narcotics Association
133. Sudan Association for Combating Landmines
134. Thakur Hari Prasad Institute of Research and Rehabilitation for the Mentally Handicapped
135. Traditions pour demain (2006-2009)
136. Transform Drug Policy Foundation
137. UDISHA
138. Union de Escritores y Artistas de Cuba (2006-2009)
139. Union Nationale des Femmes Marocaines
140. Union of Social Child Care
141. United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation
142. Viet Nam Family Planning Association

143. Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry
144. World Association of Children's Friends
145. World Conference of Religions for Peace
146. World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women
147. World Federation of United Nations Associations
148. World Organization of Building Officials
149. World Society for the Protection of Animals
150. World Society of Victimology
151. Yayasan Cinta Anak Bangsa (Loving the Nation's Children Foundation)

(e) To close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following 22 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 the Committee:

1. AIDS Accountability International
2. Asia Journalist Association
3. Cambodian League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights
4. Canterio International for Sustainable Development
5. Catholic Fund for Overseas Development
6. Egyptian Association for Dissemination and Development of Legal Awareness
7. Fahamu Trust
8. GAIN International
9. ImageMagica
10. Indira Gandhi National Foundation
11. International Covenant for the Protection of Journalists (ICPJ)
12. International Public Organization "Sovereign Knightly Order of Christ the Savior"
13. JustWorld International Inc.
14. Kazakhstan Criminological Association
15. Management Sciences for Health, Inc.
16. Maria and Liberdade Foundation
17. Mines Action Canada
18. Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations Society
19. SKG Sangha
20. The Royal Society of Chemistry
21. Trustees of Boston University
22. United Planet Corporation

#### **Draft decision II**

##### **Withdrawal of consultative status of the non-governmental organization Interfaith International**

The Economic and Social Council decides to withdraw consultative status of the non-governmental organization Interfaith International.

#### **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 2012 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 2012, 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 202 non-governmental organizations listed below, and requests the Secretary-General to advise the concerned organizations of their suspension.

1. A Child Is Missing, Inc.,
2. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission
3. Abraham Fund Initiative, The
4. Action pour le développement de l'Afrique a la base
5. Afghan Development Association
6. Africa and Middle East Refugee Assistance - AMERA
7. African American Institute
8. African Center Foundation
9. African Development Institute, Inc.
10. African Refugees Foundation
11. African Society of International and Comparative Law
12. Agermanament sense fronteres
13. Agir pour les femmes en situation précaire
14. AIDS Action
15. Akina Mama Wa Afrika
16. Alliance Niger-Nature
17. American Correctional Association
18. American Indian Law Alliance
19. Andean Commission of Jurists
20. Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, The
21. Arab Council for Childhood and Development
22. Asian Women's Conference Network (AWCN)
23. Association Algerienne d'Alphabetisation
24. Association de Defense des Tunisiens a l'Etranger
25. Association de Sauvegarde des Monuments et Sites
26. Association des Volontaires Pour L'Assistance au Developpement En Guinee
27. Association Feminine Tunisie 21
28. Association for Social Advancement
29. Association for Solidarity with freedom-deprived juveniles
30. Association for the Advancement of Education
31. Association for the Advancement of Psychological Understanding of Human Nature
32. Association for the Protection of the Environment (APE)
33. Association Nationale de Soutien aux Enfants en Difficulte et en Institution
34. Association of Arab-American University Graduates
35. Association of Garbage Collectors for Community Development
36. Association of Support to the HIV Infected and affected children and their families
37. Association pour la taxation des transactions financières pour l'aide aux citoyens
38. Association pour le Développement Harmonieux de la Mere et de l'Enfant du Cameroun
39. Association Tunisienne des Villages d'Enfants SOS
40. Australian Council for International Development
41. Bangladesh Scholarship Council
42. Befrienders International
43. Black Sea University Foundation

44. Center for Alcohol and Drug Research and Education
45. Center For Democratic Renewal
46. Center for Human Rights and Environment
47. Centre d'étude et de recherche pour l'intégration régionale et le développement de l'Arrique (CERIDA)
48. Centre of Economic and Social Studies of the Third World - Centro de Estudios Economicos y Sociales Del Tercer Mundo A.C.
49. Cercle des amis de la forêt pour le 21e siècle
50. CHANGE
51. Civic Education Project
52. Coalition for Community Participation in Governance (CCPG)
53. Coalition gaie et lesbienne du Québec
54. College Art Association
55. Colombian Confederation of NGOs
56. Comision Juridica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos - Capaj
57. Comite International des Femmes Africaines pour le Developpement
58. Commission for the Defense of Human Rights in Central America
59. Congo-Watch
60. Cooperative Housing Foundation
61. Coordinating Body of the Indigenous Organizations in the Amazon Basin (COICA)
62. Coordination des Associations et ONG Feminines du Mali
63. Cousteau Society
64. Croissant Rouge Algerien
65. Data for Development
66. December 18 vzw
67. Education pour la Population et la vie Familiale
68. Egyptian Center for Women's Rights
69. Ethiopian Youth League
70. Europe 2000
71. European League for Economic Co-operation
72. European-Asian-Latin American Institute for Cooperation
73. Family of the Americas
74. Family Planning Association of Turkey
75. Family Planning Movement the - "Vrancea"
76. Federacion Espanola de Asociaciones Pro Vida
77. Federation de Tunis de Solidarite Sociale
78. Federation des Associations des Handicapes Moteur
79. Federation of Muslim Women's Associations in Nigeria
80. Femme Avenir
81. FEMVISION
82. Fondation Guilé
83. Fondation internationale carrefour
84. Fondation Nicolas Hulot pour la Nature et l'Homme
85. Four Directions Council
86. François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights
87. Fundacion Sales
88. Global Alliance for TB Drug Development
89. Global Fund for Women
90. Global Metro City - Glocal Forum, The
91. Globe International
92. Globe Japan
93. Globetree
94. Goodwill Industries, International, Inc.
95. Green Earth Organization
96. Group for Study and Research on Democracy and Economic and Social Development in Africa

97. Habitat for Humanity Int'l
98. Human Relief Foundation
99. Human Rights Internet
100. Indian Muslim Federation UK
101. Institut du développement durable et des relations internationales - iDDRi
102. Inter-American Federation of Touring and Automobile Clubs
103. International Alert
104. International Association of Soldiers for Peace
105. International Centre of Sociological, Penal and Penitentiary Research and Studies
106. International Corrections and Prisons Association for the Advancement of Professional Corrections, The
107. International Council on Mining and Metals
108. International Family Therapy Association
109. International Federation of Agricultural Producers
110. International Federation of Industrial Energy Consumers
111. International Federation of Persons with Physical Disability (FIMITIC)
112. International Federation of the Little Brothers of the Poor
113. International Harm Reduction Association (IHRA)
114. International Longevity Center
115. International Medical Corps
116. International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse
117. International Prison Watch
118. International Self-reliance Agency for Women
119. International Union of Public Transport
120. International Union of Students
121. International Young Christian Workers
122. Islamic Heritage Society, Inc.
123. ISU-INFORMATION SOCIETY of UKRAINE
124. Japan Fellowship of Reconciliation. Nihon Yuwa-kai
125. Karnataka Manava Vikas Sangha
126. Keystone Center, The
127. Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions
128. Latin American Human Rights Association
129. Liberty International
130. Life Education Center USA
131. Little House of Nazareth
132. Local Government International Bureau
133. Lutte Contre les Violences Faites aux Femmes et Enfants Mineurs (LUCOVFEM)
134. Malaysian Medical Relief Society
135. MED Forum (Forum del Mediterraneo para el Entorno y el Desarrollo sostenible).
136. Microteam Education Apprentissage et Nouvelles Technologies, MEANT
137. Mouvement Ni Putes Ni Soumises
138. Nadi Al Bassar - North African Center for Sight and Visual Sciences
139. National Alliance of Women's Organizations
140. National Bar Association
141. National Safety Council
142. National Union of Ghana Students
143. National Union of the Association of Protection of Motherhood, Childhood and Families
144. National Women's Political Caucus
145. Nigerian Centre for Research and Documentation
146. Nigerian Environmental Society
147. Norwegian Federation of Organizations of Disabled People
148. Oasis Open City Foundation
149. Organisation de la mère maghrébine
150. Organisation Nationale de l'Enfance Tunisienne
151. Organization of African Trade Union Unity
152. Pacific Concerns Resource Centre Inc.

153. People to People International (PTPI)
154. People's Forum 2001 Japan
155. PEW Institute for Ocean Science
156. Planetary Society
157. ProChoix
158. Programa de Coordinacion en Salud Integral
159. Programme insertion des enfants déshérités
160. Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs
161. Religious Consultation on Population, Reproductive Health and Ethics
162. Research Action & Information Network for Bodily Integrity of Women
163. Rigoberta Menchu Tum Foundation
164. S.O.S. Femmes en Detresse
165. Salubrite Propriete Hygiene Techniques d'Assainissement
166. Samaritan Community Center / The Samaritan Coalition
167. Secours Populaire Libanais
168. Service Peace and Justice in Latin America
169. Société Tunisienne des Sciences Medicales
170. Society for Women and AIDS in Africa
171. Solidarite Africaine pour la Preservation de la paix et de l'environnement en Republique Centrafricaine
172. SOS Drugs International
173. South American Commission for Peace, Regional Security and Democracy
174. South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre
175. Union de l'action féminine
176. Union Interafricaine des Droits de l'Homme - Inter-African Union for Human Rights
177. University of Missouri Kansas City Women's Council
178. Victim Support Europe
179. Vridhhi
180. Vrouwen Alliantie
181. Wales Assembly of Women
182. Widows and Orphans Welfare Society of Kenya
183. Woiyo Kondeye <<Espace d'Entraide avec les Femmes (ERAF)>>
184. Women Justice Program
185. Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation
186. Women, Law and Development International
187. Women's Action Group
188. Women's Commission Research and Education Fund (National Association of Commissions for Women)
189. Women's Coordinating Committee for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula
190. Women's World Organization for Rights, Literature & Development / Women's World
191. World Confederation of Labour
192. World Council for Psychotherapy
193. World Economic Forum
194. World Futures Studies Federation
195. World Population Society
196. World Rehabilitation Fund, Inc.
197. World University Service
198. World Women's Christian Temperance Union
199. WorldSpace Foundation
200. Worldview International Foundation
201. WORLDWIDE Network - Women in Development and Environment
202. Youth Awareness Environmental Forum



**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 2011/230 of 25 July 2011, to reinstate the consultative status of 27 non-governmental organizations listed below, which have submitted their outstanding quadrennial reports for the 2006-2009 reporting period:

1. Agencia Latinoamericana de Informacion (ALAI)
2. Association Marocaine pour la Promotion de la Femme Rurale
3. Azerbaijan Women and Development Center
4. Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women
5. Centre Féminin pour la Promotion du Développement (CEFEPD)
6. Comité National d'Action pour les Droits de l'Enfant et de la Femme
7. European Union of Women
8. EUROSOLAR Turkey
9. Global Housing Foundation (GHF)
10. Hawa Society for Women
11. Indigenous People of Africa Coordinating Committee
12. Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development
13. International Association for Women's Mental Health
14. International Federation of Training and Development Organisations, Ltd.
15. International Forestry Students' Association
16. Jose Marti Cultural Society
17. Kongres Wanita Indonesia
18. Le Forum pour l'Intégration des Migrants
19. LEAD International Inc. (Leadership for Environment & Development)
20. Leonard Cheshire Disability
21. Mamta - Health Institute for Mother & Child
22. Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation
23. Mercy Corps
24. National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan (NaYORA)
25. Organisation internationale pour la réduction des catastrophes (OIRC)
26. Pro Dignitate Foundation of Human Rights
27. Traditions pour demain

**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 2012 that the Secretariat had reminded non-governmental organizations with

continued outstanding quadrennial reports of their reporting obligation, whose status was suspended by Economic and Social Council decision 2011/230 of 25 July 2011, that it had advised them of the consequences of their further non-compliance after 1 May 2012, 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 2011/230 of 25 July 2011, to withdraw immediately the consultative status of 75 non-governmental organizations listed below, and requests the Secretary-General to advise the concerned organizations of this decision.

1. A Woman's Voice International
2. Action for Integrated Rural and Tribal Development Social Service Society
3. Advisory Commission of the Evangelical Church in Germany
4. Advisory Committee for the Protection of the Sea
5. Africa Infrastructures Foundation
6. Africa Legal Aid
7. Africa Muslims Agency
8. AIDS Alliance in Nigeria
9. All Africa Farmers Network
10. American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists
11. American Society of Criminology
12. Argentine Association of International Law
13. Asociación Conciencia
14. Assistance pédagogique internationale
15. Association Algérienne de Solidarité aux Malades Respiratoires
16. Association d'assistance aux grands handicapés à domicile
17. Association des études internationales
18. Association des parlementaires tunisiens
19. Association européenne contre les violences faites aux femmes au travail
20. Association femmes enfants et développement
21. Association internationale des mouvements familiaux de formation rurale
22. Association marocaine d'appui à la promotion de la petite entreprise
23. Association marocaine d'aide à l'enfant et à la famille
24. Association marocaine de planification familiale
25. Association marocaine de solidarité et de développement
26. Association marocaine de soutien et d'aide aux handicapés mentaux
27. Association mauritanienne pour le bien-être et le secours de l'enfant et de la mère
28. Association of Language Testers in Europe
29. Association pour la défense des droits de la femme et de l'enfant
30. Canada Family Action Coalition
31. Catholic Relief Services ( United States Catholic Conference)
32. Center for Policy Alternatives
33. Center for Strategic Research and Development of Georgia
34. Centre d'études pour réaliser l'espoir de l'enfant du désert

35. Cercle de l'auto-promotion et de l'excellence
36. Chinese Women's Association of America
37. Cohort for Research on Environment, Urban Management and Human Settlements
38. Coordination des ONG féminines Gabonaises
39. Counterpart International
40. Croatian World Congress
41. Deutsche Welthungerhilfe
42. Drug Watch International
43. Eagle Forum
44. Femmes actives et foyer
45. Foster Care Organization International
46. Foundation for Democracy in Africa
47. Gaia Mater
48. Group 484
49. Indian Society of Agribusiness Professionals
50. International Club for Peace Research
51. International College of Surgeons
52. International Education for Peace Institute
53. International Organization for Peace, Care and Relief
54. International Possibilities Unlimited
55. International Women Count Network
56. Korean Progressive Network – Jinbonet
57. La Morada
58. Maxim Institute
59. Mercury Institute
60. Mouvement International pour le Loisir Scientifique et Technique
61. National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws
62. Network of Ugandan Researchers and Research Users
63. Observatoire National des Droits de l'Enfant
64. Open Family Australia
65. Organisation tunisienne de jeunes médecins sans frontières
66. PRIDE Youth Programs
67. Pro femmes / Twese Hamwe
68. Réseau d'information des aînées et aînés du Québec
69. Rede de informações para o terceiro setor
70. Society for Initiatives in Rural Development and Environmental Protection
71. Society of Automotive Engineers
72. Union pour la promotion de la femme Nigérienne
73. United World Colleges
74. World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters
75. World Children's Relief and Volunteer Organization

### **Draft decision VI**

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

The Economic and Social Council decides to take note of two requests for withdrawal of consultative status requested by the following non-governmental organizations.

1. International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
2. South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre

**Draft decision VII**  
**Dates of and provisional agenda for the 2013 session of the**  
**Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Decides that the 2013 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from 21 to 30 January, and on 8 February 2013, and its resumed session from 20 to 30 May and on 7 June 2013;

(b) Approves the provisional agenda for the 2013 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 2014 session of the Committee.
10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

**Draft decision VIII**  
**Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2012 resumed session**

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2012 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 18<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup> meetings, held from 21 to 30 May and on 8 June 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 E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.19-30);

(b) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held from 2002 through 2012 (E/C.2/2012/CRP.5);

(c) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification, and requests deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2012/R.3/Add.1 and E/C.2/2012/CRP.7).

(e) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests organizations requesting a name change (E/C.2/2012/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 18<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> meetings, held from 21 to 30 May 2012. The Committee considered a total of 162 deferred applications for consultative status.

#### **Applications recommended**

3. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 59 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

##### *Special consultative status*

1. Abiodun Adebayo Welfare Foundation
2. Afghan Poverty Relief
3. All India Christian Council
4. Apne Aap Women World Wide (India) Trust

5. Architects for Peace Inc.
6. Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua Foundation
7. Association for Social and Environmental Development
8. Autonomous Women's Center
9. British Overseas NGOs for Development (BOND)
10. Corporación Excelencia en la Justicia
11. Corporación para la Investigación, el Desarrollo Sostenible y la Promoción Social CORPROGRESO
12. Eagle Eyes Association for Afghan Displaced Youth
13. Earth Child Institute, Inc.
14. Education For Employment Foundation (THE)
15. Forest Stewardship Council AC
16. Foundation for GAIA
17. Human Rights Association for Community Development in Assiut
18. Human Rights Now
19. ICT for Peace Foundation
20. Initiative for Environment, Health and Social Development
21. Institute of Asian Culture & Development
22. International Circle of Faith Chaplaincy Corps Ltd/Gte
23. International Human Rights & Anti-Corruption Society
24. International Organization for Victim Assistance
25. International Senior Lawyers Project
26. KARP
27. Kejibaus
28. Kerman Raad
29. Krityanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur
30. Le Conseil des Jeunes Congolais de l'Etranger (CJCE)
31. Manavata
32. Movement for the Protection of African Child (MOPOTAC)
33. Mundo Sin Guerras
34. National Forum "Alternatives, Practice, Initiatives"
35. Noble Institution for Environmental Peace Inc.
36. Organisation Technique eropéenne du Pneumatique et de la Jante ADF
37. Pacific Disability Forum
38. Peace Operation Training Institute Inc.
39. Population Connection
40. Programme on Women's Economic Social and Cultural Rights

41. Rainforest Partnership
42. Rural Development Organization
43. Rural Women Empowerment and Life Improvement Association
44. Scalabrini International Migration Network, Inc.
45. Singapore Institute of International Affairs
46. Somali Women Civil War Survivors
47. Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Council
48. Stichting Spanda
49. Swisscontact, Schweizerische Stiftung für technische  
Entwicklungs-zusammenarbeit
50. Tabitha Cumi Foundation
51. The Peacemaker Corps Foundation
52. Unnayan Onneshan
53. UPR Info
54. Women Deliver, Inc.
55. Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights
56. World Welfare Association
57. Young Men's Hebrew Association of the City of New York, The

*Roster status*

1. Hands of Love Group System Inc.
2. Widows for Peace Through Democracy

**Applications deferred**

4. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 81 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee to them during its 2012 resumed session:

1. Addameer Prisoners Support and Human Rights Association
2. Afrikaanse Forum vir Burgerregte
3. Al Tajdeed Cultural Social Society
4. Alliance For Reproductive Health Rights
5. Al-Mahdi Institute
6. Al-Maqdese for Society Development
7. Al-Marsad, The Arab Centre for Human Rights in the Golan  
Heights (R.A.)
8. Amuta for NGO Responsibility
9. Asia Catalyst
10. Asia Center for Human Rights (ACHR)



11. Asian-Eurasian Human Rights Forum
12. Asociación Centro Indígena para el Desarrollo Sostenible - CINDES
13. Association for Defending Victims of Terrorism
14. Assyrian National Congress
15. Asylum Access
16. AUA Americas Chapter Inc
17. Australian Lesbian Medical Association
18. Bridging the Gulf
19. British Columbia Civil Liberties Association
20. Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara Occidental
21. Business and Professional Women Voluntary Organization - Sudan
22. Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir Córdoba
23. Center for Global Nonkilling
24. Center for International Policy
25. Child Rights Information Network - CRIN
26. Christian Solidarity Worldwide
27. Coalition Mondiale Contre la Peine de Mort
28. Collectif des Familles de Disparu(e)s en Algerie
29. Defense Small Arms Advisory Council
30. Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association
31. Dialogue Interreligieux Monastique
32. European Humanist Federation
33. Freedom Now
34. Global Network for Rights and Development (GNRD)
35. Hokok Coalición Internacional Contra la Impunidad
36. Homosexuelle Initiative Wien
37. Human Rights Network (HURINET)
38. Ilitha Labantu
39. International Association for Advancement of Space Safety
40. International Association of Genocide Scholars, Inc., The
41. International Coalition against War Criminals (ICAWC) - NORWAY
42. International Council for the Day of Vesak (ICDV)
43. International Dalit Solidarity Network
44. International Federation of Liberal Youth
45. International Partnership for Human Rights

46. International Prison Chaplains' Association
47. International Services Association
48. Iran Human Rights Documentation Center
49. Iranian Vegetable Oil Industries Association
50. Isfahan Association for Protection of Human Rights
51. Islamic African Relief Agency (IARA)
52. Jerusalem Legal Aid and Human Rights Center
53. John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
54. Kuchlak Welfare Society
55. Lawyers for Lawyers
56. Living Bread International Church Inc.
57. National Secular Society
58. Network for North Korean Democracy and Human Rights
59. New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative
60. New World Hope Organization (NWHO)
61. Palpung Munishasan Dharmachakra Sangh
62. Sairam Population Research Trust
63. Scandinavian Institute for Human Rights (SIHR) Norway, The
64. Scholars at Risk Network
65. Second Amendment Foundation
66. Shikhar Chetna Sangathan
67. Skyian Welfare Organization
68. Solicitors International Human Rights Group
69. South Asia Partnership Pakistan
70. Sudanese Mothers For Peace
71. The Kuki Organization For Human Rights Trust
72. TrustAfrica
73. United Hatzalah (NP)
74. Virtual Activism Incorporated
75. West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation
76. WITNESS
77. World Future Council Foundation
78. World Shelter Organisation
79. Yoga in Daily Life USA
80. Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (YCSRR)
81. Zeitgeist -the Spirit of the Times

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

5. At its 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 24 May 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 recalled that in the previous session the Committee had sent a letter to the organization containing objections raised in the Committee regarding the activities of the organization and the contents of its website. He reiterated that the actions of the organization were politically motivated, and not in line with the Charter of the United Nations and resolution 1996/31 of the Council, violating the sovereignty of a Member State. He said that the response from the organization showed that it had not changed its stance.

6. The representative of Morocco requested again that the application be closed by consensus, but acknowledged that some delegations may need more time to consult with their capitals and have more information. The representative of the United States stated that her delegation was not prepared to go along with closure of the application, and acknowledged that there was no consensus. The representative of Morocco stated that the procedure had begun with the letter containing objections, which was sent to the organization in accordance with article 15 in resolution 1996/31, that the Committee should take a decision based on the response, and that it was not a matter of asking new questions. The representative of the United States replied that her delegation reluctantly joined consensus on sending a letter, but it in no way represented the first step towards closure. The representative of Belgium stated that the representative of Morocco had to call for action or ask a new question. The representative of Pakistan proposed that the Committee take more time, or, if there was consensus, he was ready to close. The Chair requested that a question be asked or action be taken, and stated that the application could not remain on the deferred list. The representative of India proposed that the application be deferred. The Committee deferred the application to the next session.

**Islamic African Relief Agency**

7. At its 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 23 May 2012, the Committee reviewed the application of the organization Islamic African Relief Agency. The representative of the United States called for the closure of the application of the organization, and he recalled that it had been initially removed from status by consensus in the regular session in 2006, due to its ties to terrorism. He stated that the organization violated the most basic tenets of the United Nations Charter and would tarnish the credibility of this institution, as it had supported and provided hundreds of thousands of dollars to Osama bin Laden, Al-Qaida, and other terrorist groups. He added that ties to terrorism must be a permanent bar to a non-governmental organization receiving ECOSOC status.

8. The representative of the Sudan stated that fighting terrorism was the only field of cooperation between Sudan and the United States. He added that Sudan would be the first to ask for the withdrawal of status of that non-governmental organization if there was any clue indicating its involvement. He stated however, that the fact is that the organization has no link with such terrorist activities claimed by the delegation of the United States. He regretted that the unjust and hasty decision of the Committee in the resumed session of 2006 did not give the organization enough time to respond to the allegations of the United States. He added that the Committee had voted to reconsider the withdrawal of the application, and decided not to reconsider by only 9 to 8 votes, showing a clear division among the members of the Committee on that decision. He stated that he expected the United States to provide new information or evidence and not to try to punish the organization twice for the same allegations and the accusations of one state, as the delegation of Sudan in this Committee is always working constructively to facilitate the work of the NGOs and not to block them without grounds. He added that Sudan had not found any thread of evidence that this NGO has any other activities rather than humanitarian work, and that this organization carries out wide range of humanitarian and peacebuilding activities in Africa. He also requested to give the organization the right of reply, in accordance with article 15 of resolution 1996/31.

9. The representative of the United States stated that the activities of the organization cannot be viewed as having a statute of limitation and reminded that the Committee had acted similarly in the previous session to close consideration of the application of a Swiss organization, when India had indicated that the leaders of the organization were civilian aircraft hijackers of thirty years earlier. He said the organization had already provided replies to questions posed by the Committee.

10. The representative of Sudan asked not to use the "allergic reaction" to al-Qaida and terrorism and questioned whether an organization could be deprived of consultative status forever. He also asked if the status would be withdrawn because Sudan is a small African country unlike the United States, while Sudan has very few non-governmental organizations.

11. The representative of the United States stated that his delegation has submitted a formal motion to close consideration of the application. However, the representative of Sudan called for a no-action motion in order to give the organization time to respond to the objections, in accordance with article 15 of resolution 1996/31. The Chair, citing a legal opinion of the Office of Legal Affairs noted that although there is a practice of the Committee sending a letter informing the organizations of objections, there are precedents when no such notification was sent, despite requests of some members, as in the case of Human Rights Foundation in 2008.

12. At its 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, also on 23 May 2012, the Committee resumed its consideration of the application. The Chair stated that the representative of Sudan had moved to adjourn the debate in accordance with rule 50 of the rules of procedures of the Economic and Social Council, in order to give the organization an opportunity to respond to the objections in the Committee. She added that this motion will have precedence, in accordance with rule 52.

13. The representatives of Cuba and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) spoke in support of the no-action motion, in order to obtain more information. The representative of the United States spoke in opposition of the motion and was interrupted five times when the representative of Sudan requested the floor on procedural grounds. He stated that the decision was about whether ties with terrorism can be tolerated and he called on the Committee to take its responsibility seriously. He recalled that his delegation had stated in the previous session its intention to close this application, but agreed to wait for the current session in order to allow the organization to respond. He added that the representative of Sudan had then noted that the willingness of the United States to defer the decision was confirmative of article 15 of resolution 1996/31. The representative of Belgium also spoke in opposition of the no-action motion, stating that every motion should be considered on its own merit.

14. The no-action motion was carried by a roll-call vote of 9 to 5, with 2 abstentions. Sixteen of the nineteen members of the Committee were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

China, Cuba, Morocco, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

*Against:*

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

*Abstaining:*

India, Kyrgyzstan.

*Absent:*

Burundi, Mozambique, Turkey.

15. After the vote, the Chair stated that the concerns of the Committee would be conveyed to the organization. The representative of Sudan expressed his expectation that the Committee grant status next session after the organization had waited for the stipulated three years, especially in the absence of new evidence. The representative of the United States stated that the United States will use every means

at their disposal to prevent this organization from being accredited again.

16. The representatives of Cuba, Nicaragua, the Russian Federation, Venezuela, and Morocco condemned terrorism and stated that terrorist organizations and organizations that supported, financed, or were linked to terrorism could not have consultative status. They requested more information to determine if the organization was involved in terrorism.

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

17. At its 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 30 May, the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 22 non-governmental organizations that had not responded to the questions of the Committee despite three reminders sent to the organizations over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee (see chap. I, draft decision I(e)).

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

18. The Committee considered item 3 (b) of its agenda, New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification at its 17<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup> meetings, on 23 and 24 May. The Committee considered a total of 119 new applications for consultative status.

#### **New applications recommended**

19. Of the 119 organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 70 organizations should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (a)):

1. A la Vista! Communication Sociale
2. ACT Alliance - Action by Churches Together
3. AIDS Healthcare Foundation
4. Alliance for Africa Ltd/Gte
5. Alzheimers Disease International - The International Federation of Alzheimers Disease and Related Disorders Societies Inc.
6. Asociación para el Desarrollo "Foro Rural Mundial"
7. Association of the Indigenous Peoples in the Ryukyus
8. Autism Speaks Inc
9. Beit Issie Shapiro - Amutat Avi

10. Bridges of Hope Project, Inc.
11. Center for International Human Rights
12. Centro UNESCO di Firenze
13. Children of Peru Foundation, Inc.
14. Climate Action Network Association e.V.
15. Concordis International Trust
16. Cubraiti, Inc.
17. Deutsche Model United Nations e.V.
18. Doctors Worldwide Ltd
19. Ecoagriculture International, Inc.
20. Edmund Rice International Limited
21. Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
22. Federación de Mujeres Progresistas
23. Federación Española de Mujeres Directivas Ejecutivas Profesionales y Empresarias FEDEPE
24. Fondation pour l'étude des relations internationales et du développement
25. Fondation Yves Rocher
26. Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi - Onlus
27. Food & Water Watch
28. Foundation for Global Sports Development
29. France Terre d'Asile
30. Global Hope Network International
31. Globethics.net Foundation
32. Grassroots Leadership, Inc
33. Hindu Council of New Zealand Incorporated
34. International AIDS Society (IAS)
35. International Council on Clean Transportation Inc.
36. International Partners in Mission
37. International Risk Governance Council (IRGC)
38. Islands First, Inc.
39. Japanese Association for the Right to Freedom of Speech
40. Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation
41. Land is Life, Inc.
42. Mali Rising Foundation
43. National Engineers Week Foundation
44. Oidhaco, Bureau International des Droits Humains - Action Colombie

45. Plataforma Portuguesa para os Direitos das Mulheres - Associação
46. Promocom
47. Quaker Earthcare Witness
48. Restless Development
49. Restoration and Healing
50. Sakyadhita
51. Scottish Association for Mental Health
52. Sigma Theta Tau, National Honorary Society of Nursing, Inc.
53. Sir William Beveridge Foundation
54. Stichting Foundation Management EEAC
55. Stichting Global Reporting Initiative
56. Stiftung Brot fuer Alle
57. The Central British Fund for World Jewish Relief
58. The International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP)
59. The International Legal Foundation, Ltd.
60. The Japan Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs (Gensuikyo)
61. The World Habitat Foundation
62. The Worldwide Palliative Care Alliance
63. U.S. Green Building Council, Inc.
64. US Human Rights Network Inc.
65. VDE Prüf- und Zertifizierungsinstitut GmbH
66. Vienna Economic Forum
67. Wahine Maori Queensland Inc.
68. Women and Children First UK
69. World Hunger Education Service
70. World Space Week Association

**Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation**

20. At its 30<sup>th</sup> meeting on 30 May 2012, the Committee heard a statement made by the representative of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam who spoke as an observer. He requested to officially register the protest of his Government against the application of the organization Khmer Kampuchea-Krom Federation which was recommended for special consultative status by the Committee. He stated that the organization violated the spirit, purposes, and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as paragraphs 2 and 57 of resolution 1996/31 by advocating and promoting secession in the territory of Viet Nam, as revealed in the official website of the organization and in the statements of its leaders. He added that the organization was a foreign based organization that did not in any way represent the ethnic Khmer people in Viet Nam and has carried out



many politically motivated acts, such as slandering, inciting, and undermining the national unity of the State of Viet Nam. He emphasized that 54 ethnic groups in Viet Nam had been living together for generations in one whole territory in unity and mutual assistance in the cause of national construction and defense. He also stressed that the State implemented policies to improve the conditions of life of ethnic minority groups and in fact, the life of all ethnic groups, including that of the Khmers, had been constantly enhanced. The representatives of Pakistan, Cuba, the Russian Federation, India, Venezuela and Nicaragua regretted that these facts were not available to the Committee during its deliberations on the application, supported bringing the matter to consideration by the Council, and noted the importance of exchanging information with Observer States while considering applications. The representative of the United States stated that her delegation will not support overturning the consensus decision of the Committee to recommend granting special consultative status to the organization in the Council. She also pointed out that her delegation had looked very closely at the information presented by the organization before joining the consensus.

#### **New applications deferred**

21. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 49 organizations pending receipt of questions posed by the Committee to the organizations during its 2012 resumed session:

1. 350.org
2. African Refugee Development Center
3. Alternatives, reseau d'action et communication pour le développement international
4. American Library Association
5. Anchor of Salvation International Ministries
6. Asociación Española para el Derecho Internacional de los Derechos Humanos AEDIDH
7. Association Tierra Incógnita
8. Canadian Shooting Sports Association
9. Care Continuum Alliance, Inc.
10. Casa Generalizia della Societa' del Sacro Cuore
11. Centre pour les Droits Civils et Politiques - Centre CCPR
12. Conservation International Foundation
13. Deutsches Komitee für UN Women e.V.
14. Educació per a l'Acció Crítica (EPAC)
15. Environmental Justice Foundation Charitable Trust
16. Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network

17. European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights
18. F N Forbundet
19. Fondation Alkarama
20. Fondation pour les Etudes et Recherches sur le Développement International
21. Friends of ISTAR
22. Fundación DARA Internacional
23. Geneva Institute for Human Rights (GIHR)
24. Helping Hands International Foundation Inc.
25. Human Rights Foundation Inc
26. Institute for Human Rights & Business Limited
27. Institute for Practical Idealism
28. International Family Forestry Alliance, Inc.
29. Jewish Voice Ministries International
30. Negev Coexistence Forum
31. Organisation pour la Femme Et le Developpement (O.F.E.D.), Inc.
32. Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, Inc.
33. Réseau International des Droits Humains (RIDH)
34. Rokpa International
35. Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung - Gesellschaftsanalyse und Politische Bildung e.V.
36. Sisters Inside Inc.
37. Solar Energy Industries Association Inc
38. Stichting Global Human Rights Defence
39. Stichting Justitia et Pax Nederland
40. The Acronym Institute
41. The Equal Rights Trust
42. The International Coalition of Historic Site Museums of Conscience
43. The Simons Foundation
44. The Society For The Policing of Cyberspace
45. Un Ponte Per..
46. Under The Same Sun Fund
47. United Sikhs
48. World Faith Inc
49. World Pulse Voices

**Requests for reclassification**

22. At its 25th meeting, on 24 May 2012, and at its 29<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 29 May 2012, the Committee considered five requests for reclassification of consultative status, which included one new request for reclassification, contained in document E/C.2/2012/R.3/Add.1, and four deferred requests for reclassification, contained in document E/C.2/2012/CRP.7. It decided to recommend reclassification of status for one organization from special to general consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)).

23. At the same meetings, the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application for reclassification of status of the following four organizations:

1. Geriatrics Care Foundation of Pakistan
2. International Federation of Consular Corps and Associations
3. International Institute of Administrative Sciences
4. World Council for Curriculum and Instruction

**Requests for name change**

24. At its 27th meeting, on 25 May 2012, the Committee considered seven requests for name change by organizations in consultative status, contained in document E/C.2/2012/CRP.8. At its 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, also on 25 May 2012, it decided to take note of all seven changes of names (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)).

### **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**

25. At its 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 25 May, 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 1998 to 2010, which had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (see E/C.2/2012/CRP.6). Of the 21 reports, the Committee took note of the following report of one organization (included in chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)):

Freedom House (2003-2006)

26. Following the decision, the representative of Cuba stated that her delegation disassociated itself from the decision to take note of this quadrennial report. She stated that the actions of the organization were very far from meeting the standards and principles NGOs must respect when in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, which are clearly stated in resolution 1996/31. She added that the organization carried out politically motivated destabilizing actions against legitimate governments, particularly of developing countries. She explained that this NGO is not independent and that its annual budget is 1.5 billion dollars, mostly funded by the US Government and its agencies. She stressed among those actions the submission of manipulated and malicious reports against Cuba, attempting to promote international rejection of the Cuban Revolution. She also stressed that some of the representatives of this organization have clear links with terrorists. The delegations of Nicaragua, the Sudan and Venezuela also disassociated themselves from the decision and supported the statement by the representative of Cuba.

27. The Committee decided to defer further consideration of the following 20 deferred quadrennial reports from 16 organizations:

Armenian Assembly of America (2007-2010)

Asociatia Pro Democratia (2007-2010)

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

France libertes: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2007-2010)

Freedom House (2007-2010)

Human Rights First (2007-2010)

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)  
 Syriac Universal Alliance (2007-2010)  
 Ukrainian World Congress (2003-2006)

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

28. At its 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 25 May 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 151 new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2012/2/Add.26-33, E/C.2/2012/CRP.13/Rev.1, E/C.2/2012/CRP.15, and E/C.2/2012/CRP.16). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 150 of those organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)). The Committee decided to defer consideration of one report of the following organization:

Ukrainian World Congress (2007-2010)

29. At its 31<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 8 June 2012, the Committee took note of the late submission of quadrennial reports of the following 13 organizations, and noted that these reports would be considered at its 2013 regular session:

1. Care International
2. China Great Wall Society
3. China Green Foundation
4. General Federation of Jordanian Women
5. Institute for Cognitive Science Studies
6. International Confederation for Family Support
7. Jamaican Association on Mental Retardation
8. Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development
9. Maryam Ghasemi Educational Charity Institute
10. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

11. Singamma Sreenivasan Foundation--SSF
12. Stree Mukti Sanghatana
13. Zoroastrian Women's Organization

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

30. At its 27th meeting, on 25 May 2012, the Committee considered agenda item 6(c). The Secretariat informed the Committee that it had sent three notifications to non-governmental organizations that had not fulfilled the requirement to submit quadrennial reports in 2011, 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.

31. In this regard, the Committee adopted a draft decision recommending that the Council suspend, for a period of one year, the consultative status of 202 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**

32. At its 27th meeting, on 25 May, in accordance with Council resolution 2008/4 and Council decision 2011/230, the Committee decided to recommend reinstatement of the consultative status of 27 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**

33. At the 27th meeting, on 25 May, the Secretariat informed the Committee that it had sent three 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 not received any response

from 75 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.

34. Accordingly, the Committee decided to recommend that the Council withdraw the consultative status of the 75 non-governmental organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports, in accordance with the guidelines set out in Council resolution 2008/4 and recalling decision 2011/230 (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**

35. At its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 21 May, 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.

36. The Branch highlighted the challenges facing both the Committee on NGOs and the NGO Branch in connection with rapidly increasing workloads, in particularly with regard to new applications, and emphasized the need for resources to provide much-needed support to the paperless system, with a focus on maximizing its efficiency in meeting the increased workload of the Committee.



**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**

37. Delegations requested more time to consider issues that could contribute to improve the working methods of the Committee, including the procedure for reviewing the quadrennial reports of non-governmental organizations. Informal consultations would be held to address those at a later stage. At its 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 25 May, the representative of India requested that in the future the Secretariat present to the Committee the name change applications along with accompanying documentation.

**Statements by non-governmental organizations at the substantive session of 2012 of the Council**

38. At its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 21 May 2012, the Committee took note of the requests submitted by the following 66 non-governmental organizations<sup>2</sup> in consultative status to be heard by the Council at the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2012 (see E/C.2/2012/CRP.14):

1. 5th Pillar (Special, 2011)
2. AARP (General, 1995)
3. African Citizens Development Foundation (Special, 2009)
4. African Youth Movement (Special, 2006)
5. Agewell Foundation (Special, 2011)
6. Asociación Nacional de Empresarios de Colombia (Special, 2011)
7. Association mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit (Special, 2011)
8. Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University (BKWSU) (General, 1998)

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<sup>2</sup> Current status and year in which the organization was granted status appear in parentheses after the organization's name.

9. Convention of Independent Financial Advisors (Special, 2007)
10. Center for Inquiry (Special, 2005)
11. Center for Women's Global Leadership (Special, 2000)
12. Centro de Investigación Social, Formación y Estudios de la Mujer (Special, 1997)
13. Cercle d'initiative commune pour la recherche, l'environnement et la qualité (Special, 2011)
14. Child Helpline International (Special, 2011)
15. China Energy Fund Committee (Special, 2011)
16. Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (Special, 1999)
17. Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (General, 2002)
18. Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations (Special, 1947)
19. Credo-Action (Special, 2007)
20. Espace Afrique International (Special, 2007)
21. Ethiopian World Federation (Special, 2002)
22. Federación Internacional de Asociaciones de Ayuda Social Ecológica y Cultural (Special, 2007)
23. Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia (Special, 1998)
24. Forum of Women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan (Special, 2005)
25. Fundação de Assistência Medica Internacional (Special, 2008)
26. Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (Special, 2004)
27. IFENDU for Women's Development (Special, 2010)
28. Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society (Special, 2010)
29. Institute of Inter-Balkan Relations (Special, 1998)
30. Institute of International Social Development (Special, 2000)
31. Instituto Para la Participación y el Desarrollo-INPADE (Special, 2011)
32. International Committee for Arab-Israeli Reconciliation (Special, 2006)
33. International Eurasia Press Fund (Special, 2007)

34. International Health Awareness Network (Special, 1998)
35. International Multiracial Shared Cultural Organization (Special, 1995)
36. International Ontopsychology Association (Special, 1999)
37. International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Special, 2000)
38. International Society of Doctors for the Environment (Special, 2002)
39. Justice for All – Prison Fellowship Ethiopia (Special, 2010)
40. Kenya Community Development Group (Special, 2011)
41. Legião da Boa Vontade (General, 1999)
42. Ma'arij Foundation for Peace and Development (Special, 2010)
43. Metis National Council (Roster, 1997)
44. Millennium Institute (Special, 2003)
45. Minhaj-ul-Quran International (Special, 2011)
46. National Association of Realtors (Special, 1989)
47. New Future Foundation (Special, 2008)
48. Nord-Sud XXI (Special, 1995)
49. OISCA International (South India chapter) (Special, 2007)
50. Organización de Entidades Mutuales de las Américas (ODEMA) (Special, 2011)
51. Peace Child International (Special, 1997)
52. Policy Research (Special, 2011)
53. RESO-Femmes (Special, 2011)
54. Rehab Group (Special, 1996)
55. Salesian Missions (Special, 2007)
56. Samaj Kalyan O. Unnayan Shangstha (Special, 2010)
57. Service and Research Institute on Family and Children (Special, 1999)
58. Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (Special, 2011)
59. Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries (Special, 2000)
60. To Love Children Educational Foundation International (Special, 2006)
61. Umid Support to Social Development Public Union (Special, 2011)
62. Univers de solidarité et de développement (Special, 2011)

63. VAAGDHARA (Special, 2011)
64. World Jewellery Confederation (Special, 2006)
65. World Society for the Protection of Animals (Special, 1971)
66. World Society of Victimology (Special, 1987)

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

### **Ma'arjij Foundation for Peace and Development**

39. On 11 May 2012, the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch received a letter of complaint from the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations concerning a violation of resolution 1996/31 by an organization with special consultative status with the Council, Ma'arjij Foundation for Peace and Development. At its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 21 May 2012, the Committee took note of the letter (see Annex I).

### **Interfaith International**

40. At its 18th meeting, on 21 May 2012, the Committee heard a complaint by the representative of Pakistan, following a letter of complaint from the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations (see Annex II), concerning the organization Interfaith International, which had its consultative status suspended by a consensus decision in 2010 for two years by ECOSOC decision 2010/215. The representative of Pakistan explained that the organization had violated its suspension by organizing events and distributing fliers at the nineteenth session of the Human Rights Council, misrepresenting itself, including on its website, as an organization with consultative status. He added that the organization had also been reprimanded in the past by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for such behavior. He requested that the consultative status of the organization be withdrawn for flagrantly violating ECOSOC decision 2010/215 and misleading the UN system, Member States, and civil society. The Chief of the NGO Branch of DESA confirmed that the organization violated the terms of its suspension.

41. The representative of Belgium called on the Committee to give the organization the opportunity to respond, in accordance with article 15 of ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, and expressed a preference to move for suspension again. The representatives of China, Sudan, Senegal, Cuba, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Morocco, Turkey and Burundi supported the proposal by Pakistan. The representative of the United States, supported by Peru and Israel, requested more time to consider the complaint, hear from the organization, and take action during this session. The representative of Switzerland, speaking as an Observer State, also noted that article 56 in ECOSOC resolution 1996/31 granted the organization the right to reply. The representative of

Pakistan stated that though there were no provisions for such a right of reply in ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, but in order to satisfy the principles of transparency and due process, he was ready for a decision by the Committee after considering the reply of the concerned NGO.

42. At its 19th meeting, also on 21 May 2012, the Committee decided to convey a letter to the organization, and seek its response by 24 May 2012, inquiring why it had used a logo identifying itself as an organization with consultative status; if it had participated and organized side events at the 19th session of the Human Rights Council; to explain how it had participated and organized these activities while its status had been suspended; why its website continued to show that the organization was in consultative status while it was suspended; and if it considered these activities and acts to be in conformity with the ECOSOC decision 2010/215 and resolution 1996/31.

43. At its 27th meeting, on 25 May 2012, the Committee resumed its consideration of the complaint by Pakistan. It had reviewed the response received from the organization on its inquiry. The representative of Pakistan stated that the organization's response confirms that it had clearly violated the terms of its suspension. Therefore, in order to respect the decisions of the Committee and to ensure that the activities of all non-governmental organizations with consultative status are in accordance with the rules of procedure he called upon the Committee to withdraw the consultative status of the NGO in accordance with ECOSOC resolution 1996/31.

44. The Committee by a consensus decision recommended that the Council withdraw the status of the organization (see chap. I, draft decision II).

45. The representative of the United States stated that her delegation reluctantly joined consensus but that the United States did not believe the NGO's actions justified this extreme measure. The representative of Belgium stated that they believed withdrawal to be a disproportionate sanction, but joined consensus in respect of the few rules of the Committee.

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

46. At its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 21 May 2012, the Chair informed the Committee that the two-year suspension period of the consultative status of Centre Europe-tiers monde (Council decision 2010/221 of 19 July 2010) would expire in July 2012.

47. At the same meeting the Committee heard a statement by the representative of Turkey, concerning an organization suspended from consultative status with the Council, Centre Europe-tiers monde (see Annex III). He recalled the reasons for the consensus decision of the Committee suspending the consultative status of the organization; noted the letter of commitment from the organization submitted upon

the request of the Committee; and also noted that the website of the organization continued to violate resolution 1996/31. He stated that Turkey will not object to reinstatement of status, but demanded that the organization immediately take the necessary actions to ensure that reasons that led to the suspension would not repeat. Finally, he underlined that Turkey would be following carefully the activities of Centre Europe-tiers monde, and if this non-governmental organization, after the reinstatement of status is found to act in contrary to its commitments, to violate its obligations and responsibilities, and to repeat, but not limited to, a similar pattern of acts before the suspension, Turkey reserved the right to seek withdrawal or another suspension of the consultative status of the organization.

## **VII. Provisional agenda and documentation of the 2013 session of the Committee**

48. At its 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 31 May 2012, the Committee considered item 9 of its agenda and had before it the draft provisional agenda for its 2013 session (E/C.2/2012/L.1).

49. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council the following dates for the sessions in 2013: from 21 to 30 January, and on 8 February 2013 for its 2013 regular session and from 20 to 30 May and 7 June 2013 for its 2013 resumed session.

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

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

50. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2012 resumed session from 21 to 30 May and on 8 June. The Committee held 14 meetings.

### **B. Attendance**

51. 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 was issued in document E/C.2/2012/INF/1.

52. At its 2012 resumed session, the Committee heard six 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. Agenda

53. The agenda (E/C.2/2012/1) for the 2012 regular and resumed session 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 2014 session of the Committee.
10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

#### **D. Documentation**

54. The list of documents before the Committee at its 2012 resumed session will be issued in document E/C.2/2012/INF/2.

#### **IX. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2012 resumed session**

55. At its 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 30 May 2012, the Committee had before it 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.

56. At its 31<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 8 June 2012, the Committee adopted the present report.

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**Annex I****Ma'arij Foundation for Peace and Development****Letter dated 11 May 2012 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat**

I write to alert you about a very disturbing event held by the Ma'arij Foundation for Peace and Development – an organization that received its UN accreditation through the NGO Committee.

On 19 March 2012, the Ma'arij Foundation hosted a side event at the Human Rights Council's 19<sup>th</sup> Session in Geneva that featured Ismail al-Ashqar, a senior member of Hamas, which is recognized as a terrorist organization by numerous states.

Hamas systematically kills and tortures political opponents; uses children as human shields and suicide bombers; brutally subjugates women; and deliberately targets Israeli schools, synagogues and cities in continuous rocket attacks. The Hamas charter continues to call for the destruction of Israel – a UN Member State – and the genocide of the Jewish people. Giving Hamas this platform in Geneva, under the UN's auspices, made a complete mockery of the United Nations.

By hosting this event, the Ma'arij Foundation violated its obligation, under ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, to “conform at all times to the principles governing the establishment and nature of their consultative relations with the Council”.

The UN cannot serve as a platform to deliver messages of hate and incitement. In the face of the Ma'arij Foundation's flagrant breach of conduct, I kindly request that this official complaint be brought to the attention of the members of the UN Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations during the current Session held between 21- 30 May 2012.

(Signed) Haim **Waxman**  
Ambassador  
Deputy Permanent Representative

## Annex II

### Interfaith International

**Letter dated 15 May 2012 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**

This is with reference to the upcoming Resumed Session of the NGO Committee starting from 21-30 May 2012.

I would like to take this opportunity to convey that during this session Government of Pakistan would like to submit a Special Report for the consideration of the Committee Members concerning repeated misconduct by an NGO "Interfaith International" under agenda item 7.

In 2010, on the recommendation of the NGO Committee, ECOSOC had suspended the Consultative Status of Interfaith International for two years (ECOSOC decision 2010/215). It is important to recall that this decision was taken by consensus and one of the prime charges against this NGO were continued disregard for the UN rules and procedures for participation of NGOs in UN activities. Unfortunately, however, this suspension did not have any impact on the NGO, which has regrettably continued with its uncalled-for activities.

In March 2012, during the Nineteenth Session of the Human Rights Council, this NGO, in violation of the well-established rules for the NGOs participation in the UN activities, organized Side Events within UN premises and in complete disregard of the ECOSOC decision, openly distributed flyers of these events showing itself as an NGO with ECOSOC consultative status. Mr. Graves, Secretary General of this NGO even chaired and moderated one of these side events. Copies of the flyers of these events as well as the correspondence made between Pakistan Mission and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on this subject are attached for ready reference.

As you are well aware, according to paragraph 67 of ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31, participation in the UN activities and use of its facilities is reserved for NGOs with consultative status. This NGO not only breached this well established rule but also misled the UN system, Member States and the very community it belongs to i.e. civil society by portraying itself as a NGO with ECOSOC consultative status. This is not only a breach of existing UN rules of procedures for the participation of NGOs in its activities but a flagrant violation of the decision taken by ECOSOC.

Such misconduct cannot and should not be tolerated by the NGO Committee. We, therefore, would like to submit the case for the withdrawal of the consultative status of this NGO. Such a decision by this Committee is must to ensure respect and credibility of its decisions by the NGO Community as well as to ensure that participation of NGOs in UN activities are strictly regulated in accordance with the laid down rules and procedures.

I count on the wisdom of the respected members of the NGO Committee to wholeheartedly support this decision. My delegation remains at yours and other Committee Members disposal to answer further queries and questions, if any.

(Signed) Raza Bashir **Tarar**  
Acting Permanent Representative

### Annex III

#### Centre-Europe-tiers monde

##### **Statement delivered by the Representative of Turkey at the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 21 May 2012**

Madam Chairperson,  
Distinguished delegates,

Turkey appreciates the role and contributions of the NGOs in the field of human rights and welcomes the efforts of many NGOs to make positive and constructive contributions to the UN system. Turkey continues to extend its support to them in line with the importance it attaches to the promotion and protection of human rights since they further the cause of human rights both at the national and international level.

It is with the same understanding and expectation that some principles have been laid down in conjunction with the work of the NGOs in the UN system, as stipulated in relevant paragraphs of the ECOSOC resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996. In line with this resolution, the NGOs are unquestionably expected to observe the UN principles in their work.

At its 28th meeting of the resumed session in May 2010, this august Committee decided by consensus to recommend suspension for a period of two years of the consultative status of the organization "Centre Europe-tiers monde", which failed to conform with these principles and the basic requirements set out in Council resolution 1996/31 by disrespecting the territorial integrity and political unity of Turkey; undertaking unsubstantiated and politically motivated allegations against Turkey; inciting and condoning acts of terrorism against Members States of the United Nations and by becoming a propaganda vehicle for the PKK/Kongra-Gel, a terrorist organization responsible for the death of tens of thousands innocent people featuring on the lists of terrorist organizations of many countries and organizations.

Furthermore, the Committee had also decided to request the organization to submit a letter to the Committee, stating that it will 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. The Committee was made aware of the submission of this letter during its regular session.

Madam Chairperson,  
Distinguished delegates,

We welcome that by this consensus the Committee has clearly demonstrated its responsible and consistent attitude as regards the crucial importance of conforming with the principles and the basic requirements set out in Council resolution 1996/31.

We also take note of the fact that this organization sent a letter by which it pledged that it would respect and uphold the requirements stipulated under paragraph 55 of this resolution. We consider it a commitment for future undertakings.

Unfortunately, despite this commitment, the web site of this NGO continues to include materials in forms of i.e. statements or interventions, which had in fact led

the suspension its status, disrespecting UN terminology; claiming unsubstantiated and politically motivated allegations against Turkey, and moreover defending terrorists and international narcotics traffickers as “human rights defenders”.

Turkey will not object this time to the restitution of the status of CETIM / Centre Europe-tiers monde. Yet we expect that it abides by its formal commitment and take the necessary measures to ensure that reasons that caused the suspension would not repeat. Reminding its letter by which it states that it will conform at all times to the principles governing the establishment and nature of its consultative relations with the Council, we demand that it immediately undertakes necessary changes and deletions in its website in line with United Nations terminology.

Turkey will be following carefully CETIM’s activities and if this NGO, after the restitution of the status, is found to act in contrary to its commitment as set forth in its letter, to violate its obligations and responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations and the basic requirements set out in resolution 1996/31, and to repeat, but not limited to, a similar pattern of acts before the suspension, Turkish delegation reserves the right to seek the withdrawal of its status or another suspension.

Recalling lastly the function of the Committee to monitor that the NGOs and its representatives conform at all times to the principles governing the establishment and nature of its consultative relations with the Economic and Social Council, I request this statement be included in the official record of our meeting.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.