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Summary

At its 2014 resumed session, held from 19 to 28 May and on 6 June 2014, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 343 applications for consultative status, including applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 158 for consultative status, deferred 153 for further consideration at its regular session in 2015, closed consideration without prejudice of 29 applications that had failed to respond to queries over two consecutive sessions and took note of two non-governmental organizations that had withdrawn their applications. The Committee also had before it three requests for reclassification of consultative status: it recommended granting one of those requests and deferred its consideration of the other two. The Committee reviewed five requests for a change of name, and deferred two of those requests. It also had before it 164 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 129. The Committee heard 13 representatives of the 40 non-governmental organizations that attended the session.

The present report contains six 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 158 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 three non-governmental organizations;

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(d) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 129 non-governmental organizations, including new and deferred reports;

(e) Close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by 29 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions;

(f) Note the withdrawal of the applications of two non-governmental organizations;

(g) Decide not to grant consultative status to the non-governmental organization Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina.

By draft decision II, the Council would suspend, for a period of one year, the consultative status of 106 non-governmental organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision III, the Council would decide to reinstate the consultative status of 21 non-governmental organizations that had submitted their outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision IV, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of 129 non-governmental organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision V, the Council would approve the provisional agenda of the 2015 session of the Committee.

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

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

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 158 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

African Heritage Foundation Nigeria
 African Network for Environment and Economic Justice
 African Views Organization
 Afro-European Medical and Research Network
 All Christians Welfare Association
 All-Ukrainian Public Organization “Christian Rehabilitation Centers Association, for Drug- and Alcohol-addicted People”
 Allied Rainbow Communities International
 American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
 American Psychiatric Association
 Americans for Democracy and Human Rights in Bahrain
 Amity Foundation
 Arab Association for Human Rights
 Armenian Young Lawyers Association
 Asia Pacific Basin for Energy Strategies Association
 Asociación Española para el Derecho Internacional de los Derechos Humanos
 Asociación Interamericana para la Defensa del Ambiente
 Asociația Pakiv Romania
 Association africaine de l’eau
 Association des populations des montagnes du monde
 Association internationale des droits de l’homme
 Awesome Treasures Foundation
 Bakhtar Development Network Switzerland

Bible Hill Youth Club
Bibliothèques sans frontières
BioRegional Development Group
Blue Planet Project
British Columbia Civil Liberties Association
Cameroon Association for the Defence of the Victims of Accident
Casa Generalizia della Societa' del Sacro Cuore
Center for Global Nonkilling
Center for Health, Human Rights and Development
Center for Women and Development
Centre for African Israeli Friendship
Centre for Science in the Public Interest
Centre pour le développement socio-économique
Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú
Centro de los Derechos del Migrante
Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos
Clefsdufutur.org-ONG-CDF.org-Groupe G6
Club des jeunes aveugles réhabilités du Cameroun
Confédération des organisations familiales de l'Union européenne
Conselho Federal da Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil
Criminologists without Borders
Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association
Dialogue interreligieux monastique
Donne in Rete contro la Violenza
Eesti Naisteühenduste Ümarlaua Sihtasutus
End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes
Escuela Cultura de Paz
European Humanist Federation
Exodus Cry
F N Forbundet
Femienza North America
Fondation d'entreprise Sanofi espoir
Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Torino

Ford Foundation
Foundation for Amity and Nation Solidarity
Foundation for Released Prisoners
Friends of Farm Workers
Fund for the City of New York
Fundación Cooperadora de la Nutrición Infantil
Fundación Lonxanet para la Pesca Sostenible
Fundación Pro Humanae Vitae
Generation Initiative for Women and Youth Network
Getting Out By Going In
Gleichmass
Global Alert for Defence of Youth and the Less Privileged
Global Education Motivators
Global Footprint Network
Global South Watch
Global Voices
Grupo de Mujeres de la Argentina — Foro de VIH, Mujeres y Familia
Heungsadahn
Human First
Human Life International
IBON.International Foundation
IDEAS for Us
Initiative for Change
InnerCity Mission of Christ Embassy
Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies
Instituto da Criança
Istituto Humanitare
International Automotive Lighting and Light Signalling Expert Group
International Career Support Association
International Coalition of Historic Site Museums of Conscience
International Federation of Liberal Youth
International Justice Resource Center
International Mediation Institute
International Partnership for Human Rights

International Prison Chaplains' Association
International Women's Forum
Internet Association of Kazakhstan
Inwelle Study and Resource, Centre
Jeunesse technologie développement
Jewish Voice Ministries International
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Kanchi
Korea Differently Abled Federation
Kulturverein — IDEA Society
Labour, Health and Human Rights Development Centre
Lebanese American Renaissance Partnership
Lotus World
Martin und Gerda Essl Sozialpreis gemeinnützige Privatstiftung
Mines Advisory Group
Mobility International USA
National Association of Drug Court Professionals
National Seniors Australia
New Reality International
Non-Commercial Partnership on Joining of Creditors "World Organization of Creditors"
Onkod Relief and Development Organization
Operation Mercy
Organisation internationale pour les pays les moins avancés
Organizzazione Internazionale Protezione Animali
Pace University
Peace Brigades International Switzerland
Peace on Earth Advocacy Center
Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants
PLURIELS, Centre de consultations et d'études ethnopsychologiques pour migrants
Project Chernobyl
Pure in Heart — America
Raad Rehabilitation Goodwill Complex

Ray of Hope
Registered Trustees of the Friends of AIDS Support Trust
Research and Development Centre, Nepal
Réseau algérien pour la défense des droits de l'enfant
Réseau des organisations féminines d'Afrique francophone
Réseau international des droits humains
Réseau océan mondial
Save the Climat
Scientific Association of Youth Political Scientists
Sihtasutus Eesti Inimõiguste Keskus
Sillamäe Lastekaitse Ühing
Society of American Law Teachers
Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific
SpellAfrica Initiative
Stiftung Basel Agency for Sustainable Energy
Strategic Alignment of Like Minds
Sudanese Women Parliamentarians Caucus
Sun Charity USA
Sylvia Earle Alliance
Tanzania Development Support
Transdiaspora Network
Union des nations pour l'enseignement, la science universelle et les droits de l'homme
Universal Muslim Association of America
Vanier Institute of the Family
Vivegam Godfrey
Waterkeeper Alliance
Women and Law in Southern Africa Research and Educational Trust
Women Thrive Worldwide
Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church
World Future Council Foundation
World Justice Project
Yemen Family Care Association

Young Adult Institute
Youth Afrique Leadership Forum
Zala braviva
Zomi Innkuan USA
Zoological Society of London

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

Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development

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

Alliance Defense Fund (special, 2010) to Alliance Defending Freedom

Geneva Social Observatory (special, 2008) to Global Social Observatory

International Committee for Arab-Israeli Reconciliation (special, 2006) to International Committee for Peace and Reconciliation

(d) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 129 non-governmental organizations for the period 2009-2012, except where stated otherwise:¹

Action contre la faim

Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization

Agence internationale pour le développement

Airline Ambassadors International (2008-2011)

Aleut International Association

All India Shah Behram Baug Society for Scientific and Educational Research (2008-2011)

Alulbayt Foundation (2008-2011)

Arab Mexican Chamber of Industry and Commerce

Asia Pacific Network Information Centre

Asian Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Asia

Asociación Nacional Cívica Femenina

Association culturelle d'aide à la promotion éducative et sociale

Association for Women's Rights in Development

Association jeunesse action développement (2008-2011)

Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia and Far East of the Russian Federation

¹ The reports listed are for the period 2009-2012, with the exception of 21 reports for the 2008-2011 period, as indicated in the list with the dates in parentheses.

Association santé et environnement
Canadian Council of Churches
Canadian Environmental Network
Centre de formation aux techniques informatiques
Centre for Adivasee Studies and Peace
Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe
Child Foundation
Children of a Better Time
China Arms Control and Disarmament Association
China Environmental Protection Foundation
Christian Conference of Asia (2008-2011)
Comité d'action pour les droits de l'enfant et de la femme
Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative
Concerned Women for America
Council of International Programs
D.A.R.E. America
Droit à l'énergie SOS futur (2008-2011)
Environmental Defense Fund
Environmental Development Action in the Third World (2008-2011)
Equitas centre international d'éducation aux droits humains
Eurasian Harm Reduction Network
European AIDS Treatment Group
European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages
European Federation of Older Students at Universities (2008-2011)
Federation of Cuban Women
Federation of Islamic Medical Associations
Forum of Women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan
Foundation for International Training
Foundation for the American Indian
Foundation for the Rights of Future Generations
Fridtjof Nansen Institute
Fundación de Ayuda contra la Drogadicción
Generations United
Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS

Grameena Vikas Samithi
Huairou Commission
Human Rights Information and Training Center (2008-2011)
Humanitarian Foundation of Canada
Imperial Orthodox Palestine Society
Innu Council of Nitassinan
Institut arabe des droits de l'homme
Institute for Interreligious Dialogue (2008-2011)
Institute for War and Peace Reporting
Integrated Care Society
Inter-American Press Association
International Association for Impact Assessment
International Association of Judges
International Association of Women in Radio and Television
International Black Sea Club
International Center for Clubhouse Development
International Center Innovations in Civic Participation
International Critical Incident Stress Foundation
International Federation of Women in Legal Careers
International Planned Parenthood Federation
International Union of Socialist Youth
International Women Bond
Islamic Relief
Korea Women's Associations United
Korean Council for Local Agenda 21
Korean Foundation for World Aid
Kuwait Information Technology Society
Law Association for Asia and the Pacific
Links Incorporated (2008-2011)
Maharashtra Foundation
Mahila Dakshata Samiti (2008-2011)
Mediterranean Council for Burns and Fire Disasters
Mexican Foundation for Family Planning
Migrants Rights International

Mountain Institute (2008-2011)
Mountain Women Development Organization (2008-2011)
National Association of Cuban Economists
National Council for Research on Women
National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations
National Council of Women of Thailand (2008-2011)
National Tropical Botanical Garden
National Youth Council of Russia
New Zealand Family Planning Association
Nigeria-Togo Association (2008-2011)
Non-Governmental Organisations' Coordinating Committee (2008-2011)
Norwegian People's Aid
One World Trust (2008-2011)
Oxfam America
Partnership Africa Canada
Pax Romana
Peace Child International
Planetary Association for Clean Energy (2008-2011)
Project Keshar
Public Services International
Rodale Institute
Save the Children International
Sawiris Foundation for Social Development
Service for Peace (2008-2011)
Servitas Cameroon
Social Accountability International
Society for International Development
Swiss Peace Foundation
Tebtebba Foundation
Trauma Foundation
TRIAL: Track Impunity Always
Unión de Asociaciones Familiares
United for Intercultural Action
Verein Südwind Entwicklungspolitik

Vrienden van Congo
WebForce International
Wellesley Centers for Women
Widows Rights International
Women and Memory Forum
Women for Women International
Women's Health in Women's Hands
Women's International Democratic Federation
World Organization of Former Students of Catholic Education (2008-2011)
World Russian People's Council
World Trade Centers Association
Zonta International

(e) To close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following 29 non-governmental organizations after those organizations had failed, after three reminders over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to respond to queries posed to them by members of the Committee:

All-India Dhanak Organisation
Arab Center for the Development of the Rule of Law and Integrity
Asia Catalyst
Asociación Internacional de Juristas por el Sáhara Occidental
Center for Military Human Rights, Korea
Climate Parliament
Confederazione Italiana Sindacati Lavoratori
Database Center for North Korean Human Rights
Fundación Interamericana para el Desarrollo de la Gestión Social
Galdu Kompetansesenter for Urfolks Rettigheter
Gold Mercury International
Gusenghwe
Help Age India
Himalayan Consensus Institute
Kelab Belia Subang Jaya
Kitachosen Nanmin Kyuen Kikin
Maria and Liberdade Foundation
National Integrated and Development Association

Network for North Korean Democracy and Human Rights
 Right for Women's Network
 Royal Society of Chemistry
 Science House Foundation
 Small and Medium-Scale Entrepreneurship Fundamentals Foundation
 Tandana Foundation
 Teddy Bear Clinic for Abused Children
 University of Worcester
 Vieoeoii istaiga Žmogaus teisiu stebejimo institutas
 Women Right and Development Centre
 Youth Network on HIV/AIDS in Nigeria

(f) To note the withdrawal of the applications of two non-governmental organizations:

Fondation Alkarama
 Peace X Peace TR

(g) Decides not to grant consultative status with the Council to the non-governmental organization Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina.

Draft decision II

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 2014 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 2014, 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 106 non-governmental organizations listed below, and requests the Secretariat to advise the concerned organizations of their suspension.²

² The Committee acknowledged receipt of the quadrennial reports from three additional non-governmental organizations that submitted their reports after the 1 May 2014 deadline: Asociación de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Madres Irlandesas, Associação Brasileira de Gays, Lésbicas e Transgeneros and International Press Institute. Those reports will therefore be considered by the Committee at its regular session in January 2015 with a view to taking note of them.

Academy for Educational Development
Actions Solidaires de Soutien aux Organisations et d'Appui aux Libertés
Adelphi Research
African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies
African Community Resource Center
Africare
Aim for Human Rights
Ambassadors for Children
America Mideast Educational and Training Services
Asian Federation of Laryngectomees Association
Association for the Study of the World Refugee Problem
Association jeunesse culture loisirs technique
Association malienne d'initiatives et d'actions pour le développement
Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific
Association pour la collaboration globale
Association pour la protection de la nature et de l'environnement de Kairouan
Association pour la recherche sur la sclérose latérale amyotrophique et autres maladies du motoneurone
Association tunisienne des mères
Australian Reproductive Health Alliance
Aviation sans frontières
Center for Studies on Turkey
Centre d'animation, de formation, de recherche et d'appui au développement
Citizens for Decent Housing
Coalition nationale de Guinée pour les droits et la citoyenneté des femmes
Comité français des organisations non gouvernementales pour la liaison et l'information des Nations Unies
Consumers International
Coordination SUD
Crime Stoppers International
Democracy Coalition Project
DIYA All-Ukrainian Women's People's Democratic Association
Ecologic Institute for International and European Environmental Policy
Egyptian Red Crescent Society

Enfants du monde: droits de l'homme
Ensemble allons dans la paix
European Roma Rights Center
FATIMA Women's Network
Firooznia Charity Foundation
Fondation El Kef pour le développement regional
Fondation Maman Henriette Conte
Fundación de la Solidaridad y el Voluntariado de la Comunidad Valenciana
Fundación Mujeres en Igualdad
Fundación Red Deporte y Cooperación
GAVI Fund
General Arab Women Federation
Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
Global Cooperation Society
Human Rights Education Associates
Indian Movement "Tupaj Amaru"
Institute of Internal Auditors
International Air Transport Association
International Association of Prosecutors
International Centre for Ethnic Studies
International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights
International Commission of Jurists
International Council of Management Consulting Institutes
International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations
International Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse
International Islamic Federation of Student Organizations
International Justice Mission
International Maritime Committee
International Mediterranean Women's Forum
International Network of Alternative Financial Institutions
International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences
International Union of Building Centres
International Union of Technical Associations and Organisations

Istanbul International Brotherhood and Solidarity Association
Kenya Tuitakayo: Citizens Coalition for Constitutional Change
Kerala Rural Development Agency
League of Kenya Women Voters
Lebanese Association for Popular Action
Libera: Associazioni, Nomi e Numeri Contro le Mafie
Light and Hope Association for Blind Girls
Magnificat Environment
Marie Stopes International
Mediterranean Water Institute
Mouvement pour l'abolition de la prostitution et de la pornographie et de toutes formes de violences sexuelles et discriminations sexistes
National Aboriginal Forestry Association
National Abortion Federation
National Association for Protection of Environment and Green Egypt
National Fishworkers' Forum
National Society for Human Rights
Navjyoti India Foundation
Network of Women's Non-governmental Organizations in the Islamic Republic of Iran
Orbicom, réseau des chaires UNESCO en communication
Organisation tunisienne de l'éducation et de la famille
PARTAGE
Project Concern International
Rural Reconstruction Nepal
Safe Water African Community Initiative
Scouts musulmans algériens
Society for Development of Services in Heliopolis
Survivor Corps
Synergos Institute
Turkish Foundation for Children in Need of Protection
Union for Sustainable Return and Integrations in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Union Iberoamericana de Colegios y Agrupaciones de Abogados
Union of Luso-African-America-Asiatic Capital Cities

War Resisters International
Women's National Commission
World Assembly of Small and Medium Enterprises
World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation
World Confederation of Productivity Science
World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations
World LP Gas Association
Yemeni Women Union
Youth Association for Habitat and Agenda 21

Draft decision III
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 2013/222 of 18 July 2013, to reinstate the consultative status of the 21 non-governmental organizations listed below, which have submitted their outstanding quadrennial reports:³

Airline Ambassadors International
All India Shah Behram Baug Society for Scientific and Educational Research
Alulbayt Foundation
Association jeunesse action développement
Christian Conference of Asia
Droit à l'énergie SOSfutur
Environmental Development Action in the Third World
European Federation of Older Students at Universities
Human Rights Information and Training Center
Institute for Interreligious Dialogue
Links Incorporated
Mahila Dakshata Samiti
Mountain Institute

³ The Committee acknowledged receipt of the quadrennial report of the non-governmental organization Relief International, which was submitted after the 1 May 2014 deadline, with a view to considering it at its regular session in January 2015 in order to recommend to the Council reinstatement of the organization's consultative status. The status of the organization was suspended by the Council in July 2013 for one year, owing to non-submission of its overdue report for the 2008-2011 reporting period.

Mountain Women Development Organization
National Council of Women of Thailand
Nigeria-Togo Association
Non-Governmental Organizations' Coordinating Committee
One World Trust
Planetary Association for Clean Energy
Service for Peace
World Organization of Former Students of Catholic Education

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

Having confirmed at its resumed session in May 2014 that the Secretariat had reminded non-governmental organizations that had continued outstanding quadrennial reports of their reporting obligation and whose status had been suspended by the Council pursuant to Council decision 2013/223 of 18 July 2013, that it had advised them of the consequences of their further non-compliance after 1 May 2014 and that it had notified the permanent missions of the Member States in which the headquarters of such organizations are based of the final reminders, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4 of 21 July 2008 and recalling its decision 2013/223 of 18 July 2013, to withdraw immediately the consultative status of the 129⁴ non-governmental organizations listed below, and the Secretariat to advise the organizations concerned of this decision.

Action pour le développement de l'agriculture et de la pêche avec protection
environnementale de Likende
Actions on Gender, Citizenship and Development
Admiral Family Circle Islamic Community
Advisory Network for African Information Society
African Institute for Democracy
African Youth Network for Sustainable Development
Agudas Israel World Organization
Ahmedabad Women's Action Group

⁴ The Committee recommended removing the non-governmental organization Relief International from the list of organizations whose consultative status would be withdrawn and deferring, to the regular session in January 2015, consideration of the organization's quadrennial report for the period 2008-2011, with a view to recommending to the Council subsequent reinstatement of the organization's consultative status.

All About Social, Educational, Rights Foundation
Alliance for Marriage
American Society for Training and Development
Annai Educational Society
Asociación Internacional de Presupuesto Público
Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie
Association algérienne pour la planification familiale
Association coeur africain
Association femme et développement
Association for Sustainable Community Development
Association François-Xavier Bagnoud
Association nationale de volontariat "Touiza"
Association of Organizations for Social and Educational Assistance
Association Tunisie-méditerranée pour le développement durable
Association tunisienne de lutte contre les MST/SIDA
Association tunisienne de prévention de toxicomanie
Association tunisienne des auberges et tourisme de jeunes
Association tunisienne des femmes démocratiques
Association VERSeau Développement
Avocats sans frontières (France)
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Center for Development Services
Center for International Rehabilitation
Center for Victims of Torture
Centre béninois pour le développement des initiatives à la base
Centre for the Study of Administration of Relief
Centro de Información y Educación para la Prevención del Abuso de Drogas
Charitable Society for Social Welfare
Chernobyl Union International
Child Rights Action Coalition
Chilean Corporation for Children Youth Rights
Chintan Environmental Research and Action Group
Citizens' Movement for Environmental Justice
Collectif des organisations des jeunes solidaires du Congo — Kinshasa

Colonie des Pionniers de développement
Comité de Apoyo a los Trabajadores Agrícolas
Comité national d'entraide de la jeunesse et de l'enfance
Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility
Dogal Hayati Koruma Dernegi: Society for the Protection of Nature
DrugScope
Earthcorps
Fédération des organisations non-gouvernementales du Senegal
Federation of Balkan Turks and Associations for Emigrées
Forest Alliance of British Columbia
Foundation for Human Rights Initiative
Foundation Partners for Local Development
Fundación "8 de Marzo" para la Promoción de Mujeres y Jóvenes
Fundación Guayasamín
Fundación Huancavilca
Fundación Proyecto de Paz Mundial
Geriatrics Care Foundation of Pakistan
Global Fund for Children
Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group
Green Front of Iran
Health for Humanity
Hudson Institute
India Vision Foundation
Iniciativa Ciudadana ¡Basta Ya!
Institute for Environment and Development Studies (Friends of the Earth Bangladesh)
International Academy of Astronautics
International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates
International Astronautical Federation
International Centre for Study and Development
International Children's Dream Foundation
International Council of Prison Medical Services
International Criminal Defense Attorneys Association
International Metalworkers Federation

International Rural Housing Association
ISIS International (Chile)
Islamic Centre England
Ittijah: Union of Arab Community Based Associations
Jigyansu Tribal Research Centre
Junior Achievement Worldwide
Kenya Medical Women's Association
Knights of the Southern Cross (Australia)
Latin American Iron and Steel Institute
Lay Movement for Latin America
Learning and Development — Kenya
Life Institute
Ligue burundaise des droits de l'homme
Ligue pour l'éducation de la femme e de l'enfant
Lokmanya Public Charitable Trust
Morality in Media
National Association of University Women of Romania
National Coalition for Haitian Rights
National Women's Studies Association
Network of Human Development
NRO Frauenforum Entwicklungspolitisches Netzwerk
ODHIKAR
One World International
Organisation pour la promotion et la protection des droits de la femme et de l'enfant au Burundi
Peaceways: Young General Assembly
Physicians for Peace
Radin Institute for Family Health Education and Promotion
Reach the Children
Rehabilitation and Development Organization for Landless
Rencontres: International Association of French-speaking Anglicans and Episcopalians
Research Institute for Enhancing Women's Lives
Romanian Youth Association for United Nations

Russian Public Movement “For Civil Rights”
Santé de la reproduction pour une maternité sans risque
School of Human Genetics and Population Health
Scouts tunisiens
South-North Development Initiative
Thailand Environment Institute
Together Foundation for Global Unity
Turtle Island Restoration Network
Union of Arab Banks
Union of Kuwaiti Women Associations
Voluntary Action Network India
W. Haywood Burns Environmental Education Center
Women Action
Women Cultural Social Society
Women’s Rights Association against Discrimination
Women’s Rights Movement of the Philippines
Women’s Shadow Parliament (Kenya)
Women’s Solidarity Association of Iran
World Alliance of Reformed Churches
World Confederation of Teachers
World Organization for Education, Science and Development
World Vision Canada

Draft decision V
Dates and provisional agenda of the 2015 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Decides that the 2015 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from 26 January to 3 February and on 13 February, and its resumed session from 26 May to 3 June and on 12 June;

(b) Approves the provisional agenda of the 2015 session of the Committee as set out below.

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
 - (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;
 - (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;
 - (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:
 - (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;
 - (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:
 - (a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;
 - (b) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group;
 - (c) Other related matters.
7. Consideration of special reports.
8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.
9. Provisional agenda and documentation of the 2016 session of the Committee.
10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

Draft decision VI
Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2014 resumed session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2014 resumed session.

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

2. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, and 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 16th through 29th meetings, held from 19 to 28 May and on 6 June 2014. It had before it the following documents and conference room papers:

(a) Memorandums by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations ([E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.22-37](#));

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations for reclassification ([E/C.2/2014/R.3/Add.1](#));

(c) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held from 2008 through 2014 ([E/C.2/2014/CRP.7](#));

(d) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee ([E/C.2/2014/CRP.8](#));

(e) Memorandums by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations requesting a change of name ([E/C.2/2014/CRP.9](#) and [CRP.10](#)).

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

3. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from its previous sessions, at its 16th through 28th meetings, held from 19 to 28 May 2014. The Committee considered a total of 192 deferred applications for consultative status.

Applications recommended

4. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 58 non-governmental organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

African Network for Environment and Economic Justice

African Views Organization

All Christians Welfare Association

Allied Rainbow Communities International

Arab Association for Human Rights

Asociación Española para el Derecho Internacional de los Derechos Humanos

Association des populations des montagnes du monde
Bible Hill Youth Club
British Columbia Civil Liberties Association
Cameroon Association for the Defence of the Victims of Accident
Casa Generalizia della Societa' del Sacro Cuore
Center for Global Nonkilling
Center for Health, Human Rights and Development
Clefsdufutur.org-ONG-CDF.org-Groupe G6
Club des jeunes aveugles réhabilités du Cameroun
Conselho Federal da Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil
Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association
Dialogue interreligieux monastique
European Humanist Federation
F N Forbundet
Ford Foundation
Foundation for Amity and Nation Solidarity
Foundation for Released Prisoners
Generation Initiative for Women and Youth Network
Global South Watch
Grupo de Mujeres de la Argentina — Foro de VIH, Mujeres y Familia
Human Life International
IDEAS for Us
Initiative for Change
InnerCity Mission of Christ Embassy
International Career Support Association
International Coalition of Historic Site Museums of Conscience
International Federation of Liberal Youth
International Justice Resource Center
International Mediation Institute
International Partnership for Human Rights
International Prison Chaplains' Association
International Women's Forum
Internet Association of Kazakhstan
Jewish Voice Ministries International

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Korea Differently Abled Federation
Labour, Health and Human Rights Development Centre
Lebanese American Renaissance Partnership
Mobility International USA
Operation Mercy
Organizzazione Internazionale Protezione Animali
Pure in Heart — America
Ray of Hope
Réseau international des droits humains
Strategic Alignment of Like Minds
Union des nations pour l'enseignement, la science universelle et les droits de l'homme
Vivegam Godfrey
Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church
World Future Council Foundation
Yemen Family Care Association
Zala briviba
Zoological Society of London

Applications deferred

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 102 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2014 resumed session:

Action on Armed Violence
Active Help Organization
Advocates for International Development
AFD International Belgium
African Rights Initiative International
Afrikaanse Forum vir Burgerregte
Akshaya Patra Foundation
Al-Dameer Association for Supporting Prisoners and Human Rights
Al-Marsad, Arab Centre for Human Rights in the Golan Heights
All-Ukrainian Association of Civil Organizations "Union of Armenians of Ukraine"

Ambedkar Center for Justice and Peace
APMM Company
Asia Center for Human Rights
Asia Journalist Association
Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention
Assyrian National Congress
Avocats sans frontières
Bahrain Young Ladies Association
Boy With a Ball Ministries
Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara Occidental
Business and Professional Women Voluntary Organization — Sudan
Center for Constitutional Rights
Center for Media and Peace Initiative
Child Rights Information Network
Christian Solidarity Worldwide
Collectif des familles de disparu(e)s en Algérie
Committee to Protect Journalists
Congrès national des arméniens occidentaux
Earth Charter Associates
ECCO2 Corp
ELA-Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Género
Equal Rights Trust
F W de Klerk Foundation Trust
Freedom from Hunger
Freedom Now
Geneva Institute for Human Rights
Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health
Global Network for Rights and Development
HAQ: Centre for Child Rights
Hokok Coalición Internacional contra la Impunidad
India Media Centre
Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya
Institute for Human Rights and Business

Institute of Development Studies
International Association of Genocide Scholars
International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons
International Dalit Solidarity Network
International Falcon Movement — Socialist Educational International
International Green Economy Association
International Human Rights Commission Relief Fund Trust
Internationale Vrije Vrouwen Stichting
Iran Human Rights Documentation Center
Islamic African Relief Agency
Islamic Research and Information Artistic and Cultural Institute
James Madison University
Jewish Renaissance Foundation
Kasheer Foundation
Korean Bar Association
Kuki Organization For Human Rights Trust
Leadership Foundation
Let's Breakthrough
Mother Helpage (UK)
Muslim Aid
Muslim Hands
National Center for Civil and Human Rights
National Secular Society
National Women's Welfare Society Darwha
New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative
New World Hope Organization
Nigerian Diaspora Youths Movement for Peace and Development International
Organization
North Korea Intellectuals Solidarity
Palestinian Return Centre
Palpung Munishasan Dharmachakra Sangh
Peace and Hope International
Peer Consultants
Population Matters

Profesionales por la Ética
 Rehabilitators
 Scandinavian Institute for Human Rights Norway
 Segretariato Permanente dei Premi Nobel per la Pace
 Shah Maqem Trust
 Sheikh Eid Bin Mohammad Al Thani Charitable Association
 Simons Foundation
 Skyian Welfare Organization
 Sonke Gender Justice Network
 Stichting Global Human Rights Defence
 Stichting War Child
 Survivor's Network of those Abused by Priests
 Swadhikar
 Treatment and Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture
 United Hatzalah
 United Sikhs
 Virtual Activism
 West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation
 Women Living under Muslim Laws — International Solidarity Network
 Women's Information Center
 World Association for al-Azhar Graduates
 Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America
 Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights
 Youth Foundation of Bangladesh
 Youth of European Nationalities
 Zaka Rescue and Recovery

Allied Rainbow Communities International

6. At its 20th meeting, on 21 May, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Allied Rainbow Communities International.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Morocco posed a question to the organization as to whether the organization believed that sexual orientation or gender identity was a universal right stipulated in international human rights instruments. His question was followed by a statement by the representative of Belgium who stated that, given the history and experience of the Committee not to grant status to a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender organization, it was not necessary to wait several sessions before coming to the conclusion that the

organization would be blocked for reasons unrelated to Council resolution 1996/31. Additionally, the Government of Canada had affirmed that the organization's work in combating discrimination would contribute in many ways to the work of the Council. The representative of Belgium requested action to recommend granting the organization consultative status, under rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council. The representative of the Russian Federation, supported by the representative of Morocco, pointed out that the application of the organization had only been on the agenda of the Committee for a year and that the fact that a member had called for a vote after another member had posed questions to the organization was alarming. In the light of that, the Russian Federation requested that the representative of Belgium withdraw his request for a vote. The representative of Belgium did not withdraw his request, and the Chair proceeded with the vote.

8. The non-governmental organization was recommended for consultative status by a roll-call vote of 7 to 6, with 1 abstention. Fourteen of the 19 members of the Committee were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Belgium, Bulgaria, Israel, Peru, Turkey, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Against:

China, Morocco, Mozambique, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan.

Abstaining:

India.

Absent:

Burundi, Cuba, Kyrgyzstan, Nicaragua, Pakistan.

9. The voting was followed by statements from Member States. The representative of Pakistan, supported by the representatives of the Sudan and Morocco, insisted that he had entered the room before the vote had closed and that he should thus have been allowed to take part in the vote. The Chair explained that it was a roll-call vote and that each delegation had to be present in the room when their name was called. The representative of the Russian Federation explained that his delegation had voted against the organization being granted consultative status because what had happened that day had set a precedent since a member of the Committee had asked for a vote suddenly, without allowing any time for other members to consider the application. It was a blow to the trust held in the work of the Committee, which would take years to regain. He also wondered what legal instrument was available for dealing with a situation where a member of the Committee was present in the room but did not have a chance to vote. The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela stated that since consensus had not been reached, his delegation had voted in favour of the organization because his country's domestic legislation prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation and economic, social or other grounds. The representative of Israel expressed confidence that the organization would contribute to the work of the Council. The representative of China stressed that consensus should remain the main working method of the Committee and called on its members to pursue consultations rather than to resort to a vote.

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

10. At its 24th meeting, on 23 May, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara Occidental.

11. At the same meeting, the representative of Morocco stated that the organization, in its replies to questions posed in the previous session of the Committee had, instead of focusing on the promotion and protection of human rights, once again attacked the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Morocco and addressed many issues outside the purview of the Council. The representative of Morocco further expressed the view that the organization was using the pretext of human rights to engage in politically motivated activities against Morocco and was interfering in the internal affairs of the country, thereby violating Council resolution 1996/31.

12. The observer for Algeria raised a point of order and expressed the view that the representative of Morocco was politicizing the work of the Committee. Morocco also raised a point of order and responded that the Moroccan delegation had always urged the organization in question not to get involved in controversial areas that were the purview of the Security Council and not of the Economic and Social Council. Morocco reiterated the request that the application be closed by consensus, which the representative of the United States of America opposed. The representative of the United States stressed that her delegation was a strong supporter of civil society and expressed the view that the organization met the criteria for accreditation set forth in Council resolution 1996/31. She stressed that her country's support for the application did not reflect a political stance on the question of Western Sahara. The representative of Morocco agreed that there was no consensus to close the application.

13. As a result of the discussion, questions were posed to the organization by the representatives of Morocco and Senegal and consideration of the application was deferred until the next session.

Congrès national des arméniens occidentaux

14. Also at its 24th meeting, on 23 May, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Congrès national des arméniens occidentaux.

15. At the same meeting, the representative of Turkey posed questions on the activities of the organization, which were followed by a statement by the observer of Armenia. In his statement, the observer of Armenia highlighted the organization's important contribution to and engagement with the United Nations and regretted that a Committee member continued to exercise a selective and discriminatory approach to considering applications from civil society groups and repeatedly posed questions to the Armenian diaspora organizations. He reiterated the call for a constructive and impartial approach to considering the organization's application.

16. The representative of Turkey expressed his country's willingness to debate issues related to reconciliation in a spirit of tolerance, empathy and understanding and encouraged the organization to continue its engagement in Turkey. He also noted that the website of the organization raised a doubt that the organization upheld the principles of territorial integrity and sovereignty as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. He emphasized that Turkey had traditionally adopted a

constructive and impartial approach with regard to the participation of non-governmental organizations in United Nations activities. He added that it was normal to ask for clarifications from organizations in the early stages of their applications. The representative of Turkey stated that Turkey did not block non-governmental organizations from Armenia and was ready to engage with all Member States whose non-governmental organizations were under consideration. Questions were posed to the organization, and the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights

17. At its 25th meeting, on 23 May, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights.

18. At the same meeting, the representative of Morocco expressed concern regarding the organization's financial reports and requested clarification about previously discussed financial transactions. The representative of Belgium noted with regret that over the past sessions, several organizations which were active in the field of sexual and reproductive rights had been systematically deferred, including the organization in question. The representative of Belgium recalled that the Committee should take into account the full diversity of non-governmental organizations, as stated in Council resolution 1996/31. The representative of Belgium expressed the belief that the organization met the criteria for consultative status with the Council, as outlined in the resolution, and that it would make a valuable contribution to the work of Council, in particular with regard to the empowerment of women and girls. Finally, she stated that the organization's application had been considered by the Committee over several sessions and that the organization had answered numerous questions. She stated that Belgium thus requested immediate action to recommend the granting of consultative status to the organization, under rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council.

19. The representative of Morocco stated that his delegation was raising a legitimate question regarding the financial transactions of the organization, which would be clarified in a soon-to-be completed financial statement from the organization. The representative of the Sudan expressed his support for the points raised by Morocco. The representative of the Sudan also raised a procedural point, noting the customary practice of granting time for consultations within the Committee and with capitals before going to a vote.

20. The observer for Canada noted that the organization had submitted its application many years ago and had responded conscientiously to the questions posed by the Committee. The observer for Canada therefore stated that Canada would support granting consultative status to the organization. The representative of Israel expressed her delegation's satisfaction with the responses provided by the organization and supported Belgium's request for a vote. The representative of Morocco reiterated the request to defer the application. The representative of the Sudan expressed the view that delegations were being pushed to give consultative status to an organization in the face of the unresolved concerns of some Committee members and noted with concern that this could become a precedent in the proceedings of the Committee. The representative of Pakistan stated that the reason his delegation might vote against granting consultative status to the organization

was due to apparent contradictions in the organization's answers to questions posed by the Committee, as well as its name.

21. The result of the roll-call vote was 7 to 7, with 1 abstention. Fifteen of the 19 members of the Committee were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

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

Against:

China, Morocco, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan.

Abstaining:

Kyrgyzstan.

Absent:

Burundi, Cuba, Mozambique, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

22. As a result of the vote, the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Application not recommended

Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina

23. At the 23rd meeting, on 22 May, the delegation of Cuba delivered a statement raising several objections regarding the non-governmental organization Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina (Fundación CADAL). The representative of Cuba stated that the Chair and Director General of the organization, Gabriel Salvia, had relations with Cuban-American terrorist organizations located in Florida (United States), such as "Directorio Democrático Cubano", and that one of its members, Orlando Gutiérrez Boronat, was a member of two organizations that had perpetrated terrorist acts against Cuba. In one of those groups, "Organización para la Liberación de Cuba", Boronat had collaborated with Pedro Crispín Remón who, in accordance with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), had killed a Cuban diplomat, Félix García, in New York in 1980 and was linked to the murder of the Cuban emigrant José Luis Negrín in New Jersey. In addition, Salvia maintained a relationship with Ángel de Fana, who was involved in attempts on the life of the President Hugo Chávez.

24. The representative of Cuba further denounced the subversive activities and continued trajectory of the organization against Cuba and other Governments: Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Ecuador and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). In the same vein, the representative of Cuba stated that the organization had covered up the actions undertaken by elements financed by foreign Governments which promoted internal subversion and regime change in Cuba. According to its application, 71 per cent of its financing was being provided by the National Endowment for Democracy, an agency financed by the Government of the United States for the execution of the main guidelines of its foreign policy. The website of the National Endowment for Democracy confirmed that the Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina receives funds to execute subversive projects in Cuba, a trend that has continued in the past few years.

25. Last, the representative of Cuba expressed that the objective of the organization was to undertake acts that were clearly against the spirit of the Charter,

including politically motivated actions against Member States. Therefore, the organization did not fulfil the requirements established by the Council in resolution 1996/31 and should not be granted consultative status with the Council since it would not contribute in a positive and effective manner to the work of the United Nations.

26. The representatives of China, Nicaragua, the Russian Federation, Senegal, the Sudan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and the observers of Bolivia (Plurinational State of) and Ecuador expressed support for the Cuban representative.

27. At the 23rd meeting, on 22 May, the delegation of Cuba requested that the Committee take action on the application by the end of the resumed session in accordance with the due process established by the Council in the resolution 1996/31 and with the purpose of giving delegations sufficient time for consulting capitals.

28. At its 28th meeting, on 28 May, the Committee again considered the application of the non-governmental organization Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina.

29. At the same meeting, the Committee reviewed a response received on 26 May 2014 to questions posed to the organization on 22 May, in accordance with paragraph 15 of resolution 1996/31 (see annex I). The representative of Cuba stated that her delegation considered that the response received from the organization confirmed that the organization's activities undermined the principles of the Charter and that the organization was therefore not in compliance with the provisions of resolution 1996/31.

30. The delegation of Cuba thus requested immediate action on a decision as to whether the Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to the organization, under rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council. The representative of Israel stated her understanding that the delegation of Cuba had asked for the application to be closed. She added that in past precedents, when the Committee had asked for status to be granted, and the vote had not successful, the Committee had not closed the application but had deferred it.

31. The representative of the United States stated that the United States was a strong supporter of civil society worldwide, including its full participation in relevant international forums. The United States delegation believed that granting consultative status to as many credible non-governmental organizations as possible through the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations was essential for amplifying their voices. Resolution 1996/31 included a broad list of criteria for organizations to meet in order to merit being granted consultative status with the Council. The United States delegation believed that the organization in question met that criteria. United States support of the organization's application for consultative status did not reflect a position on political issues. The representative of the United States expressed the view that consideration of the application should be deferred until the next session to allow the organization a reasonable opportunity to respond to the allegations made against it.

32. The non-governmental organization was not recommended for consultative status by a roll-call vote of 10 to 3, with 3 abstentions. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 16 votes were cast, and 13 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Bulgaria, Israel, United States of America.

Against:

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

Abstaining:

Belgium, Morocco, Peru.

Absent:

Kyrgyzstan, Mozambique, Turkey.

33. A statement was made after the vote by the representative of Belgium. The representative of Belgium expressed disappointment that there had not been more time to study the application. The delegation of Belgium had chosen to abstain owing to the allegations made and views expressed by other countries.

34. The representative of the United States stated that the United States delegation accepted the result of the vote against consultative status being granted to the organization. The United States delegation believed that the question put to vote — “Does the Committee wish to grant consultative status to the NGO Fundación CADAL?” — did not imply that the application would be closed. The United States viewed the vote, as formulated by the question, was that the Committee did not wish to recommend the granting of consultative status to the organization at the time of the vote. Closure of the application was not implied, and the application should be deferred. The United States delegation further also believed that if closure of the application were desired, language containing that intent should have been presented to the Committee to be voted upon. The application should be deferred.

35. As a result of the vote, the Committee decided not to grant consultative status to the organization.

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

36. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 16th through 19th meetings, held on 19 and 20 May. The Committee considered a total of 151 new applications for consultative status.

New applications recommended

37. Of the 151 non-governmental organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 100 should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

African Heritage Foundation Nigeria

Afro-European Medical and Research Network

All-Ukrainian Public Organization “Christian Rehabilitation Centers Association for Drug- and Alcohol-addicted People”

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
American Psychiatric Association
Americans for Democracy and Human Rights in Bahrain
Amity Foundation
Armenian Young Lawyers Association
Asia Pacific Basin for Energy Strategies Association
Asociación Interamericana para la Defensa del Ambiente
Asociatia Pakiv Romania
Association africaine de l'eau
Association internationale droits de l'homme
Awesome Treasures Foundation
Bakhtar Development Network Switzerland
Bibliothèques sans frontières
BioRegional Development Group
Blue Planet Project
Center for Women and Development
Centre for African Israeli Friendship
Centre for Science in the Public Interest
Centre pour le développement socio-économique
Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú
Centro de los Derechos del Migrante
Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos
Confédération des organisations familiales de l'Union européenne
Criminologists without Borders
Donne in Rete contro la Violenza
Eesti Naisteühenduste Ümarlaua Sihtasutus
End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes
Escuela Cultura de Paz
Exodus Cry
Femienza North America
Fondation d'entreprise Sanofi espoir
Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Torino
Friends of Farm Workers

Fund for the City of New York
Fundación Cooperadora de la Nutrición Infantil
Fundación Lonxanet para la Pesca Sostenible
Fundación Pro Humanae Vitae
Getting Out By Going In
Gleichmass
Global Alert for Defence of Youth and the Less Privileged
Global Education Motivators
Global Footprint Network
Global Voices
Heungsadahn
Human First
IBON International Foundation
Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies
Instituto da Criança
Istituto Humanitare
International Automotive Lighting and Light Signalling Expert Group
Inwelle Study and Resource Centre
Jeunesse technologie développement
Kanchi
Kulturverein — IDEA Society
Lotus World
Martin und Gerda Essl Sozialpreis gemeinnützige Privatstiftung
Mines Advisory Group
National Association of Drug Court Professionals
National Seniors Australia
New Reality International
Non-Commercial Partnership on Joining of Creditors “World Organization of Creditors”
Onkod Relief and Development Organization
Organisation internationale pour les pays les moins avancés
Pace University
Peace Brigades International Switzerland
Peace on Earth Advocacy Center

Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants
PLURIELS, Centre de consultations et d'études ethnopsychologiques pour migrants
Project Chernobyl
Raad Rehabilitation Goodwill Complex
Registered Trustees of the Friends of AIDS Support Trust
Research and Development Centre, Nepal
Réseau algérien pour la défense des droits de l'enfant
Réseau des organisations féminines d'Afrique francophone
Réseau océan mondial
Save the Climat
Scientific Association of Youth Political Scientists
Sihtasutus Eesti Inimõiguste Keskus
Sillamäe Lastekaitse Ühing
Society of American Law Teachers
Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific
SpellAfrica Initiative
Stiftung Basel Agency for Sustainable Energy
Sudanese Women Parliamentarians Caucus
Sun Charity USA
Sylvia Earle Alliance
Tanzania Development Support
Transdiaspora Network
Universal Muslim Association of America
Vanier Institute of the Family
Waterkeeper Alliance
Women and Law in Southern Africa Research and Educational Trust
Women Thrive Worldwide
World Justice Project
Young Adult Institute
Youth Afrique Leadership Forum
Zomi Innkuan USA

New applications deferred

38. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 51 non-governmental organizations pending receipt of questions posed by the Committee to the organizations during its 2014 resumed session:

Access Now
Africa Unite
AGE Platform Europe
Apne Aap Women's Collective
Assyrian Aid Society of America
Azad Foundation
Center for Religion and Diplomacy
Centre catholique international de Genève
Centre Zagros pour les droits de l'homme
Comité Permanente por la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos
Computer and Communications Industry Association
Coordination des associations et des particuliers pour la liberté de conscience
Dalit Foundation — Ahmedabad
Droits de l'homme sans frontières
European Health Psychology Society
Fundación Alisos
Fundación Centro Latinoamericano de Derechos Humanos
Genre en action
Good Helpers
Hizmet Relief
International Ombudsman Institute
Islamic Medical Association of North America
Kiyana Karaj Group
Kokkyo naki Kodomotachi
Korea Green Foundation
Lawfare Project
Legal Resources Centre
Medsin-UK
Middle East Children's Institute
Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus

National Development Youth Club, Jaran Wali Gali Poonch
National Organization for Marriage Education Fund
National Shooting Sports Foundation
Nobel Women's Initiative
Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays
People for Equality and Relief in Lanka
Perpetual Succour for Women & Children Initiative
Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina Asociación Civil
Rural Development Institute
Scientific Committee on Solar-Terrestrial Physics
Senos Ayuda
Sikh Human Rights Group
Skillshare International (India) Trust
Stichting Samenwerkingsverband IKV — Pax Christi
Stichting Soham Baba Mission
Trennungsväter
Tripura Foundation
Tronie Foundation
Warbe Development Foundation
Women's Freedom Forum
Zimbabwe Women Resources Centre and Network

Requests for reclassification

39. At its 21st meeting, on 21 May, the Committee considered three requests for reclassification of consultative status, which included two new requests for reclassification, contained in document [E/C.2/2014/R.3/Add.1](#), and one deferred request for reclassification, contained in document [E/C.2/2014/CRP.8](#). It decided to recommend the reclassification of one non-governmental organization from the Roster to special consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)).

40. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application for reclassification of status of the following two non-governmental organizations:

Convention of Independent Financial Advisors
World Council for Curriculum and Instruction

Requests for a change of name

41. At its 26th meeting, on 27 May, the Committee considered three new requests by non-governmental organizations in consultative status for a change of name, as contained in document [E/C.2/2014/CRP.9](#).

42. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of two of the organizations, Global Social Observatory and International Committee for Peace and Reconciliation, and deferred the request of the third, International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)).

43. Also at the same meeting, the Committee considered two deferred requests by non-governmental organizations in consultative status for a change of name, as contained in document [E/C.2/2014/CRP.10](#). The Committee decided to take note of the request of one of the organizations, Alliance Defending Freedom, and deferred the request of the other, Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement.

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

44. At its 26th meeting, on 27 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 2000-2012, which had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (see [E/C.2/2014/CRP.15](#)). Of the 34 reports, the Committee took note of the report of the following non-governmental organization (included in chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)).

Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (2009-2012)

45. Also at its 26th meeting, the Committee decided to defer further consideration of the 33 deferred quadrennial reports of the following 26 non-governmental organizations:

Amnesty International (2008-2011)

Armenian Assembly of America (2007-2010)

Asociatia Pro Democratia (2007-2010)

Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir (2009-2012)

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

EarthRights International (2008-2011)

France libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2007-2010)

Freedom House (2007-2010)

Global Environmental Action (2009-2012)

Human Rights First (2007-2010)
Human Rights Watch (2009-2012)
International Development Enterprises (India) (2009-2012)
International Federation of Journalists (2005-2008, 2009-2012)
International PEN (2006-2009)
International Press Institute (2001-2004, 2005-2008)
International Shinto Foundation (2009-2012)
International Union of Socialist Youth (2005-2008)
National Council of Women of Thailand (2000-2003)
Reporters sans frontières international (2005-2008, 2009-2012)
Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights (2009-2012)
Simply Help (2009-2012)
Society for Threatened Peoples (2001-2004, 2005-2008)
Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (2007-2010)
Syriac Universal Alliance (2007-2010)
Ukrainian World Congress (2003-2006, 2007-2010)
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (2009-2012)

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

46. At its 26th meeting, on 27 May, the Committee considered agenda item 4 (b), Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council. It had before it notes by the Secretary-General containing 130 new quadrennial reports (see [E/C.2/2014/2/Add.22-28](#) and [E/C.2/2014/CRP.11](#)). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 128 of those organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)) and decided to defer consideration of the reports of the following two:

Society for Threatened Peoples (2009-2012)
Women for Women's Human Rights — New Ways (2009-2012)

47. At its 26th meeting, on 27 May, the Committee took note of the late submission of quadrennial reports of the following four non-governmental organizations and noted that those reports would be considered at its 2015 regular session in January 2015:^{2,3}

Asociación de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Madres Irlandesas
Associação Brasileira de Gays, Lesbicas e Transgeneros
International Press Institute
Relief International

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

48. At its 26th meeting, on 27 May, the Committee considered agenda item 6 (c), Other related matters. The Secretariat informed the Committee that it had sent several notifications to non-governmental organizations that had not fulfilled the requirement to submit their quadrennial reports for the period 2009-2012 by 1 June 2013, 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.

49. In that regard, the Committee adopted a draft decision recommending that the Council suspend, for a period of one year, the consultative status of 106 non-governmental organizations that had failed to submit quadrennial reports by 1 May 2014, in accordance with the guidelines set out in Council resolution 2008/4 (see chap. I, draft decision II). The Committee further requested the Secretariat to advise the organizations concerned 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 owing to non-submission of their quadrennial reports

50. At its 26th meeting, on 27 May, in accordance with Council resolution 2008/4 and Council decision 2013/222, the Committee decided to recommend reinstatement of the consultative status of 21 non-governmental organizations upon receipt of their pending quadrennial reports prior to the termination of the suspension period (see chap. I, draft decision III).

51. The following non-governmental organizations had failed to submit their quadrennial reports for the period 2008-2011 by 1 May 2013: Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations, Global Action Plan International and Fondation connaissance et liberté. As a result, the consultative status of all three had been suspended by the Council in July 2013 for a period of one year, through July 2014. The reports were subsequently submitted by the organizations and presented to the Committee at its regular session in January 2014, and the Committee took note of them (see [E/2014/32](#) (Part I) chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)). While the Council had endorsed the recommendations of the Committee, the consultative status of the three organizations will be formally reinstated upon approval by the Council in July, at the conclusion of the period of suspension.

E. Withdrawal of consultative status of non-governmental organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports

52. At the 26th meeting, on 27 May, the Secretariat informed the Committee that it had sent several notifications to non-governmental organizations that were already on the list of organizations suspended for one year owing to outstanding quadrennial

reports, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4. It also informed the Committee that it had failed to receive any response from 129 of those organizations and 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.

53. Accordingly, the Committee decided to recommend that the Council withdraw the consultative status of the 129 non-governmental organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports, in accordance with the guidelines set out in Council resolution 2008/4, and recalled Council decision 2013/223 (see chap. I, draft decision IV). The Committee requested the Secretariat to advise the concerned organizations of the withdrawal of their consultative status and to accordingly 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

54. At its 16th meeting, on 19 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: 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; and agenda item 8, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network. It also heard oral reports made by the Secretariat.

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

55. At the 16th meeting, on 19 May, the Chair of the Committee announced that in preparation for the question and answer session every afternoon, the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch would make available to the Committee a list of all the non-governmental organizations that had registered to participate at the session. The representatives of organizations on the list who were present in the room would be called to the podium beginning at 5 p.m., on a first-come-first-served basis, in order to enable everyone to have a fair chance of being heard by the Committee.

Recommendations for improving the working methods of the Committee

56. Delegations requested more time in which to consider the issues that could contribute to improving the working methods of the Committee. Informal consultations would be held to address those issues at a later stage.

57. In a concluding statement made at the 28th meeting of the Committee, on 28 May, the representative of Belgium acknowledged that the Committee had made progress and that there had been overall improvement over previous sessions in the rate of granting consultative status. However, she regretted that the Committee had again deferred many applications for further consideration. The Belgian delegation was concerned that non-governmental organizations working in the fields of sexual and reproductive rights, women's rights, gender equality, freedom of expression and minority rights had again been targeted, and she called on the future Committee members to take into account the full diversity of non-governmental organizations, pursuant to resolution 1996/31. It was the responsibility of the Committee to ensure that the process for granting consultative status was fair, expeditious and non-discriminatory.

Other related matters

58. At the 16th meeting, on 19 May, the representative of Belgium, supported by the representative of Israel, expressed concern about the unilateral decision of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to stop the meeting coverage of the work of the Committee. She stated that it was still within the Department's mandate to provide meeting coverage and that press release coverage was crucial for the sake of transparency, accountability and institutional memory. In fact, many non-governmental organizations relied on those press releases, and the Secretariat should offer them the necessary facilities and information; it was an obligation set out in Council resolution 1996/31.

59. The representative of the United States also expressed concern about the unilateral decision of the Department of Public Information to stop the meeting coverage of the work of the Committee. She stated that the coverage was crucial to transparency and accountability, as well as to providing an accurate reflection of what occurred in the room. Coverage of the process was crucial for Member States and non-governmental organizations that were not able to be present to understand what decisions were taken by the Committee. She stated that it was within the Department's mandate to provide meeting coverage; in fact, it was an obligation, as set out in Council resolution 1996/31. She reminded the room that many non-governmental organizations relied on those press releases and that the Secretariat should therefore provide access to the necessary information.

60. The Committee decided to send a letter in that regard to the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information (see annex II).

Statements by non-governmental organizations at the 2014 session of the Council

61. At its 16th meeting, held on 19 May, the Committee took note of the requests submitted by the following 22 non-governmental organizations in consultative status to be heard by the Council at its 2014 session (see [E/2014/C.2/CRP.16](#)):

Abiodun Adebayo Welfare Foundation (special, 2012)

All-Russian Public Organization of Disabled People with Multiple Sclerosis (special, 2012)

Alliance Defense Fund (special, 2010)

Asabe Shehu Yar Adua Foundation (special, 2012)

Association de défense des droits de l'homme (special, 2011)
Barinu Institute for Economic Development (special, 2013)
European Disability Forum (special, 2003)
Federación Internacional de Asociaciones de Ayuda Social Ecológica y Cultural (special, 2007)
Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi (general, 2012)
Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society (special, 2010)
International Federation of Journalists (special, 1953)
International Movement ATD Fourth World (general, 1991)
International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (special, 2000)
Interregional Union of Life Help for Mentally Handicapped Persons "Sail of Hope" (special, 2002)
Legião da Boa Vontade (general, 1999)
Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Education Fund (special, 2013)
Society to Support Children Suffering from Cancer (special, 2001)
Soroptimist International (general, 1984)
Universal Peace Federation (special, 2004)
World Jewellery Confederation (special, 2006)
World Society for the Protection of Animals (general, 2013)
Yakutia — Our Opinion (special, 2012)

VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

62. There were no special reports for consideration by the Committee at the session.

VII. Provisional agenda and documentation of the 2015 session of the Committee

63. At its 28th meeting, on 28 May, the Committee considered agenda item 9, Provisional agenda and documentation of the 2015 session of the Committee, and had before it the draft provisional agenda of its 2015 session ([E/C.2/2014/L.1](#)).

64. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council the following dates for the sessions in 2015: 26 January to 3 February and 13 February for its 2015 regular session; and 26 May to 3 June and 12 June for its 2015 resumed session.

VIII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

65. The Committee held its 2014 resumed session from 19 to 28 May and on 6 June. The Committee held 14 meetings.

B. Attendance

66. 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.2/2014/INF/1](#).

67. At its 2014 resumed session, the Committee heard 13 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

68. The agenda ([E/C.2/2014/1](#)) of the 2014 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 of the 2015 session of the Committee.
10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

D. Documentation

69. The list of documents before the Committee at its 2014 resumed session will be issued in document [E/C.2/2014/INF/2](#).

IX. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2014 resumed session

70. At its 28th meeting, on 28 May, the Committee took note of the draft report and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report with the support of the Secretariat and in consultation with the members of the Committee, as appropriate, with a view to its submission to the Council for appropriate action.
71. At its 29th meeting, on 6 June, the Committee adopted the present report.

Annex I

Letter dated 23 May 2014 from the Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat addressed to the representative of the non-governmental organization Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina

At its 22nd meeting, on 22 May, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations reviewed the application of the non-governmental organization Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina (Fundación CADAL) for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Regarding your activities, the following was alleged in the Committee:

(a) Contrary to article 2 (4) of the Charter of the United Nations and paragraph 2 of the Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, stipulating that “the aims and purposes of the organization (seeking consultative status) shall be in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations”, your non-governmental organization is involved in activities against the political, constitutional and legal system of some Member States;

(b) Your organization is engaged in politically motivated activities against some Member States, including at the international level (organized a parallel event to the second summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) held in Havana in 2014, with the intention of making this intergovernmental meeting fail);

(c) Members of your organization have been associated with persons involved with terrorist organizations (Ángel de Fana, Eusebio Peñalver, Orlando Gutiérrez Boronat and Mario Chanez);

(d) Your organization’s publications, information campaigns and your website contain unsubstantiated and politically motivated attacks against some Member States and other materials de facto constituting interference in the internal affairs of some Member States, including materials to discredit the constitutional and political system and leadership of Cuba.

Your urgent response to the above allegations no later than 27 May 2014 is very much appreciated.

(Signed) Andrei **Abramov**
Chief
Non-Governmental Organizations Branch

Annex II

Letter dated 20 May 2014 from the Chair of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, on behalf of the Committee, addressed to the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information of the Secretariat

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations was disappointed to learn just prior to the commencement of its 2014 resumed session, on 19 May 2014, that the Department of Public Information has unilaterally decided to discontinue daily coverage of the work of the Committee. As a result, the daily press releases, which had been heretofore published by the Department and served as an informal record of Committee proceedings for the benefit of Member States and civil society, would no longer be produced.

We, the Members of the Committee, share the view that meeting coverage by the Department of Public Information is crucial to the transparency and accountability of the non-governmental organization review process. It contributes to the institutional memory of the Committee and serves as an information resource that is consulted by Member States and non-governmental organizations alike.

As far as the members of the Committee are aware, no change had been made to the mandate of the Department of Public Information with regard to meeting coverage that would have led to the decision to discontinue coverage. Furthermore, Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, part XI (Secretarial support), articles 68 and 69, clearly state that the Secretary-General is requested to provide necessary resources to support the fulfilment of the mandate defined for the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, including through “wide and timely dissemination of information on meetings, distribution of documentation, provision of access and transparent, simple and streamlined procedures for the attendance of non-governmental organizations in United Nations meetings, and to facilitate their broad-based participation”.

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations therefore respectfully requests the Department of Public Information to consider reinstating its written daily coverage of the Committee’s sessions as soon as possible.

(Signed) Gizem **Sucuoglu**
Chair
Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
