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Non-governmental organizations**Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2016 regular session****New York, 25 January to 3 February and 16 February 2016***Summary*

At its 2016 regular session, held from 25 January to 3 February and on 16 February 2016, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 475 applications for consultative status, including 200 applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 206 for consultative status, deferred 245 for further consideration at its resumed session in 2016 and closed without prejudice consideration of the 23 non-governmental organizations that had failed to respond to queries over two consecutive sessions of the Committee. The Committee also had before it six requests for reclassification of consultative status; it deferred its consideration of all six requests. The Committee considered nine requests for a change of name, took note of five of those requests and deferred four. It also had before it 451 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 361. The Committee heard 20 representatives of the 40 non-governmental organizations that attended the session.

The present report contains four 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 206 non-governmental organizations;
- (b) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of five non-governmental organizations;
- (c) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 361 non-governmental organizations, including new and deferred reports;



(d) Close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by 23 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee;

(e) Decide to close the application for consultative status of the non-governmental organization, Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation.

By draft decision II, the Council would take note of the withdrawal of consultative status requested by one non-governmental organization.

By draft decision III, the Council would decide to reinstate the consultative status of one non-governmental organization that had submitted its outstanding quadrennial report.

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

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

Draft decisions for adoption by the Council

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

Draft decision I

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

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following 206 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

ABAAD Resource Center for Gender Equality
Acclaim Otago
ACHE Internacional
Action communautaire femme et enfant
Action jeunesse pour le développement
Action on Smoking and Health
Action pour la protection des droits de l'homme en Mauritanie
Action pour le développement humain au Congo
African Australian Network
Agency for Health and Food Security
Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation
Al Manarah — Association for Arab Persons with Disabilities
Alliance nationale des consommateurs et de l'environnement
All-Russian social movement "Association of Finno-Ugric peoples of the Russian Federation"
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Arabic Academy of Science and Technology
American Middle East Christians Congress
ANAJA — l'Éternel a répondu
Ariel Foundation International
Asian Association for Public Administration
Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

Asociación Hispano-Nigeriana para el Desarrollo Industrial y Comercial
Asociația Obștească “Centrul Ecologic-Recuperare, Reciclare, Reintegrare”
Association aide aux femmes et enfants
Association Bharathi Centre Culturel Franco-Tamoul
Association des étudiants tamouls de France
Association des fabricants européens de munitions de sport
Association du développement et de la promotion de droits de l’homme
Association for the Protection of Women and Children’s Rights
Association Genèse
Association locale pour le développement intégral
Association malienne de savoir construire
Association mauritanienne pour la promotion des droits de l’homme
Association nationale de promotion et de protection des droits de l’homme
“Association of Women with University Education” Social Organization
Association pour le développement humain en Mauritanie
Australian Drug Foundation
Azerbaijani American Cultural Association
Bakhter Development Network
Bangladesh Support Group
Barzani Charity Foundation
Behinderung und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit
Beijing Non-Governmental Organization Association for International Exchanges
British Nuclear Tests Veterans Association
Buddies Association of Volunteers for Orphans, Disabled and Abandoned Children
Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation
Bureau pour la croissance intégrale et la dignité de l’enfant
Business and Professional Women Voluntary Organization — Sudan
Center of Civil Initiatives Support
Centre d’accompagnement des filles désœuvrées
Change Human’s Life
Children’s Investment Fund Foundation (United Kingdom)
Christian Associations of Italian Laborers (USA)

Climate Change Excellence Africa
Coastal Association for Social Transformation Trust
College of the Atlantic
Community Systems Foundation
Compass Housing Services
Conquer Nepal
Conseil international pour le soutien à des procès équitables et aux droits de l'homme
Corporación Cultural Nueva Acrópolis Chile
“Coup de pouce” Chaîne de l'espoir Nord-Sud
Covenant International University and Seminary
Days for Girls International
Death Penalty Project
Development of Humane Action Foundation
Diplomatici
Disability Association of Tavana
Diversity Living Services
Earth Charter Associates
Enable India
Engineers without Borders — International
Engineers without Borders USA
Ensemble contre la peine de mort
Ethnic Community Development Organization
Fédération internationale des organisations de donneurs de sang
Fondation Monseigneur Emmanuel Kataliko
Fondation Ngangambi
Fondation One Drop
Fondation Tamukwidi Matiti Donatien
Fondazione Rosselli
Forum européen pour les Roms et les gens du voyage
France volontaires
FreeMuslim Association
Fundación Lobbying Social
Fundación Novia Salcedo

Fundamental Human Rights and Rural Development
Generación Par
Geneva Consensus Foundation
Global Civic Sharing
Global Mass Community (Welfare Organization)
Global Millennium Development Foundation
Global Millennium International
Global Youth Organization
Güçsüzler Yurdu Sakinleri Koruma Yardımlaşma Dayanışma Eğitim ve Kültür Derneği
Haitelmex Foundation
Human Rights Observers
Human Rights Sanrakshan Sansthaa
Humanic Relief — Menschen Hilfswerk
India Media Centre
India Water Foundation
Indian Trust for Rural Heritage and Development
Initiative d'opposition contre les discours extrémistes
Initiative féministe européenne
Insan Dost Association
Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya
Institute for Human Rights and Business
Institute for Security and Safety
Instituto de Desenvolvimento e Direitos Humanos
Instituto Igarapé
International Detention Coalition
International Dialogue for Environmental Action
International Federation of the Blue Cross
International Health Council
International Human Rights Commission Relief Fund Trust
International Young Professionals Foundation
Internationale Gemeinschaft für die Unterstützung von Kriegsopfern
Intersections International Initiative
Iraqi Society for Emergency Medicine

Isät lasten asialla
Japan Federation of Democratic Medical Institutions
Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation
JCall — European Jewish Call for Reason
Jeevan Jyothi Charitable Trust
Kapo Seba Sangha
Karna-Subarna Welfare Society
Kaushalya Gramodyog Sansthan
Kirkon Ulkomaanavun Säätiö
Klumpfußprojekt Mali — ein Verein zur Klumpfußbekämpfung in Mali
Kuwaiti Association for Learning Differences
Leadership Foundation
Leah Charity Foundation
Los Angeles Community Action Network
Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Menschenrechte — Forschungsverein
Luxembourg Income Study
Maat Foundation for Peace, Development and Human Rights
Maiti Nepal
Malankara Social Service Society
March of Dimes Canada
Martial Arts Academy
Memory Trees Corporation
Microclinic International
Mouvement des jeunes pour le réveil et le développement
National Educational, Social and Traditional Knowledge Foundation
National Old Folks of Liberia
Network of Rural Women Producers
NGO Sustainability
NGOs Computer Literacy Shelter Welfare, Rawalpindi cantonment
Nimbus Foundation
Foundation for the Study of Democracy and Geopolitics
Observatório Nacional de Segurança Viária e Veicular
ONG Aesadev Togo
Organization for Poverty Alleviation and Development

Orphan Charity Foundation
Pakistan Lions Youth Council Khanewal
Pakistan Rural Workers Social Welfare Organization
Palestine Sports for Life
Palestinian Center for Development and Media Freedoms
Partnership for Human Rights
Partnership for Justice
Phamous Vision
Plan International (United Kingdom)
Porini Welfare Association
Potohar Organization for Development Advocacy
Red, Paz, Integración y Desarrollo
Redemption Research for Health and Educational Development Society
Regroupement des jeunes africains pour la démocratie et le développement
(section Togo)
Réseau unité pour le développement de Mauritanie
Rural Development Foundation Global
Shah Maqem Trust
Shah Satnam Ji Green-S Welfare Force Wing
Shelter and Settlements Alternatives: Uganda Human Settlements Network
Sindh Graduates Association
Sister to Sister: One in the Spirit
Société coopérative des agriculteurs du Cameroun — AGRIPO
Sri Ramanuja Mission Trust
Sri Sri JSMD Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri
Stichting International Center for Ethnobotanical Education, Research and
Service
Stichting Soham Baba Mission
Stichting West European Confederation of Maritime Technology Societies
STUF United Fund
Sudanese Organization for Combating Violence against Women and Child
Sukyo Mahikari
Takal Welfare Organization
TERRE Policy Centre

The MILLA Project
Tort for Torture Victims Centre
Total Quality Management Magazine
True Worth Foundation
United Iraqi Medical Society for Relief and Development
US-Africa Synergy
USC Canada
Vision GRAM-International
WASH Network
WEConnect International
West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation
Women for Water Partnership
Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing
World Mission Good Seed
World Wide Web Foundation
Yayasan Dompét Dhuafa Republika
Young African Leaders Initiative
Youth Development of Congo
Youth for Community, Academic and Development Services
Youth Organizations for Drug Action
Zaka Rescue and Recovery

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

Global Action against Poverty (special, 1995) to Fracarita International
Groupe des ONG pour la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant (special, 2011) to Child Rights Connect
Rehabilitation and Research Centre of Torture Victims (special, 2008) to Dignity — Danish Institute against Torture
Scientific Association of Youth Political Scientists (special, 2014) to Hellenic Association of Political Scientists
World Society for the Protection of Animals (general, 2013) to World Animal Protection

(c) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 361 non-governmental organizations:¹

¹ The reports listed are for the 2011-2014 period, except where stated otherwise in parentheses.

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ABANTU for Development

Abibimman Foundation

Academy for Future Science

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

Action Health Incorporated

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

Africa Development Interchange Network

African Action on AIDS

African Association of Education for Development

African Youth for Transparency

Africans Unite against Child Abuse

Afromedianet

Agewell Foundation

Aide internationale pour l’enfance

AIDS Foundation East-West

Al-Hakim Foundation

ALDET Centre (Saint Lucia)

All China Women’s Federation

All India Women’s Education Fund Association

All Pakistan Women’s Association

All-Russian Social Fund “The Russian Children Foundation”

Alliance Forum Foundation

American Conservative Union

American Indian Law Alliance

American Youth Understanding Diabetes Abroad

Amigos do Protocolo de Kyoto

Antiviolence Center

AquaFed: International Federation of Private Water Operators

Armenian Constitutional Right-Protective Centre

Asayesefid White Cane

Asia Pacific Women’s Watch

Asian Centre for Organization Research and Development

Asociación Civil Educación, Ambiente y Territorio
Asociación Cubana de las Naciones Unidas
Asociación de Federaciones y Asociaciones de Empresarias del Mediterráneo
Asociación Dominicana de las Naciones Unidas
Asociación Panameña de Corredores y Promotores de Bienes Raices
Association burkinabé pour la survie de l'enfance
Association de défense des droits de l'homme
Association de la jeunesse congolaise pour le développement
Association des consommateurs de télécommunication de Côte d'Ivoire
Association femmes soleil d'Haïti
Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst
Association for Reproductive and Family Health
Association for Solidarity with Freedom-Deprived Juveniles
Association mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit
Association mondiale de psychanalyse du champ freudien
Association nationale Al Hidn
Association of United Families International
Association of War-Affected Women
Association of World Reindeer Herders
Association pour le développement économique, social, environnemental du nord
Associazione IRENE
Assyrian Aid Society (Iraq)
Athletes United for Peace
Aube nouvelle pour la femme et le développement
Bahrain Women Society
Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha
Bangwe et dialogue
Behnam Daheshpour Charity Organization
Beijing Children's Legal Aid and Research Center
Beijing Zhicheng Migrant Workers' Legal Aid and Research Center
Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti Jaipur
Cameroun terre nouvelle
Campaign Life Coalition

Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse
CARE International
Caribbean Medical Association
Center for Alcohol and Drug Research and Education
Center for Economic and Social Rights
Center for Global Community and World Law
Center for Inter-ethnic Cooperation
Center for International Earth Science Information Network
Center for Regional Policy Research and Cooperation “Studiorum”
Centre d’accueil et de volontariat pour orphelins, abandonnés et handicapés du Cameroun
Centre for International Sustainable Development Law
Centro de Estudios Sobre la Juventud
Cercle d’initiative commune pour la recherche, l’environnement et la qualité
Child Development Foundation
Child Helpline International
Childlink Foundation
Children of the World: Regional Public Charitable Fund of Assistance to Cultural and Sports Development of Children and Young People
Children’s Human Rights Centre of Albania
China Association for Preservation and Development of Tibetan Culture
China Energy Fund Committee
China Great Wall Society
China Green Foundation
China International Public Relations Association
Chinese Association for International Understanding
Christian Legal Fellowship
CIDSE
CITYNET: Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements
Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre
CLIPSAS
Colombian Commission of Jurists
Comisión Jurídica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos “Capaj”

Comité Español de Representantes de Personas con Discapacidad
Comité français pour l’Afrique du Sud
Commission africaine des promoteurs de la santé et des droits de l’homme
Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul
Concern for Environmental Development and Research
Concern Worldwide US
Confederación Latinoamericana de Cooperativas de Ahorro y Crédito
Conservation Force
Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations
Corrections India
Council for American Students in International Negotiations
Council for International Development
Crowley Children’s Fund
David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies
Daytop Village Foundation
Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era
DEVNET Association
Dianova International
Disabled Peoples’ International
Dominican Union of Journalists for Peace
Drammeh Institute
Drug Prevention Network of Canada
Du pain pour chaque enfant
Earthjustice
Egyptian Center for Women’s Rights
Ensemble luttons contre le sida
Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement — Bwaise Facility
Environmental Women’s Assembly
Equidad de Género: Ciudadanía, Trabajo y Familia
Espace Afrique International
Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention
Euromontana
European Disability Forum
European Transport Safety Council

European Youth Forum
Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International
Federación Internacional de Asociaciones de Ayuda Social, Ecológica y Cultural
Federal Union of European Nationalities
Federation for Women and Family Planning
Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations
Finland National Committee for UN-Women
Fondation Congo Assistance
Fondation Humanus
Fondazione Marista per la Solidarietà Internazionale
Forum Azzahrae pour la femme marocaine
Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action Aboriginal Corporation
Foundation for Research on Technology Migration and Integration
Foundation for the Development of Knowledge Suma Veritas
Foundation Projekta for Women and Development Services
Framework Convention Alliance for Tobacco Control
Fund of Aid for Youth
Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez de la Naturaleza y el Hombre
Fundación Atenea Grupo
Fundación Diagrama: Intervención Psicosocial
German Foundation for World Population
Gic technologies nouvelles au Cameroun
Girl Scouts of the United States of America
Global Action against Poverty
Global Exchange
Global Justice Center
Global Volunteers
Globe International
Globetree
Good People International
Grand Triangle
Groupe des ONG pour la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant

Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida
Gulf Research Center Foundation
Habitat for Humanity International
Handicap International
Hariri Foundation for Sustainable Human Development
Helios Life Association
HelpAge International
High Atlas Foundation
Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation
Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society
Human Appeal International
Human Relief Foundation
Human Rights Congress for Bangladesh Minorities
Human Rights Council of Australia
Human Rights Defence Centre
Human Rights Law Centre
Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa
Human Rights National Circle
Hydroaid Water for Development Institute
Iingwesi Afya Program
Institute for International Urban Development
Institute for Women's Studies and Research
Institute of Noahide Code
Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust
Instituto para la Participación y el Desarrollo-INPADE
Inter-Press Service International Association
International Action Network on Small Arms
International Administrative Science Association
International Alert
International Alliance of Women
International Art and Technology Cooperation Organization
International Association against Torture
International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty

International Association for Water Law
International Association of Charities
International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists
International Association of Lawyers against Nuclear Arms
International Association of Peace Messenger Cities
International Association of Schools of Social Work
International Bureau for Epilepsy
International Campaign to Ban Landmines
International Center for Alcohol Policies
International Center for Not-for-Profit Law
International Christian Organisation of the Media
International Committee for the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas
International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
International Corrections and Prisons Association for the Advancement of Professional Corrections
International Council for Adult Education
International Council of Women
International Ecological Safety Cooperative Organization
International Federation for Family Development
International Federation of ACAT
International Federation of Associations of the Elderly
International Federation of Business and Professional Women
International Federation of Medical Students Associations
International Federation of Psoriasis Associations
International Federation of Social Workers
International Federation of University Women
International Federation on Ageing
International Human Rights Observer
International Indian Treaty Council
International Informatization Academy
International Institute for Child Protection
International Institute for Non-aligned Studies
International Institute for the Rights of the Child
International Islamic Committee for Woman and Child

International Islamic Relief Organization
International Jurists Organisation
International Juvenile Justice Observatory
International Kolping Society
International Law Association
International Lesbian and Gay Association
International Motor Vehicle Inspection Committee
International Movement ATD Fourth World
International Multiracial Shared Cultural Organization
International Muslim Women's Union
International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse
International Network of Basin Organizations
International Network of Liberal Women
International Ocean Institute
International Ontopsychology Association
International Organization for Standardization
International Planned Parenthood Federation (Europe Region)
International Police Executive Symposium
International Real Estate Federation
International Religious Liberty Association
International Rescue Committee
International Road Safety
International Samaritan
International Sociological Association
International Statistical Institute
International Touring Alliance
International Volunteerism Organization for Women, Education and Development
International Women's Health Coalition
IOGT International
Isfahan Human Rights and Development Organization
Japan Federation of Bar Associations
Japan National Committee for UN-Women
Join Together Society Korea

Jubilee Campaign
Junior Chamber International
Kikandwa Rural Communities Development Organization
Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation
Latter-Day Saint Charities
Legião da Boa Vontade
Liberal International
Life Ethics Educational Association
Life for Relief and Development
Ligue internationale contre le racisme et l'antisémitisme
Livelihood NGO
L'auravetli'an Information and Education Network of Indigenous People
Madre
Mayors for Peace
Mercy-USA for Aid and Development
Millennium Institute
Misión Mujer
Muhammadiyah Association
National Children's and Youth Law Centre
National Council of Child Rights Advocates, Nigeria (south-west zone)
National Council of Negro Women
National Council of Women of the United States
National Native Title Council
National Union of the Association of Protection of Motherhood, Childhood and Families
National Women's Council of Catalonia
New Human Rights
New Japan Women's Association
New York County Lawyers' Association
Niger Delta Women's Movement for Peace and Development
Nord-Sud XXI
Objectif sciences international
OceanCare
OLPC Foundation

Order of St. John
Organisation nationale des donateurs de sang bénévoles
Organização das Famílias da Ásia e do Pacífico
Organización de Entidades Mutuales de las Américas (ODEMA)
Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities
Oxfam Novib
Pacific Rim Institute for Development and Education
Pag-Aalay Ng Puso Foundation (Offering of the Heart Foundation)
Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association of Thailand
PanAmerican-PanAfrican Association
Paz y Cooperación
Peace Action
Permanent Assembly for Human Rights
Plan International
Poverty Elimination and Community Education Foundation
Prasad Project
Program for Appropriate Technology in Health
Public International Law and Policy Group
Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs
Ramola Bhar Charitable Trust
Real Medicine Foundation
Red Mujeres, Desarrollo, Justicia y Paz AC
Red Venezolana de Organizaciones para el Desarrollo Social
RESO-Femmes
Restoration World Outreach Ministries
Romanian Independent Society of Human Rights
Rural Community Development Program
Rural Development Centre
Rural Development Leadership Network
Sacro Militare Ordine Costantiniano di San Giorgio
Safari Club International Foundation
Safe Water Network
Salesian Missions
Salvation Army

Save a Child's Heart in Memory of Dr. Ami Cohen
Serve Train Educate People's Society
Service and Research Institute on Family and Children
Several Sources Foundation
Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre
Shimin Gaikou Centre
Shohratgarh Environmental Society
Socialist International
Socialist International Women
Society for Development and Community Empowerment
Society for Human Advancement and Disadvantaged Empowerment
Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
Society for Upliftment of Masses
Sociologists for Women in Society
Soroptimist International of Europe
SOS Éducation
South Sudanese Women Christian Mission for Peace
Southern Diaspora Research and Development Center
Sucardif Association
Sudanese Women General Union
Surfrider Foundation Europe
Swedish Association for Sexuality Education
Swedish Federation of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights
Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression
Terre des Hommes fédération internationale
Third World Institute
Tribal Link Foundation
UDISHA
Udyama
Umid Support to Social Development Public Union

(d) To close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following 23 non-governmental organizations after those organizations had failed, following three reminders over the course of two

consecutive sessions of the Committee, to respond to queries posed to them by members of the Committee:

African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes Education Trust

Aides

Al-Dameer Association for Supporting Prisoners and Human Rights

All-Ukrainian Association of Civil Organizations “Union of Armenians of Ukraine”

American Medical Overseas Relief

American Society for Nutrition

Antigonish Women’s Resource Centre and Sexual Assault Services Association

Arbeiter Samariter-Bund Deutschland

Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation

Collectif La Paix au Sri Lanka

Dalit Foundation — Ahmedabad

École de la paix

Education on Human Rights Public Association

Fondation des jeunes pour un développement durable

Global Partnership for Afghanistan

Health Squared

Little People of Kosovo

Maori Women’s Welfare League

Medtronic Foundation

Mother Helpage (United Kingdom)

O.N.G Casa de Acogida La Esperanza

Uçan Süpürge Kadın İletişim ve Araştırma Derneği

Universal Cultural Society

(e) To close the application for consultative status of the non-governmental organization Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation.

Draft decision II

Request for withdrawal of consultative status

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the request for withdrawal of consultative status by the following non-governmental organization which has ceased to exist:

Association of Former United Nations Industry and Development Experts

Draft decision III
Reinstatement of consultative status of one non-governmental organization that submitted its outstanding quadrennial report, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4, and recalling its decision 2014/223, to reinstate the consultative status of the non-governmental organization listed below, which submitted its outstanding quadrennial report:

International Press Institute (2010-2013)

Draft decision IV
Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2016 regular session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2016 regular session.

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

2. The Committee considered agenda items 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, and 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 1st through 15th meetings, held from 25 January to 3 February 2016. 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.2/2016/R.2](#) and [E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.1-27](#));

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new requests for reclassification to be considered by the Committee ([E/C.2/2016/R.3](#));

(c) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held from 2008 to 2015 ([E/C.2/2016/CRP.1](#));

(d) Compilation of deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from sessions of the Committee held from 2002 to 2015 ([E/C.2/2016/CRP.2](#));

(e) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee ([E/C.2/2016/CRP.3](#));

(f) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations requesting a change of name ([E/C.2/2016/CRP.4](#));

(g) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations for a change of name, deferred from a previous session of the Committee (E/C.2/2016/CRP.5);

(h) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing one request from a non-governmental organization for reinstatement of consultative status, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4 (E/C.2/2016/CRP.6);

(i) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from one non-governmental organization for withdrawal of its status (E/C.2/2016/CRP.7).

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

3. The Committee considered item 3 (a) of its agenda, Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, at its 5th through 9th meetings and 14th and 15th meetings, held from 27 to 29 January, and on 2 and 3 February 2016. The Committee considered a total of 200 deferred applications for consultative status.

Applications recommended

4. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 54 non-governmental organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

Action on Smoking and Health

African Australian Network

Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation

Australian Drug Foundation

Azerbaijani American Cultural Association

Bangladesh Support Group

Behinderung und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit

Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation

Business and Professional Women Voluntary Organization — Sudan

Children's Investment Fund Foundation (United Kingdom)

Days for Girls International

Death Penalty Project

Earth Charter Associates

Engineers without Borders — International

Engineers Without Borders USA

Ensemble contre la peine de mort

Ethnic Community Development Organization

Forum européen pour les Roms et les gens du voyage
Fundación Novia Salcedo
Global Mass Community (Welfare Organization)
Human Rights Sanrakshan Sansthaa
India Media Centre
India Water Foundation
Initiative féministe européenne
Insan Dost Association
Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya
Institute for Human Rights and Business
Instituto Igarapé
International Human Rights Commission Relief Fund Trust
Intersections International Initiative
Japan Federation of Democratic Medical Institutions
Kaushalya Gramodyog Sansthan
Kirkon Ulkomaanavun Säätiö
Leadership Foundation
Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Menschenrechte — Forschungsverein
Luxembourg Income Study
Maat Foundation for Peace, Development and Human Rights
NGOs Computer Literacy Shelter Welfare, Rawalpindi cantonment
Palestine Sports for Life
Plan International (United Kingdom)
Shah Maqem Trust
Shah Satnam Ji Green-S Welfare Force Wing
Sri Sri JSMD Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri
Stichting Soham Baba Mission
STUF United Fund
Sukyo Mahikari
Takal Welfare Organization
US-Africa Synergy
USC Canada
WEConnect International
West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation

Women for Water Partnership
Yayasan Dompot Dhuafa Republika
Zaka Rescue and Recovery

Applications deferred

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 122 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee to them during its 2016 regular session:

Access Now
Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty
Africa Unite
Afrikaanse Forum vir Burgerregte
Al-Marsad, the Arab Centre for Human Rights in the Golan Heights
Ambedkar Center for Justice and Peace
Article 36
Asia Center for Human Rights
Asociación Pro-Bienestar de la Familia Colombiana “Profamilia”
Aspen Institute
Association Concerning Sexual Violence against Women
Association for Human Rights and Solidarity with Oppressed People —
Mazlumder
Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention
Association internationale de la libre pensée
Assyrian Aid Society of America
Assyrian National Congress
Avocats sans frontières
Bahrain Young Ladies Association
Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l’homme au Sahara
occidental
Campanha Latino-Americana pelo Direito à Educação Brasil
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development
Center for Constitutional Rights
Center for Media and Peace Initiative
Centre Zagros pour les droits de l’homme
Child Soldiers International
Christian Solidarity Worldwide

Collectif des familles de disparu(e)s en Algérie
Committee to Protect Journalists
Congrès national des Arméniens occidentaux
Conselho Indigenista Missionário
Coordination des associations et des particuliers pour la liberté de conscience
Dansk Flygtningehjælp
Digital Opportunity Trust
Diplomatic Mission Peace and Prosperity
Droits de l'homme sans frontières
ECCO2 Corp
Egyptian Centre for Human Rights
Egyptian Judges' Club
Electronic Frontier Foundation
Elige: Red de Jóvenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos
Eminence Associates for Social Development
Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Género
Eurasia Foundation
European Muslims League
Federal Lezghin National and Cultural Autonomy
Foundation for Sustainable Development
Fountain House
F W de Klerk Foundation Trust
Gain International
Geneva Institute for Human Rights
Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health
Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction
HealthNet International Transcultural Psychosocial Organization
Heavenly Shower of Peace Church of God
Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor Office
Hokok Coalición Internacional contra la Impunidad
Human Aid UK
IDEAS Centre
Institute for Multi-track Diplomacy
International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care

International Association of Genocide Scholars
International Association of Independent Journalists
International Center for Work and Family
International Dalit Solidarity Network
International Police Commission Philippine Command Association
Interregional Non-governmental Organization “Committee against Torture”
Iran Human Rights Documentation Center
Islamic African Relief Agency
Islamic Help
James Madison University
Jeunesse Canada Monde — Canada World Youth
Jewish Renaissance Foundation
Korea Human Rights Foundation
Kuki Organization For Human Rights Trust
Lawfare Project
Legal Resources Centre
Let’s Breakthrough
Liberia Youth Initiative for Peace and Sustainable Development
Light House
Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus
Mouvement de la paix
Muslim Aid
Muslim Hands
National Development Youth Club Jaran Wali Gali Poonch
National Secular Society
New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative
New Jersey Minority Educational Development
Nigerian Diaspora Youths Movement for Peace and Development International Organization
Oromia Support Group in Australia
Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays
Peace Islands Institute
Population Matters
Profesionales por la Ética

Public Interest Advocacy Centre
Publication and Coordination Centre of Islamic Ideology and Sufism International
Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina Asociación Civil
Rural Development Institute
Sheikh Eid Bin Mohammad Al Thani Charitable Association
Simons Foundation
Sindhi Adhikar Manch Association
Social Services Trust
Stichting Samenwerkingsverband IKV Pax Christi
Stichting War Child
Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik
Survivor's Network of those Abused by Priests
Swadhikar
Treatment and Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture
United Sikhs
V-Day Karama
Vietnamese Overseas Initiative for Conscience Empowerment
Virtual Activism
We Care for Humanity
Women Living under Muslim Laws International Solidarity Network
Women's Freedom Forum
Women's Initiative for Self-Actualization
Work In Progress
World Academy of Art and Science
World without Genocide
Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights
Youth Foundation of Bangladesh
Youth of European Nationalities
Youth Service America

Congrès national des Arméniens occidentaux

6. At its 9th meeting, on 29 January, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Congrès national des Arméniens occidentaux.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Turkey posed questions to the organization, which were followed by a statement by the observer for Armenia. In his statement, the observer pointed out that, in its several sessions since the end of 2013, the Committee had deferred the consideration of two Armenian diaspora organizations as a result of questions from two Committee members, and he reiterated the call for a constructive and impartial approach to considering the organization's application.

8. The representative of Azerbaijan stressed that the Committee members had performed their duties in an impartial manner and that questions were asked to seek clarification from organizations. The representative of Turkey underlined that Turkey strongly supported the involvement and active participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nations and emphasized that Turkey had traditionally adopted an impartial and constructive approach in the evaluation of all applications of non-governmental organizations for consultative status. She added that, regardless of the names or origins of non-governmental organizations, the only criteria Turkey followed in the review of applications was whether the organizations were in compliance with the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31. The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation

9. At its 6th meeting, on 27 January, the Committee considered the application of Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation.

10. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba, speaking also on behalf of the representatives of Nicaragua and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), stated that the application from the Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation was not in line with the principles of resolution 1996/31 since the aims of the organization went against the territorial integrity of a member State, on the basis of the note verbale presented to the Committee by the observer for Viet Nam on 13 January 2016. He therefore, requested that the Committee consider closing the application of the organization.

11. The representative of the United States of America stated that her delegation did not share the views of the representatives of Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) because the Committee had an obligation to engage in an open dialogue with organizations. In response, the representative of Cuba stated that, owing to a lack of consensus among Committee members on his proposal, the application should be voted on later in the week, in order to enable delegations sufficient time to obtain instructions from their capitals.

12. The representative of Russian Federation stated that discussions about the non-governmental organization had taken place within the Committee before, when the Council, reversing the recommendation of the Committee, had not approved consultative status for the organization. The representative then posed several questions to help the Committee to determine whether the organization's position had undergone any changes, which would allow for reconsideration of its application. In response, the representative of the United States reiterated her call to hear from the organization, clarifying at the same time that the Committee had actually recommended granting consultative status to the organization a few years ago, but that the recommendation had been overturned later as a result of the intervention of one Member State.

13. Following the request from the representative of Cuba, the vote on the application was postponed for later in the week.

14. Also at the 6th meeting, the Chair announced that a representative of the non-governmental organization would be invited to participate in the question-and-answer session that afternoon. However, since a member of the Committee appealed to the Chair with respect to his ruling, the Chair declared that, in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the appeal should be put to a vote and that the ruling of the Chair would stand unless overruled by the majority of the members present during the vote.

15. At its 8th meeting, on 28 January, the Committee proceeded to a roll-call vote on the appeal with respect to the Chair's decision to invite the Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation to participate in the question-and-answer session, which resulted in 13 to 4, with 1 abstention, and 1 absent. The appeal with respect to the Chair's ruling was thereby adopted.

16. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 18 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Against:

Greece, Israel, United States of America, Uruguay

Abstaining:

Russian Federation

Absent:

Guinea

17. The representative of the United States made a statement after the vote, stating that the outcome showed a shocking lack of transparency in the work of the Committee since choosing not to listen to the organization conveyed a message that free speech was stifled in the Committee and removed due process, silencing a non-governmental from responding to allegations brought against it. In fact, he stated, the decision of the Committee sent a chilling message that free speech was under threat at the United Nations. The representative of Greece concurred with the United States, expressing his disappointment with the outcome of the vote, which he stated was against freedom of expression and was an attempt to silence organizations with whom Committee members did not necessarily agree.

18. The representative of South Africa also made a statement after the vote, stating that his Government believed in the rule of law, the centrality of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law. In that regard, his Government would not support the accreditation with the United Nations of any organization that sought to undermine the principle of the territorial integrity of any State. South Africa did not support the notion that the Charter and the principles of international law could be subordinated to the exercise of the right to freedom of expression. The right to freedom of speech could never supersede the fundamental principles on which the United Nations was founded.

19. The representatives of Azerbaijan, Cuba, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nicaragua, Sudan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) also took the floor to explain their vote, concurring with South Africa.

20. The representative of Turkey stated that since the criteria for considering applications from non-governmental organizations were based on the principles of resolution 1996/31, it was therefore important to determine whether an organization respected the Charter. That consideration determined Turkey's position. She stated, therefore, that she would like to put on record her delegation's understanding that it was not a vote on freedom of expression.

21. At its 10th meeting, on 29 January, the Committee resumed consideration of the application of the non-governmental organization Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation.

22. In responding to the request for a vote to close the application, made by the delegate of Cuba at the 6th meeting of the Committee, on 27 January, the Chair moved to call for a vote in accordance with rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

23. A statement was made before the vote by the representative of the United States, according to rule 62 of the rules of procedure. He stated that the same Member State that had worked hard to overturn the recommendation of the Committee during meetings years earlier, was now working to deny the organization the opportunity to answer serious allegations made against it. The representative noted that closing the application was premature since the Committee had recently begun consideration of the organization's application and had not given the organization an opportunity to respond. He stated further that the United States believed the organization's work was to promote and protect the existence of the Khmer Krom people and ensure that their rights as Vietnamese citizens were protected and that the organization was working to promote and protect religious freedom and minority rights, including the linguistic rights of the Khmer Krom people. Therefore, his delegation would oppose the closure of the application.

24. The application of the non-governmental organization was recommended for closure by a roll-call vote of 15 to 3, with 1 abstention. Of the 19 members of the Committee, all were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, Guinea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Against:

Greece, Israel, United States of America

Abstaining:

Uruguay

25. Statements after the vote were made by a few Member States. The representative of Greece stressed that the vote was taken to close the application, which was an extreme penalty. In his delegation's opinion, the closure of the application was penalizing the non-governmental organization since it did not allow for a proper review of the application, and the Committee did not provide an opportunity for the organization to respond to allegations made against it.

26. The representatives of Nicaragua and the Sudan also took the floor to explain that they believed that it was the responsibility of the Committee to uphold the Charter and that the vote did not imply closing the door to non-governmental organizations but represented respect for and upholding of the principles set out in resolution 1996/31.

27. The Chair then gave the floor to the observer for Viet Nam to make a general statement. The observer expressed his appreciation to the Committee for closing the application of the Khmer Kampuchea-Krom Federation saying that the decision was made in order to uphold the principles set out in resolution 1996/31 and to safeguard the sovereign and territorial integrity of Member States.

Applications closed without prejudice

28. At its 15th meeting, on 3 February, the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 23 non-governmental organizations that had not responded to the Committee's questions despite three reminders sent to the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I (d)).

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

29. The Committee considered item 3 (b) of its agenda, New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 1st to 5th and 11th through the 13th meetings, from 25 January to 27 January and 1 to 2 February 2016. The Committee considered a total of 275 new applications for consultative status.

New applications recommended

30. Of the 275 non-governmental organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 152 should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (a)):

Special consultative status

ABAAD Resource Center for Gender Equality
 Acclaim Otago
 ACHE Internacional
 Action communautaire femme et enfant
 Action jeunesse pour le développement
 Action pour la protection des droits de l'homme en Mauritanie
 Action pour le développement humain au Congo
 Agency for Health and Food Security
 Al Manarah — Association for Arab Persons with Disabilities
 All-Russian social movement "Association of Finno-Ugric peoples of the Russian Federation"
 Alliance nationale des consommateurs et de l'environnement

American Academy of Pediatrics
American Arabic Academy of Science and Technology
American Middle East Christians Congress
ANAJA — l'Éternel a répondu
Ariel Foundation International
Asian Association for Public Administration
Asian Disaster Preparedness Center
Asociación Hispano-Nigeriana para el Desarrollo Industrial y Comercial
Asociația Obștească "Centrul Ecologic-Recuperare, Reciclare, Reintegrare"
Association aide aux femmes et enfants
Association Bharathi Centre Culturel Franco-Tamoul
Association des étudiants tamouls de France
Association des fabricants européens de munitions de sport
Association du développement et de la promotion de droits de l'homme
Association for the Protection of Women and Children's Rights
Association Genèse
Association locale pour le développement intégral
Association malienne de savoir construire
Association mauritanienne pour la promotion des droits de l'homme
Association nationale de promotion et de protection des droits de l'homme
"Association of Women with University Education" Social Organization
Association pour le développement humain en Mauritanie
Bakhter Development Network
Barzani Charity Foundation
Beijing Non-Governmental Organizations Association for International Exchanges
British Nuclear Tests Veterans Association
Buddies Association of Volunteers for Orphans, Disabled and Abandoned Children
Bureau pour la croissance intégrale et la dignité de l'enfant
Center of Civil Initiatives Support
Centre d'accompagnement des filles désœuvrées
Change Human's Life
Christian Associations of Italian Laborers (USA)

Climate Change Excellence Africa
Coastal Association for Social Transformation Trust
College of the Atlantic
Community Systems Foundation
Compass Housing Services
Conquer Nepal
Conseil international pour le soutien à des procès équitables et aux droits de l'homme
Corporación Cultural Nueva Acrópolis Chile
“Coup de pouce” Chaîne de l'espoir Nord-Sud
Covenant International University and Seminary
Development of Humane Action Foundation
Diplomatici
Disability Association of Tavana
Diversity Living Services
Enable India
Fédération internationale des organisations de donneurs de sang
Fondation Monseigneur Emmanuel Kataliko
Fondation Ngangambi
Fondation One Drop
Fondation Tamukwidi Matiti Donatien
Fondazione Rosselli
Foundation for the Study of Democracy and Geopolitics
France volontaires
FreeMuslim Association
Fundación Lobbying Social
Fundamental Human Rights and Rural Development
Generación Par
Geneva Consensus Foundation
Global Civic Sharing
Global Millennium Development Foundation
Global Millennium International
Global Youth Organization

Güçsüzler Yurdu Sakinleri Koruma Yardımlaşma Dayanışma Eğitim ve Kültür Derneği

Haitelmex Foundation

Human Rights Observers

Humanic Relief — Menschen Hilfswerk

Indian Trust for Rural Heritage and Development

Initiative d'opposition contre les discours extrémistes

Institute for Security and Safety

Instituto de Desenvolvimento e Direitos Humanos

International Detention Coalition

International Dialogue for Environmental Action Public Association

International Federation of the Blue Cross

International Health Council

International Young Professionals Foundation

Internationale Gemeinschaft für die Unterstützung von Kriegsopfern

Iraqi Society for Emergency Medicine

Isät lasten asialla

Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation

JCall — European Jewish Call for Reason

Jeevan Jyothi Charitable Trust

Kapo Seba Sangha

Karna-Subarna Welfare Society

Klumpfußprojekt Mali — ein Verein zur Klumpfußbekämpfung in Mali

Kuwaiti Association for Learning Differences

Leah Charity Foundation

Los Angeles Community Action Network

Maiti Nepal

Malankara Social Service Society

March of Dimes Canada

Martial Arts Academy

Memory Trees Corporation

Microclinic International

Mouvement des jeunes pour le réveil et le développement

National Educational, Social and Traditional Knowledge Foundation

National Old Folks of Liberia
Network of Rural Women Producers
NGO Sustainability
Nimbus Foundation
Observatório Nacional de Segurança Viária e Veicular
ONG Aesadev Togo
Organization for Poverty Alleviation and Development
Orphan Charity Foundation
Pakistan Lions Youth Council Khanewal
Pakistan Rural Workers Social Welfare Organization
Palestinian Center for Development and Media Freedoms
Partnership for Human Rights
Partnership for Justice
Phamous Vision
Porini Welfare Association
Potohar Organization for Development Advocacy
Red, Paz, Integración y Desarrollo
Redemption Research for Health and Educational Development Society
Regroupement des jeunes africains pour la démocratie et le développement
(section Togo)
Réseau unité pour le développement de Mauritanie
Rural Development Foundation Global
Shelter and Settlements Alternatives: Uganda Human Settlements Network
Sindh Graduates Association
Sister to Sister: One in the Spirit
Société coopérative des agriculteurs du Cameroun — AGRIPO
Sri Ramanuja Mission Trust
Stichting International Center for Ethnobotanical Education, Research and
Service
Stichting West European Confederation of Maritime Technology Societies
Sudanese Organization for Combating Violence against Women and Child
TERRE Policy Centre
The MILLA Project
Tort for Torture Victims Centre

Total Quality Management Magazine
True Worth Foundation
United Iraqi Medical Society for Relief and Development
Vision GRAM-International
WASH Network
Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing
World Mission Good Seed
World Wide Web Foundation
Young African Leaders Initiative
Youth Development of Congo
Youth for Community, Academic and Development Services
Youth Organizations for Drug Action

New applications deferred

31. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 123 non-governmental organizations pending receipt of questions posed by the Committee to the organizations during its 2016 regular session:

Action sécurité éthique républicaines
African Arts Institute
African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment
Aleradah and Altageer National Society
Anti-Corruption Foundation
Asian Science Park Association
Association consortium pour les aires et territoires du patrimoine autochtone et communautaire
Association for Integrated Sustainable Development Initiatives
Association of Pacific Rim Universities
Association of Youths with Vision
Association pour la défense des droits de l'homme et des revendications démocratiques/culturelles du peuple Azerbaïdjanais-Iran
Association pour la lutte contre la dépendance
Association pour la solidarité et le développement durable
Association pour le développement durable la promotion des droits humains et la lutte contre la pauvreté
Association Saemaul Undong Burundi
Association togolaise "Femmes et SIDA"

Association tunisienne de la santé de la reproduction
Association “Un enfant, un cartable” du Burkina Faso
Ballerina Management Institute
Bancroft Global Development
Blacksmith Institute
Cameroon League for Development
Center for Democracy and Technology
Centre for Corrections and Human Development
Christian Solidarity International
Cities of Peace
Conglomeration of Bengal’s Hotel Owners
Coordinadora de Organizaciones de Agricultores y Ganaderos Iniciativa Rural del Estado Español
Coordination Wai (Eveil) relative à l’unité nationale et la lutte contre l’esclavage
Coptic Solidarity
Dalit Welfare Organization
Démocratie dans le monde
Development and Relief Foundation
Eaglesworth Human Empowerment Foundation
Earth Island Institute
Education, Communication and Development Trust
Entrepreneurship Development and Support Initiative
Europe Business Assembly
European Network on Independent living
Faith Matters Community Interest Company
Family Planning Association of Bangladesh
Fang Protective Services
Fédération de la ligue démocratique des droits des femmes
Festival pour la santé
Fondation Alkarama
Fondazione GEM
Fondazione Proclade Internazionale
FORUT Solidaritetsaksjon for Utvikling

Friendship Force
Frontier Reconstruction Welfare Agency
Fundación BBVA para las Microfinanzas
Fundación Vida — Grupo Ecológico Verde
Gestos Soropositividade Comunicação e Gênero
Global Campaign for Education
Global Financial Integrity
Global Initiative for Positive Change
Global Network of Sex Work Projects
Glozells Renewable Energy and Environment Society
Gulf Centre for Human Rights
Heal the Land Initiative in Nigeria
Hill Tribes' Mission Aid of India
Horn of Africa Aid and Rehabilitation Action Network
Human Rights Foundation
Humanity Family Foundation for Peace and Development
Inimõiguste Instituut
Insamlingsstiftelsen Kvinna till Kvinna
International Alliance of Carer Organizations
International Association for Religious Freedom, Coordinating Council for South Asia
International Gulf Organization
International Human Rights Organization
International Non-Olympic Committee
International Non-Olympic University
International Organization for Promoting Public Diplomacy, Science, Education and Youth Cooperation “Eurasian Commonwealth”
Ishaatool Mohammadiya Research and Development Foundation, Shevgaon
Karlen Communications
Kids and Teens Resource Centre
Lady Fatemah Charitable Trust
Leadership Initiative for Transformation and Empowerment
Leading Association Alryada for Development Studies and Human Rights
Liberia Widow Assistance and Development Agency

Ligue camerounaise des droits de l'homme
Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
Lotus Initiative for the Blind
Maison d'Abraham
Message Welfare Society
Missing Children Global Network
Mission des sociétés d'assurances pour la connaissance et la prévention des risques naturels
Narayan Sewa Sansthan
National Geographic Society
Neighbourhood Community Network
Neighbourhood Environment Watch Foundation
Network for Adolescent and Youth of Africa
Next Century Foundation
Ngamiland Council of Non-Governmental Organizations
Pakistan Society for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled
Pan African Institute for Entrepreneurship and Community Development
People and Police for Egypt for Culture and Scientific Services
Prajachaitanya Yuvajana Sangam
Pranab Gandharva Gurukul
Prime Initiative for Green Development
Rainy River District Women's Shelter of Hope
Reading Hamlets
RINJ Foundation
Ruldin-Society for Neglected Women of Nigeria
Saavan Foundation
Saint Monica University
Save the Earth Cambodia
Sickle Cell Foundation of Tennessee
Society for Environment and Development
Society for Protection of Street and Working Children
Society for the Widows and Orphans
Sovereign Imperial and Royal House of Ghassan
Strategy for Mentoring Initiative and Leadership Empowerment

Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition
Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania
Ugonma Foundation
Women Enabled
Women of Africa
World Christian Association for Peace and Assistance Ministry International
World Education Foundation
World Food Logistics Organization
Yale University
Youth Employment Service (Cameroon)

Requests for reclassification

32. At its 5th and 10th meetings, on 27 January and 29 January, the Committee considered six requests for reclassification of consultative status, including four new requests for reclassification, as contained in document [E/C.2/2016/R.3](#), and two deferred requests, as contained in document [E/C.2/2016/CRP.3](#). It decided to defer its consideration of the application for reclassification of status of the following six non-governmental organizations, pending receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee:

International Electrotechnical Commission
International Federation of Thanatologists Associations
Widows for Peace through Democracy
World Council for Curriculum and Instruction
World Evangelical Alliance
Yayasan Cinta Anak Bangsa

Requests for name change

33. At its 11th meeting, on 1 February, the Committee considered five new requests for a change of name by non-governmental organizations in consultative status, as contained in document [E/C.2/2016/CRP.4](#). It decided to take note of the change of name of four of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)). The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the request for a change of name by the following non-governmental organization, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to it by the Committee:

International Center for Alcohol Policies (special, 2011) to International Alliance for Responsible Drinking

34. At the same meeting, the Committee considered four deferred requests for a change of name by four non-governmental organizations in consultative status, as contained in document [E/C.2/2016/CRP.5](#). It decided to take note of the change of name of one of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)). The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the request for a change of name by

the following three non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee:

Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development (special, 2009) to Doha International Family Institute

InnerCity Mission of Christ Embassy (special, 2014) to InnerCity Mission for Children

Syriac Universal Alliance (special, 1999) to World Council of Arameans (Syriacs)

Requests for withdrawal of consultative status

35. At its 11th meeting, on 1 February, the Committee took note of the request for withdrawal of consultative status by one non-governmental organization owing to the dissolution of the organization (see chap. I, draft decision II).

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

36. At its 11th meeting, on 1 February, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of 47 quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status on their activities during the period 2002-2015, which had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (see [E/C.2/2016/CRP.2](#)). Of the 47 reports, the Committee took note of the report of the following non-governmental organization (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (e)):

International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies (2010-2013)

37. The Committee decided to defer further consideration of 46 deferred quadrennial reports submitted by the following 36 non-governmental organizations:

Amnesty International (2008-2011)

Armenian Assembly of America (2007-2010)

Asociatia Pro Democratia (2007-2010)

Catholic Organization for Relief and Development Aid (2010-2013)

Catholics for Choice (2010-2013)

Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir (2009-2012)

Centrist Democratic International (1998-2001)

Centrist Democratic International (2002-2005)

Centrist Democratic International (2006-2009)

Centrist Democratic International (2010-2013)

DiploFoundation (2010-2013)
EarthRights International (2008-2011)
End Human Trafficking Now (2007-2010)
European Union of Jewish Students (2010-2013)
Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (2010-2013)
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 Commission of Jurists (2009-2012)
International Development Enterprises (India) (2009-2012)
International Federation of Journalists (2005-2008)
International Federation of Journalists (2009-2012)
International PEN (2006-2009)
International Press Institute (2001-2004)
International Press Institute (2005-2008)
International Press Institute (2009-2012)
International Shinto Foundation (2009-2012)
International Union of Socialist Youth (2005-2008)
Kimse Yok Mu (2010-2013)
National Council of Women of Thailand (2000-2003)
Reporters sans frontières international (2005-2008)
Reporters sans frontières international (2009-2012)
Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights (2009-2012)
Simply Help (2009-2012)
Society for Threatened Peoples (2001-2004)
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Syriac Universal Alliance (2007-2010)
Ukrainian World Congress (2003-2006)
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Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (2009-2012)
Vital Voices Global Partnership (2010-2013)

Women for Women's Human Rights: New Ways (2009-2012)

World Organisation against Torture (2010-2013)

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

38. At its 10th meeting, on 29 January, 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 404 new quadrennial reports ([E/C.2/2016/2](#) and [E/C.2/2016/2/Add.1-26](#)). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 360 of the non-governmental organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)). The Committee decided to defer consideration of the report(s) of the following 44 non-governmental organization(s):

AARP (2011-2014)

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2011-2014)

Asian Centre for Human Rights (2011-2014)

Associated Country Women of the World (2011-2014)

Association for Progressive Communications (2011-2014)

Buddha's Light International Association (2011-2014)

Caritas Internationalis (2011-2014)

Centre d'accompagnement des autochtones pygmées et minoritaires vulnérables (2011-2014)

Club of Madrid (2011-2014)

Community of Sant'Egidio (2011-2014)

Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (2011-2014)

Congregations of St. Joseph (2011-2014)

Conscience and Peace Tax International (2011-2014)

Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations (2011-2014)

Coordination immigrés du sud du monde (2011-2014)

Credo-Action (2011-2014)

Cross-Cultural Solutions (2011-2014)

Defence for Children International (2011-2014)

Economists for Peace and Security (2011-2014)

European Centre for Law and Justice (2011-2014)

Federación Internacional de Fe y Alegría (2011-2014)

First Nations Summit (2011-2014)

Forum for Women and Development (2011-2014)

Heritage Foundation (2011-2014)
Human Rights First (2011-2014)
Indian Council of Education (2011-2014)
International Bar Association (2011-2014)
International Fellowship of Reconciliation (2011-2014)
International Service for Human Rights (2011-2014)
Korean Institute for Women and Politics (2011-2014)
Minhaj-ul-Quran International (2011-2014)
Movement for a Better World (2011-2014)
National Council of German Women's Organizations (2011-2014)
Nonviolent Peaceforce (2011-2014)
Nonviolent Radical Party, Transnational and Transparty (2011-2014)
Pax Christi International (2011-2014)
Planned Parenthood Federation of America (2011-2014)
Priests for Life (2011-2014)
Redress Trust (2011-2014)
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (2011-2014)
Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (2011-2014)
Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (2011-2014)
SOS Kinderdorf International (2011-2014)
Tandem Project (2011-2014)

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

39. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January, the Committee jointly considered agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and agenda item 8, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network, and heard oral reports made by the Secretariat.

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

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

Recommendations for improving the working methods of the Committee

41. Delegations requested more time to consider issues that could contribute to improving the working methods of the Committee. It is expected that informal consultations may be held at a later stage to address these matters. The Committee noted useful views expressed by Committee members in that regard.

VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

42. At its 11th meeting, on 1 February, the Committee considered three notes verbales from the Government of Haiti regarding the consultative status of the non-governmental organization Promotion pour le développement, based in Haiti, and took note of them.

VII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

43. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2016 regular session from 25 January to 3 February and on 16 February. The Committee held 16 meetings.

44. The session was opened by one of the Vice-Chairs of the 2016 session of the Committee, Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan), who served as temporary Chair.

45. At the 1st meeting, on 25 January, the Chair of the Committee, Jorge Dotta (Uruguay), made a statement, followed by an introductory statement by the Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

B. Attendance

46. 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 of non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants will be issued in document [E/C.2/2016/INF/1](#).

47. At its 2016 regular session, the Committee heard 20 representatives of non-governmental organizations, who were given the opportunity to respond to questions raised by the Committee. The additional information provided by the

representatives facilitated the debate and the work of the Committee in taking its decisions.

C. Election of officers

48. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January, the Committee elected Jorge Dotta (Uruguay) as Chair of the Committee.

49. At the same meeting, the Committee elected Elif Çaliskan (Turkey), Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan) and El Hacem Eleyatt (Mauritania) as Vice-Chairs of the Committee. At its 6th meeting, on 27 January, it elected Forouzandeh Vadiati (Islamic Republic of Iran), as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

50. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January 2016, it was decided that Mr. Jabrayilov, would also serve as Rapporteur of the Committee.

D. Agenda

51. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January 2016, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its 2016 session, as contained in document [E/C.2/2016/1](#). The agenda 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 2017 session of the Committee.
 10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

VIII. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2016 regular session

52. At its 15th meeting, on 3 February 2016, the Committee took note of the draft report and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report with the support of the Secretariat and in consultation with the members of the Committee, as appropriate, with a view to its submission to the Economic and Social Council for appropriate action.

53. At its 16th meeting, on 16 February 2016, the Committee adopted the present report.
