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NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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World Federation of Development Financing Institutions

World Federation of Methodist Women (WFMW)

Worldview International Foundation

Roster

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International Organization of Psychophysiology (IOP)

International Women's Anthropology Conference, Inc. (IWAC)

Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange (ICCICE)

Soka Gakkai International

SOS-Kinderdorf International

- (b) To reclassify the International Union of Students from the Roster to category II consultative status.

## DRAFT DECISION II

### Withdrawal of consultative status

The Economic and Social Council decides to withdraw consultative status, category II, from the International Organization - Justice and Development.

## DRAFT DECISION III

### Provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to be held in 1985

The Economic and Social Council approves the following provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to be held in 1985:

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
3. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in categories I and II consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

#### Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing quadrennial reports on the activities of non-governmental organizations in categories I and II consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

4. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations
  - (a) Deferred applications
  - (b) New applications
  - (c) Applications for reclassification

#### Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on deferred and new applications for consultative status

Note by the Secretary-General on requests for reclassification

5. Review of future activities

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the factual information necessary as a basis for the review of future activities

6. Provisional agenda, documentation and bureau for the session of the Committee to be held in 1987
7. Adoption of the report of the Committee

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

2. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations adopted the following decision which is brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council:

Reconvening of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, regretting that it has been unable to conclude its work, emphasizing the important contribution that non-governmental organizations make to the work of the United Nations, and noting that it would not normally be able to reconsider applications for consultative status or applications for reclassification of existing status until 1985 which would unnecessarily deprive the United Nations of the expertise and assistance of those non-governmental organizations whose applications have not been fully considered, decides to request the Economic and Social Council to reconvene the Committee, as soon as possible, for a period of not more than one week for the purpose of completing its work, provided that the costs involved are borne within existing resources.

3. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/44 of 8 May 1981, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations adopted the following resolution which is brought to the attention of the Council:

Review of future activities by the Committee on  
Non-Governmental Organizations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/44 of 8 May 1981 in which the Council requested the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to undertake a review of current practice related to the implementation of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968,

Recognizing the need to undertake this review within current financial resources,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/16 of 4 May 1982 in which the Council expressed its expectation that non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council will take due account in their activities of relevant resolutions of the Council and the General Assembly condemning the policy of apartheid, as practised by the Government of South Africa, in accordance with Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968, and requested the Committee to include an examination of this question in the review of current practice related to implementation of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV),

Aware of the request of the Council in its resolution 1981/44 that the examination should be conducted in consultation with Member States, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, the Secretariat staff concerned and representatives of non-governmental organizations,

Decides to adopt the following procedures, in principle, for the implementation of the review, with emphasis on proceeding to step (a), below:

(a) The Committee will determine the factual information necessary as a basis on which to begin the review, which the Secretary-General will be asked to provide to the Committee;

(b) The Committee will determine further measures appropriate for the completion of its review;

(c) The Committee will draft a report, including its recommendations, which will be circulated to Governments, the Secretariat and non-governmental organizations in order to ascertain their views before the Committee adopts a final report.

4. The Committee brings to the attention of the Economic and Social Council the following distribution of seats for the Bureau of its session to be held in 1985:

Bureau of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations  
for its session to be held in 1985

Chairman: Eastern European States  
Vice-Chairman: Asian States  
Rapporteur: Western European and other States

II. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS AND REQUESTS FOR  
RECLASSIFICATION RECEIVED FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL  
ORGANIZATIONS

(Agenda item 3)

5. The Committee considered agenda item 3 at its 427th to 440th, 442nd and 443rd meetings, from 7 to 11 and 14 to 18 February 1983. On the basis of information

submitted by non-governmental organizations as well as additional information requested by members of the Committee in certain cases, and in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV), the Committee decided to recommend 24 organizations for category II consultative status, 16 organizations for the Roster. The Committee also recommended the reclassification of one organization. 1/

6. The Committee considered the applications of other organizations but did not reach a decision on their consultative status or reclassification. In addition, the Committee was unable to consider the applications of 24 organizations owing to lack of time.

## F. Applications for consultative status

### 1. Applications on which decisions were made

#### Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

7. The organization applied for category II status.

8. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

#### African Institute of Private International Law

9. The organizationa applied for category I status.

10. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

#### African Association of Education for Development (AFASED)

11. The organization applied for category I status.

12. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

#### Asian Cultural Forum on Development (ACFOD)

13. The organization applied for category II status.

14. The Committee recommended that the organization should be placed on the Roster.

#### Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (ABCP)

15. The organization applied for category II status.

16. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the application to its next session.

Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University

17. The organization applied for category II status.
18. The Committee recommended that the organization should be placed on the Roster.

Canadian Comprehensive Auditing Foundation (CCAF)

19. The organization applied for category II status.
20. The Committee recommended that the organization should be placed on the Roster.

Center for Development Policy

21. The organization applied for category II status.
22. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the application to its next session.

Children's Own Garden International

23. The organization applied for category II status.
24. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

Defense for Children International Movement

25. The organization applied for category II status.
26. The Committee recommended that the organization should be placed on the Roster.

Disabled Peoples' International

27. The organization applied for category I status.
28. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

Elders' Circle of the Four Directions (Elders' Circle)

29. The organization applied for category II status.
30. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

Electoral Reform Society of Great Britain and Ireland

31. The organization applied for category II status.
32. The Committee recommended that the organization should be placed on the Roster.

Federation of Associations of Former International Civil Servants (FAFICS)

33. The organization applied for category II status.

34. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

Geneva Informal Meeting of International Youth Non-Governmental Organizations (GIM)

35. The organization applied for category II status.

36. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

Human Rights Internet (HRI)

37. The organization applied for category II status.

38. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

Indian Council of South America (CISA)

39. The organization applied for category II status.

40. The Committee recommended that the organization should be placed on the Roster.

Institute of International Education, Inc. (IIE)

41. The organization applied for category II status.

42. The Committee recommended that the organization should be placed on the Roster.

International Association of University Presidents

43. The organization applied for category II status.

44. The Committee recommended that the organization should be placed on the Roster.

International Bureau for the Development of Human Resources

45. The organization applied for category II status.

46. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the application to its next session.

International Driving Tests Committee (IDTC)

47. The organization applied for category II status.

48. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.



International Federation of Associations of the Elderly

49. The organization applied for category II status.
50. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

International Federation of Disabled Workers and Civilian Handicapped

51. The organization applied for category II status.
52. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

International Federation of the Little Brothers of the Poor

53. The organization applied for category II status.
54. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

International Halfway House Association (IHHA)

55. The organization applied for category II status.
56. The Committee recommended that the organization should be placed on the Roster.

International Human Rights Internship Program

57. The organization applied to be placed on the Roster.
58. The Committee recommended that the organization should be placed on the Roster.

International Institute for Research and Advice on Mental Deficiency (IAMER)

59. The organization applied for category I status.
60. The Committee recommended that the organization should be placed on the Roster.

International Institute of Humanitarian Law

61. The organization applied for category II status.
62. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

International Mazdayasnan Order

63. The organization applied for category II status.
64. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the application to its next session.

International Organization of Psychophysiology (IOP)

65. The organization applied for category II status.

66. The Committee recommended that the organization should be placed on the Roster.

International Society for Research on Aggression (ISRA)

67. The organization applied for category II status.

68. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

International Union of Air Pollution Prevention Associations (IUAPPA)

69. The organization applied for category II status.

70. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the application to its next session.

International Women's Anthropology Conference, Inc. (IWAC)

71. The organization applied to be placed on the Roster.

72. The Committee recommended that the organization should be placed on the Roster.

Inuit Circumpolar Conference

73. The organization applied for category II status.

74. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange (ICCICE)

75. The organization applied for category I status.

76. The Committee recommended that the organization should be placed on the Roster.

Latin American Association of Development Organization

77. The organization applied for category I status.

78. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

Latin American Council of Catholic Women

79. The organization applied for category II status.

80. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

Parliamentarians for World Order

81. The organization applied for category I status.
82. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

Prison Fellowship International (PFI)

83. The organization applied for category II status.
84. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

Soka Gakkai International

85. The organization applied for category II status.
86. The Committee recommended that the organization should be placed on the Roster.

SOS-Kinderdorf International

87. The organization applied for category II status.
88. The Committee recommended that the organization should be placed on the Roster.

Stichting Greenpeace Council

89. The organization applied for category II status.
90. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

Sudanic Refugee Organization (SRO)

91. The organization applied for category I status.
92. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the application to its next session.

World Federation of Development Financing Institutions

93. The organization applied for category I status.
94. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

World Federation of Direct Selling Associations

95. The organization applied for category II status.
96. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the application to its next session.

World Federation of Methodist Women (WFMW)

97. The organization applied for category II status.

98. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

Worldview International Foundation

99. The organization applied for category II status.

100. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status.

2. Applications which were considered by the Committee but  
on which no decisions were taken

American Management Associations/International (AMA/I)

101. The organization applied for category I status.

Asociación Interamericana E Ibérica de Presupuesto Publico

102. The organization applied for category I status.

European Action in Disability (EMV)

103. The organization applied for category II status.

Federation of Arab News Agencies (FANA)

104. The organization applied for category II status.

International Confederation of Ex-Prisoners of War

105. The organization applied for category II status.

International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC)

106. The organization applied for category II status.

International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association, Inc. (INEOA)

107. The organization applied for category II status.

International Tunnelling Association

108. The organization applied for category II status.

Islamic Council of Europe

109. The organization applied for category I status.

Lawyers' Committee for International Human Rights

110. The organization applied to be placed on the Roster.

National Indian Youth Council, The

111. The organization applied for category II status.

Rav Tov, Inc. (International Jewish Rescue Organization)

112. The organization applied for category II status.

Regional Studies Association (RSA)

113. The organization applied for category II status.

3. Applications which were not considered by the Committee

114. Applications for consultative status by the following 17 organizations were not considered by the Committee:

Armenian Relief Society, Inc. (ARS)

Asian Pacific Youth Forum, The (APYF)

Association of Geoscientists for International Development

Continental Africa Chamber of Commerce (CACC)

European Environmental Bureau (EEB)

International Advertising Association (IAA)

International Centre of Sociological Penal and Penitentiary Research and Studies

International Committee on Public Relations in Rehabilitation (ICPRR)

International Emergency Action (IEA)

International Ostomy Association

International Public Policy Institute

Plenty

UNSAT Energy Council

Union of Technical Assistance for Motor Vehicle and Road Traffic (UNATAC)

Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)

Water Supply Improvement Association

World Association for Element-Building and Prefabrication (WAEP)

B. Requests for reclassification

1. Applications on which decisions were made

Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization (AAPSO)

115. The organization applied for reclassification to category I status.

116. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the application to its next session.

International Union of Students

117. The organization applied for reclassification from the Roster to category I status.

118. The Committee recommended the organization for category II consultative status. 2/

World Council for the Welfare of the Blind

119. The organization applied for reclassification to category I status.

120. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the application to its next session.

Zonta International

121. The organization applied for reclassification to category I status.

122. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the application to its next session.

2. Applications which were considered by the Committee but on which no decisions were taken

International Electrotechnical Commission

123. The organization applied for reclassification to category I status.

Soroptimist International

124. The organization applied for reclassification to category I status.

3. Applications which were not considered by the Committee

125. Applications for reclassification by the following seven organizations were not considered by the Committee:

Data for Development (DFD)

International Abolitionist Federation

International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty (IARL)

International Council of Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)

International Police Association

Minority Rights Group (MRG)

OISCA International (Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement International)

C. Reconvening of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

126. During its consideration of agenda item 3, the Committee had before it a draft decision submitted by the delegation of the United States of America (E/C.2/1983/L.3), entitled "Reconvening of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations". The Committee also had before it a statement of the programme budget implications of the draft decision, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure (E/C.2/1983/L.5).

127. At its 444th meeting, on 18 February, the Committee adopted the draft decision, as orally amended during the discussion. 2/

128. Before concluding its work on agenda item 3, the Committee expressed its deep regret to non-governmental organizations which it had invited to attend and whose applications it had not had time to consider. It was aware of the disappointment and inconvenience it had thus occasioned. It hoped that its discussion of future activities would make it possible to avoid such difficulties in future.

III. REVIEW OF QUADRENNIAL REPORTS SUBMITTED BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CATEGORIES I AND II CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

(Agenda item 4)

129. The Committee considered agenda item 4 at its 443rd meeting on 18 February 1983. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it quadrennial reports submitted by 20 non-governmental organizations in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968 (E/C.2/1983/2 and Add.1).

130. At its 444th meeting, on 18 February, the Committee, owing to lack of time, decided to defer to its next session its consideration of the quadrennial reports as well as the action it would recommend to the Economic and Social Council concerning the organizations that failed to submit such reports. 3/

131. Under this item, the Committee also had before it a letter dated 17 August 1982 addressed to the Secretary-General of the International Organization - Justice and Development by the Liaison Office, Non-Governmental Organizations, United Nations Office at Geneva, regarding the confusion caused by the use of the term "Commission on Human Rights" in the communications of the International Organization - Justice and Development. 4/

#### IV. REVIEW OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES

(Agenda item 5)

132. The Committee considered agenda item 5 at its 441st and 444th meetings, on 17 and 18 February 1983.

133. At the same meeting, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs in which he referred to the value of the contribution of non-governmental organizations to the work of the United Nations, particularly in the area of international co-operation for development. In his statement, he drew attention to the increased number of appeals made to non-governmental organizations by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and gave some examples of the variety of ways in which non-governmental organizations were assisting in the work of the United Nations at both the international and national levels. This collaboration, he pointed out, had special value at a time when a world recession had seriously affected the progress of development. The Under-Secretary-General also pointed to the need to harmonize and rationalize the existing procedures for contributions by non-governmental organizations to the work of the United Nations, especially since some economic and social issues were being directly addressed in the General Assembly. A harmonization of procedures, together with a strengthening of Secretariat services, would enhance these contributions.

134. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, in her capacity as President of the Conference on Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council. She assured the Committee of the commitment of the non-governmental organizations to the work of the United Nations. She pointed out that the effectiveness of their contribution could be enhanced by extending the rules governing their consultative relationship with the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly and its intergovernmental committees.

135. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a working paper submitted by the representative of Pakistan, entitled "Review of current practice related to the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) in pursuance of Council resolution 1981/44". The Committee also had before it a statement submitted by the United Towns Organization (E/C.2/1983/NGO/1), a non-governmental organization in category I consultative status; the proposal contained in that statement is reproduced in annex IV below.



136. The Committee discussed procedures for carrying out Council decision 1981/44 in which it was requested to undertake a review of current practice related to the implementation of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968, as well as Council resolution 1982/16 of 4 May 1982 in which the Committee was requested to include in this review an examination of the question mentioned in paragraph 1 of the resolution.

137. During the general discussion of this item, some delegations requested that, in compiling the factual information necessary to undertake the review, the Secretariat should report on how organizations had complied with resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council which contained appeals to non-governmental organizations, with special reference to the resolutions condemning the policy of apartheid as practised by the Government of South Africa. One delegation also proposed that the Secretariat should prepare a list of non-governmental organizations that had consultative status with the Council and included members from South Africa.

138. Other delegations expressed concern that non-governmental organizations were not obliged to support actively all resolutions of the United Nations.

139. One delegation outlined three goals for the review:

(a) To improve the efficiency of the work of the Committee by determining interpretations in common of resolution 1296 (XLIV), and to improve the work of the Secretariat by strengthening the services it provides to non-governmental organizations;

(b) To expand within the United Nations the relationship with non-governmental organizations enjoyed by the Economic and Social Council, in harmony with the current practices of the specialized agencies and bodies of the United Nations;

(c) To augment the opportunities for non-governmental organizations to contribute to the work and projects of the United Nations.

140. A number of delegations expressed support for the strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, particularly in view of the increased work load being placed upon it. One delegation, however, insisted that there should be no increase in staff or additional financial appropriations for the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, since that would be contrary to the efforts made recently by the States Members of the United Nations and the leadership of the Secretariat to prevent any increase in the United Nations budget.

141. Some delegations pointed out that more involvement of the United Nations Secretariat and specialized agencies would be required both at the time of the informal investigations to be carried out by the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit and during the Committee's session.

142. One delegation underlined that the effectiveness of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations should be increased not by abandoning its

established form and methods of work but by the fuller use of the possibilities set forth in Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) as well as in paragraph (b) of Council decision 1981/163 of 8 May 1981.

143. At the 444th meeting, on 18 February, the representative of Pakistan introduced and orally revised a draft resolution (E/C.2/1983/L.4), entitled "Review of future activities".

144. In the discussion of the draft resolution prior to its adoption, some members of the Committee suggested the establishment of a pre-screening working group that would meet before the session of the Committee to undertake preliminary work with the aid of hearings and/or questionnaires with a view to expediting the work of the Committee. Other delegations, however, opposed this suggestion.

145. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/1983/L.4, as orally revised. 5/

## V. ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

### A. Duration of the session

146. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations met at United Nations Headquarters from 7 to 18 February 1983. The Committee held 19 plenary meetings (426th to 444th meetings) and a number of informal meetings.

147. The session was opened by Mr. Sajjad Ali (Pakistan), Chairman of the Committee in 1982. The Committee approved its agenda, which is reproduced in annex I, and had before it the documentation listed in annex II of the present report.

### B. Membership and attendance

148. The following States members of the Committee were represented:

Chile	Nigeria
Costa Rica	Pakistan
Cuba	Rwanda
Cyprus	Sweden
France	Thailand
Ghana	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
India	United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Kenya	Northern Ireland
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	United States of America
Nicaragua	Yugoslavia

149. The following States not members of the Committee participated as observers:

Algeria	Germany, Federal Republic of
Canada	Japan
Czechoslovakia	Mongolia
Egypt	Romania

150. The Holy See was represented by an observer.

151. The following United Nations body was represented: United Nations Children's Fund.

152. The following specialized agencies were represented:

International Labour Organisation  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

153. The following non-governmental organizations attended the session:

(a) Category I

International Chamber of Commerce  
International Confederation of Free Trade Unions  
International Council on Social Welfare  
International Federation of Business and Professional Women  
Muslim World League  
United Towns Organization  
World Assembly of Youth (WAY)  
World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)

(b) Category II

Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization  
Agudas Israel World Organization  
Amnesty International  
Associated Country Women of the World  
Bahà'i International Community  
Baptist World Alliance  
Christian Peace Conference  
Co-ordinating Board of Jewish Organizations (CBJO)  
International Council of Monuments and Sites  
International Electrotechnical Committee  
Jaycees International  
Pax Christi, International Catholic Peace Movement  
Soroptimist International  
World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows  
World Conference on Religion and Peace  
World Council for the Welfare of the Blind  
World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations

World Women's Christian Temperance Union  
World Young Women's Christian Association  
Zonta International

(c) Roster

Council for Development of Economic and Social Research in Africa,  
The (CODESRIA)  
Data for Development  
International Abolitionist Federation  
International Police Association  
International Union of Students  
Minority Rights Group  
OISCA International (Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and  
Cultural Advancement International)  
World Association for Element-Building and Prefabrication

C. Officers

154. At its 426th and 429th meetings, on 7 and 8 February, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: Mrs. Emilia Castro de BARISH (Costa Rica)

Vice-Chairman: Mrs. Rose Adhiambo ARUNGU-OLENDE (Kenya)

Rapporteur: Mrs. Simone POUDADE (France)

Notes

1/ See chap. I, sect. A, draft decision I.

2/ See chap. I, sect. B., para. 2 above.

3/ See chap. I, sect. A, draft decision III.

4/ For the decision adopted by the Committee, see chap. I, sect. A, draft decision II.

5/ See chap. I, sect. B, para. 3.

Annex I

AGENDA

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
4. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in categories I and II
5. Review of future activities
6. Provisional agenda and documentation for next session of the Committee
7. Adoption of the report of the Committee

Annex II

DOCUMENTATION

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Annex III

RESOLUTION BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE BY THE  
CONFERENCE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CONSULTATIVE  
STATUS WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL a/

Resolutions adopted by the fifteenth General Assembly of the  
Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative  
Status with the Economic and Social Council, meeting at  
United Nations Headquarters from 13 to 16 September 1982

I. NGO CONSULTATIVE RELATIONSHIP

The fifteenth General Assembly of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council, meeting at United Nations Headquarters from 13 to 16 September 1982;

Welcomes the timely adoption by the Economic and Social Council of resolution 1981/44 of 8 May 1981 which requests the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to undertake a review of current practice related to the implementation of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968, bearing in mind paragraph 15 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, in consultation with Member States, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, the Secretariat staff concerned and representatives of non-governmental organizations;

Expresses its deep appreciation to the outgoing Board for the initiatives it has already taken to engage the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in making its contribution to the review process, especially in holding preliminary consultations with the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and the United Nations Secretariat;

Further expresses its satisfaction that during the fifteenth triennial General Assembly, it has reviewed and examined comprehensively all the facets pertaining to the work of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations, particularly on the question of the consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

Affirms that the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations, with a world-wide representative membership of some 180 organizations and in light of its thirty-five years of history and experience, has a major contribution to make to the review process being initiated by the Council;

Instructs the incoming Board to treat the review process as a matter of priority giving due attention to the developments in the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and to take all appropriate measures to represent the views of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations on the matter as expressed at the fifteenth General Assembly, bearing in mind especially the following:

1. Non-governmental organizations in consultative status could contribute more effectively at all levels to the work of the United Nations in the areas in which the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly call upon them to do so, if the formal relationship that non-governmental organizations enjoy with the Council and its subsidiary bodies, as regulated by Council resolution 1296 (XLIV), were extended to the United Nations as a whole. This could be effected by an appropriate General Assembly resolution.

2. To maintain harmony in the development of the relations of non-governmental organizations with the United Nations, uniform procedures should be established for the formal participation of non-governmental organizations in accordance with the principles contained in Council resolution 1296 (XLIV). These should include standard rules for the participation of non-governmental organizations in world conference.

3. In view of the increasing number of sectors in the United Nations which are establishing relations with non-governmental organizations, and taking into account the desirability of harmonizing practices, a co-ordinating body to keep developments under review should be established. At present the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations of the Economic and Social Council is the only body which could perform this function.

4. The effective functioning of consultative relations depends to a great extent on the status and efficiency of the Non-Governmental Organization Unit in the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs. The work of this Unit has steadily increased over the years. A growing number of non-governmental organizations in consultative status require attention, an ever-increasing number of applications for status must be processed, and an increasing number of conferences need to be given attention. Yet the size of the professional and support staff of the Unit has remained unchanged. There is an urgent need to add to it.

5. Furthermore, the Non-Governmental Organization Unit has had its workload and responsibilities increased in other ways. It is called upon to advise sections outside the Department on questions relating to consultative status and often has to intervene to keep the channels open for non-governmental organizations in consultative status. The United Nations would gain if the status of the Unit were upgraded and if it had the necessary authority to take initiatives and ensure co-ordination in all matters concerning the relationship of non-governmental organizations with the United Nations. It is therefore suggested that the Secretary-General should be invited to consider the advantages of making the Unit part of his office.

6. The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations, whose purpose is to facilitate the realization of the United Nations purposes and contribute to the development of effective consultative procedures under Council resolution 1296 (XLIV), has been an effective channel of communication with the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and with the Non-Governmental Organization Unit and the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs and the Non-Governmental Organization Liaison Office in Geneva, as well as with other sectors in the Secretariat. It has proven over the years to be a valid



"interlocuteur", while preserving the independent consultative status of each non-governmental organization. In these circumstances, the Conference considers that it should now be authorized to present its views to all appropriate United Nations organs and bodies on matters concerning consultative procedures.

7. These recommendations should be transmitted to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations in order to facilitate the review called for in Council resolution 1981/44. As their implementation would require actions throughout the United Nations system they should be brought to the attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the officers of the Economic and Social Council.

## 11. CONFERENCE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ITS COMMITTEES

The fifteenth General Assembly of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council,

Conscious of the need to further improve the functioning of the Conference and the exercising of the consultative procedures,

Having studied recommendations and proposals presented to the Assembly,

Requests the Board of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (hereinafter referred to as the Conference) to:

- 1.1 Continue efforts to enlarge the Conference membership;
- 1.2 Facilitate co-operation among Conference members and between non-governmental organization committees acting under the auspices of the Conference;
- 1.3 Provide for adequate and consistent representation at various United Nations centres and offices of the views and positions of the Conference;
- 1.4 Prepare an information booklet on the Conference and on consultative arrangements to be made available to the non-governmental organizations, members of the United Nations Secretariat and representatives of Governments;
- 1.5 Explore possibilities for a comprehensive study on Article 71 of the Charter of the United Nations, Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) and other resolutions concerning consultative arrangements;
- 1.6 Consider the possibility of organizing under the auspices of the Conference parallel non-governmental organization conferences in connection with United Nations world conferences;
- 1.7 Explore possibilities of convening the General Assemblies of the Conference in developing countries;

- 2.1 Ensure that a clear distinction is drawn within the United Nations and its Secretariat between the non-governmental organizations enjoying consultative status and other non-governmental organizations;
- 2.2 Review, in light of past experiences, the principle and the process of selecting non-governmental organizations to present oral statements to United Nations conferences and meetings;
- 2.3 Encourage and strengthen non-governmental organization consultative relations with the United Nations regional commissions and other regional bodies and programmes;
- 2.4 Urge that the President of the Economic and Social Council arrange for regular meetings between the officers of the Council and representatives of the Conference;
- 2.5 Urge that regular meetings, at least twice a year, be held between members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and the Board of the Conference;
- 3.1 Request the United Nations to assist in ensuring more active United Nations non-governmental organization co-operation through:
  - (a) The provision of more United Nations staff and clerical assistance to non-governmental organizations at both global and regional levels, which requires above all the strengthening, both of the Non-Governmental Organization Unit of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs in New York and of the Non-Governmental Organization Liaison Office at Geneva, as well as the appointment of a Liaison Officer at Vienna;
  - (b) Arranging orientation courses designed to provide background information on Economic and Social Council consultative possibilities;
  - (c) The organization of briefings and consultations covering the range of United Nations activities;
  - (d) Providing timely information and invitations to various United Nations meetings;
  - (e) The encouragement of Non-Governmental Organization/United Nations joint sponsorship of various events: conferences, seminars, workshops;
  - (f) Offering to non-governmental organizations greater facilities for their work, including more relevant documentation with wider distribution, greater and regular publicity for non-governmental organization activities, more exchange of information etc.;

- (g) Providing facilities for individual non-governmental organizations and ad hoc groups of non-governmental organizations to organize United Nations-related activities on United Nations premises;
- (h) Making regular reports on non-governmental organization activities available to governmental delegations and to the United Nations Secretariat.

### III. REVITALIZATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The fifteenth General Assembly of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council,

Noting the importance of strengthening the consultative process in relation to the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council as stressed in his opening statement by the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs,

Invites the incoming Board of the Conference to create a special working group to examine this question and thereby stimulate broad discussion in the non-governmental organization community with a view toward formulating concrete proposals based on the thirty-five years of experience of consultative non-governmental organizations in this field. These proposals should be given the widest possible dissemination and brought to the attention of the competent United Nations authorities.

### IV. VISAS

The fifteenth General Assembly of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council,

Regretting the fact that numerous non-governmental organization representatives have failed to obtain visas in time or at all to enable them to participate in the second special session of the United Nations General Assembly devoted to disarmament and other meetings of the United Nations and of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council held at United Nations Headquarters,

Requests the Board to take this matter up with the United Nations Secretariat with a view to arriving at an understanding with the host country which will ensure that non-governmental organization representatives are able to participate at United Nations meetings on disarmament or on other subjects which concern them, and at meetings of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations and of its committees.

V. ASSISTANCE TO REPRESENTATIVES OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The fifteenth General Assembly of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council,

Instructs the Board to approach the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a request to examine the possibility of establishing a special fund or facilitating by other means greater participation of non-governmental organization representatives from developing countries in their delegations to United Nations conferences and other meetings, and to meetings of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations.

VI.

The fifteenth General Assembly of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council,

Stressing the importance of an active presence of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations prior to and/or parallel to the many important United Nations conferences in the sphere of development, such as the International Conference on Population and the Sixth United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Requests the Board to work out and sponsor a plan of activities and to make proper arrangements connected with these United Nations conferences.

VII.

The fifteenth General Assembly of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council,

Highlighting the usefulness of setting up a focal point for non-governmental organizations having an active interest in science and technology for development, in order to interact with the Centre on Science and Technology for Development within the framework of the Vienna Programme of Action and the relevant resolutions and decisions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development,

Requests the Board to consider the idea and possibly make appropriate arrangements to this end.

VIII.

The fifteenth General Assembly of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council,

Requests the Board to invite the Committee on Development Planning to recognize non-governmental organizations in consultative status under Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) and to provide for their access to and consultation with that Committee in accordance with the aforementioned resolution;

Invites the Board to lend its best efforts to promote an effective non-governmental organization contribution to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and in this regard to consult further with the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs.

IX.

The fifteenth General Assembly of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council,

Endorses the continuation of active negotiations by the Ad Hoc Liaison Group, and by the Special Non-Governmental Organization Committees on Disarmament at Geneva and at United Nations Headquarters on the role of non-governmental organizations - both national and international - in disarmament work in the United Nations system, including in particular:

- (a) Access to plenary, commission and working group meetings;
- (b) Availability of documents;
- (c) Opportunities to make both oral and written presentations to the work of United Nations disarmament machinery: the Committee on Disarmament, the First Committee, the Disarmament Commission and the General Assembly;
- (d) Extension of the above practices to United Nations bodies that have not followed them in the past.

X.

The fifteenth General Assembly of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council,

Urges the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Member States at the thirty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly to consider the following suggestions to implement the decision to undertake a United Nations World Disarmament Campaign:

1. To spell out an advisory role for non-governmental organizations, peace and disarmament research institutions and peace education institutions in the Campaign so that they can make a continuing input on policy and implementation of the Campaign on international, regional and national levels, including representation of non-governmental organizations on any international policy board which might be created.

2. To request the United Nations Centre for Disarmament to keep in close contact with the Ad Hoc Non-Governmental Organization Liaison Group of the Special Non-Governmental Organization Committees on Disarmament at Geneva and at United Nations Headquarters, and other groups of non-governmental organizations, to help implement the plans for the Campaign so that it may be in effective operation as soon as possible.

Notes

a/ At its 444th meeting, on 18 February 1983, the Committee decided to include the text of the resolution as an annex to its report.

Annex IV

STATEMENT OF THE UNITED TOWNS ORGANIZATION a/

Proposal for the improvement of co-operation between non-governmental organizations and the United Nations

The United Towns Organization requests the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, in the framework of the review of current practices related to the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) which it has been requested to undertake under the provisions of Council resolution 1981/44:

(a) To study the broadening of the provisions of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) so as to associate the Non-Governmental Organizations concerned with the activities of the United Nations Secretariat in which they have an interest from the early stages of preparation of projects, with a view to enabling them to determine in good time the contribution they might be able to provide;

(b) To examine how and under which conditions the United Nations might be able to associate these Non-Governmental Organizations with the implementation of tasks and the execution of projects that they might be able to handle in a particularly efficient and economical way.

Notes

a/ The statement was made at the 441st meeting of the Committee, on 17 February 1983. At its 444th meeting, on 18 February 1983, the Committee decided to include the proposal as an annex to its report.

Annex V

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS  
ON ITS MEETINGS HELD FROM 14 TO 16 APRIL 1982 a/

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I. MATTERS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ECONOMIC  
AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations draws the attention of the Economic and Social Council to the following decision:

Quadrennial report of the Afro-Asian People's  
Solidarity Organization

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations takes note of the quadrennial report of the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization and draws to the attention of this organization the questions raised at the 1982 meeting of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.

II. REQUESTS BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO BE HEARD  
BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF 1982

(Agenda item 2)

2. The Committee considered agenda item 2 at its 419th and 424th meetings, on 14 and 16 April 1982. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a conference room paper containing requests by non-governmental organizations to be heard by the Council at its first regular session of 1982.
3. At its 419th meeting, the Committee approved the requests contained in the conference room paper and recommended them to the Council. b/
4. At its 424th meeting, the Committee approved a request from the International Federation of Business and Professional Women to be heard by the Council, and recommended it to the Council. c/

III. REVIEW OF QUADRENNIAL REPORTS SUBMITTED BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL  
ORGANIZATIONS IN CATEGORIES I AND II CONSULTATIVE STATUS  
WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

(Agenda item 3)

5. The Committee considered agenda item 3 at its 419th to 424th meetings, from 14 to 16 April 1982.
6. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the quadrennial reports submitted by 165 non-governmental organizations pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) (E/C.2/1982/2 and Add.1-8). The Committee completed its review of 158 quadrennial reports of non-governmental organizations in categories I and II consultative status with the Council. d/
7. The Committee requested the following organizations to provide further information within three months and deferred consideration of the reports of those organizations to its regular session in 1983:

International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals  
International Bar Association  
International Association of Democratic Lawyers  
Lions International - The International Association of Lions Clubs  
Socialist International Women (SIW)

8. The Committee requested the following organizations that have not submitted a quadrennial report in compliance with Council resolution 1246 (XLIV), paragraph 40 (b), to do so within three months and deferred consideration of those reports to its regular sessions in 1983:

Arab Lawyers Union  
Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America  
European Association of National Productivity Centres  
Federation of Arab Economists, The  
Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Inc.  
Inter-American Federation of Public Relations Associations  
Inter-American Federation of Touring and Automobile Clubs (FITAC)  
International Cargo Handling Co-ordination Association  
International Federation of Beekeepers' Associations  
International Federation of Landscape Architects  
International Federation of Senior Police Officers  
International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres  
Pan African Women's Organization  
United Kingdom Standing Conference on the Second United Nations Development Decade  
War Resisters International  
World Confederation of Labour  
World Council of Management  
World Energy Conference  
World Federation of Catholic Youth  
World Student Christian Federation  
World Union of Organizations for the Safeguard of Youth

9. The Committee decided to defer to its next session consideration of the quadrennial reports submitted by the following organizations:

Inter-American Press Association  
International Union of Building Societies and Savings Associations

#### IV. ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

##### A. Duration of the session

10. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations met at Headquarters from 14 to 16 April 1982. The Committee held six plenary meetings (419th to 424th).

##### B. Membership and attendance

11. Representatives of the following States members of the Committee attended the session: Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, France, Ghana, India, Iraq, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sweden, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Zaire.

12. The Holy See was represented by an observer.

13. The following non-governmental rganizations attended the session:

(a) Category I

World Federation of United Nations Associations

(b) Category II

Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization,

Catholic Relief Services,

The World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows, Inc.

World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations

##### C. Officers

14. The Committee had the following officers as its Bureau:

Chairman: Mr. Sajjad Ali (Pakistan)

Rapporteur: Mr. Richard H. O. Okwaro (Kenya)

##### D. Agenda

15. The Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Adoption of agenda and other organizational matters

2. Requests by non-governmental organizations to be heard by the Council at its first regular session of 1982

3. Review of the quadrennial reports on the activities of non-governmental organizations in categories I and II consultative status with the Economic and Social Council
4. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

E. Documentation

16. The Committee had before it the following documents:

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Agenda item</u>
E/C.2/1982/1	Provisional agenda	1
E/C.2/1982/2 and Add.1-8	Report of the Secretary-General containing quadrennial reports on the activities of non-governmental organizations in categories I and II consultative status with the Economic and Social Council	3
E/C.2/1982/L.1	Draft report	4

Notes

a/ The Committee agreed at its meetings held in 1982 that its report would be annexed to the report on its 1983 session. At its 444th meeting, on 18 February 1983, the Committee further agreed to this arrangement.

b/ See E/1982/50.

c/ See E/1982/50/Add.1.

d/ Reservations made by delegations on the review of quadrennial reports are contained in the appendix to the present report.

Appendix

RESERVATIONS MADE BY DELEGATIONS ON THE REVIEW OF QUADRENNIAL  
REPORTS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CATEGORIES I AND  
II CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United States of America

The Government of the United States of America wishes to avail itself of the opportunity to express its reservations with respect to the quadrennial report of activities submitted to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations by the World Federation of Trade Unions (E/C.2/1982/2/Add.3). The United States feels compelled to express in writing its reservations with respect to the report of the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) since the representative of that organization was unable to provide satisfactory responses to any of the following questions addressed to him on 16 April 1982, during the Committee's discussion of the WFTU report.

- (1) Can WFTU cite a single instance when that organization demonstrated its independence by disagreeing with an East European Government (other than Poland during the existence of Solidarity) on a question of trade union policy?
- (2) Does WFTU believe that its national affiliates in socialist countries all enjoy freedom of association?
- (3) What are the principal sources of income for WFTU and why has the organization failed to publish at regular intervals a full account of its financial transactions, including its sources of income and its expenditure?
- (4) Why did WFTU fail to take a position at the ILO General Conference held in June 1981 on the question of the Soviet Union's implementation of Convention No. 87 on freedom of association?
- (5) Why did WFTU support the suppression of Solidarity in Poland?
- (6) What action has WFTU taken to support the decision adopted by the ILO Governing Body in February 1982 which labelled the suppression of Polish Solidarity a violation of ILO Conventions No. 87 (freedom of association) and No. 98 (the right to organize and bargain collectively)?
- (7) Is WFTU prepared to support the restoration of trade union rights to an organization which has the overwhelming support of the workers in that country, such as Solidarity in Poland?
- (8) What steps does WFTU plan to take to support the implementation of the resolution adopted in March 1982 at Geneva by the Commission on Human Rights on the human rights situation in Poland?
- (9) Does WFTU support the right of trade unions to assist other trade unions as, for example, was done for Solidarity in Poland?