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1. Carmelite NGO

Special, 2009

Introduction

The organization is composed of members of the Order of Carmelites and affiliated religious congregations of men, women and lay Carmelites. Three words define its mission: “prayer”, by which its members remain in contact with God; “community”, which creates a new way of living; and “justice”, which leads its members to defend the values of human life and respect and care for the Earth and all of creation.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization’s goal is to participate actively in creating a more peaceful, just and loving world by advocating and caring for the spiritual and human needs of the family and the environment.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization is involved with Bread for the World, its New Orleans chapter, in promoting the right to food, education and advocacy, in addition to an annual walk for the hungry held in New Orleans.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

2. Centre des dames mourides

Special, 2005

Introduction

The organization is a non-profit organization that promotes the empowerment of women and children, irrespective of class, race and religion, in Mauritius.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to work towards the advancement of the welfare of women and children in society, without discrimination, and to create a place where

people, irrespective of class, race and religion, interact in peace and harmony. By engaging in voluntary social work, members of the organization seek to work towards improving the social conditions and welfare of women and children so as to contribute to the betterment of their communities and society at large. The organization's objectives are to assist those in need; to empower women through training and skills development; to raise the awareness of women concerning social issues and progress regarding women's rights; to provide women and children with social, economic and spiritual training and support them so as to enable them to lead a life of dignity and respect; and to promote interfaith dialogue.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

With a view to promoting reading among youngsters, the organization published a compilation of 13 tales in comic-strip format, *Contes de sagesse d'Afrique*, which deals with moral values such as honesty, love, sharing and peace. It was launched on 16 June 2010 on the occasion of the International Day of the African Child. A total of 100 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working with children from deprived areas of the country were offered a copy. To mark World Book Day on 23 April 2011, the organization distributed the compilation to 200 children in the village of Chemin Grenier, in southern Mauritius. During distribution, the organization explained to young people about the importance of reading to improve their written skills. The remaining copies were put on sale to raise funds for the organization.

Each year during the reporting period, the organization celebrated International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development (5 December) by organizing a forum in Mesnil. The organization encourages people to perform voluntary social work because there are so many emerging issues in Mauritius. A total of 100 women (members of NGOs and women's organizations, in addition to housewives living in the vicinity of the organization) from all parts of the island were invited to the celebration. On the occasion of World AIDS Day (1 December), the organization regularly organized a half-day reflection on women and AIDS. Women and young girls were given information on AIDS and its implications and how it affected women. They were also informed about where to go for more information and for HIV testing.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In line with Millennium Development Goal 3, the organization organized activities to empower women in various areas, including a breast cancer awareness

programme in Mauritius and Rodrigues. The organization distributed brochures and DVDs on breast self-examinations in English, Creole, Braille and sign language.

3. Centro de Estudio y Formación Integral de la Mujer

Special, 2005

Introduction

The organization is a national centre founded in Mexico in 1998 to promote, through a wide variety of programmes, human and cultural values that enhance women's leadership and trigger social development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's goal is to empower women in order for them to be able to take charge of their own development and that of their communities. The organization offers women diverse tools, such as leadership, self-esteem, confidence, motivation, job training and entrepreneurship activities. These activities include programmes that equip women with skills useful to them, whether individually, at home, in the workforce or at the public level. The organization also provides women with care skills in the fields of nutrition, education, parenting, personal finance, time management and individual development. It organizes events, seminars, caucuses and training. Most activities are geared towards women in poverty who have no formal education or resources to take charge of their own development. With the help of the organization, thousands of women have been empowered and able to change their lives and those of their communities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization helped to design and launch public policies regarding non-discrimination against women in the workforce. It also created awards for family-friendly businesses and businesses promoting women in the workforce. Participants in conferences organized by the organization received assistance from counsellors, food services, transportation, educational materials, books, CDs and information from supporting institutions. Some conferences were held with State and municipal governments and others with private companies. Some 140,000 women have benefited directly and up to 700,000 persons have benefited in total, including members of the families of the women beneficiaries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization participated in the following meetings:

- (a) Forty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development, held from 30 March to 3 April 2009 in New York;
- (b) Fifty-third to fifty-sixth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, covering the period 2009-2012. Representatives participated in Latin

American caucuses, youth caucuses and parallel events, among others, in addition to lobbying Governments to further advance the status of women;

(c) Forty-seventh and forty-eighth sessions of the Commission for Social Development, in 2009 and 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

With regard to Millennium Development Goal 1, the organization empowered women with tools and knowledge that could be used towards self-employment, entrepreneurship activities and community development projects, in addition to providing information on nutrition.

Concerning Goal 2, the organization advocated the right of girls to education, motivating mothers to support and participate in their children's education.

As to Goal 3, the organization helped in designing and launching public policies regarding non-discrimination against women in the workforce.

In reference to Goal 5, the organization called upon women to celebrate motherhood and take care of their health through adequate nutrition and dignified living and working conditions. It had a voice in national and international campaigns on violence against women.

Additional information

The organization hosted five international women's forums in Mexico and two in Miami, United States of America, attended by 4,300 professional women. It has a seat at the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of Mexico.

4. Centro de Investigación Social, Formación y Estudios de la Mujer

Special, 1997

Introduction

The organization works in social development and promotes cooperation and integration between groups and institutions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization founded a gender equity and equality forum and a women's human rights observatory to strengthen its work. The observatory network, comprising 44 organizations, is directed by the organization and covers eight states of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. Its voluntary work is supported by a number of international institutions, including some United Nations agencies.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization supported the creation of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) by responding to an evaluation of capacity to create UN-Women and answering a survey for governmental and NGO partners. The organization participated in a regional meeting for female leaders of the Andean Community held in Quito in February 2010 to analyse the proposals of the General Assembly for a single women's entity. It also engaged with the representative of the United Nations Development Fund for Women from Latin America in Caracas in September 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization participated in the following meetings:

- (a) United Nations Development Programme Global Conference on Gender-based Violence, held in Caracas in April 2009;
- (b) Twelfth session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, held in Geneva from 3 to 14 October 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization worked to end violence against women in partnership with the United Nations Development Fund for Women, UN-Women and the campaign of the Secretary-General entitled "UNiTE to End Violence against Women". In 2010, the organization produced an alternative report and brochure on the right of women to a violence-free life and, in 2011, a similar publication. In October 2009, it produced an alternative report on the status of women's human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, in follow-up to the concluding comments of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on the combined fourth, fifth and sixth periodic reports of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (issued in January 2006) and to the organization's shadow report (issued in 2005). A report on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for consideration at the twelfth session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review was sent to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on 20 March 2011.

In November 2012, the organization prepared a project, with the Human Rights Council and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), for children and teenagers in Sucre to create a mandatory road map for girls and young women who are victims of gender violence at the hands of public officials.

In addition, two written statements were prepared:

- (a) A statement on women, poverty and employment in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela was prepared for the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2012 of the Economic and Social Council. It addressed the need to promote productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty in the context of inclusive, sustainable and equitable economic growth at all levels for achieving the Millennium Development Goals;

(b) A statement on the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela was prepared for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in 2013. It addressed the pending tasks of the Government to transform law into reality for women and girls, given that, notwithstanding the existence of a subcommittee on gender statistics in the National Institute of Statistics, there is no accessible information on data regarding violence against women and girls and the protective measures that can be applied.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

5. Centro Nazionale di Prevenzione e Difesa Sociale

Special, 1989

Introduction

The organization is a non-aligned association of people from the spheres of politics, science, economics, sociology and criminology. It was founded in 1948 with the aim of studying conditions and aspects of social prevention and to help to define the essential features of the new social defence movement.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to promote the study and implementation of a system of crime prevention and social control. This task is fulfilled through in-depth analysis, pioneering research and debates, conducted using a multidisciplinary methodology, on the processes of social and economic change in contemporary societies and of the demands addressed to the political, economic, legal, judicial and social professions. In so doing, the organization has supported the United Nations in its attempts to achieve common aims in crime prevention and criminal justice, while preserving fundamental human values and respecting basic human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization continued its multifaceted activities of research and studies through its experts, who are active mainly in the legal, economic and sociological fields. As indicated below, it also organized several substantive international meetings jointly with the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and with the International Society of Social Defence.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization participated in the following meetings:

(a) Eighteenth to twenty-first sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, covering the period 2009-2012;

(b) Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, held in Salvador, Brazil, from 12 to 19 April 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime by organizing four international conferences (on protecting children from sexual offenders in the information technology era; the African experience of international organized crime; cybercrime; and international strategies against corruption), at the initiative of the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in Courmayeur, Italy, from 2009 to 2012.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

6. Centro Regional de Derechos Humanos y Justicia de Género

Special, 2009

Introduction

The organization is a centre for feminist research and political action whose mission is to promote and defend women's human rights and gender justice in Latin America. It works to raise the voice of women in decision-making processes promoting women's candidatures for positions relating to the promotion and defence of human rights at the regional and international levels.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objectives of the organization are:

(a) To contribute to the fulfilment of international legal obligations in the area of women's human rights in South America through the strengthening and use of national and international mechanisms for monitoring and protecting human rights;

(b) To promote the inclusion of demands for respect for human rights and gender justice on national and regional public agendas, facilitating the implementation of the highest international human rights and gender justice standards at the national level;

(c) To contribute to generating a culture of recognition and respect for women's human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

Since 2009, the organization has partnered with the Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales in Argentina and Conectas Direitos Humanos in Brazil, whose objective is to the strengthen collaborative action and work of Latin American NGOs with the United Nations human rights system, with special emphasis on the

Human Rights Council and treaty bodies. Through its representative in Geneva, it has dedicated special efforts to seeking opportunities at the United Nations to strengthen Latin American voices in such mechanisms and processes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization submitted the following materials:

- (a) Alternative report for the review of Chile by the Committee against Torture at its forty-second session, held from 27 April to 15 May 2009;
- (b) Joint written submission regarding Chile to the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review at its fifth session, held from 4 to 15 May 2009;
- (c) Alternative report for the review of Chile by the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families at its fifteenth session, held from 12 to 23 September 2011;
- (d) Written contributions to the list of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of the combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of Chile by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, in 2011;
- (e) Alternative report for the review of Chile by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women at its fifty-third session, held from 1 to 19 October 2012;
- (f) Joint report with input for the Committee against Torture, in 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization participated in the following meetings:

- (a) Fifth session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, held from 4 to 15 May 2009;
- (b) Fifteenth to twentieth sessions of the Human Rights Council, covering the period 2010-2012;
- (c) Fifteenth session of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, held from 12 to 23 September 2011;
- (d) Fifty-third session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, held from 1 to 19 October 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributes to Millennium Development Goal 3 (promote gender equality and empower women) by litigating emblematic cases of violations of women's human rights, monitoring the enforcement of States' international human rights obligations and submitting periodic reports on the situation of women's human rights to the United Nations system.

7. Charity Foundation for Special Diseases

Special, 2005

Introduction

The organization was established in 1996 to support and assist patients suffering from thalassaemia, haemophilia and renal failure and those requiring kidney transplantation. Later, it expanded its work to include hepatitis, cancer, diabetes and multiple sclerosis.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To achieve its objectives, the organization seeks to raise public awareness about the diseases on which it focuses. It seeks to improve prevention, treatment and care by attracting the financial and legal support of Governments for patients and encouraging public participation for the development and equipping of new medical centres for patients with special diseases.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the work of the United Nations by:

(a) Collaborating with international organizations such as the Thalassaemia International Federation, the International Federation of Kidney Foundations and the International Diabetes Federation in the field of awareness-raising and scientific research;

(b) Translating and publishing information, magazines, pamphlets and brochures;

(c) Organizing and promoting international observances for special diseases through the mass media.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the annual Department of Public Information/ Non-Governmental Organizations conferences held from 2009 to 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization exchanged information with the World Health Organization regarding humanitarian problems and problems with access to treatment for special diseases stemming from sanctions.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

8. Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries

General, 2001

Introduction

The organization is engaged in people-to-people communication. It is committed to promoting exchanges and cooperation with other countries in the fields of trade, economy, education, social development, sustainable development, young people, sister cities, science and technology and culture.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to enhance friendship, further international cooperation and promote world peace and common development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

With a view to promoting peace and friendship through people-to-people and cultural exchanges, the organization organizes exchange visits for people from all walks of life, including young people, officials, experts, academics, businesspeople and ordinary people. For example, students from the University of the Latin American Educational Center attended the 2009 Tianjin International Children's Culture and Art Festival as a way of promoting exchanges between students. In 2012, the organization coordinated a winter camp for Chinese students to visit and study in the United States with the aim of promoting friendship and student exchanges. It held a China-Canada cultural dialogue with the Canadian Fund for International Understanding through Culture in 2009 and 2012.

With a view to promoting international cooperation and economic development, over the past four years the organization sponsored 80 national and international symposiums and conferences in the fields of finance, economy, investment, high technology and sustainable development, which greatly enhanced cooperation between China and other countries. It co-organized, in conjunction with the Chicago-China Economic Development Center, a round-table discussion for chief executive officers. It organized the 2010 edition of the China International Friendship Cities Conference. In 2011, it jointly organized, with the National Governors Association, the first forum of governors of China and the United States in Salt Lake City, United States.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization attended the following meetings:

- (a) Annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations conferences held from 2009 to 2011;
- (b) 2010 resumed session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, held in New York from 26 May to 4 June 2010;

(c) Second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in New York on 7 and 8 March 2011;

(d) Fourth Alliance of Civilizations Forum, held in Doha from 11 to 13 December 2011;

(e) First Partners Forum for the Alliance of Civilizations, held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 31 May to 1 June 2012;

(f) United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012;

(g) United Nations Climate Change Conference, held in Doha from 26 November to 8 December 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2012, as indicated above, the organization led a delegation to attend the first Partners Forum for the Alliance of Civilizations. A memorandum of understanding for enhancing friendly cooperation between the organization and the Alliance was signed.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

From July 2009 to August 2010, the organization carried out a programme, funded by Citibank, to train 60 English teachers from impoverished areas in Hubei, Hunan and Jiangxi Provinces. In addition, it donated solar energy stoves to residents of rural areas in Qinghai Province.

9. Christian Children's Fund

Special, 1985

Introduction

The organization works to implement long-lasting and meaningful changes for more than 15 million impoverished children and their families. It represents ChildFund Alliance, a worldwide group of 12 child-centred development organizations working in 58 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to create sustainable child-focused and community-based development programmes in areas in which war, natural disaster, poverty and global health issues affect children. It also promotes child sponsorship as a comprehensive and meaningful approach to child development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization is an active partner of UNICEF, in particular its Child Protection Section, and of the Millennium Campaign. In partnership with UNICEF, it is committed to advancing the inclusion of violence against children as one of the priorities of the post-2015 development agenda. It contributed to the organization of, and participated in, a high-level event on the prevention of violence against children and its place in the post-2015 development agenda that was co-hosted by the Governments of Canada and Liberia and held in New York on 25 March 2013. It chairs the Advocacy Task Force of the Child Protection Working Group.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization attended several meetings relating to the post-2015 process, including those of the Post-2015 Outreach Strategic Planning Group; those of the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, held in Bali, Indonesia, Monrovia and New York; and those of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals. It also attended related briefings to the General Assembly. The organization is involved in the Child Protection Working Group and the area of responsibility on gender-based violence under the Global Protection Cluster.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization is an implementing partner of various United Nations entities, including the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, UNICEF, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Health Organization, the World Food Programme and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), in development and post-conflict programmes around the world.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization supports the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals through initiatives for poverty alleviation (Goal 1), access to education (Goal 2), achieving gender equality (Goal 3), improving maternal health (Goal 5), combating malaria (Goal 6) and ensuring access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation (Goal 7).

10. Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants

Special, 2005

Introduction

Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants is a grass-roots organization that became a national organization in 1985. It believes that prisons should be used only for those who absolutely must be incarcerated and that those who are incarcerated should have all the resources that they need to turn their lives around. It also believes that human rights documents provide a sound basis for ensuring that criminal justice systems meet these goals.

It is a membership organization that works to provide its members with the information and tools necessary to help them to understand the criminal justice system and advocate change.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to reduce crime and uplift society through restorative justice. Its actions are directed towards raising public awareness of the problems and the potential of criminal justice systems. This work includes advocacy with regard to major reforms and to investment in the social and economic development of marginalized persons.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization submitted an evaluation of human rights violations in correctional practices by the United States to the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review in 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization participated in the following meetings:

- (a) Fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 2 to 13 March 2009, giving a statement on universal education as the antidote to violence against women;
- (b) Forty-seventh session of the Commission for Social Development, held from 4 to 13 February 2009, giving statements on reintegration of those found guilty of criminal behaviour and education as a foundation for social integration;
- (c) Forty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development, held from 3 to 12 February 2010, giving a statement on social development and integration in justice and prison systems, in addition to participating in a side event;
- (d) Forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development, held from 9 to 18 February 2011, giving a statement on transforming justice and prison systems from primarily retribution to primarily restoration, rehabilitation and reintegration and social development in detention centres, slums and prisons;
- (e) Fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development, held from 1 to 10 February 2012, giving a statement on poverty eradication and an intervention on poverty, violence and social development, as well as participating in a side event.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

From 2009 to 2012, the organization disseminated United Nations work to 1,100 online constituents in 90 countries, including materials on national floors for social protection, the report of the United Nations System Task Team on the Post-2015 United Nations Development Agenda entitled “Realizing the future we want for all” and a handbook by UN-Women for national action plans on violence against women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

Additional information

In 2009, the organization held, in Geneva, its fourth international conference on human rights and prison reform, focusing on prison reform in the world. In 2011, it held, in Abuja, its fifth such conference, focusing on transforming justice and prison systems from retribution to restoration. Both events dealt with human rights, education, health and decent work.

11. Coalition against Trafficking in Women

Special, 1989

Introduction

Founded in 1988, the organization works to end human trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of women and girls worldwide. It is the world's first organization to fight human trafficking internationally and the leading abolitionist organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization provides the following multi-level services for victims of sex trafficking:

- (a) To end the demand, it carries out programmes to educate boys about gender equality;
- (b) It advocates and drafts new policy and legislation at all levels to prevent women and children from becoming victims and to hold traffickers, pimps and buyers accountable;
- (c) It testifies before national congresses, parliaments, law reform commissions and United Nations committees;
- (d) It promotes human-rights-based approaches to ending human trafficking;
- (e) It carries out prevention programmes to educate Governments, professionals, law enforcement officers and the public.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2010, the organization and participants from 20 countries were invited to participate in the first meeting of the Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking, which was convened by Belarus to discuss the development of a global plan of action against human trafficking. Additional examples are given below.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization's participation in meetings of the United Nations is as follows:

- (a) Representatives participate in the annual session of the Commission on the Status of Women, organizing panels on sex trafficking and violence against women and regularly submitting written statements in conjunction with many other NGOs;
- (b) Representatives participate in the sessions of the Human Rights Council;
- (c) Representatives attend the sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. In 2012, the organization presented the Nordic model (the world's first human-rights-based legal approach to ending human trafficking) and distributed statements in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization was active in the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. It submitted a statement on the need for Brazil to address sex trafficking, including sex tourism, to supplement the seventh periodic report of Brazil, which was considered by the Committee at its fifty-first session, held from 13 February to 2 March 2012. At the fifty-second session of the Committee, held from 9 to 27 July 2012, the organization presented a shadow report on Mexico and spoke on behalf of 100 Mexican NGOs on organized crime, militarization, femicide, trafficking and lack of access to justice.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

Additional information

All of the organization's work contributes to advancing the Millennium Development Goals. Sex trafficking is a form of violence against women and at odds with gender equality. It is a human right of everyone, but especially women and children, who are the primary victims, to be free of sexual exploitation. The organization's abolitionist approach to ending human trafficking, developed over 26 years, contains gender, race and class-based analysis. The organization works to urge Governments and civil society to embrace the full definition of human trafficking given in the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, recognizing that trafficking is also carried out through abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability. Abuse of a position of vulnerability includes exploiting a victim's poverty, history of abuse, gender and/or racial inequality or circumstances of armed conflict or natural disaster. The misimpression that trafficking occurs only when there is force, fraud or coercion leaves vast numbers of victims unprotected and confers impunity on exploiters.

12. Committee for Hispanic Children and Families

Special, 2005

Introduction

The organization, founded in 1982, is based in New York City and dedicated to improving the quality of life of Latino children and families. It combines education and advocacy to expand opportunities for children and families and strengthen the voice of Latinos at the state, national and international levels. It is affiliated with the International Forum for Child Welfare, the National Council of La Raza and the Hispanic Federation, the last-mentioned being an organization based in New York State.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's Early Care and Education Institute improves the quality of care and early education of children through the professional development of providers and the education of parents. It offers individualized technical assistance tailored to Latino children, training in business record-keeping and management and information on how to care for children with special needs. In terms of youth development, the organization provides on after-school programmes and programmes on drop-out prevention, adolescent pregnancy prevention, responsible fatherhood and healthy living. The programmes are located in low-income communities in the Bronx, New York City. In terms of policy and advocacy, the organization is involved in child welfare, early education, juvenile justice and immigration. It also provides civic engagement education and helps individuals to become United States citizens.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization organized a world forum in Palisades, New York, from 8 to 11 November 2010. It featured national and international speakers representing the not-for-profit sector, government agencies, academics, human rights defenders, the United Nations and young people. The forum was co-sponsored by the International Forum for Child Welfare and Mentoring USA. The themes included providing high-quality education for all, combating HIV/AIDS, promoting healthy lives and protecting against abuse, exploitation and violence. Speakers included representatives of UNICEF and UNAIDS.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2009, representatives of the organization participated in the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 2 to 13 March 2009. In 2010, representatives attended the sessions of the Economic and Social Council and the Committee on Elimination of Discrimination against Women, interactive hearings and activities relating to the Millennium Development Goals.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2011, the organization prepared a joint written statement for the Committee on the Rights of the Child for the day of general discussion on children of incarcerated parents. In 2012, it prepared a joint written statement for the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee at its eighth session ([A/HRC/AC/8/NGO/2](#)).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization supported Millennium Development Goal 1. Its goal was to ensure that children stayed in school and pursued a college education. Its youth development programmes provided opportunities for academic growth, leadership development and positive relationships. For example, in the period 2011-2012, the after-school programmes at public school/middle school No. 279 and public school No. 59 in the Bronx served a total of 349 children, 142 of whom in grades 1 to 8 enrolled in science, technology, engineering and mathematics programmes. The after-school programme at public school No. 59 focused on technology, with 182 students in grades 1 to 5 enrolled.

Additional information

The organization attended the World Forum 2009, on the theme “Towards a safer and better world by realizing the rights of the child”, sponsored by the International Forum for Child Welfare and held in Jakarta. It presented information on the rights of immigrant children from an international human rights perspective.

13. Confederation of Business Women of Russia**Special, 1997****Introduction**

The organization brings together businesswomen and top entrepreneurial female managers. It constitutes one of the most efficient and powerful women’s organizations in the Russian Federation. It initiated the concept of ethical business and developed a gender strategy for the Russian Federation.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It is an inter-agency committee providing equal rights and equal opportunities for men and women. With the assistance of the Governments of Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation and Ukraine, it organizes the women’s business forums of the Commonwealth of Independent States. The social sphere has also become an important area for the business and social interests of the organization. It is the organizer of centres to provide social support to older persons and deprived children. It renders assistance to orphanages, takes an active part in the implementation of a number of charity programmes and helps children of Orthodox schools under church control.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In 2010, a round-table meeting was held with the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation. More than 80 representatives of women's NGOs participated, discussing the interconnection between the Goals and the priorities of the country by 2015, within the framework of achievement of equality for men and women and gender issues in the Russian Federation.

14. Consortium for Street Children**Special, 1997****Introduction**

The organization is the leading international network dedicated to realizing the rights of street children worldwide. It currently comprises 80 members working in 130 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization supports and complements the work of its members by focusing on four key strategic areas: advocacy, research, shared learning and capacity-building. It is committed to creating a better and sustainable future for some of the most disadvantaged and stigmatized children by working together to inform and inspire research and action that influence policy and good practice worldwide.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2009, the organization was appointed to serve as the secretariat of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Street Children in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, a cross-party group for parliamentarians that works to protect the rights of children worldwide, in particular street children, and to raise the various issues that they face.

In 2011, the organization commissioned a project mapping existing research on street children over the past decade. It published the findings as *State of the World's Street Children: Research* and set up an online resource centre, providing a library accessible to the public of research specific to street children. In addition, it

launched the International Day for Street Children on 12 April, supported by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children and the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. In 2012, 84 events were held in 38 countries to mark the Day. More than 2,500 people from 89 countries signed an online pledge that was delivered to the Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended a full-day meeting on the rights of the child held in Geneva on 9 March 2011 as part of the sixteenth session of Human Rights Council. A written statement on the data and research needed for effective policies for street children was provided and an oral statement on data collection and research into street children was delivered. The organization co-sponsored a side event on 10 March on children on the move in street situations.

Representatives also attended a full-day meeting on the rights of the child held in Geneva on 8 March 2012 as part of the nineteenth session of Human Rights Council. A written statement on the criminalization of street children was presented and an oral statement on decriminalization of survival behaviour was delivered.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2011, the organization brokered a unique cross-sector partnership between OHCHR and UNICEF to produce a report on the protection and promotion of the rights of children working and/or living on the street (A/HRC/19/35), as requested by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 16/12. As part of the study, OHCHR, supported by the organization, held an expert consultation on children working and/or living on the street on 1 and 2 November in Geneva. The organization also submitted shadow reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child on Nigeria (fifty-fourth session, 25 May-11 June 2010), Burundi and Guatemala (fifty-fifth session, 13 September-1 October 2010) and Ukraine (fifty-sixth session, 17 January-4 February 2011).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In 2009, in support of Millennium Development Goal 2, the organization joined the Global Campaign for Education, campaigning for the rights of all children to have access to education.

15. Cooperativa Tecnico Scientifica di Base

Special, 2005

Introduction

The organization, an independent scientific organization, is fully accredited to participate in the work of various international conventions and promotes an international project on diversity as a resource using a document entitled “Resolution of Rome: guidelines for the protection of cultural diversity”, which works against racism and encourages the appreciation of the importance of cultural diversity.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are detailed above.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization participated in the following meetings:

(a) United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, including preparatory events, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 13 to 22 June 2012, including a side event on 19 June entitled “Bio-economy and development: beyond the crisis, a new world”;

(b) United Nations Climate Change Conference, held in Bonn, Germany, from 6 to 17 June 2011, including a side event on 13 June on the future of sustainability;

(c) Seventeenth session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 30 May to 17 June 2011, giving a joint statement on agenda item 4 and co-sponsoring a side event on 16 June on human rights and kosher and halal food;

(d) Sixteenth session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 28 February to 25 March 2011, giving a joint statement on agenda item 7 and co-sponsoring a side event on 23 March on Judaism and Islam;

(e) Twelfth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol and tenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention, held in Bonn from 1 to 11 June 2010, including a side event on 4 June on a Mediterranean energy network;

(f) Durban Review Conference, held in Geneva from 20 to 24 April 2009, presenting and distributing a publication intended to put an end to the persecution of Roma, on 20 April, and giving a joint statement on 24 April on a proposal for an international convention against the crime of anti-Semitism and for the protection of cultural diversity.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization contributed to the work of the United Nations by participating in sessions of the Human Rights Council, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the United Nations Climate Change Conference and World Food Day.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The following activities were taken in support of Millennium Development Goals 1, 4, 7 and 8:

(a) In 2009, the organization prepared a project proposal to reduce vulnerability to drought through the development of an early warning network and system in the Syrian Arab Republic;

(b) In 2010, the organization prepared project proposals to promote an integrated participatory approach to sustainable resource management and to improve the security of energy supply in dry areas;

(c) On 14 December 2011, a representative of the organization gave a lecture on bioeconomy and development at the University of Rome;

(d) In 2012, the organization launched a pilot project on agroecological parks to feed cities.
