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## **1. Family Africa**

**Special, 2010**

### **Introduction**

Family Africa works in Uganda, Kenya and South Africa in the areas of HIV, tuberculosis and the empowerment of women and children and provides medical programmes, feeding schemes and health literacy and education programmes.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

Family Africa seeks to support families living with HIV and tuberculosis, lead awareness programmes and medical projects and improve the lives of women and children through education throughout Africa.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

One of the organization's affiliates, Family Care Nigeria, is no longer under the umbrella organization.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Family Africa is working to make a difference through HIV education and support. It runs 25 programmes in schools and reached 25,000 school children through an HIV awareness campaign. Family Africa has organized seminars on the topics of HIV and early education for teachers from 200 different schools. It supplies food to 140 families living with HIV and tuberculosis, feeds 500 children every week in South Africa and runs a large lunch programme for schools in Kenya. It also runs medical projects in South Africa and Kenya, and has established a new boarding school in Uganda which cares for orphans and the children of child soldiers.

Family Africa organizes weekly support groups with individual counselling and group therapy for HIV-positive women, which empowers them to take control of their lives and their health. Its methods have shown to be beneficial to the babies of support group members who are born without HIV, who benefit from literacy programmes and homework assistance for teenagers in squatter camps, and free day care for orphans and the children of HIV-positive women. It also runs programmes for young people.

### **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**

The organization undertook the following initiatives: HIV awareness programmes for schools; seminars for training teachers about HIV; literacy education; medical projects; care of orphans; empowerment of women through

health literacy and education; and feeding schemes to improve the nutrition of women and children as well as those living with HIV and tuberculosis.

## **2. Family Planning Association of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

### **Special, 2010**

#### **Introduction**

The Family Planning Association of the Islamic Republic of Iran was established in 1995. The Association's activities are related to health issues and are non-political, non-profit, and voluntary. The Association is a full member of the International Planned Parenthood Federation and works at the national, regional and international levels. The strategic framework for the period 2008-2013 highlights the five thematic areas under which its activities and programmes are defined: abortion; HIV and AIDS; adolescents; access; and advocacy.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The Association envisages a happier and healthier Islamic Republic of Iran in which every woman, man and young person has equitable access to sexual and reproductive health information and good quality services without encountering stigma and discrimination. Its services cater to the well-being of every individual, and sexual and reproductive rights are recognized by the organization as a fundamental human right. The Association's activities are related to health issues that contribute to the promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights, especially among girls, vulnerable women and youth, and other vulnerable groups in a way that is consistent with the cultural values of the society and subject to the laws and regulations of the Islamic Republic of Iran and its Constitution.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

The Association changed its name to Family Health Association of Iran. It changed its constitution and drew up policies to align with the goals, policies and standards of accreditation of the International Planned Parenthood Federation. It also signed a memorandum of understanding with international organizations, including key stakeholders, on sexual and reproductive health and rights.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

During the reporting period, the organization:

- Organized a reproductive health workshop in September 2012, for the female staff of prisons with the cooperation of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Empowered participating sex workers in Tehran through a comprehensive sexual reproductive health programme entitled *Mikhak* and funded by the European Union for five years
- Established a youth education and support centre in February 2012, funded by the European Union for five years

- Started a mobile clinic project for Afghan refugees in November 2010, funded by the Government of Japan
- Built momentum for sexual and reproductive health and HIV integration in the Islamic Republic of Iran, which has been funded by the International Planned Parenthood Federation and the European Commission since May 2013
- Established the Mikhak Sefid and Ghasedak centres in 2010, funded by the Shahid Beheshti University and the Tehran University of Medical Sciences

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

In 2010, the Association attended the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) annual consultations with non-governmental organizations at the United Nations Office at Geneva, held from 29 June to 1 July 2010. In 2013, the Association attended the twenty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council held in Geneva where it submitted three oral statements. Since 2009, and based on the new policy of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, non-governmental organizations are not permitted to sign an agreement directly with United Nations bodies, and the signing of agreements or the implementation of projects are expected to be accomplished through the Government. Scarcity of funds and difficulty in applying for visas are barriers to attending meetings in Europe and the United States of America.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

In 2011, the Association conducted a training session on HIV/AIDS prevention in prisons with the collaboration of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

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

**Goal 1.** The organization distributed food and medical supply to vulnerable women and girls. **Goal 2.** It helped poor children to continue their education in school. For **Goal 3.** It held entrepreneurship workshops for vulnerable women and young people to empower them and help them sell their products. **Goal 5.** The organization delivered sexual and reproductive health services to reduce the mortality rate of women. **Goal 6.** It empowered vulnerable women sex workers in Tehran through the *Mikhak* drop-in centre; established a youth education and support centre and a mobile clinic project; built momentum for sexual and reproductive health programmes and HIV integration in the Islamic Republic of Iran; worked on the contribution from the group of Muslim countries to the workshop, held in April 2013 in collaboration with Rutgers University, to review the progress achieved and the constraints faced with regard to the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 processes; and organized a reproductive health workshop for the female staff of prisons, in cooperation with UNDP, held in September 2012.

### **3. Family Research Council**

**Special, 2002**

#### **Introduction**

The vision of Family Research Council is a culture in which human life is valued, families flourish and religious liberty thrives. The Council's mission is to advance faith, family and freedom in public policy and culture from a Christian world-view.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The Council was founded in 1983 as an organization dedicated to the promotion of marriage and family. Through books, pamphlets, media appearances, public events, debates and testimony, the staff of the Council strives to ensure that the unique attributes of the family are recognized and respected by national and international legislatures, courts, and regulatory bodies. Additionally, the Council supports national and international policies and laws that recognize the sanctity of human life.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

From 2010 to 2013, the Council attended meetings and provided information to United Nations stakeholders and its members, concerning children, family and human rights issues. It believes that the maintenance of strong family structures is a necessary precondition for sustained growth, sociopolitical equality and economic development.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The Council participated in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York, from 1 to 12 March 2010, where it provided information to delegates on issues pertaining to the family, children and human rights. At the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York, from 22 February to 4 March 2011, the Council and its partners hosted two workshops on women's health as parallel events, held at the International Social Justice Commission of the Salvation Army.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Cooperation with United Nations bodies is included in the section above on the Council's contribution to the work of the United Nations.

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

For Goal 3, the Council contributed two articles in April and December 2011 on the gendercide of girls and published a booklet on modern slavery and how to

fight human trafficking in communities in 2012. For Goal 5, the Council wrote an article on abortion and women's health in September 2012.

#### **4. Federation of National Representations of the Experiment in International Living**

**Special, 1978**

##### **Introduction**

The Federation of National Representations of the Experiment in International Living is a network of 23 non-profit organizations with headquarters in the United States. New memberships were recently established in Guatemala, Peru and Switzerland.

##### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aims and purposes of the Federation are to facilitate member organizations in their work to promote the lifelong involvement of individuals in intercultural learning experiences, which encourage the development of an understanding of and a respect for people worldwide.

##### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

##### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The Federation promotes the work of the United Nations through links from its website to various United Nations affiliated sites. An online calendar publicizes United Nations commemorations, events and conferences. In 2013, at its general assembly, members voted to reaffirm its commitment to the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. The Federation's programme in Morocco worked with UNDP to launch a centre for national volunteerism in Morocco. The Federation's programme in Germany worked with the conference planning committee at the sixth-fourth Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations, held in Bonn, Germany, from 3 to 5 September 2011.

##### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The Federation participated in the following meetings and events, among others:

- Sixty-fourth Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental, held in Bonn, Germany, from 3 to 5 September 2011
- Fifty-fourth, fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women
- Department of Public Information briefing on equal rights and equal opportunities for Arab women, 15 years after Beijing, held in New York in March 2010
- Department of Public Information briefing on the impact of climate change on people living in poverty, held in New York in November 2012

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

In cooperation with UNDP and the Ministry of Education of Chile, the Federation's programme in Chile placed English-speaking teaching assistants in public schools throughout the country during the period from 2002 to 2013. In 2010, the Federation's programme in Mexico cooperated with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to send college students to the Syrian Arab Republic where they worked at an UNRWA summer camp for refugee children.

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

The Federation's programme in Ireland called "Seed Fund Micro Grant Scheme" supported awareness-raising activities linked to the Millennium Development Goals. The organization placed volunteers in community-based organizations to work on projects related to education, social welfare, public health and rural development.

For Goal 1, the Federation's programme in Argentina worked with rural schools in Salta to address literacy and nutrition problems by focusing on the reconstruction of schools, providing aid for children and creating sustainable food sources.

For Goal 2, the Federation's programme in the United States worked in partnership with international and local partners on the Pakistan Reading Project which seeks to build the reading skills of children across Pakistan.

For Goal 6, the Federation's programme in Africa on global awareness focuses on HIV/AIDS. Participants volunteer in an HIV/AIDS-related organization and implement awareness-raising campaigns upon returning home.

## **5. Free World Foundation**

### **Special, 2010**

#### **Introduction**

The Free World Foundation strives for a society where the fundamental human rights of individuals are respected, rule of law reigns supreme, good governance is guaranteed and adequate measures are in place to ensure peace and security.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The Foundation provides care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS and orphans and vulnerable children. It also undertakes advocacy on understanding and challenging the stigma related to HIV, raises awareness on tuberculosis, and organizes malaria control programmes. The objective of the organization is to provide employment assistance and health, housing and support services to women who are in disadvantaged positions due to poverty, homelessness and HIV/AIDS. It promotes education by offering scholarships and providing students with school uniforms and exercise books.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The Foundation contributed by observing the following:

- International Women's Day yearly
- World No-Tobacco Day on 31 May 2012 and 31 May 2013, with film shows and radio discussions
- World Environment Day on 5 June 2013, with a tree-planting exercise in the three northern regions of Ghana
- World Day against Child Labour on 12 June 2011 and 12 June 2012
- United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, yearly

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The Foundation could not participate in the meetings of the Council and its subsidiary bodies owing to scarcity of resources and, in most cases, the late arrival of invitations which make it impossible for the Foundation to attend.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization collaborated with the United Nations Information Centre in Accra to mark the International Day of Peace; received support from the World Health Organization (WHO) to organize World No-Tobacco Day on 31 May 2012 and 31 May 2013; received support from UNDP to commemorate the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer on 16 September 2010 and 16 September 2011; received technical and financial support from the UNDP office in Ghana to commemorate World Environment Day on 5 June 2013; received support from the United Nations Information Centre in Accra to organize inter-school competitions for selected senior high schools to commemorate United Nations Day on 24 October 2011, 24 October 2012 and 24 October 2013; and received technical support from the UNAIDS office in Ghana to commemorate World AIDS Day on 1 December 2011, 1 December 2012 and 1 December 2013.

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

For Goal 1, the Foundation has trained more than 2,000 people across the country with employment skills; those who have completed the training currently earn more than \$7 a day.

For Goal 2, the Foundation built more than 846 classrooms across the country and deployed more than 483 teachers to postings in very remote, rural parts of the country.

For Goal 6, the Foundation organized advocacy and behavioural change seminars and distributed more than 10,000 condoms (including to commercial sex workers).

## **6. Friends World Committee for Consultation**

### **General, 2002**

#### **Introduction**

The Friends World Committee for Consultation encourages fellowship among all branches of the Religious Society of Friends.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

Established in 1937, the Committee facilitates international activities that promote a more peaceful and humane world. The Committee's office in New York is managed and substantially funded by the American Friends Service Committee, an independent Quaker organization in the United States. The organization's office in Geneva is an independent organization in Switzerland governed by Quaker Peace and Social Witness, of Britain Yearly Meeting in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Committee.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The Committee supported the activities of United Nations bodies and processes through the participation in and the organization of side meetings, including for the Peacebuilding Commission, the Peacebuilding Support Office, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Open Working Group of the General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals, the Non-Governmental Organizations Committee on the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Human Rights Council, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

In April 2010, the Committee participated in the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, held in Salvador, Brazil, from 12 to 19 April 2010, and organized ancillary meetings on the children of prisoners. The Committee also participated in the annual sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna. During sessions of the Human Rights Council, from 2010 to 2013, the Committee presented written and oral statements and organized side events on children of prisoners; children of parents sentenced to death; and conscientious objection to military service, and members of the Committee attended the annual sessions of the Executive Committee of the Programme of OHCHR.

- The Committee participated during sessions of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues during the reporting period and liaised with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples.

- In November 2011 and June 2013, the Committee briefed the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa of the Security Council.
- The Committee attended the eighteenth and nineteenth sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Doha from 26 November to 8 December 2012 and in Warsaw from 11 to 23 November 2013, respectively.

The Committee attended the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, held in Bonn, Germany, from 29 April to 3 May 2013.

- In 2012 and 2013, the Committee attended meetings of the Committee on World Food Security of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The organization's office in Geneva attended ongoing negotiations with the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore negotiations.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

In October 2010, the Committee organized a public event with the United Nations Environment Programme and the University of Geneva, entitled "People on the move: impacts of climate change on human well-being".

The Committee briefed the United Nations human rights treaty bodies and the special procedures of the Human Rights Council on the subject of the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders (the Bangkok Rules), which were adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 65/229 of 21 December 2010.

In February 2011 and February 2013, the Committee co-hosted a workshop for new members of the Peacebuilding Commission with the International Peace Institute and support from the Peacebuilding Support Office.

The Committee arranged meetings with non-governmental organizations for the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia in May 2011, for the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Burundi in December 2011, and for the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region in June 2013.

In May 2013, the Committee co-hosted a conference in Beijing on United Nations peacemaking, peacekeeping and peacebuilding, including representatives from UNDP, the Peacebuilding Support Office and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

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

In 2012 and 2013, the Committee hosted a series of meetings in New York on peace and stability issues related to sustainable development. Its food and sustainability programme contributed to Millennium Development Goal 1 to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger through research and analysis. The Committee co-organized an event at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on peace,

development and human security and new Millennium Development Goals on 23 May 2013, with participation from the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and UNDP.

## **7. Fundación Eudes**

### **Special, 2010**

#### **Introduction**

The Foundation serves patients living in Mexico City and its suburbs who are of a low sociocultural and economic status. For those infected with HIV, not only their health but also their economic, social and psychological spheres are affected. All of those factors contribute to their vulnerability and the discrimination they suffer. The Foundation aims at reducing and eventually closing the resource gap for patients, particularly widows and single mothers.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The Foundation's mission is to provide personalized attention to HIV/AIDS patients and their families to restore their dignity, by improving their medical condition and re-establishing their place in society. The organization's activities aimed at improving the quality of life of low-income HIV/AIDS patients have helped more than 800 patients. It provides medical follow-up and health care, nutritional counselling, psychological support and spiritual assistance.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The Foundation organizes conferences on prevention, counselling for patients and their families and sexual education courses, as well as promotes appropriate and consistent contraceptive use in several universities and middle and high schools. The Foundation organizes several workshops on a weekly and monthly basis, where it promoted condom use for all patients and their partners. The prevention of mother-to-child transmission is encouraged by convincing young women of reproductive age to undergo a rapid HIV test and to begin antiretroviral therapy if they test positive.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

In 2011, the Foundation presented an oral statement at the United Nations, in cooperation with the Centro de Estudios y Formación Integral de la Mujer, Mujer, and Vida y Familia de Guadalajara. The organization also attended the high-level meeting on AIDS, held in New York from 8 to 10 June 2011.

In 2012, the Foundation attended the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York, from 27 February to 9 March 2012.

In 2013, the Foundation attended the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York, from 4 to 15 March 2013; and the twelfth Youth Assembly at the United Nations.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

No cooperation was specified.

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

The organization supported the Millennium Development Goals by fighting against discrimination. It promoted condom use and early testing of HIV/AIDS for both women of child-bearing age and women in the general population, including those in high-risk groups, and supported early antiretroviral therapy in cases where the results were HIV-positive.

**8. Fundación para Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer****Special, 2006****Introduction**

Fundación para Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer, known in English as the Foundation for Studies and Research on Women, is a non-governmental and non-profit organization founded in 1989 and based in Buenos Aires. The Foundation works in conjunction with other local, national, regional and international organizations and networks through operational projects and/or as a member organization. The Foundation works at the national level in Argentina, at the regional level in Latin America, and in other regions around the world, including Asia and the Pacific, Africa, North America and Europe.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

The Foundation's purpose is to improve women's social, labour, legal, political, economic, family and health conditions in Argentina through defending their rights and promoting better living conditions and gender parity. To achieve those goals, the Foundation:

- Advised the Government of Argentina and non-governmental organizations, universities and professionals on programmes related to gender equality
- Undertook studies and research on subjects such as gender equality, work, education and family rights, health-care models and programmes, sexual and reproductive rights
- Trained and raised awareness among women and girls, health personnel, teachers, social workers, non-governmental organizations and other institutions
- Trained and raised awareness among adolescents with regard to sexuality, gender, prevention of unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS
- Organized conferences, video debates and talks on priority themes of interest relating to the status of women and their rights in terms of work, health, education, environment and political and social activity

- Developed and produced training about sexual and reproductive health, including HIV/AIDS

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The Foundation promoted and mobilized the participation of women's organizations in the region, developing contributions, comments and advocacy that led to the creation of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The Foundation actively participated in the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women from 2010 to 2013. In 2013, the Foundation as co-coordinator of the "Women won't wait" campaign, the organization organized two events at the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, with the support of the Governments of Brazil and El Salvador, and organized a parallel event in the non-governmental organization forum. At the session in 2013, the Foundation coordinated a regional project of through the committee of non-governmental organizations from Latin America and the Caribbean on violence against women and girls, which garnered contributions from 98 women's groups from throughout the region.

In 2011 and 2012, the Foundation organized events on gender equity and on integrating violence against women in HIV responses, as well as contributed written statements on the themes of the general debate. The Foundation participated in the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases at its sixty-sixth session.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The Foundation co-moderated the online discussion on how to leverage lessons learned from the global HIV response to improve global health in the post-2015 development agenda,, held in January and February 2013, and coordinated by UNAIDS. The organization was an elected delegate of the group of Latin American and Caribbean non-governmental organizations to the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS from December 2010 to December 2013, and has also been an elected member of the regional civil society advisory group to the UN-Women Americas and the Caribbean regional office since 2012.

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

The organization undertook the following initiatives:

- (a) For Goals 3, 5 and 6, the Foundation coordinated a global post-2015 project called "Global women's group on gender equality, gender-based violence, HIV and the post-2015 framework", from August to December 2013 which brought together women's groups worldwide to participate in the post-2015 process at the regional and international levels;

(b) Since 2012, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has supported the Foundation's monitoring and evaluation project on disseminating the beyond Cairo+20 programme in Argentina, which brings visibility to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, adopted in Cairo in September 1994, and to the post-2015 process in Argentina, as well as supports joint advocacy among non-governmental organizations at the national level. UNFPA also provides support for youth participation within that framework, through the project "Beyond Cairo+20: adolescent and youth protagonists";

(c) From November 2010 to January 2012, the Foundation developed a project with support from UNIFEM called "Beijing+15: from words to actions — advances, challenges and recommendations for effective implementation" as a follow-up monitoring project to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action;

(d) From May 2010 to April 2011, the Foundation coordinated a project with the support of the Ford Foundation to analyse gaps and advances in achieving Goals 3, 5 and 6 at the global level;

(e) From May to November 2010, with the support of Oxfam Novib, the Foundation coordinated a project for analysing gaps and advances in achieving Goal 5 at the global level;

- From May to October 2010, the Foundation, with the Argentine National Network of Adolescents and Youth for Sexual and Reproductive Health, developed a project with the support of the Advocacy Flexi Fund of the branch of the International Planned Parenthood Federation serving the western hemisphere region, that focused on target 5.B of Goal 5 in Argentina, entitled "I exercise my rights" ("Ejercito mis derechos").

## **9. General Confederation of Trade Unions**

### **Special, 1998**

#### **Introduction**

The General Confederation of Trade Unions is an international trade union organization with its headquarters in Moscow, with about 50 million members with affiliated national trade union centres in nine countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), namely: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Tajikistan.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The fight for decent work, social justice and full and productive employment, including the provisions of jobs for young people, is the motto of the organization, established with the purpose of consolidating the efforts of its affiliated organizations and to protect the social and labour rights and interests of workers in the CIS region.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organization has joined other civil society organizations to jointly seek solutions to two fundamental global challenges, the implementation of decent work and the promotion of social justice for all. It has been actively promoting the principles, policies, objectives, initiatives and strategies of the United Nations through its publications. In 2012, the organization issued a statement urging all Governments in the region to ratify International Labour Organization (ILO) Recommendation No. 202 on social protection floors.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Representatives of the organization attended the following United Nations events:

- Ninety-ninth, 100th, 101st and 102nd sessions of the International Labour Conference, held in Geneva
- Forty-eighth and fiftieth sessions of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York
- Ninth European Regional Meeting of ILO on the theme “Jobs, growth and social justice”, held in Oslo, from 8 to 10 April 2013
- Nineteenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians, held in Geneva, in October 2013

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization maintains contact with the United Nations Information Centre in Moscow and the Moscow-based ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team and Country Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The organization prepared a survey in July 2010 and in October 2011 on the labour remuneration situation in CIS countries and the solidarity-based action by trade unions to protect workers’ interests. The survey was submitted to ILO headquarters in Geneva and to the ILO sub-regional office in Moscow.

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

In 2012, the organization appealed to world trade unions, urging all countries, particularly in the CIS region, to implement the Millennium Development Goals and adopt the recommended minimum social protection floor. As part of the efforts to eradicate poverty, the organization is waging a solidarity campaign on minimum wages not lower than the subsistence minimum with trade union movements in CIS. The organization also observed the annual World Day for Decent Work in support of ILO efforts to realize the concept of decent work in CIS countries.

## **10. Global Afrikan Congress**

**Special, 2010**

### **Introduction**

The Global Afrikan Congress is an international non-governmental organization network that was created by and caters to all Afrikans and Afrikan descendants both on the African continent and in the diaspora.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The goal of the organization is to function as a resource for information, technical support and consultation for member organizations working for social justice, good governance, human and democratic rights, economic parity and the restoration of human dignity. It also aims to successfully obtain reparations in keeping with the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

### **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**

The organization planned and hosted the fifth assembly of Caribbean peoples conference held at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados in August 2010. The focus of the conference was international economic and debt crises, drugs, crime, cultural degeneration and racism, education and health, reparations, the environment, poverty reduction and HIV/AIDS.

## **11. Global Alliance against Traffic in Women**

**Special, 2006**

### **Introduction**

Global Alliance against Traffic in Women is an alliance of more than 100 non-governmental organizations in Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and North America. The international secretariat of the Alliance is in Bangkok and coordinates the activities of the Alliance, collects and disseminates

information and advocates on behalf of the Alliance at the regional and international levels. Member organizations include migrant rights organizations, anti-trafficking organizations, self-organized groups of migrant workers, domestic workers, survivors of trafficking and sex workers, human rights and women's rights organizations, and direct service providers.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The mission of the Alliance is to ensure that the human rights of all migrating women are respected and protected by authorities and agencies. The Alliance promotes the rights of women migrant workers and trafficked persons and believes that ensuring safe migration and fair workplace policies should be at the core of all anti-trafficking efforts. It advocates for living and working conditions that provide women with more alternatives in their countries of origin. It develops and disseminates information to women about migration, working conditions and their rights. The Alliance advocates for the incorporation of human rights standards in all anti-trafficking initiatives, including in the implementation of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The main activities of the Alliance from 2010 to 2013 were in support of the establishment of a review mechanism for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols, including the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, which were under negotiation at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. In 2013, the focus of the Alliance was the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development. In addition, the Alliance has supported the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

In its work on the proposed review mechanism to Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, the Alliance participated in the twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, held in Salvador, Brazil, from 12 to 19 April 2010; in the twenty-first session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, held from 23 to 27 April 2012; and the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, held in Vienna from 15 to 19 October 2012.

During the reporting period, the Alliance also participated in sessions of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva.

It participated in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on Population and Development, held in New York from 22-26 April 2013, the informal interactive hearings on international migration and development, held in New York on 15 July 2013, and the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development at the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly, held in New York on 3 and 4 October 2013.

The Alliance submitted a shadow report on the subject of transient workers to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women held in New York from 11-29 July 2011.

It also attended the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Appraisal of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, held in New York on 13 and 14 May 2013.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The Alliance, with the Foundation for Women and in cooperation with the Regional Office for South-East Asia of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), organized a consultation with the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children on the prevention of trafficking, held in Bangkok on 18 January 2010. The Alliance co-organized a round table with OHCHR on smuggling, held in Bangkok from 20 to 22 June 2011. It attended two consultations in Turkey organized by the Special Rapporteur, held in Ankara on 12 November 2012 and in Istanbul on 13 November 2012. The Alliance attended the meeting of experts on forced labour and trafficking for labour exploitation of the International Labour Organization, held in Geneva from 11 to 15 February 2013. In 2013, the Alliance attended two expert group meetings organized by OHCHR, on migration, human rights and governance and principles and guidelines with regard to human rights at international borders.

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

For Goal 3, the Alliance supported the efforts of trafficked women and women migrant workers to organize themselves and assert their rights and called for human rights-based anti-trafficking policies that take into account the views of women who have been directly affected by trafficking. The Alliance also has women in leadership positions.

## **12. Hawa Society for Women**

### **Special, 2002**

#### **Introduction**

The Society is a national voluntary organization founded in 1983 in the Sudan. It has seven branches in seven states in the Sudan. The main goal of the organization is to improve the living standards of women in the targeted areas.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The main purposes of the organization are to improve maternal health care to reduce child mortality, to combat HIV/AIDS, to promote gender equality, to attain social and economic empowerment for women and youth, to eradicate illiteracy among women, to enhance the protection of women's human rights, and to maintain peace and security in war-affected areas in the north of the Sudan. To achieve those objectives, the organization has organized training and capacity-building activities on starting and managing small-scale enterprises, provided in-kind credit, delivered of improved and certified vegetable and field crop seeds and the extension packages, provided basic midwifery and refresher training courses, offered gender training and human rights awareness-raising programmes, organized literacy training and peace and conflict resolution training.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

Due to emerging war and conflict in the Sudan, the organization made the necessary arrangements to include peace and security issues in its terms of reference.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organization commemorated International Women's Day in 2011 and 2012 in different areas in the Sudan. The organization also commemorated World AIDS Day through awareness-raising campaigns and lectures to school students.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Representatives from the organization attended the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

FAO provided agricultural inputs and the necessary technical extension packages to the Society for distribution to 4,200 households. ILO provided financial support to the Society for training of local traditional leaders on peace and conflict resolution.

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

- The activities of the Society focused on the delivery of in-kind credit and agricultural inputs for the eradication of poverty and hunger; the training of midwives, medical health-care workers and civil society members on maternity and childhood health care;
- Gender training to achieve gender equality; adult education; human rights awareness-raising campaigns; peace and security; and cooperation with national, regional and international organizations such as local non-governmental organizations, ILO, FAO, the Arab Network for Civil Societies, and the Arab Fund for Technical Assistance to African Countries.

### **13. Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries**

**Special, 2010**

#### **Introduction**

The Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries is a non-governmental organization in the Netherlands inspired by humanist values. In partnership with non-governmental organizations based in developing countries, the Institute seeks to contribute to a free, fair and sustainable world where citizens have equal access to resources and opportunities for development.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The Institute offers financial, technical and political support to civil society organizations and initiatives that share its goals. It is also active in awareness-raising and development education, networking, lobbying and sharing knowledge in the Netherlands and internationally. The Institute works in three primary areas, namely, human rights and democracy, gender and development and HIV/AIDS; sustainable economic development; and knowledge-sharing and support to media and cultural programmes.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The Institute offers core and project funding to more than 700 counterpart organizations in more than 30 countries to promote the initiatives related to sustainable economic development, organic agriculture, renewable energy, microcredit, human rights, HIV/AIDS, gender, arts and culture, information and communications technology and media. It also supports the Yogyakarta Principles on the Application of International Human Rights Law in relation to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and celebrates the International Day against Homophobia to promote non-discrimination. The Institute takes a leading role in the Digital Defenders Partnership, which offers safe Internet technology and protection for online activists. It is conducting a research project in Latin America on cooperation and conflict between extractive industries and indigenous peoples. The Hivos Knowledge Programme undertakes research and policy briefings on the Arab Spring events from a civil society perspective.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

In 2010, the Institute participated as an observer in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women and organized a side event on the fund in support of the sexual and reproductive rights of the Government of the Netherlands and assisted the Government with a side event on lesbian and transgender women.

In 2012, the Institute was invited by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and UN-Women to the first policy dialogue in Vienna on the role of development cooperation in advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women. At the nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first sessions of the Human Rights

Council, held in Geneva, the organization organized a side event on transitional justice and victims perspectives.

In December 2012, the Institute and several indigenous leaders from Latin America participated in the first Forum on Business and Human Rights and co-organized a side event to advocate for more attention for the specific situation and rights of indigenous peoples. The organization also participated in the final session of the universal periodic review for Guatemala and made an oral statement.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Through the International Platform against Impunity, Impunity Watch and Centro para la Acción Legal en Derechos Humanos, the Institute closely collaborates with the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala to combat impunity in Guatemala. It also facilitated the participation of female civil society leaders in the Syrian peace talks.

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

The Institute is part of Alliance 2015 which focuses on achieving the Millennium Development Goals. It does not work directly with Governments, but contributes through local non-governmental organizations working on poverty reduction for small farmers, combating HIV/AIDS, addressing women's rights and gender inequality, and strengthening civil society in general.

### **14. IFENDU for Women's Development**

#### **Special, 2010**

##### **Introduction**

IFENDU for Women's Development is a non-governmental organization based in Enugu, Enugu State, Nigeria. The organization is devoted to creating gender awareness through publications, training and advocacy to communities and organizations to bring about change to attain gender equality. Although its head office is in Enugu, its scope of operation is national.

##### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The organization aims to contribute to bring about a world in which men and women are truly equal. It addresses major issues of gender, religion and culture, sexuality and HIV/AIDS, human trafficking and environmental issues through publications, training, advocacy and outreach to communities and organizations.

##### **Significant changes in the organization**

A minor constitutional amendment in 2012 increased the number of trustees from five to nine. Staff capacity in Nigeria was developed through training on HIV/AIDS prevention and home-based care and in Liberia through a literacy training course. A gender awareness workshop was reframed as education for empowerment, with a special tool for addressing gender-based violence among faith-based groups.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Through a consultancy awarded by the United States Agency for International Development, from February to May 2014, representatives mobilized and trained rural community members in the abolishment of traditional practices harmful to women and girls in south-east Nigeria, resulting in the production of advocacy tools and the formation of a protection committee.

The organization submitted a written statement on education-related goals and objectives at the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2011 of the Council at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 4 to 8 July 2011 advocating for women's increased access to education.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

- Representatives attended the Commission on the Status on Women, held in New York and made oral statements
- Representatives attended a one-day capacity-building workshop for major groups on sustainable development and capacity-building held before the second intersessional meeting of the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held at the New Economic Institute in New York on 14 December 2011
- Representatives attended the second intersessional meeting of the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in New York on 15 and 16 December 2011.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization benefitted from three UNDP training sessions for civil society organizations in Uyo, Nigeria in 2012 and in Lagos, Nigeria and Abuja in 2013. Representatives collaborated with the Women Optimum Development Foundation with support from UNFPA in a 2011 media-based project called "Voices: on violence against women", a Radio Nigeria Enugu audience participation programme.

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

The organization contributed to Millennium Development Goals 2 and 3 through publications on gender, climate change mitigation, trafficking in women, and teacher preparation. The organization organized gender awareness training, highlighting gender-based violence, for faith-based communities and school staff and made contributions to human rights and access to justice through the mobilization of women, civic and voter education and election monitoring in 2011.

## **15. Intersos Humanitarian Aid Organization**

**Special, 2002**

### **Introduction**

Intersos Humanitarian Aid Organization is a humanitarian aid organization that works to bring assistance to people in danger and victims of natural disasters and armed conflicts. Established in 1992 with support from the Italian Confederation of Workers' Trade Unions, its actions are based on the values of solidarity, justice, human dignity, equal rights and opportunities for all people and respect for diversity and coexistence, paying particular attention to the most vulnerable and the unprotected. The organization adheres to international codes of conduct for humanitarian organizations and the values and principles expressed within those codes. It intervenes in 17 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Since 2010, the organization has been working in Haiti, Pakistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mauritania, Jordan, Mali, Lebanon, Myanmar, Kurdistan, Iraq and the Philippines. Its main focus includes complex emergencies in the Darfur region of the Sudan, Somalia, South Sudan, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Central African Republic. The organization has also been assisting Syrian refugees in Lebanon and Jordan, while preparing to operate inside the Syrian Arab Republic, depending on the security and political conditions.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The three main strategic objectives of the organization are field projects, humanitarian emergencies and preparation and early recovery. The main sectors of intervention include providing emergency relief to civilian populations through the distribution of food and basic needs items, water, health, protection and the safeguarding of human rights, with particular attention paid to more vulnerable groups, assisting refugees and internally displaced persons by setting up refugee camps and reception centres, supporting the return of refugees and displaced persons, assisting in the reconstruction of housing and community services, functional rehabilitation of social structures and public services, and helping to resume dialogue to promote peace and reconciliation.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

The organization joined two main European humanitarian networks, namely the Voluntary Organizations in Cooperation in Emergencies and the International Council of Voluntary Agencies.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organization contributes to the work of the United Nations both through activities related to its core mandate, which is to respond to humanitarian emergencies worldwide, and by sharing ideas, best practices and information at programme and strategic levels with partner United Nations agencies. Through its external communication in Italy and abroad, the organization informs the public of the importance of its partnership with United Nations agencies and of the relevance of the values that are at the core of United Nations activities and our mandate.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The organization actively participates in United Nations forums and meetings of United Nations agencies both in their respective headquarters and in the field. The office of the organization in Geneva ensures a liaison with its main humanitarian partners and participates in all relevant Inter-Agency Standing Committee meetings, held at the United Nations Office at Geneva, and other meetings in Geneva. The organization has also actively participated in many project-level meetings.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization is an active partner with different United Nations agencies. In particular, the Organization works in strict collaboration with UNHCR, with a particular focus on the Middle East and Africa where it implements projects for refugees and internally displaced persons through the coordination of camps and protection activities. The organization is partnering with UNICEF on child-related issues on several projects, as well as with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs for rapid response to humanitarian emergencies worldwide.

Other agencies of the United Nations system with which the organization collaborates regularly at the programme and strategic levels are: FAO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNDP, the United Nations Mine Action Service, the United Nations Office for Project Services, the World Food Programme, the International Organization for Migration, UNFPA and WHO.

Moreover, even where projects are not directly financed by United Nations agencies, the organization participates in all coordination meetings to ensure that its projects are integrated in a wider response by the international community to address complex and natural emergencies. An example of some of the projects carried out by the organization and financed by United Nations agencies include:

- With UNICEF, the organization provided protection, education, vocational training and community and social services for war-affected and vulnerable children in Lebanon, Jordan and Yemen
- With the support of UNHCR, the organization provided community-based emergency interventions, assistance programmes, education, and protection activities related to gender-based violence issues for internally displaced persons, refugees and returnees
- In collaboration with FAO, the organization is implementing food security-related activities and training for the vulnerable population living mostly in Somalia and Chad
- With the support of Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the organization is implementing community and protection services and the supply of water for Syrian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon

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

For Goal 1, the organization worked to intervene in humanitarian emergencies through livelihood support, food distributions and cash for work.

For Goal 2, the organization worked, often in partnership with UNICEF, to ameliorate situations where education was hampered by conditions of conflict or natural disasters. Many of its projects target children in order to ensure that years of education are not lost, and to protect them from the risks that are typically associated with conditions faced by refugees and internally displaced persons.

For Goal 3, the organization works to mainstream gender concerns in all its projects and activities, to ensure in particular that vulnerable women are not left behind in the humanitarian response. Its community-based approach guarantees full participation of women in the implementation of its programmes and activities.

For Goals 4 and 5, the organization has implemented a number of projects in which health conditions are a core concern. The organization is engaged in ensuring proper health and sanitary conditions, particularly in emergency contexts, including the smooth running of hospitals and health facilities.

For Goal 6, the organization promotes sanitation and hygiene, and provides knowledge and tools to avoid significant risks to health and well-being.

For Goal 7, the contribution of the organization includes the implementation of projects to provide sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation.

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