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NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

United States of America: draft resolution

Participation of non-governmental organizations  
in the General Assembly

The Economic and Social Council,

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Participation of non-governmental organizations  
in the General Assembly

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling Article 71 of the Charter of the United Nations, Economic and Social Council resolutions 1296 (XLIV) of 25 May 1968 and 1996/31 of 25 July 1996 and decision 1996/297 of 25 July 1996 and General Assembly resolutions 49/252 and 51/181, and taking into account the recommendations of the Open-ended High-level Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System,

"Noting the ad hoc attendance of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in meetings of the General Assembly and its Main Committees,

"1. Decides to invite non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to attend open Plenary meetings of the Assembly and open meetings of its

Main Committees and special sessions, and to make available within the United Nations documents and statements prepared by them in connection with these meetings;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, an interim report on existing arrangements and practices relating to participation by non-governmental organizations in organs and bodies of the United Nations and other parts of the United Nations system; the interim report shall describe existing practices, procedures, modalities and regulations pertaining to arrangements for participation by non-governmental organizations;

"3. Also requests the Secretary-General, in a final report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session, to propose procedures, defining any further participation by non-governmental organizations in the work of the General Assembly, its Main Committees and special sessions, where appropriate, for their consideration; such proposals and procedures shall recognize the essential intergovernmental character of these bodies, shall not entail new or additional costs to the Organization, and shall be consistent with the limits of the procedures already established under Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 and relevant decisions of the General Assembly and without prejudice to any participation already permitted to non-governmental organizations by these bodies under existing arrangements and practices."

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