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### Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2020 regular session

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#### *Summary*

At its 2020 regular session, held from 20 to 29 January and on 7 February 2020, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 632 applications for consultative status, including 272 applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 274 for consultative status, deferred 339 for further consideration at its resumed session in 2020 and closed without prejudice consideration of 18 applications of non-governmental organizations that had failed to respond to queries over two consecutive sessions of the Committee. The Committee also had before it five requests for reclassification of consultative status; it recommended granting two of those requests and deferred its consideration of the other three. The Committee took note of one request for merger and recommended that the newly formed organization be granted special consultative status. The Committee took note of nine requests for a change of name. It also had before it 691 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 614. The Committee heard 25 representatives of non-governmental organizations.

The present report contains two draft decisions on matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council.

By draft decision I, the Council would:

- (a) Grant consultative status to 274 non-governmental organizations;
- (b) Reclassify two non-governmental organizations from special to general consultative status;
- (c) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of nine non-governmental organizations;



(d) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the merger of two non-governmental organizations and to grant consultative status to the newly formed organization;

(e) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 614 non-governmental organizations, including new and deferred reports;

(f) Close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by 18 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee;

(g) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the request by one non-governmental organization to withdraw its application for consultative status.

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

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

### **Draft decisions for adoption by the Council**

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

#### **Draft decision I**

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

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following 274 non-governmental organizations:

#### *Special consultative status*

3Strands Global Foundation

A11 – Initiative for Economic and Social Rights

‘Aha Pūnana Leo

A Leg to Stand On

Aalem for Orphan and Vulnerable Children, Inc.

Action for Pune Development

Action Lab for Development

Aden Center to Raise Awareness of the Risk of Drugs

Advocates for the Environment, Inc.

Afghanistan Democracy and Development Organization

African Radio Drama Association (ARDA)

African Youth Employment Initiatives (AYEI)

Africans in America for Restitution and Repatriation, Inc.

Africommunity Technology Development Centre, Abia State

Afrikaanse Forum vir Burgerregte

Afrique Espérance

Agence internationale pour les formations et le développement

Agência Piaget para o Desenvolvimento

Agir contre les maladies non transmissibles au Niger

AID Foundation

All India Senior Citizen’s Confederation (AISCCON)

Alliance des femmes pour l’égalité et le genre en Guinée

Al-Najat Charity Society

Anderson Center International

Angel Support Foundation

Apostle Padi Ologo Traditional Birth Centre  
Asian Dignity Initiative  
Asian Venture Philanthropy Network, Limited  
Asociación Forjando Futuro para Todos  
Associação de Aposentados, Pensionistas e Reformados (APRE)  
Associação Provedores de Respostas Sociais para o Desenvolvimento (PRSD)  
Association Aicha pour le développement de proximité et l'environnement  
Association APEDDUB  
Association avocats sans frontières humanitaires du Cameroun  
Association d'études et de recherches pour le développement  
Association de développement agricole, éducatif et sanitaire de Manono  
Association de protection et de promotion des intérêts des familles en périls (APPIFAPE)  
Association des femmes du secteur des industries extractives du Niger (AFSIEN)  
Association européenne des véhicules électriques à batteries, hybrides et à piles à combustible  
Association féminine la Lumière  
Association for Community Awareness (ASCOA)  
Association François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB International)  
Association of Community Social Volunteers International, Lagos  
Association santé-éducation-démocratie (ASED)  
Associazione Gruppo Arteam Jobel Teatro  
Associazione La Società della Ragione  
Banjara Seva Samithi  
Bridgers Association  
Cameroon Development and Education Foundation (CADEF)  
Cameroon Gender and Environment Watch  
Campaign for Human Rights and Social Transformation, Nepal  
Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth  
Carefound – Liberia  
Caribbean Natural Resources Institute  
Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa  
Center for Integrated Rural and Child Development  
Centre d'étude et de prospective stratégique  
Centre de recherche et d'ingénierie sociales du Togo  
Centre for Social Awareness, Advocacy and Ethics, Incorporated  
Centre international d'investissement

Centro de Apoio aos Direitos Humanos “Valdício Barbosa dos Santos”  
Chaplain Ambassadors Peace Mission  
Charity Society for Supporting Patients Suffering from Cancer  
Children and Youth International  
Children’s HeartLink  
China Foundation for Human Rights Development  
Chunhui Children’s Foundation  
CLEEN Foundation  
Club Ohada Thies  
Coalition digitale  
Cœur d’Afrique – Fondation Roger Milla  
Community Center for Integrated Development  
Conflict Armament Research, Ltd.  
Coordinadora Latinoamericana de Cine y Comunicación de los Pueblos Indígenas, México  
Coptic Orphans Support Association  
Corporación Kimirina  
Council for International Cooperation – Ontario  
CTECO – Kizota  
Dalit Welfare Association  
Defensores do Planeta  
Dementia Alliance International  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für die Vereinten Nationen, e.V.  
Edunet Foundation  
Elizabeth Foundation  
Energy Vision  
Entraide et action sans frontière  
Environmental Compliance Institute  
Erasmus Student Network  
Escuela del Estudio de la Intuición Enseñanza de Valores, Asociación Civil sin Fines de Lucro  
Ethel Amawhe Charity Foundation  
Ethio-Africa Diaspora Union Millennium Council, Limited  
Eurasia Partnership Foundation  
European Centre for Development Policy Management  
European Coalition for Just and Effective Drug Policies (ENCOD)  
European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO)

Family Planning NSW  
Family Policy Institute  
Federación Mexicana de Universitarias  
Federal Bar Association  
Fédération internationale d'astronautique (IAF)  
Fitilla  
Fondation Jérôme Lejeune  
Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini  
Foundation for International Development/Relief  
Fundación Charles Darwin para las Islas Galápagos  
Fundación de Música y Artes Naiot  
Fundación Latinoamérica Reforma  
Fundación Sustentabilidad, Educación, Solidaridad (Fundación SES)  
Gerakan Nasional Anti Narkotika  
Geriatric Care and Vulnerable Support Initiative  
Global Appreciation and Skills Training Network  
Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria  
Global GLOW  
Global One 2015  
Global Women for Quality and Sustainable Development Initiative  
Gooddler Foundation  
Govardhan Ecovillage Trust  
Green Crescent Health Development Initiative  
Green Crescent Indonesia Foundation  
Green Moon  
Grikob Foundation Ghana  
Habitat Derneği  
Her Choices Trust  
His Highness Maharaj Hanwant Singhji Charitable Trust  
His Marvellous Grace Support Foundation  
Hope for Life Initiative  
Hope Inspired Foundation for Women and Youth  
Hope Outreach Foundation  
Human Impacts Institute, Inc.  
Humanitarian Exchange and Research Center (HERE)  
Humanity Unified International, Inc.  
Imagine Empowerment through Music

IMUNA, Incorporated  
Incorporated Association Happy People  
Independent Noncommercial Organization “Road Safety Promotion Centre –  
Movement for Safe Traffic”  
Initiative for African Youth Advancement Advocacy and Empowerment  
Innovating Health International  
Insan Defending Human Rights  
Institut international de recherche, de documentation et de formation pour la  
prévention et la lutte contre la falsification des produits de santé  
Institute of Informatics and Development  
Instituto de Estudios y Divulgación sobre Migración, AC  
International Charitable Initiative for Girl Child and Women Development  
Foundation  
International Interfaith Peace Corps, Inc.  
International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Inc. (ESCR-Net)  
International Organization for Educational Development  
International Transformation Foundation  
International Youth Council – Yemen Chapter (IYCY)  
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers  
i-Smile International  
J’ai Rêvé Foundation  
Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal  
JFMO Servicios en Intermediación Pública, Asociación en Participación  
Jyothirgamaya Foundation  
Kafa (Enough) Violence & Exploitation  
Khair al Kuwait Charity Organization  
King Saud Foundation  
Knowledge Mill International Foundation  
Kobia  
Ladli Foundation Trust  
Lantuun Dohio  
Law Explorer Development & Assistance Initiative  
Legal Center for Women’s Initiatives Sana Sezim  
Lesotho National Federation of Organisations of the Disabled  
Libyan Diplomats Organization  
Lidè Foundation  
Life Crown Foundation  
Life Project 4 Youth (LP4Y)

Magdalene Iyamu Cancer Foundation  
MakeSense  
Mali action solidarité  
Milagros Day Worldwide, Inc.  
Missão Saúde para a Humanidade  
Motus Health Initiative  
NAMA Foundation  
National Alliance for Rare Diseases Support – Malta  
National Association of Women Entrepreneurs  
National Foundation for Peace, Development and Human Rights  
Native Children’s Survival  
Ndingicam Equity – Ndicameq  
NGO Committee on Sustainable Development – NY, Inc.  
No Borders Humanity Organization  
Nor Luyce Mentoring Center for Youth  
NORSAAC  
North-East Affected Area Development Society (NEADS)  
Nusroto Al-Anashid Association  
Nutrition International  
OneNess Foundations Diaspora USA  
Orchid Project, Limited  
Osdife Osservatorio sulla Sicurezza e Difesa CBRNe  
Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy (Miftah)  
Pangloss  
Partnership for Peace and Security (PFPS)  
Parvati.org  
PEAC Institute – A NJ Nonprofit Corporation  
Peace Brigades International  
Peace Now  
Pertubuhan Bulan Sabit Hijau Malaysia/Green Crescent  
Pleasant Gathering Club of Nigeria  
Positive Youth Development Association  
PRATYEK  
Promundo – US  
Raise Your Voice Saint Lucia  
Reproductive Advocate Health Education, Ghana  
Romeo and Zainab Boudib Foundation

Sawa for Development Association  
Sensitization Centre  
Setu  
Shrimad Rajchandra Sarvamangal Trust  
Social Empowerment for Economic Development (SEED)  
Society Educational Awareness Research Consultancy and Health Organization  
Soul Sustainable Progress (SSP)  
Southern African AIDS Trust  
Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust  
Steps towards Development  
Stichting Health Action International  
Stichting Iranian Center for International Criminal Law  
Stichting Youth for Road Safety (YOURS)  
Stiftelsen Flowminder  
Stroke Association SupportNetwork – Ghana  
Svenska Naturskyddsföreningen  
Tangata Group, Inc.  
Team Rubicon UK  
The African Centre for Human Advancement, Social and Community Development  
Kuduru Bwari Abuja  
The ANORW Police & Emergency Services of Ottawa Watershed  
The Australian Council of Social Service, Incorporated  
The Born Free Foundation, Limited  
The Center for Oceanic Awareness, Research, and Education, Inc.  
The Center for Water Security and Cooperation  
The Fred Hollows Foundation, Limited  
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales  
The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University, Sikkim  
The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.  
The Jordan Anti-Drugs Society  
The Language Conservancy  
The Millennium Promise Alliance, Inc.  
The Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies  
The Promise  
The Regional Center for the Welfare of Ageing Persons in Cameroon  
The Royal Society of London for Improving Natural Knowledge (The Royal Society)

The Secure Aid Relief Foundation  
The United Society  
Tony-May Foundation  
Touch a Heart Social and Economic Rights Initiative  
Transient Workers Count Too (TWC2)  
Udruzenje gradjana Zeleni polumjesec u Bosni i Hercegovini  
Uganda Green Crescent Society  
United Network Europa  
USAfrica News, Inc.  
Verband der deutschen Höhlen- und Karstforscher, e.V.  
Via Vitae – Associação Portuguesa a Favor da População Sénior  
Višva Guru Díp Hindu Mandir – české hinduistické společenství  
Volontaires pour la paix  
Welcome Clubs International, Incorporated  
Women against Mutilations (WAM)  
Women and Youth Awareness Empowerment Network  
Women for Afghan Women, Inc.  
Women in Politics Forum  
Women Information Network  
Women Law and Development Centre, Nigeria  
Women Wage Peace, Registered Association  
Women, Infants and Children Care Initiative  
Women’s Rights and Health Project, Ltd./Gte.  
World Development Foundation, Inc.  
World Woman’s Christian Temperance Union, Inc.  
Worldwide Veterinary Service  
Yahola Tribal Nation CSO, Inc.  
Yedidim for Youth and Society  
Yiaga Africa Initiative  
Yolse, Santé publique et innovation  
Youth Alive, Ltd./Gte.  
Youth for Better Kenya  
Youth in Technology and Arts Network (YOTAN)  
Youth Initiative for Drug Research Information Support and Education  
Youth Leading Change – Aharai!

(b) To reclassify two non-governmental organizations from special to general consultative status:

Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration

Plan International

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

Ecumenical Alliance for Human Rights and Development (special, 2015) to Arab-European Forum for Dialogue and Human Rights

Fondation Cordoue de Genève (special, 2018) to Cordoba Peace Institute – Geneva

Initiative féministe européenne (special, 2016) to Initiative féministe euroméditerranéenne (IFE-EFI)

Institute for Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding (special, 2013) to æCentre

International POPs Elimination Network (special, 2012) to International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN)

Korean Association for Supporting the SDGs for the UN (ASD) (special, 2015) to Association for Supporting the SDGs for the UN (ASD)

Stichting Ezidis (special, 2019) to International Yazidis Foundation for the Prevention of Genocide

World Hunger Year, Inc. (special, 2012) to WhyHunger, Inc.

World Lung Foundation (special, 2009) to Vital Strategies

(d) To note that the Committee took note of the merger of the Social Service Agency of the Protestant Church in Germany, which had obtained special consultative status in 2004, with the Protestant Development Service to form the Protestant Agency for Diakonie and Development and to decide to grant special consultative status to the Protestant Agency for Diakonie and Development;

(e) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 614 non-governmental organizations:

AARP (2015–2018)

Abibimman Foundation (2015–2018)

Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia (2015–2018)

Academy for Future Science (2015–2018)

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2015–2018)

Action Health Incorporated (2015–2018)

Action sensibilisation sur les nouvelles technologies de l'information et de la communication (2015–2018)

Action solidaire pour le développement communautaire (2015–2018)

ActionAid (2015–2018)

Actions pour l'environnement et le développement durable (2015–2018)

Active Help Organization (2015–2018)

ADJMOR (2015–2018)

Africa and Middle East Refugee Assistance (AMERA) (2015–2018)

Africa Development Interchange Network (2015–2018)  
African Action on AIDS (2015–2018)  
African Association of Education for Development (2015–2018)  
African Relief in Action (ARIA) (2015–2018)  
African Rights Initiative International (2015–2018)  
African Youth for Transparency (AYFT) (2015–2018)  
Agalliao Development Initiative (2015–2018)  
AGE Platform Europe (2015–2018)  
Agence pour les droits de l’homme (2015–2018)  
Agewell Foundation (2015–2018)  
Aid for Trade Logistics (2015–2018)  
Aide internationale pour l’enfance (2015–2018)  
AIDS Foundation East-West (2015–2018)  
AIESEC International (2015–2018)  
ALDET Centre (Saint Lucia) (2015–2018)  
Al-Hakim Foundation (2015–2018)  
All China Women’s Federation (2015–2018)  
All India Women’s Conference (2015–2018)  
All India Women’s Education Fund Association (2015–2018)  
All Pakistan Women’s Association (2015–2018)  
Alliance for Health Promotion (A4HP) (2015–2018)  
Alliance Forum Foundation (2015–2018)  
All-Russian Social Fund “The Russian Children Foundation” (2015–2018)  
“All-Russian Society of the Deaf” All-Russian Public Organization of Persons with Disabilities (ARSD-AOPD) (2015–2018)  
American Correctional Association (2015–2018)  
American Indian Law Alliance (2015–2018)  
American Youth Understanding Diabetes Abroad, Inc. (AYUDA) (2015–2018)  
Antiviolence Center (2015–2018)  
AquaFed: International Federation of Private Water Operators (2015–2018)  
Arab Forum for Environment and Development (2015–2018)  
Arab Lawyers’ Union (2015–2018)  
Armenian Constitutional Right-Protective Centre (2015–2018)  
Asia Pacific Women’s Watch (APWW) (2015–2018)  
Asian Centre for Human Rights (2015–2018)  
Asian People’s Disability Alliance (2015–2018)

Asociación Cubana de las Naciones Unidas/Cuban United Nations Association (2015–2018)

Asociación Dominicana de las Naciones Unidas (ANU-RD) (2015–2018)

Asociación Panameña de Corredores y Promotores de Bienes Raíces (2015–2018)

Asociación para la Promoción de la Libertad y el Desarrollo Sostenible (2015–2018)

Associated Country Women of the World (2015–2018)

Association “Paix” pour la lutte contre la contrainte et l’injustice (2015–2018)

Association Africa 21 (2015–2018)

Association burkinabé pour la survie de l’enfance (2015–2018)

Association de la jeunesse congolaise pour le développement (2015–2018)

Association des femmes peules autochtones du Tchad (AFPAT) (2015–2018)

Association des ressortissants et amis d’Eséka (2015–2018)

Association femmes solidaires au Togo (2015–2018)

Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst (AECC) (2015–2018)

Association for Solidarity with Freedom-Deprived Juveniles (2015–2018)

Association marocaine des droits humains (2015–2018)

Association mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit (2015–2018)

Association Miraisme International (2015–2018)

Association nationale de coopération pour le développement du Cameroun (ANACODECAM) (2015–2018)

Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions (2015–2018)

Association of United Families International (2015–2018)

Association pour l’éducation, la santé et la promotion des femmes et des enfants au Cameroun “ESOFÉ” (2015–2018)

Association pour le développement économique, social, environnemental du nord (2015–2018)

Association pour les victimes du monde (2015–2018)

Asociación Proyecto Hombre (2015–2018)

Associazione Carcere e Territorio (2015–2018)

Assyrian Aid Society (Iraq) (2015–2018)

Aube nouvelle pour la femme et le développement (2015–2018)

Baha’i International Community (2014–2017)

Bahrain Women Society (2015–2018)

Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha (2015–2018)

Behnam Daheshpour Charity Organization (2015–2018)

Beijing Children’s Legal Aid and Research Center (2015–2018)

Beijing Zhicheng Migrant Workers’ Legal Aid and Research Center (2015–2018)

Beirut Institute (2015–2018)  
Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti Jaipur (2015–2018)  
Billie Human Rights Initiative (2015–2018)  
Boy with a Ball Ministries (2015–2018)  
Buddha’s Light International Association (2015–2018)  
Campaign for Human Rights and Development Sierra Leone (2015–2018)  
Campaign Life Coalition (2015–2018)  
Canada’s National Firearms Association (2015–2018)  
Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) (2015–2018)  
Canadian Pugwash Group (2015–2018)  
Canterbury Business Association, Incorporated (2015–2018)  
CARE International (2015–2018)  
Caribbean Medical Association/Asociación Médica del Caribe (2015–2018)  
Caritas Internationalis – International Confederation of Catholic Charities (2015–2018)  
Caucus for Women’s Leadership (2015–2018)  
Center for Economic and Social Rights (2015–2018)  
Center for International Earth Science Information Network (2015–2018)  
Center for Regional Policy Research and Cooperation “Studiorum” (2015–2018)  
Center for Religion and Diplomacy, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Centre catholique international de Genève (CCIG) (2015–2018)  
Centre d’accompagnement des autochtones pygmées et minoritaires vulnérables (2015–2018)  
Centre d’accueil et de volontariat pour orphelins, abandonnés et handicapés du Cameroun (CAVOAH-CAM) (2015–2018)  
Centre d’encadrement et développement des anciens combattants (2015–2018)  
Centre de vulgarisation de l’outil informatique (CVOI) (2015–2018)  
Centre européen de recherche et de prospective politique (CEREPPOL) (2015–2018)  
Centre for Community Regeneration and Development (2015–2018)  
Centre for Equality, Ltd. (2015–2018)  
Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation (2015–2018)  
Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (2015–2018)  
Centre for Renewable Energy and Action on Climate Change (2015–2018)  
Centre international de droit comparé de l’environnement (2015–2018)  
Centro de Estudios Sobre la Juventud (2015–2018)  
CGFNS International, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Chant du guépard dans le désert (2015–2018)  
Child Development Foundation (2015–2018)

Child Rights Connect (2015–2018)  
Childlink Foundation (2015–2018)  
“Children of the World” Regional Public Charitable Fund of Assistance to Cultural and Sports Development of Children and Young People (2015–2018)  
Children’s Human Rights Centre of Albania (2015–2018)  
China Association of Non-Profit Organizations (2015–2018)  
China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation (2015–2018)  
China Great Wall Society (2015–2018)  
China International Public Relations Association (CIPRA) (2015–2018)  
Chinese American Parent-Student Council of New York City, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Chinese Association for International Understanding (2015–2018)  
Christian Legal Fellowship (2015–2018)  
Citizens’ Coalition for Economic Justice (2015–2018)  
Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (2015–2018)  
Coalition of Activist Lesbians (Australia) (2015–2018)  
Colombian Commission of Jurists (2015–2018)  
Colombian Confederation of NGOs (2015–2018)  
Comisión Jurídica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos “Capaj” (2015–2018)  
Comité français pour l’Afrique du Sud (2015–2018)  
Comité Permanente por la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos (2015–2018)  
Commission africaine des promoteurs de la santé et des droits de l’homme (2015–2018)  
Community Social Welfare Foundation (2015–2018)  
Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (2015–2018)  
Concepts of Truth (2015–2018)  
Concern Worldwide US (2015–2018)  
Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro/General Italian Confederation of Labour (2015–2018)  
Congregations of St. Joseph (2015–2018)  
Connecting.nyc, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Conscience and Peace Tax International (CPTI) (2015–2018)  
Conseil de jeunesse pluriculturelle (COJEP) (2015–2018)  
Convention of Independent Financial Advisors (2015–2018)  
Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations (2015–2018)  
Coordination immigrés du sud du monde, Vénétie (CISM) (2015–2018)  
Corporación Acción Técnica Social (ATS) (2015–2018)  
Count of Monte Alea Foundation, Inc. (2015–2018)

Coup de pouce (2015–2018)  
Crowley Children’s Fund (2015–2018)  
Dacia Revival International Society, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Dar Si-Hmad for Development, Education and Culture in Sidi Ifni (2015–2018)  
Darüşşafaka Cemiyeti (2015–2018)  
Deaf Aid (2015–2018)  
Defence for Children International (2015–2018)  
Development Action for Women Network, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Development Generation Africa International (DGAI) (2015–2018)  
Development Innovations and Networks (2015–2018)  
“Dialogue of Cultures – United World” International Public Charity Fund (2015–2018)  
Dianova International (2015–2018)  
Dignité impact/Impact Dignity (2015–2018)  
Diplomatic Council, e.V. (2015–2018)  
Disabled Peoples International (2015–2018)  
Disease Management Association of India (2015–2018)  
Dóchas – The Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations (2015–2018)  
Drammeh Institute, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Du pain pour chaque enfant (2015–2018)  
Earthjustice (2015–2018)  
Ecumenical Alliance for Human Rights and Development (EAHRD) (2015–2018)  
Egyptian Center for Women’s Rights (2015–2018)  
Emergency – Life Support for Civilian War Victims (2015–2018)  
Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development (2015–2018)  
Environmental Women’s Assembly (2015–2018)  
Equidad de Género: Ciudadanía, Trabajo y Familia, AC (2015–2018)  
Espace Afrique international (2015–2018)  
Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention (ERLC) (2015–2018)  
Europäischer Interessenverband Handel-Gewerbe-Industrie (EIVHGI) (2015–2018)  
European Disability Forum (2015–2018)  
European Health Psychology Society (2015–2018)  
European Transport Safety Council (2015–2018)  
European Women’s Lobby (2015–2018)  
European Youth Forum (2015–2018)

Federación Internacional de Asociaciones de Ayuda Social Ecológica y Cultural (FIADASEC)/International Federation of Associations for Social, Ecological and Cultural Help (FIADASEC) (2015–2018)

Federación Internacional de Fe y Alegría (2015–2018)

Federation for Women and Family Planning (2015–2018)

Federation of Associations of Former International Civil Servants (2015–2018)

FEMM Foundation (2015–2018)

First Nations Summit (2015–2018)

Fondation Congo Assistance (2015–2018)

Fondation Institut de recherche pour le développement durable et les relations internationales (2015–2018)

Fondation Mohammed VI pour la protection de l'environnement (2015–2018)

Fondation pour l'éradication du travail des enfants dans la culture du tabac (2015–2018)

Fondazione Marista per la Solidarietà Internazionale, ONLUS (2015–2018)

Fondazione Rosselli Americas (2015–2018)

Fonds Tara (2015–2018)

Forum Azzahrae pour la femme marocaine (2015–2018)

Forum for Women and Development (FOKUS) (2015–2018)

Forum Réfugiés – Cosi (2015–2018)

Foundation for Research on Technology Migration and Integration (2015–2018)

Foundation for the Development of Knowledge Suma Veritas (2015–2018)

Foundation Projekta for Women and Development Services/Stichting Projekta (2015–2018)

Fracarita International (2015–2018)

France libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2007–2010)

Franciscans International (2015–2018)

Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (2015–2018)

Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez de la Naturaleza y el Hombre (2015–2018)

Fundación Atenea Grupo, GID (2015–2018)

Fundación Centro Latinoamericano de Derechos Humanos (2015–2018)

Fundación Diagrama: Intervención Psicosocial (2015–2018)

Fundación Latinoamericana por los Derechos Humanos y el Desarrollo Social (2015–2018)

Fundación Luz María (2015–2018)

Fundación Riba (2015–2018)

Fundación Salvadoreña para el Desarrollo Económico y Social (2015–2018)

Gender at Work (2014–2017)

Gibh Varta Manch (2015–2018)

Gic technologies nouvelles au Cameroun (2015–2018)  
Girl Scouts of the United States of America (2015–2018)  
Global Academy Institute of Technology Foundation, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Global Bioethics Initiative, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Global Forum on Human Settlements (2015–2018)  
Global Justice Center (2015–2018)  
Global Network for Rights and Development (GNRD) (2015–2018)  
Global Vision India Foundation (2015–2018)  
Global Volunteers (2015–2018)  
Globe International (2015–2018)  
Graduate Women International (GWI) (2015–2018)  
Grand Triangle, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Groupe d'action pour la promotion socioculturelle et l'alphabetisation: nouvelle énergie (2015–2018)  
Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida, AC (GIRE) (2015–2018)  
Grupo Intercultural Almaciga (2015–2018)  
Habitat for Humanity International (2015–2018)  
Handicap International (2015–2018)  
Hazrat Javad-al-Aemeh Cultural Charity Institute (2015–2018)  
Healthy Start Initiative (2015–2018)  
Helios Life Association (2015–2018)  
Help Me See, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Help4help (2015–2018)  
High Atlas Foundation (2015–2018)  
Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation (2015–2018)  
Hong Kong Council of Social Service (2015–2018)  
Horn of Africa Voluntary Youth Committee (HAVOYOCO) (2015–2018)  
Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society (2015–2018)  
Howard League for Penal Reform (2015–2018)  
Human Appeal International (2015–2018)  
Human in Love (2015–2018)  
Human Life International, Inc. (2014–2017)  
Human Relief Foundation (2015–2018)  
Human Rights Council of Australia, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Human Rights Information and Documentation Systems International (2015–2018)  
Human Rights Law Centre (2015–2018)  
Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa (2015–2018)

Human Rights National Circle (HRNC)/Cercle national des droits de l'homme (CNDH) (2015–2018)

IBREA Foundation (2015–2018)

Ilingwesi Afya Program (2015–2018)

Indian Council of Education (2015–2018)

Institut de la démocratie et de la coopération (2015–2018)

Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (2015–2018)

Institute for International Urban Development (2015–2018)

Institute for Sustainable Development and Research (ISDR) (2015–2018)

Institute for Women's Studies and Research (2015–2018)

Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Loreto Generalate (2015–2018)

Instituto para la Participación y el Desarrollo, Asociación Civil (INPADE) (2015–2018)

Instituto Qualivida (2015–2018)

Integrated Youth Empowerment – Common Initiative Group (IYE-CIG) (2015–2018)

Inter-action globale (IAG) (2015–2018)

International Action Network on Small Arms (2015–2018)

International Alert (2015–2018)

International Alliance for Responsible Drinking (2015–2018)

International Alliance of Women (2015–2018)

International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty/Association internationale pour la défense de la liberté (2015–2018)

International Association for Water Law (2015–2018)

International Association of Charities (2015–2018)

International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (2015–2018)

International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms (2015–2018)

International Association of Schools of Social Work (2015–2018)

International Association of Soldiers for Peace (2015–2018)

International Black Women for Wages for Housework (2015–2018)

International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE) (2015–2018)

International Campaign to Ban Landmines – Cluster Munition Coalition (ICBL-CMC) (2015–2018)

International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation, Inc. (2015–2018)

International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (INCPL) (2015–2018)

International Christian Organisation of the Media (2015–2018)

International Committee for the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas (Switzerland) (2015–2018)

International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (2015–2018)

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International Corrections and Prisons Association for the Advancement of Professional Corrections (2015–2018)

International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (2015–2018)

International Council of Russian Compatriots (ICRC) (2015–2018)

International Council of Scientific Unions (2015–2018)

International Council of Women (2015–2018)

International Development Information Organization (2015–2018)

International Ecological Safety Cooperative Organization (2015–2018)

International Falcon Movement – Socialist Educational International (2015–2018)

International Family Therapy Association (2015–2018)

International Federation for Family Development (2015–2018)

International Federation for Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida (IF) (2015–2018)

International Federation of Associations of the Elderly (2015–2018)

International Federation of Journalists (2009–2012)

International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (2015–2018)

International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (2015–2018)

International Federation of Social Workers (2015–2018)

International Federation on Ageing (2015–2018)

International Fellowship of Reconciliation (2015–2018)

International Foundation for Electoral Systems (2015–2018)

International Geothermal Association, Incorporated (2015–2018)

International Harm Reduction Association (IHRA) (2015–2018)

International Human Rights Observer Pakistan (IHRO) (2015–2018)

International Indian Treaty Council (2015–2018)

International Informatization Academy (2015–2018)

International Institute for Child Protection (2015–2018)

International Institute for the Rights of the Child (2015–2018)

International Islamic Relief Organization (2015–2018)

International Islamic Youth League (2015–2018)

International Jurists Organisation (2015–2018)

International Juvenile Justice Observatory (2015–2018)

International Law Association (2015–2018)

International Law Enforcement Federation (2015–2018)

International Lesbian and Gay Association (2015–2018)

International Mahavira Jain Mission (2015–2018)

International Motor Vehicle Inspection Committee (2015–2018)

International Movement ATD Fourth World (2015–2018)

International Multiracial Shared Cultural Organization (2015–2018)  
International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (2015–2018)  
International Network of Liberal Women (2015–2018)  
International Ocean Institute (2015–2018)  
International Ontopsychology Association (2015–2018)  
International Organization for Standardization (2015–2018)  
International Organization of Employers (2015–2018)  
International Peacebuilding Alliance (Interpeace) (2015–2018)  
International Planned Parenthood Federation (Europe region) (2015–2018)  
International Planned Parenthood Federation (western hemisphere region) (2015–2018)  
International Police Executive Symposium (2015–2018)  
International Press Institute (2001–2004)  
International Press Institute (2005–2008)  
International Press Institute (2009–2012)  
International Rescue Committee, Inc. (2015–2018)  
International Samaritan (2015–2018)  
International Sociological Association (2015–2018)  
International Trade Union Confederation (2015–2018)  
International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade (2015–2018)  
International Union of Economists (2015–2018)  
International Union of Latin Notariat (2015–2018)  
International Union of Railways (UIC) (2015–2018)  
International Volunteer Organization for Women, Education Development (2015–2018)  
International Volunteerism Organization for Women, Education and Development (VIDES) (2015–2018)  
International Women & Family Foundation (2015–2018)  
International-Lawyers.org (2015–2018)  
IOGT International (2015–2018)  
Isa Viswa Prajnana Trust (2015–2018)  
Islamic Research & Information Artistic and Cultural Institute (2015–2018)  
Japan Civil Liberties Union (2015–2018)  
Japan Federation of Bar Associations (2015–2018)  
Japan National Committee for UN-Women (2015–2018)  
Join Together Society (2015–2018)  
Jubilee Campaign (2015–2018)  
Junior Chamber International (2015–2018)

Karamah: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights (2015–2018)  
Kaurareg Aboriginal Land Trust (2015–2018)  
Kawish Resource Center (2015–2018)  
Kids Included Together (2015–2018)  
Kikandwa Rural Communities Development Organization (KIRUCODO) (2015–2018)  
Kiyana Karaj Group (2015–2018)  
Korean Association for Supporting the SDGs for the UN (ASD) (2015–2018)  
Korean Bar Association (2015–2018)  
Korean Institute for Women and Politics (2015–2018)  
L'auravetli'an Information and Education Network of Indigenous People (LIENIP) (2015–2018)  
La fondation de la progéniture Denis Lomela Ifangwa (2015–2018)  
Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation (LGWPF) (2015–2018)  
Latter-day Saint Charities (2015–2018)  
Laya (2015–2018)  
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund (2015–2018)  
Legião da Boa Vontade/Legion of Good Will (2015–2018)  
Life for Relief and Development (2015–2018)  
Ligue internationale contre le racisme et l'antisémitisme (2015–2018)  
Ligue marocaine de la citoyenneté et des droits de l'homme (2015–2018)  
Madre, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Managing Committee of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (2015–2018)  
Manav Pragati Sansthan, Rajgarh (2015–2018)  
Manhattan Multicultural Counseling (2015–2018)  
Martina Centre for Sustainable Development (2015–2018)  
Maryam Ghasemi Educational Charity Institute (2015–2018)  
Mayama, Asociación Civil (2015–2018)  
Mayors for Peace (2015–2018)  
Medical Women's International Association (2015–2018)  
Medrar (2015–2018)  
Mercy-USA for Aid and Development, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Metro Toronto Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic (2015–2018)  
México Unido contra la Delincuencia, AC (2015–2018)  
Millennium Institute (2015–2018)  
Miroslava International Alliance (2013–2016)  
Misión Mujer, AC (2015–2018)  
Mission International Rescue Foundation (MIR) (2015–2018)

Mongolian Family Welfare Association (2015–2018)  
Mouvement national des jeunes patriotes du Mali (2015–2018)  
Movement for a Better World (2015–2018)  
Muslim World League (2015–2018)  
NABU – Knowledge Transfer Beyond Boundaries (2015–2018)  
National Aboriginal Circle against Family Violence (2015–2018)  
National Alliance of Women’s Organizations (2015–2018)  
National Association of Community Legal Centres, Inc. (2015–2018)  
National Council of Child Rights Advocates, Nigeria (south-west zone) (2015–2018)  
National Council of Negro Women (2015–2018)  
National Council of Women of the United States, Inc. (2015–2018)  
National Native Title Council (2015–2018)  
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. (2015–2018)  
National Women’s Council of Catalonia/Consell Nacional de Dones de Catalunya (2015–2018)  
New Japan Women’s Association (2015–2018)  
New Progressive Alliance (2015–2018)  
New York County Lawyers’ Association (2015–2018)  
Niger Delta Women’s Movement for Peace and Development (2015–2018)  
Nigerian Network of Women Exporters of Services (2015–2018)  
Noah’s Arc Foundation (2015–2018)  
Non-for-Profit Organization “Expert Society on Space Threat Defense” (2015–2018)  
Non-for-Profit Organization “International Association of Technical Survey and Classification Institutions” (2015–2018)  
Non-Governmental Ecological Vernadsky Foundation (2015–2018)  
Nonviolent Peaceforce (2015–2018)  
Nonviolent Radical Party; Transnational and Transparty (2015–2018)  
Nord-Sud XXI/North-South XXI (2015–2018)  
Northern CCB (2015–2018)  
Northern Ireland Women’s European Platform (2015–2018)  
Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development (2015–2018)  
Nouveaux droits de l’homme (NDH) (2015–2018)  
Objectif sciences international (2015–2018)  
OceanCare (2015–2018)  
OISCA International (South India chapter) (2015–2018)  
OLPC Foundation (2015–2018)  
Order of St. John (2015–2018)

Organisation nationale des donneurs de sang bénévole (2015–2018)

Organisation pour la prévention et l'intervention contre les risques et contingences (2015–2018)

Organização das Famílias da Ásia e do Pacífico (2015–2018)

Organización de Entidades Mutuales de las Américas (2015–2018)

Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement International (2015–2018)

Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities (2015–2018)

Pacific Rim Institute for Development & Education (2015–2018)

Pag-Aalay Ng Pusong Foundation (Offering of the Heart Foundation) (2015–2018)

Palestinian Return Centre, Ltd. (2015–2018)

Pan Pacific and South-East Asia Women's Association of Thailand (2015–2018)

PanAmerican-PanAfrican Association, Inc. (2015–2018)

Partnership for Sustainable Development (PASD) (2015–2018)

Pax Christi International – International Catholic Peace Movement (2015–2018)

Peace and Life Enhancement Initiative International (2015–2018)

Peivande Gole Narges Organization (2015–2018)

Permanent Assembly for Human Rights (2015–2018)

Plan International, Inc. (2015–2018)

Planned Parenthood Federation of America (2015–2018)

Poverty Alleviation for the Poor Initiative (2015–2018)

Poverty Elimination and Community Education Foundation (2015–2018)

Prasad Project, Inc. (2015–2018)

Priests for Life (2015–2018)

Privacy International (2015–2018)

Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH) (2015–2018)

Pro-Life Campaign (2015–2018)

Public International Law and Policy Group (2015–2018)

Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs (2015–2018)

Rajasthan Samgrah Kalyan Sansthan (2015–2018)

Ramola Bhar Charitable Trust (2015–2018)

RARE (2015–2018)

Red Mujeres, Desarrollo, Justicia y Paz, AC (2015–2018)

Red Venezolana de Organizaciones para el Desarrollo Social (2015–2018)

Rede Brasileira de Redução de Danos e Direitos Humanos (REDUC) (2015–2018)

Réseaux IP européens Network Coordination Centre (2015–2018)

Restoration World Outreach Ministries (2015–2018)

Romanian Independent Society of Human Rights (2015–2018)  
Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung – Gesellschaftsanalyse und Politische Bildung eV (2013–2016)  
Roshd Foundation (2015–2018)  
Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors (2015–2018)  
Rural Community Development Program (2015–2018)  
Rural Development Centre (2015–2018)  
Sacro Militare Ordine Costantiniano di San Giorgio (2015–2018)  
Safe Water Network (2015–2018)  
Sahkar Social Welfare Association (2015–2018)  
Sahyog International Foundation (2015–2018)  
Salesian Missions, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Salvation Army (2015–2018)  
Sam Kader Memorial Fund (2015–2018)  
Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled (2015–2018)  
Samarthyam (2015–2018)  
Sambhali Trust (2015–2018)  
Samdong International Association, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Samuhik Abhiyan (2015–2018)  
Schools without Borders (2015–2018)  
Schweizerische Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Jugendverbände (2015–2018)  
Self-Help Development Facilitators (2015–2018)  
Serve Train Educate People’s Society (2015–2018)  
Servicios EcuMénicos para Reconciliación y Reconstrucción (2015–2018)  
Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre (2015–2018)  
Shia Rights Watch, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Shimin Gaikou Centre – Citizens’ Diplomatic Centre for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2015–2018)  
Shohratgarh Environmental Society (2015–2018)  
Sikh Human Rights Group (2015–2018)  
Sindh Community Foundation (2015–2018)  
Skyian Welfare Organization (2015–2018)  
Social Development International (SDI) (2015–2018)  
Social Welfare Corporation “Miral Welfare Foundation” (2015–2018)  
Socialist International (2015–2018)  
Socialist International Women (2015–2018)  
Society for Human Advancement and Disadvantaged Empowerment (2015–2018)

Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (2015–2018)  
Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses (2015–2018)  
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (2015–2018)  
Society of Collective Interests Orientation (2015–2018)  
Sociologists for Women in Society (2015–2018)  
Soroptimist International of Europe (2015–2018)  
SOS Kinderdorf International (2015–2018)  
South Sudanese Women Christian Mission for Peace (2015–2018)  
Special Olympics International (2015–2018)  
Stichting Global Human Rights Defence (2015–2018)  
Stiftelsen Stockholm International Water Institute (2015–2018)  
Stree Aadhar Kendra(2015–2018)  
Stree Mukti Sanghatana/Women’s Development Center (2015–2018)  
Students for Sensible Drug Policy (2015–2018)  
Sulabh International (2015–2018)  
Swedish Association for Sexuality Education (2015–2018)  
Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights (RFSL)  
(2015–2018)  
Swiss Catholic Lenten Fund (2015–2018)  
Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression (2015–2018)  
Tabernacle Worship and Prayer Ministry, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Tandem Project (2015–2018)  
Temple of Understanding (2015–2018)  
Terra-1530 (2015–2018)  
Terre des hommes fédération internationale (2015–2018)  
The Arab group for the Protection of Nature (2015–2018)  
The HETL Association, Inc. (2015–2018)  
The Institute of Development Studies (2015–2018)  
The International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons (2015–2018)  
The New Zealand Drug Foundation (2015–2018)  
The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (2011–2014)  
The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (2015–2018)  
The Society for Recovery Support (2015–2018)  
The Tronie Foundation (2015–2018)  
The United Kingdom Grand Priory of the International Knightly Order Valiant of  
St. George (2015–2018)  
The Washington and Lee University (2015–2018)

The Well-Being Foundation (2015–2018)  
The World Association for al-Azhar Graduates (WAAG) (2015–2018)  
Third World Institute/Instituto del Tercer Mundo (2015–2018)  
Touro Law Center – The Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust (2015–2018)  
Transform Drug Policy Foundation (2015–2018)  
Tribal Link Foundation, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Trilok Youth Club and Charitable Trust, Vadodara (2015–2018)  
Tripura Foundation, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Udisha (2015–2018)  
Udyama (2015–2018)  
Un Techo para Mi País (2015–2018)  
UNESCO Centre of Catalonia (2015–2018)  
Union for International Cancer Control (2015–2018)  
Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs (2015–2018)  
Union of International Associations (2015–2018)  
United Help for International Children (2015–2018)  
United Nations Association of Russia (2015–2018)  
United Nations Association of San Diego (2015–2018)  
United Religions Initiative (2015–2018)  
United States Committee for UNIFEM (2015–2018)  
United States International Council on Disabilities (2015–2018)  
United States Sustainable Development Corporation (2015–2018)  
United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation (2015–2018)  
Univers de solidarité et de développement (2015–2018)  
Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico, Inc. (2015–2018)  
UN-Women – Nationell Kommitté Sverige (2015–2018)  
UN-Women Australia, Incorporated (2015–2018)  
UN-Women for Peace Association, Inc. (2015–2018)  
Utah China Friendship Improvement Sharing Hands Development and Commerce  
(2015–2018)  
Vaagdhara (2015–2018)  
Validity Foundation – Mental Disability Advocacy Centre (2015–2018)  
Verein Sudwind Entwicklungspolitik (2013–2016)  
Vier Pfoten International, gemeinnützige Privatstiftung (2015–2018)  
Viet Nam Family Planning Association (VINAFPA) (2015–2018)  
Villages Unis/United Villages (2015–2018)  
Vision Welfare Group (2015–2018)

Vivekananda Sevakendra-O-Sishu Uddyan (2015–2018)  
Wales Assembly of Women (2015–2018)  
Wiener Drogen Komitee/Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs (2015–2018)  
Woïyo Kondeye (2015–2018)  
Women for Human Rights, Single Women Group (2015–2018)  
Women for Women’s Human Rights – New Ways (2009–2012)  
Women Founders Collective (2015–2018)  
Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation (2015–2018)  
Women’s Empowerment Group (2015–2018)  
Women’s Human Rights International Association (2015–2018)  
Women’s International Zionist Organization (2015–2018)  
Women’s Union of Russia (2015–2018)  
Women’s World Banking (2015–2018)  
Women’s World Summit Foundation (2015–2018)  
Womensport International (2015–2018)  
Working Women Association (2015–2018)  
World Alliance of Young Men’s Christian Associations (2015–2018)  
World Animal Net, Inc. (2015–2018)  
World Assembly of Youth (2015–2018)  
World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations (2015–2018)  
World Blind Union (2015–2018)  
World Council for Psychotherapy (2015–2018)  
World Council of Arameans (Syriacs) (2015–2018)  
World Council of Independent Christian Churches (2012–2015)  
World Federation for Mental Health (2015–2018)  
World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women (2015–2018)  
World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) (2015–2018)  
World Federation of the Deafblind (WFDB) (2015–2018)  
World Federation of United Nations Associations (2015–2018)  
World Hunger Year, Inc. (2012–2015)  
World Jurist Association of the World Peace through Law Center (2015–2018)  
World Lebanese Cultural Union, Inc. (2015–2018)  
World Mission Foundation – Crusaders Against HIV/AIDS (2015–2018)  
World Muslim Congress (2015–2018)  
World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (WNUSP) (2015–2018)  
World Organization for Early Childhood Education (2015–2018)

World Organization of Building Officials (2015–2018)  
World Rehabilitation Fund, Inc. (2015–2018)  
World Safety Organization (2015–2018)  
World Society of Victimology (2015–2018)  
World Young Women’s Christian Association (2015–2018)  
Youth and Women Empowerment Centre (2015–2018)  
Youth Bridge Foundation (2015–2018)  
Youth Empowerment Synergy (2015–2018)  
Zamani Foundation (2015–2018)

(f) To close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following 18 non-governmental organizations after those organizations had failed, following three reminders over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to respond to queries posed to them by members of the Committee:

Children’s Dignity Forum (CDF)  
Climate-KIC Holding, BV  
Darülaceze Vakfı – Huzur Sağlık ve Eğitim Vakfı  
Dünya Yerel Yönetim ve Demokrasi Vakfı  
European Grassroots Antiracist Movement (EGAM)  
Fundación Alianza por los Derechos, la Igualdad y la Solidaridad Internacional  
Groupe de recherche et d’information sur la paix et la sécurité  
Institut arabe des chefs d’entreprise  
International Youth Committee  
Komitet pravnika za ljudska prava  
Relations publiques sans frontières  
Rupani Foundation  
Sahipkiran Stratejik Araştırmalar Merkezi  
SOS Exclus pour la protection et l’épanouissement de la famille, de l’enfant et des personnes vulnérables  
SOS-Esclaves  
The Centre for International Governance Innovation  
The Public Association “Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights and Rule of Law” (the Republican Status)  
Waste Management Society

(g) To note that the Committee decided to take note of the request by the non-governmental organization Mother Helpage (UK) to withdraw its application for consultative status.

**Draft decision II**  
**Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2020**  
**regular session**

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2020 regular session.

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

2. The Committee considered agenda items 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, at its 7th to 12th meetings, held from 23 to 27 January, and 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 1st to 7th meetings, held from 20 to 23 January and at its 14th and 15th meetings, held on 28 and 29 January. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held from 2008 to 2019 ([E/C.2/2020/CRP.1](#)) and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee ([E/C.2/2020/CRP.2](#));

(b) Memorandums by the Secretary-General containing new applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council ([E/C.2/2020/R.2](#) and [E/C.2/2020/R.2/Add.1–29](#));

(c) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new requests for reclassification to be considered by the Committee ([E/C.2/2020/CRP.45](#));

(d) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for merger deferred from previous sessions of the Committee ([E/C.2/2020/CRP.3](#));

(e) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new requests from non-governmental organizations requesting a change of name ([E/C.2/2020/CRP.5](#));

(f) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a request from a non-governmental organization for a change of name deferred from previous sessions of the Committee ([E/C.2/2020/CRP.6](#)).

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

3. The Committee considered item 3 (a) of its agenda, Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, at its 7th through 12th meetings, held from 23 to 27 January. The Committee considered a total of 272 deferred applications for consultative status.

**Applications recommended**

4. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 48 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

*Special consultative status*

Afrikaanse Forum vir Burgerregte

Alliance des femmes pour l'égalité et le genre en Guinée  
Al-Najat Charity Society  
Centre d'étude et de prospective stratégique  
Community Center for Integrated Development  
Conflict Armament Research, Ltd.  
Coptic Orphans Support Association  
Dalit Welfare Association  
Dementia Alliance International  
Eurasia Partnership Foundation  
European Coalition for Just and Effective Drug Policies (ENCOD)  
Family Planning NSW  
Family Policy Institute  
Federal Bar Association  
Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini  
Fundación Latinoamérica Reforma  
Global One 2015  
Gooddler Foundation  
His Highness Maharaj Hanwant Singhji Charitable Trust  
Humanitarian Exchange and Research Center (HERE)  
Humanity Unified International, Inc.  
Insan Defending Human Rights  
Institut international de recherche, de documentation et de formation pour la  
prévention et la lutte contre la falsification des produits de santé  
International Interfaith Peace Corps, Inc.  
International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Inc. (ESCR-Net)  
International Organization for Educational Development  
International Youth Council – Yemen Chapter (IYCY)  
i-Smile International  
Legal Center for Women's Initiatives Sana Sezim  
NORSAAC  
North-East Affected Area Development Society (NEADS)  
OneNess Foundations Diaspora USA  
Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy (Miftah)  
Pangloss  
Peace Brigades International  
Peace Now  
Sensitization Centre

Shrimad Rajchandra Sarvamangal Trust  
 Southern African AIDS Trust  
 Stichting Iranian Center for International Criminal Law  
 Stichting Youth for Road Safety (YOURS)  
 Tangata Group, Inc.  
 The United Society  
 Welcome Clubs International, Incorporated  
 Women Information Network  
 Women in Politics Forum  
 Women’s Rights and Health Project, Ltd./Gte.  
 Youth Initiative for Drug Research Information Support and Education

### **Applications deferred**

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 205 non-governmental organizations (NGOs), pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2020 regular session:

Advocacy, Research, Training and Services Foundation (ARTS)  
 Al-Aqsa Association for the Development of the Islamic Waqf (Endowment)  
 Al-Imdaad Trust  
 Al-Shafa‘a Humanitarian Organization  
 American Center for International Labor Solidarity  
 American Gays and Lesbians Foundation  
 Anti-Corruption Foundation  
 Arab Program for Human Rights Activists  
 Arab-European Center of Human Rights and International Law (AECHRIL)  
 Asamblea Permanente por los Derechos Humanos – La Matanza  
 Asia Pacific Transgender Network  
 Asociación Enraizados en Cristo y en la Sociedad  
 Asociación Red de Mujeres Afrolatinoamericanas, Afrocaribeñas y de la Diáspora  
 Association Against Women Export (AAWE)  
 Association mauritanienne action pour le développement humain  
 Association mauritanienne d’appui aux nécessiteux  
 Association of Non-for-Profit Organizations to Facilitate the Drug Prevention and Socially Dangerous Behaviour “National Anti-Drug Union”  
 Association pour la défense des droits de l’homme et des revendications démocratiques/culturelles du peuple Azerbaidjanais-Iran – “ARC”  
 Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale (AQOCI)  
 Assyrian Aid Society of America, Inc.  
 Assyrian Documentation Centre

Atwar Organization for Research and Community Development  
Avaaz Foundation  
Bahrain Center for Human Rights  
Baloch Voice Association  
Beijing Volunteer Service Federation  
Belarusian Fund of Peace  
Blue Cross & Blue Crescent Society  
Cairo Foundation for Development and Law  
Canadian Human Rights International Organization (CHRIO)  
Carlson Initiative for Peace and Human Rights  
Centre international pour la paix et les droits de l'homme (CIPADH)  
Centre Zagros pour les droits de l'homme  
Cercle Martin Buber  
Chanan Development Association  
Charity Organization "International Charity Foundation – Global Ukraine"  
Child Foundation (USA)  
China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation  
Chinese Culture Promotion Society  
Christian Solidarity International (CSI)  
Churches for Middle East Peace  
Citizens' Alliance for North Korean Human Rights  
Conflict Dynamics International, Inc.  
Congrès mondial Amazigh (CMA)  
Congrès national des Arméniens occidentaux (CNAO)  
Conseil promotionnel pour l'action des jeunes en Afrique  
Coordination Waï (Éveil) relative à l'unité nationale et la lutte contre l'esclavage  
Coptic Solidarity  
Database Center for North Korean Human Rights (NKDB)  
Democracy Reporting International, gGmbH  
Diakonia  
Dimdim Humanitarian Relief Foundation  
Diplomatic Mission Peace and Prosperity  
Direct Focus Community Aid  
Drug Free Pakistan Foundation  
Drug Policy Network South East Europe  
East Human Rights Group  
Electronic Frontier Foundation, Inc.

Emberi Méltóság Központ  
Engineering Association for Development and Environment  
Ensar Vakfi  
Environmental and Societal Development Foundation  
Eri-Platform  
Establishment of Sheikh Thani bin Abdullah Al Thani for Humanitarian Services  
Ethiopian Genocide Committee 1935–1941, Inc.  
Etrat Fatemi Charity Institute  
European Interreligious Forum for Religious Freedom (EIFRF)  
Fédération euro-méditerranéenne contre les disparitions forcées  
Formation Awareness and Community Empowerment Society, Pakistan (FACES Pakistan)  
French Refugee Council  
Fundacja Otwarty Dialog  
Gaia Education  
GIN-SSOGIE, NPC  
Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization  
Global Rights for Women  
Gulf Centre for Human Rights Limited (GCHR)  
Gulshan-e-John  
Habilian Association  
Hokok Coalición Internacional Contra la Impunidad  
Hope Worldwide Pakistan  
HUIRA Village Support Organization  
Human Development Foundation  
Humanitarian Tracker  
IFEX  
Imam Khomeini Relief Foundation  
Individual Land Trust  
Inimõiguste Instituut  
Institute of Rural Management  
Instituția Privată Centrul Național de Studii și Informare pentru Problemele Femeii  
“Parteneriat pentru Dezvoltare”  
International Action Network for Gender Equity and Law  
International Association of Genocide Scholars, Inc.  
International Child Rights Center  
International Civil Society Action Network, Inc.

International Council on Monuments and Sites  
International Dalit Solidarity Network  
International Economic Organization World Distribution Federation (WDF)  
International Human Rights Organization  
International Legal Assistance Consortium  
International Medical Corps  
International Non-Olympic Committee  
International Non-Olympic University  
International Organisation to Preserve Human Rights, Ltd.  
International Union for Sustainable Development  
Interregional Non-Governmental Human Rights Organization “Man and Law”  
Interregional Non-Governmental Organization “Committee against Torture”  
İslam Dünyası Sivil Toplum Kuruluşları Birliği  
Islamic African Relief Agency (IARA)  
Jerusalem Institute of Justice  
Justice Centre Hong Kong, Limited  
Kaarvan Crafts Foundation  
Khmer M’Chas Srok (KMS)  
Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation  
Kurdistan Institute for Human Rights  
Lawyers for Justice in Libya  
Le collectif de la paix au Sri Lanka  
Ligue mauritanienne pour l’appui aux initiatives associatives  
Mangfoldhuset  
Muslim Hands  
National Committee on American Foreign Policy, Inc.  
National Committee on BRICS Research  
National Human Rights Civic Association “Belarusian Helsinki Committee”  
National Youth Organization of Pakistan, Inc.  
NK Watch  
Non c’è pace senza giustizia  
Non-Governmental Organization “Association Of Wives and Mothers Of Soldiers Participating in ATO”  
Now Action & Unity for Human Rights (NAUH)  
Onelife Initiative for Human Development  
Organisation mondiale pour les femmes et les enfants  
Organisation suisse d’aide aux réfugiés

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Organisation Tamaynut  
Organization of female conscience renewal  
Pak Special Persons Welfare Society  
Pakistan International Human Rights Organization  
Palestinian Association for Human Rights – Witness  
Partners for Peace and Prosperity, Inc.  
Partners for Progressive Israel  
Peace Research Institute Oslo  
Peace without Limits International Organization, Inc. (PWL)  
Pouya Institute for Communications and Social Development  
Public Organization “Institute for the Study of Dependencies, Drug Policy Issues and Monitoring the Drug Situation”  
Republican Social Information Center “Istiqbolli Avlod”  
Research Society of International Law  
Réseau des droits humains du Kurdistan (RDHK)/Kurdistan Human Rights Network (KHRN)  
Réveil communautaire d’assistance aux victimes  
Rights and Resources Institute, Inc.  
Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Inc.  
RüstungsInformationsBüro, e.V.  
Sabawon  
Safe Care Trust International  
Salam for Democracy and Human Rights  
Scholé Futuro  
Sex & Samfund  
Shaik Taher Azzawi Charity Organization  
Sheikh Abdullah Al Nouri Charity Society  
Shuhada Organization (SO)  
Silk Road Chamber of International Commerce  
Social Progress Imperative, Inc.  
Social Services Trust  
Society of Social Psychiatry and Mental Health  
Solidarités international  
Solidarity for Peace and Reunification of Korea  
SOS Urgence  
Stichting Mama Cash  
Stichting Pro Papua

Su Politikaları Derneği  
Swadhikar  
Syrian American Medical Society Foundation  
Syrian Youth Council  
Terram Pacis  
The Andrey Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice  
The Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation  
The Bar Human Rights Committee  
The Center for Bioethics and Culture  
The Center for Justice and Accountability  
The Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime  
The Global Initiative to End all Corporal Punishment of Children, Limited  
The International Center for Supporting Rights and Freedoms  
The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)  
The New Woman Foundation  
The Union of Non-Governmental Associations – The International  
Non-Governmental Organization “The World Union of Cossack Atamans”  
The Voice Society  
Tom Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice  
Transnational Anti-Organized Crime Intelligence Group, Inc. (TAOC-IG)  
Treatment Action Group  
Trocaire  
Türk Kadınlar Birliği Derneği  
Türkiye Diyanet Vakfı  
Uluslararası Mülteci Hakları Derneği  
United National Organization of Human Rights  
United Sikhs  
Vang Pao Peace Institute  
VšĮ “Žmogaus teisių apsauga”  
Welfare Association Jared  
West Africa Coalition for Indigenous People’s Rights (WACIPR)  
West Papua Interest Association  
White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood, Inc.  
Women’s Freedom Forum, Inc.  
Women’s Refugee Commission, Inc.  
World Association for Sexual Health  
World Federation of Free Trade Zones Co., Limited

World Fund for Development and Planning (WFDP)

World Historic and Cultural Canal Cities Cooperation Organization

World without Genocide

Youth Resource, Information, Support, Education, Limited (Youth RISE)

Zhongguancun Belt and Road Industrial Promotion Association

6. The observer for Armenia expressed strong disagreement with a biased attitude towards the Armenian diaspora organization, Congrès national des Arméniens occidentaux (CNAO). She declared that the organization's application had been deferred since 2013 owing to continuing questioning and apparent procrastination tactics. She stated that, during the previous session of the Committee, the organization had engaged in the question-and-answer session in good faith and had provided responses in a full and comprehensive way, including in writing. She stated that the limited number of Member States that were elected to serve in the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations bore special responsibility to adhere strongly to the values and principles of the United Nations, especially when it came to engagement with civil society organizations. She stated that, as a member of the Economic and Social Council, Armenia would raise the issue within the relevant segment of the Council.

7. The representative of Turkey stated that her delegation had asked for more information about the organization in order to be able to evaluate the application in a more comprehensive way, in line with the framework set out in the application procedures for NGOs. She indicated that some applications took more time than others, as was being seen during the current Committee session.

#### **Requests for reclassification**

8. At its 12th meeting, on 27 January, the Committee considered four requests for reclassification of consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, as contained in document [E/C.2/2020/CRP.2](#). It recommended the reclassification of the following organization from special to general consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)):

Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration

9. The Committee decided to defer further consideration of the requests of the following three organizations:

Institute of Noahide Code

The Fishermen

Widows for Peace through Democracy

#### **Applications closed without prejudice**

10. At its 15th meeting, on 29 January, the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 18 NGOs that had not responded to the Committee's questions despite three reminders sent to the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I (f)).

#### **Request of a non-governmental organization to withdraw its application**

11. At its 11th meeting on 27 January, the Committee decided to take note of the request of one non-governmental organization to withdraw its application for consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I (g)).

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

12. The Committee considered item 3 (b) of its agenda, New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 1st to 7th meetings, from 20 to 23 January, and at its 14th and 15th meetings, on 28 and 29 January. The Committee considered a total of 360 new applications for consultative status.

### **New applications recommended**

13. Of the 360 organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 226 should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

#### *Special consultative status*

3Strands Global Foundation  
'Aha Pūnana Leo  
A Leg to Stand On  
A11 – Initiative for Economic and Social Rights  
Aalem for Orphan and Vulnerable Children, Inc.  
Action for Pune Development  
Action Lab for Development  
Aden Center to Raise Awareness of the Risk of Drugs  
Advocates for the Environment, Inc.  
Afghanistan Democracy and Development Organization  
African Radio Drama Association (ARDA)  
African Youth Employment Initiatives (AYEI)  
Africans in America for Restitution and Repatriation, Inc.  
Africommunity Technology Development Centre, Abia State  
Afrique Espérance  
Agence internationale pour les formations et le développement  
Agência Piaget para o Desenvolvimento  
Agir contre les maladies non transmissibles au Niger  
AID Foundation  
All India Senior Citizen's Confederation (AISCCON)  
Anderson Center International  
Angel Support Foundation  
Apostle Padi Ologo Traditional Birth Centre  
Asian Dignity Initiative  
Asian Venture Philanthropy Network, Limited  
Asociación Forjando Futuro para Todos

Associação de Aposentados, Pensionistas e Reformados (APRE)  
Associação Provedores de Respostas Sociais para o Desenvolvimento (PRSD)  
Association Aicha pour le développement de proximité et l'environnement  
Association APEDDUB  
Association avocats sans frontières humanitaires du Cameroun  
Association d'études et de recherches pour le développement  
Association de développement agricole, éducatif et sanitaire de Manono  
Association de protection et de promotion des intérêts des familles en périls  
Association des femmes du secteur des industries extractives du Niger (AFSIEN)  
Association européenne des véhicules électriques à batteries, hybrides et à piles à combustible  
Association féminine la Lumière  
Association for Community Awareness (ASCOA)  
Association François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB International)  
Association of Community Social Volunteers International, Lagos  
Association santé-éducation-démocratie (ASED)  
Associazione Gruppo Arteam Jobel Teatro  
Associazione La Società della Ragione  
Banjara Seva Samithi  
Bridgers Association  
Cameroon Development and Education Foundation (CADEF)  
Cameroon Gender and Environment Watch  
Campaign for Human Rights and Social Transformation, Nepal  
Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth  
Carefound – Liberia  
Caribbean Natural Resources Institute  
Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa  
Center for Integrated Rural and Child Development  
Centre de recherche et d'ingénierie sociales du Togo  
Centre for Social Awareness, Advocacy and Ethics Incorporated  
Centre international d'investissement  
Centro de Apoio aos Direitos Humanos "Valdício Barbosa dos Santos"  
Chaplain Ambassadors Peace Mission  
Charity Society for Supporting Patients Suffering from Cancer  
Children and Youth International  
Children's HeartLink  
China Foundation for Human Rights Development

Chunhui Children's Foundation  
CLEEN Foundation  
Club Ohada Thies  
Coalition digitale  
Cœur d'Afrique – Fondation Roger Milla  
Coordinadora Latinoamericana de Cine y Comunicación de los Pueblos Indígenas, México  
Corporación Kimirina  
Council for International Cooperation – Ontario  
CTECO – Kizota  
Defensores do Planeta  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für die Vereinten Nationen, e.V.  
Edunet Foundation  
Elizabeth Foundation  
Energy Vision  
Entraide et action sans frontière  
Environmental Compliance Institute  
Erasmus Student Network  
Escuela del Estudio de la Intuición Enseñanza de Valores, Asociación Civil sin Fines de Lucro  
Ethel Amawhe Charity Foundation  
Ethio-Africa Diaspora Union Millennium Council, Limited  
European Centre for Development Policy Management  
European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO)  
Federación Mexicana de Universitarias  
Fédération internationale d'astronautique (IAF) Fitilla  
Fondation Jérôme Lejeune  
Foundation for International Development/Relief  
Fundación Charles Darwin para las Islas Galápagos  
Fundación de Música y Artes Naiot  
Fundación Sustentabilidad, Educación, Solidaridad (Fundación SES)  
Gerakan Nasional Anti Narkotika  
Geriatric Care and Vulnerable Support Initiative  
Global Appreciation and Skills Training Network  
Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria  
Global GLOW  
Global Women for Quality and Sustainable Development Initiative

Govardhan Ecovillage Trust  
Green Crescent Health Development Initiative  
Green Crescent Indonesia Foundation  
Green Moon  
Grikob Foundation Ghana  
Habitat Derneği  
Her Choices Trust  
His Marvellous Grace Support Foundation  
Hope for Life Initiative  
Hope Inspired Foundation for Women and Youth  
Hope Outreach Foundation  
Human Impacts Institute, Inc.  
Imagine Empowerment through Music  
IMUNA, Incorporated  
Incorporated Association Happy People  
Independent Noncommercial Organization “Road Safety Promotion Centre –  
Movement for Safe Traffic  
Initiative for African Youth Advancement Advocacy and Empowerment  
Innovating Health International  
Institute of Informatics and Development  
Instituto de Estudios y Divulgación sobre Migración, AC  
International Charitable Initiative for Girl Child and Women Development  
Foundation  
International Transformation Foundation  
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers  
J'ai Rêvé Foundation  
Jagruti Child and Youth Concern Nepal  
JFMO Servicios en Intermediación Pública, Asociación en Participación  
Jyothirgamaya Foundation  
Kafa (Enough) Violence & Exploitation  
Khair al Kuwait Charity Organization  
King Saud Foundation  
Knowledge Mill International Foundation  
Kobia  
Ladli Foundation Trust  
Lantuun Dohio  
Law Explorer Development & Assistance Initiative

Lesotho National Federation of Organisations of the Disabled  
Libyan Diplomats Organization  
Lidè Foundation  
Life Crown Foundation  
Life Project 4 Youth (LP4Y)  
Magdalene Iyamu Cancer Foundation  
MakeSense  
Mali action solidarité  
Milagros Day Worldwide, Inc.  
Missão Saúde para a Humanidade  
Motus Health Initiative  
NAMA Foundation  
National Alliance for Rare Diseases Support – Malta  
National Association of Women Entrepreneurs  
National Foundation for Peace, Development and Human Rights  
Native Children’s Survival  
Ndingicam Equity – Ndicameq  
NGO Committee on Sustainable Development – NY, Inc.  
No Borders Humanity Organization  
Nor Luyce Mentoring Center for Youth  
Nusroto Al-Anashid Association  
Nutrition International  
Orchid Project, Limited  
Osdife Osservatorio sulla Sicurezza e Difesa CBRNe  
Partnership for Peace and Security (PFPS)  
Parvati.org  
PEAC Institute – A NJ Nonprofit Corporation  
Pertubuhan Bulan Sabit Hijau Malaysia/Green Crescent  
Pleasant Gathering Club of Nigeria  
Positive Youth Development Association  
PRATYEEK  
Promundo – US  
Raise Your Voice Saint Lucia  
Reproductive Advocate Health Education, Ghana  
Romeo and Zainab Boudib Foundation  
Sawa for Development Association  
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Social Empowerment for Economic Development (SEED)  
Society Educational Awareness Research Consultancy and Health Organization  
Soul Sustainable Progress (SSP)  
Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust  
Steps towards Development  
Stichting Health Action International  
Stiftelsen Flowminder  
Stroke Association SupportNetwork – Ghana  
Svenska Naturskyddsföreningen  
Team Rubicon UK  
The African Centre for Human Advancement, Social and Community Development  
Kuduru Bwari Abuja  
The ANORW Police & Emergency Services of Ottawa Watershed  
The Australian Council of Social Service, Incorporated  
The Born Free Foundation, Limited  
The Center for Oceanic Awareness, Research, and Education, Inc.  
The Center for Water Security and Cooperation  
The Fred Hollows Foundation, Limited  
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales  
The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University, Sikkim  
The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.  
The Jordan Anti-Drugs Society  
The Language Conservancy  
The Millennium Promise Alliance, Inc.  
The Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies  
The Promise  
The Regional Center for the Welfare of Ageing Persons in Cameroon  
The Royal Society of London for Improving Natural Knowledge (The Royal Society)  
The Secure Aid Relief Foundation  
Tony-May Foundation  
Touch a Heart Social and Economic Rights Initiative  
Transient Workers Count Too (TWC2)  
Udruzenje gradjana Zeleni polumjesec u Bosni I Hercegovini  
Uganda Green Crescent Society  
United Network Europa  
USAfrica News, Inc.

Verband der deutschen Höhlen- und Karstforscher, e.V.  
Via Vitae – Associação Portuguesa a Favor da População Sénior  
Višva Guru Díp Hindu Mandir – české hinduistické společenství  
Volontaires pour la paix  
Women against Mutilations (WAM)  
Women and Youth Awareness Empowerment Network  
Women for Afghan Women, Inc.  
Women Law and Development Centre, Nigeria  
Women Wage Peace, Registered Association  
Women, Infants and Children Care Initiative  
World Development Foundation, Inc.  
World Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Inc.  
Worldwide Veterinary Service  
Yahola Tribal Nation CSO, Inc.  
Yedidim for Youth and Society  
Yiaga Africa Initiative  
Yolse, Santé publique et innovation  
Youth Alive, Ltd./Gte.  
Youth for Better Kenya  
Youth in Technology and Arts Network (YOTAN)  
Youth Leading Change – Aharai!

**New applications deferred**

14. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 134 organizations pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2020 regular session:

ACTAsia  
Action contre les violations des droits des personnes vulnérables  
Adivasi Yuva Seva Sangh  
African Projects for Peace and Love Initiatives, Inc.  
AKIM Israel – National Organization for People with Intellectual Disabilities and their Families, Registered Association  
Anciens esclaves nouveaux citoyens  
Arab Organization for Arabization and Communication  
Arabian Rights Watch Association  
Arms Control Association  
Ashinaga  
Asociación Conciencia, Asociación Civil

Associação Nacional de Juristas Evangélicos (ANAJURE)  
Association culturelle pour le développement social (ACDS)  
Association for Dalit Women Advancement of Nepal  
Associazione European Federation for Freedom of Belief  
Aula Abierta  
Avocats sans frontières France  
Baghbaan  
Beijing People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries  
Caritas India  
Center for Health and Development (CHD)  
Centre for Environmental Justice, Limited by Guarantee  
Centre mauritanien des droits de l'homme  
Ciudadano Inteligente  
Civitas Maxima  
Comité de lutte et d'orientation sur les conséquences du divorce  
Committee for Justice  
Confederation of NGOs of Rural India  
Cosmos Ndukwe Foundation  
Denis Miki Foundation  
Dialogue & Development Forum  
Dr. B R Ambedkar Sports Foundation  
Dr. Denis Mukwege Foundation  
Dr. Kalam Smriti International  
Eagle Vision Charity, Inc.  
Empowering Humanity  
Envision Global Care Foundation  
Excel Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society, Limited, Warri  
Feekr Organization for Dialogue and Human Rights Defense  
Fields of Green for All, NPC  
Fondation Mérieux USA, Inc.  
Foreningen Tryggere Ruspolitikk  
Forum international des plateformes nationales d'ONG  
Foundation for Development Planning, Inc.  
Fourth Wave Foundation  
Fundación Mujeres  
General Union of Arab Experts  
Generations for Peace

Global Action for Trans\* Equality, Inc.  
Global Aid for Africa (GAA)  
Global Center on Cooperative Security, Inc.  
Global Detention Project  
Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, Inc.  
Global Village Forum Chakwal c/o Shaheen Degree College Chappar Bazar  
Chakwal  
Green Voice International  
Grupo de Análisis para el Desarrollo  
Harvard International Relations Council, Inc.  
Hazrat-e Fatemeh Zahra Charity Institute  
Human Rights Awareness and Promotion Forum – Uganda (HRAPF), Limited by  
Guarantee  
Ilankai Tamil Sangam, Inc.  
INPUD, Limited  
Institute for Integrated Rural Development  
Institute for Reporters' Freedom and Safety  
Institute of Peace and Diplomatic Studies (IPD)  
Institute of the Black World 21st Century, Inc.  
Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility  
Interfaith Encounter Association  
International Anti-Terrorism Movement  
International Association of Prosecutors (IAP)  
International Commission on Violence against Women and Girls, Inc.  
International Foundation for Sustainable Development  
International Funders for Indigenous Peoples, Inc.  
International Medical Crisis Response Alliance, Direct operation  
International Network of Civil Liberties Organizations (INCLO)  
International Society of Criminology  
Internet sans frontières  
Janmitra Nyas  
Kafka Welfare Organization  
Keen and Care Initiative, Ltd./Gte.  
League of Arab People Organization  
Les compagnons solidaires action terre d'Afrique – Association de coopération et  
d'entraide humanitaire (ACEH)  
Les femmes Michif Otipemisiwak  
Lifelong Learning Platform

MenEngage Global Alliance  
Mentor Amiable Professional Society  
Mulabi Association Latin American Work Group for Sexual Rights, Civil Association  
Mwatana Organization for Human Rights  
NATAL – Israel Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War  
National Association of Seadogs  
National Peace Corps Association  
New Barrackpore Samaj Bandhu Welfare Organization  
Nobel Women’s Initiative  
Norwegian Church Aid  
Organisation El Insaniya  
Organisation européenne des centres islamiques (OECI)  
Pakistan Press Foundation  
Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development/Al-Mar’a Al-Amelah  
Al-Felstinia Lel-Tanmia  
Panhellenic Union of Cappadocian Associations  
PeaceCorea  
People for Equality and Relief in Lanka, Inc.  
Photographers without Borders  
Raad Al-Ghadir Charity Institute  
Ray of Hope People  
Razom, Inc.  
Réseau européen pour l’Afrique centrale/European Network for Central Africa  
Rotarian Action Group Addiction Prevention  
Secours islamique France  
Shenzhen Foundation for International Exchange and Cooperation  
Shurat HaDin, RA  
Society for Cognition of Science and Art for Quality Welfare, Sustainance, Livelyhood and Economic Development of the Poor (SCOSAQ)  
Sosial Akil Derneği  
South Asian Legal Clinic (Ontario)  
Southeast Asia Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression Caucus, Inc. (ASC)  
Stonewall Equality, Limited  
SuperHealth, Inc.  
Tai Studies Center  
The American India Foundation

The Assembly of Unified Ummah Youth Non-Governmental Organization  
The ONE Campaign  
The YP Foundation  
Together for Girls, Inc.  
Uluslararası Doktorlar Derneği  
United World Against Diabetes  
Verein Euro Mea  
Vishwa Manavadhikar Parishad  
War Child  
We Effect  
Wikimedia Foundation, Inc.  
Women for a Change, Cameroon  
Women's Earth and Climate Caucus  
WomenStrong International  
World Organization for Human Rights (WOHR)  
Y4D Foundation  
Young League Pakistan

#### **Requests for reclassification**

15. At its 7th meeting, on 23 January, the Committee considered one new request for reclassification of consultative status, as contained in document [E/C.2/2020/CRP.45](#). It recommended the reclassification of the organization Plan International from special to general consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)).

#### **Requests for a merger**

16. At its 12th meeting, on 27 January, the Committee recommended that the Council take note of one application for the merger of the Social Service Agency of the Protestant Church in Germany, which had obtained special consultative status in 2004, with the Protestant Development Service to form the Protestant Agency for Diakonie and Development, as contained in document [E/C.2/2020/CRP.3](#). The Committee also recommended that the Council grant special consultative status to the Protestant Agency for Diakonie and Development (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara (d)).

#### **Requests for a change of name**

17. At its 14th meeting, on 28 January, the Committee considered eight new requests for a change of name by organizations in consultative status, as contained in document [E/C.2/2020/CRP.5](#), and a request for a change of name deferred from the previous session, as contained in document [E/C.2/2020/CRP.6](#). It decided to take note of the change of name of the nine organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)).

### **III. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council**

#### **A. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council that had been deferred at the resumed session**

18. At its 13th and 14th meetings on 28 January, the Committee considered agenda item 4 (a), Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status. It had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of 75 quadrennial reports submitted by NGOs in general and special consultative status on their activities during the period 2005–2018, which had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee ([E/C.2/2020/CRP.4](#)).

Of those 75 reports, the Committee took note of the following 15 reports (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (e)):

Baha'i International Community (2014–2017)

France libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2007–2010)

Gender at Work (2014–2017)

Human Life International, Inc. (2014–2017)

International Federation of Journalists (2009–2012)

International Press Institute (2001–2004)

International Press Institute (2005–2008)

International Press Institute (2009–2012)

Miroslava International Alliance (2013–2016)

Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung – Gesellschaftsanalyse und Politische Bildung, e.V. (2013–2016)

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (2011–2014)

Verein Sudwind Entwicklungspolitik (2013–2016)

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

World Council of Independent Christian Churches (2012–2015)

World Hunger Year, Inc. (2012–2015)

19. The Committee decided to further defer consideration of the 60 deferred quadrennial reports submitted by the following 49 organizations:

Amnesty International (2008–2011)

Amnesty International (2012–2015)

Armenian Assembly of America (2007–2010)

Armenian Assembly of America (2011–2014)

Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (2012–2015)

Association internationale des droits de l'homme (2014–2017)

Catholics for Choice (2010–2013)

Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir (2009–2012)

Center for Development of Civil Society (2014–2017)  
Centrist Democratic International (2006–2009)  
Centrist Democratic International (2010–2013)  
Centrist Democratic International (2014–2017)  
Cross-Cultural Solutions (2011–2014)  
Egyptian Organization for Human Rights (2010–2013)  
Egyptian Organization for Human Rights (2014–2017)  
Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (2014–2017)  
France libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2011–2014)  
Freedom House (2007–2010)  
Freedom House (2011–2014)  
Fundación Pro Humanae Vitae (2014–2017)  
Global Environmental Action (GEA) (2009–2012)  
Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (2014–2017)  
Human Rights House Foundation (2011–2014)  
Human Rights Watch (2009–2012)  
Human Rights Watch (2013–2016)  
Institute of Inter-Balkan Relations (2010–2013)  
Inter-American Press Association (2013–2016)  
International Alliance of Patients' Organizations (2014–2017)  
International Association for Religious Freedom (2011–2014)  
International Federation of Journalists (2005–2008)  
International Federation of Journalists (2013–2016)  
International PEN (2006–2009)  
International PEN (2014–2017)  
International Press Institute (2013–2016)  
International Service for Human Rights (2011–2014)  
International Union of Socialist Youth (2005–2008)  
Jammu and Kashmir Council for Human Rights (JKCHR) (2013–2016)  
Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) (2014–2017)  
Local Governments for Sustainability (2014–2017)  
Médecins sans frontières (international) (2012–2015)  
Medico International (2014–2017)  
Natural Justice (2014–2017)  
Open Society Institute (2013–2016)  
Pathfinder International (2011–2014)  
Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water (2013–2016)

Redress Trust (2011–2014)

Reporters sans frontières international/Reporters without Borders International (2013–2016)

Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights (2009–2012)

Simon Wiesenthal Center (2011–2014)

Society for Threatened Peoples (2013–2016)

Temple of Understanding (2011–2014)

The Law Society (2014–2017)

Ukrainian World Congress (2003–2006)

Ukrainian World Congress (2007–2010)

Ukrainian World Congress (2011–2014)

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (2009–2012)

United Nations Watch (2014–2017)

World Council of Arameans (Syriacs) (2007–2010)

Young Women’s Christian Association (2013–2016)

Young Women’s Christian Association of Australia (2014–2017)

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

20. At its 12th and 13th meetings, on 27 and 28 January, the Committee considered agenda item 4 (b), Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status. It had before it notes by the Secretary-General containing 616 new quadrennial reports ([E/C.2/2020/2](#) and [E/C.2/2020/2/Add.1](#), [E/C.2/2020/2/Add.2](#), [E/C.2/2020/2/Add.3](#), [E/C.2/2020/2/Add.4](#) and [E/C.2/2020/CRP.8–44](#)). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 599 of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (e)). The Committee decided to defer consideration of the reports of the following 17 organizations:

Association of War-Affected Women (2015–2018)

Elizka Relief Foundation (2015–2018)

European Centre for Law and Justice/Centre européen pour le droit, la justice et les droits de l’homme (2015–2018)

Freedom House (2015–2018)

Freedom Now (2015–2018)

Godwin Osung International Foundation, Inc. (The African Project) (2015–2018)

Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (2015–2018)

Heritage Foundation (2015–2018)

Human Rights House Foundation (2015–2018)

Institute of Noahide Code (2015–2018)

International Federation of Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture (ACAT) (2015–2018)

International Religious Liberty Association (2015–2018)

International Service for Human Rights (2015–2018)

Liberal International (2015–2018)

L'observatoire mauritanien des droits de l'homme et de la démocratie (2015–2018)

Society for Development and Community Empowerment (2015–2018)

Union internationale des avocats/International Union of Lawyers (2015–2018)

21. At its 13th meeting, on 28 January, the representative of the United States of America stated that the Committee should not ask questions to defer the quadrennial reports submitted by NGOs but rather should simply take note of the reports submitted. She stated that she did not have a question on the report of the Palestinian Return Centre but did have a few comments regarding the organization. She stated that the United States had continued to have concerns about the organization, its leadership, its activities and the nature of its relationships in various countries. She added that, for those reasons, the United States had voted against recommending consultative status with the Council to the Palestinian Return Centre when its application was reviewed in May 2015.

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

22. At its 1st meeting, on 20 January, the Committee jointly considered the following agenda items and heard an oral report by the Secretariat: agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat; agenda item 6, Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304; and agenda item 8, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.

23. The Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs highlighted the important contributions of NGOs to the work of the United Nations, notably their advocacy, expertise, local knowledge and convening power on the ground, and stressed that their partnership with the United Nations was crucial to the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as the United Nations embarked on the decade of action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

24. The Director noted the important role of the Committee in facilitating the participation of NGOs in United Nations meetings and ensuring their positive contributions to United Nations policies and the outcomes of multilateral processes.

25. The Director stated that there had been a sharp increase in the number of applications for consultative status received by the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, stemming from the strong interest of NGOs to engage with the United Nations, and noted that the Branch had received a record number of 860 applications in 2020 compared with 204 in 2010, representing a fourfold increase over 10 years. She expressed concern about the high number of applications deferred by the Committee and their impact on the Committee's workload and offered the Secretariat's support to the Committee in examining ways of accommodating the

growing number of applications for status, in line with the invitation extended to the Committee by the General Assembly in its resolution [72/305](#).

26. The Director applauded the measures taken by the Branch to increase its efficiency and its support to NGOs and the Committee by reducing the backlog of NGO applications, accelerating the processing of documentation for the Committee and strengthening its outreach to NGOs in consultative status through online webinars aimed at providing guidance to NGOs on their engagement with the United Nations.

27. Noting that the upward trend in the number of applications and quadrennial reports was bound to continue, the Director stressed that there was a need to ensure adequate human and advanced technical resources to enable both the Secretariat and the Committee to deal effectively with the growing workload.

28. In that regard, the Director informed the Committee that the Secretariat had embarked on the development of a new, integrated, modern and efficient system to replace the three outdated electronic platforms being used by the Branch in order to accelerate the processing of applications and the accreditation of NGO representatives, and to improve efficiency in communicating with NGOs. She emphasized that the new system would increase efficiency across the board and enhance the quality of the technological and logistical support provided by the Branch to the Committee and NGOs and appealed for financial support from member States for the implementation of the project.

## **V. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304**

29. At its 1st meeting, on 20 January, the Committee considered the review of its methods of work.

30. At the same meeting, the Chair recalled that the Committee had established an informal working group during its 2019 resumed session to explore and submit options for screening applications for consultative status against the Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List.

31. He informed the Committee that, following its establishment, the informal working group had convened five informal meetings to examine various options and had discussed opportunities, constraints and the most efficient way of implementing the screening process. Following extensive consultations, the working group had proposed that the Committee amend the application questionnaire to include screening questions aimed at establishing whether organizations applying for consultative status, members of their executive or governing bodies, or members or participating entities other than individuals were included in the Sanctions List or funded by individuals or entities therein. The screening questions would place the onus on organizations applying for consultative status to declare or refute such affiliations. He added that the amendment would be formulated as one question in four parts and would be included in the application questionnaire as question 22 (a), (b), (c) and (d).

32. The Committee decided to amend the application questionnaire as suggested by the group. The Chair thanked the members of the informal working group for their dedication, flexibility and constructive engagement in formulating the screening question, which he noted would enable the Committee to exercise due diligence in

the review of applications. He informed the Committee that the amended application form would be made available by the Secretariat in English and French and would be applied in the review of new applications, with effect from June 2021.

33. The representative of India welcomed the decision of the Committee to include an additional screening question for NGOs seeking consultative status with the Council related to their possible associations with entities and individuals on the Sanctions List. She described it as an important first step in strengthening the Committee's review process and ensuring that individuals and entities proscribed by the Sanctions List did not receive consultative status with the Council. She stated that the additional information received through the amended questionnaire would help with the verification of NGO applications against the Sanctions List before granting consultative status, thereby addressing a gap in the Committee's due diligence and aligning the work of the Committee with measures taken by the Security Council. She added that the new measure ensured greater scrutiny without posing any hindrance in the process of granting consultative status.

## **VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States**

34. There was no request for a special report.

## **VII. Organization of the session**

### **A. Opening and duration of the session**

35. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2020 regular session from 20 to 29 January and on 7 February. The Committee held 16 meetings.

36. The session was opened by the Chair of the 2019 session of the Committee, who stated that the Committee had an unprecedented number of applications and quadrennial reports before it, which underlined the need for the Committee to examine ways to adapt its practices in order to cope effectively with the number of applications, notably those deferred over many years. He noted that the General Assembly had invited the Committee to do so in resolution [72/305](#) and that the Committee would have an opportunity to address that concern under item 6 of the agenda and to continue the discussion in the coming months.

37. The representative of Mexico delivered a statement, also on behalf of Brazil, Estonia, Greece, Israel and the United States of America. He expressed their strong support for the participation of civil society organizations in the work of the United Nations and for giving them a voice in the United Nations system. He underlined the important role of NGOs in bringing new perspectives to United Nations discourse, adding that, as representatives of communities on the ground and practitioners in the field, they were vital to holding Governments accountable to their international obligations and commitments. He welcomed the increase in the number of NGO applications for consultative status, which he stated was an indication of the significance and impact of consultative status for NGOs worldwide. He stressed, however, that there was a need for the Committee to review some of its work processes to make them more effective and efficient and to align them with the framework of Council resolution 1996/31. In that regard, he asserted that the participation of many well-established and credible NGOs continued to be hindered by unnecessary delays in the application process and urged the Committee to address those delays. He cautioned the Committee against using the review process to stymie

the participation of civil society organizations that expressed different views from those of Governments and called upon all members of the Committee to reaffirm their commitment to upholding resolution 1996/31.

38. The representative of the United States of America reiterated her delegation's call to all members of the Committee to recommit themselves to making the United Nations more transparent and accessible to civil society organizations. She recalled the important civil society consultations held in June 2018 and expressed hope that the next consultations would be convened as soon as possible. She reminded members of the Committee of their commitment to uphold the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including the right to freedom of expression and freedom of association for everyone, including NGOs. She expressed her delegation's concern about the insistence by some members of the Committee that NGOs use "correct United Nations terminology" in their applications for consultative status, websites and documents. She stated that NGOs should not be required to refer to Taiwan as a Province of China, Hong Kong and Macao as Special Administrative Regions of China or Tibet as an Autonomous Region of China in any of their materials as a condition for receiving consultative status with the Council and that NGOs, like Member States, should choose the terminology according to their position.

39. She further argued that insisting that NGOs use certain terminology in support of particular political positions, especially as a condition for receiving consultative status with the Council, unduly restricted freedom of expression and stifled their voices in the United Nations. She pointed out that the principles outlined in resolution 1996/31, which provided the framework for establishing consultative status, did not require NGOs to alter their preferred terminology as a precondition for consultative status and urged the Committee to abide by the resolution. She recalled the opinion issued by the Office of Legal Affairs in 2010, which stipulated that the United Nations could not alter the nomenclature in documents submitted by United Nations Member States, "as this would be tantamount to interfering in the official/national position of a Member State" and maintained that the principle, based on non-interference in official positions, equally applied to submissions by NGOs. She refuted the notion that NGOs who failed to remove or alter references to a province or to autonomous or special administrative regions of China were not upholding the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and stressed that recommendations to grant consultative status should be made with the purpose of ensuring that NGOs expressing important elements of public opinion had a voice at the United Nations.

40. The representative of Turkey underlined the significant contributions made by NGOs to the work of the United Nations, noting that their proximity to the people, expertise on various fields and on-the-ground experience allowed them to understand and convey their needs and concerns in a representative and comprehensive manner. She welcomed the increase in the number of applications for consultative status and the quadrennial reports as a positive development indicating the interest and robust involvement of NGOs in global matters but noted that it had made it more challenging for the Committee to implement its mandate in a timely manner. In that regard, she noted the need for the Committee to be diligent in its evaluation of the applications in accordance with the requirements of resolution 1996/31. She recalled that the General Assembly also referred to the increasing number of applications before the Committee in its resolution 72/305 of 23 July 2018. She commended the Committee for the steps it had taken to enhance the transparency and efficiency of its work and looked forward to further discussions on practical steps that could be taken in that regard with the support of the Secretariat.

41. The observer for the European Union made a statement, also on behalf of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia and Ukraine. He reminded the Committee that the

participation of NGOs in the work of the United Nations was enshrined in Article 71 of the Charter of the United Nations and stressed that their contributions were instrumental to the success of United Nations.

42. He expressed disappointment at the underrepresentation of organizations from the global South compared with organizations from the global North, noting that barriers to full participation persisted. He welcomed recent efforts made to enhance the Committee's engagement with civil society, notably the first consultations ever held with NGOs in June 2018, as well as the webcasting of the Committee's deliberations.

43. He stated that the current accreditation process lacked transparency, objectivity, and efficiency and expressed concern about repetitive questioning and unjustified delays to applications, disproportionately affecting NGOs working on human rights issues. He further stated that all allegations made against NGOs in the Committee should be supported by evidence and shared with the organizations concerned with sufficient time to give them a reasonable opportunity to respond. He recalled the letter from the Chair of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures addressed to the Chair of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations in June 2019, outlining concerns about the accreditation process and making valuable recommendations aimed at improving its working methods. He encouraged the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to give the proposals due consideration in order to enhance confidence in its proceedings. He reiterated that there was a clear need for action towards a more inclusive, effective, fair and transparent functioning of the Committee and called upon all members of the United Nations to guarantee an enabling environment for NGOs.

44. The observer for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made a statement, in which she emphasized the powerful role played by civil society in promoting and protecting human rights and democratic values, and in holding those in power to account. She highlighted her delegation's commitment to championing the work of civil society organizations across the United Nations and announced that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland would be vying for membership in the Committee in 2023.

45. She expressed regret that civil society did not always get the platform that it deserved at the United Nations to inform, discuss and debate its agenda. Noting the high number of new and deferred applications before the Committee, she stated that there was a need for the Committee to address the backlog quickly and fairly and to give NGOs an adequate opportunity to address any concerns they might have before reaching a decision. Recalling the consultations held by the Committee with NGOs in consultative status in 2018, she stressed that member States could benefit from the experience of NGOs on issues of common interest. She expressed regret that the Committee had not convened similar consultations in 2019 and expressed hope that the consultations would be reinstated in 2020. She highlighted efforts undertaken by her delegation in 2019 in support of human rights defenders and called upon member States to welcome and publicly support their work. She urged the Committee to resolve the issue of deferred applications fairly and transparently, to announce the date for the next consultation meeting with NGOs and to promote a safe and welcoming space for representatives of civil society to voice their views.

46. In response to the statement made by the representative of the United States of America, the representative of China pointed out that paragraph 2 of Council resolution 1996/31 stipulated that NGOs seeking consultative status should conform with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, including the fundamental principle of national sovereignty and territorial integrity of States Members of the United Nations. He stated that using correct United Nations

terminology was a basic criterion for submitting applications and had nothing to do with freedom of speech, adding that China did not agree at all with a certain member's illogical argument. He maintained that Committee members had the right to ask questions on any issue that violated the Charter of the United Nations and asserted that his delegation would prevent any organization that failed to observe the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations from obtaining consultative status.

47. At its 15th meeting on 29 January, the Chair thanked the Committee members and the Secretariat for their hard work, which had contributed to making the regular session of the Committee a successful and fruitful one, during which all applications, requests and reports before it had been reviewed. He underlined the unprecedentedly high number of deferred applications and stated that that called for a reflection on how the Committee could adjust to such a "rocket number". He invited the Committee to continue to consider ways of absorbing its increased workload, including the review of the quadrennial reports and the organization of the daily question-and-answer sessions, during its informal meeting to prepare for the resumed session, to be held in the second half of April.

48. The representative of the United States of America commended the Chair for his efficient chairing of the session and thanked the Secretariat and the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch for their support throughout the session. She reiterated her delegation's serious concerns with any member of the Committee insisting that NGOs use so-called "correct United Nations terminology" as a condition for receiving consultative status with the Council. She noted that during the session, 17 questions related to "correct United Nations terminology" regarding Taiwan or regarding autonomous or special administrative regions, such as Hong Kong, Macao or Tibet, were asked by the Committee. She reiterated that NGOs should not be required to use such terminology in any of their materials as a condition for receiving consultative status with the Council and that NGOs, like Member States, should choose the terminology according to their position.

49. The representative of China stated that his delegation had consistently respected the freedom of speech of NGOs. He stated that his delegation did not dictate the terminology used by organizations on their websites or in publications and that it was entirely up to the NGOs. He argued, however, that NGOs applying for consultative status with the Council must abide by the framework of Council resolution 1996/31 and the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. He reiterated that China would continue to support NGOs in their application process for consultative status and to apply an objective and fair position in carrying out its responsibilities as a member of the Committee.

## **B. Attendance**

50. The session was attended by all 19 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for non-member States and representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and NGOs also attended. The list of participants will be issued in document [E/C.2/2020/INF/1](#).

51. At its 2020 regular session, the Committee heard 25 representatives of NGOs, who were given the opportunity to respond to questions raised by the Committee. The additional information provided by the representatives facilitated the debate and the work of the Committee in taking its decisions.

### **C. Election of officers**

52. At its 1st meeting, on 20 January, the Committee elected Mohamed Sallam (Sudan) as Chair of the Committee and Mine Ozgul Bilman (Turkey) as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

### **D. Agenda**

53. At its 1st meeting, on 20 January, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its 2020 session, as contained in document [E/C.2/2020/1](#). The agenda reads as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
  - (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;
  - (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;
  - (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council:
  - (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status;
  - (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:
  - (a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;
  - (b) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group;
  - (c) Other related matters.
7. Consideration of special reports.
8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.
9. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2021 session of the Committee.
10. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2020 session.

## **VIII. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2020 regular session**

54. At its 15th meeting, on 29 January, the Committee took note of the draft report and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report with the support of the Secretariat and in consultation with the members of the Committee, as appropriate, with a view to its submission to the Economic and Social Council for appropriate action.

55. At its 16th meeting, on 7 February, the Committee adopted the present report.

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