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HUMAN RIGHTS

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL  
ORGANIZATIONS NOT IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the Preparatory Committee for its consideration communications relative to previous applications from non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council which were received by him subsequent to those which appear in document A/CONF.32/PC/L.23.
2. The communications received up to 15 March 1968 are reproduced below in extenso.

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1. Bahá'í International Community<sup>1/</sup>

[Original: English]  
8 March 1968

Dear Mr. Schreiber:

Thank you very much for your letter of 29 February acknowledging receipt of our letter of 23 January in which we expressed the interest of the Baha'i International Community in sending Observers to the International Conference on Human Rights to be held in Teheran, Iran, from 22 April to 13 May 1968.

The application which accompanied our letter documented the fact that we are of recognized standing, are international in our structure, and have a demonstrable interest in the items on the provisional agenda for the Conference. To further support the concern that we have for human rights, and some of the action that we have taken and plan to take to promote throughout the world International Year for Human Rights, we enclose the following documentation:

1. The statement "Human Rights are God-given Rights" issued at the Baha'i Intercontinental Conference, Chicago, Illinois, 5-8 October 1967 endorsing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well as United Nations Covenants and Conventions on specific rights, and outlining the plans of the Baha'i Communities of North America in commemoration of Human Rights Year.

2. Three pieces of information - a "United Nations and Human Rights Fact Sheet", "Some Questions for Stimulating Discussion on Human Rights", and "Baha'i Quotes on Human Rights" - which were distributed to all Baha'i Communities in the United States to be used in conducting public seminars on the occasion of Human Rights Day, 1967.

3. Copy of the "Extra-News Bulletin for February, 1968 Public Information Newsletter" distributed by the Public Information Department of the National Baha'i Headquarters, containing information on International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the United Nations Declaration and Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

4. February 1968 Newsletter from NABOHR (North American Baha'i Office for Human Rights) containing considerable information on the activities of Baha'is in the United States in the promotion of human rights.

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<sup>1/</sup> Original application appears in No. 4 of document A/CONF.32/PC/L.23

5. "North American Baha'i Office for Human Rights - Regional Conference Schedule". This sheet provides information on regional human rights conferences sponsored by Baha'i communities in ten cities throughout the United States and a Leadership Seminar on Human Rights at United Nations Headquarters.

6. Programme of the observance held in Westminster Abbey on Saturday, 9 December 1967, 7.30 p.m., in commemoration of the International Year for Human Rights. The Baha'i Community of the British Isles participated in this observance (pp. 9 and 10).

7. "A Baha'i Declaration of Human Obligations and Rights" presented to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, February 1947, by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States.

8. A pamphlet, The Baha'i Faith and Human Rights, published and distributed free by the Baha'i Community of the United Kingdom in support of the International Year for Human Rights.

9. A pamphlet, What is Race?, published by the Baha'i Publishing Trust, Wilmette, Illinois for extensive distribution during the International Year for Human Rights. This brochure contains scientifically accurate facts on race and is intended to help racial harmony by dispelling much prejudicial information.

10. Circular letter mailed 12 February to eighty Baha'i national bodies suggesting a variety of activities in support of the United Nations and of International Year for Human Rights.

11. Four small brochures - Basic Facts of the Baha'i Faith, Unity from Diversity, Man; One Family, and The Baha'i Peace Program - containing basic information on the beliefs of the members of the Baha'i International Community and the interest of this organization in the promotion of world peace and the implementation of full human rights as a basis for one world.

I hope that the enclosed documentation will be helpful to the Preparatory Committee in its task of evaluating our application. If you find that we have submitted too much material<sup>1/</sup> please feel free to use your judgement in submitting only what you believe necessary.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Victor de Araujo

<sup>1/</sup> Material attached to the letter may be consulted in the Division of Human Rights.

2. Indonesian Institution for the Defense of Human Rights<sup>1/</sup>
3. Joint Secretariat for the Upholding of Law in Indonesia<sup>1/</sup>

[Original: English]  
13 March 1968

Sir,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. SO 214 (7-1) of 7 March 1968 and have the honour to submit additional information concerning the two non-governmental organizations which are interested in sending observers to the International Human Rights Conference in Teheran, as follows:

I. The Indonesian Institution for the Defense of Human Rights

Founded: 29 April 1966

Headquarters: Djakarta

Branches:

1. Bandung, Java
2. Medan, Sumatra
3. Padang, Sumatra
4. Pontianak, Kalimantan
5. Denpasar, Bali

Objectives:

1. to uphold and to defend human rights in general
2. to uphold and to defend the rights of citizens
3. to make all efforts and to take all actions for the upholding of human dignity in the political, economic, social and cultural fields

Activities:

1. to invite in the Institution all activists and fighters for the upholding of human dignity
2. to guide and to disseminate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which had been proclaimed by the General Assembly on 10 December 1948, among the Indonesian people
3. to make all efforts that government regulations should be formulated in conformity with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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<sup>1/</sup> Original application appears in Nos. 7 and 8 of document A/CONF.32/PC/L.23.

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4. to call upon the central and provincial Governments that their actions be in accordance with the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
5. To endeavour that the national education should be inspired by the sense of high respect for human dignity
6. to co-operate with national and international organizations for the upholding of civil and human rights
7. to make other endeavours in conformity with the rule of law in Indonesia

II. The Indonesian Joint Secretariat for the Upholding of Law

Founded: 3 October 1967

Headquarters: Djakarta

Membership: The members of this Joint Secretariat are organizations in the field of law, such as:

1. The Indonesian Association of Judges
2. The Indonesian Association of Lawyers
3. The Indonesian Association of Attorneys
4. The Indonesian Association of Jurists, specializing in Defense Councils
5. The Indonesian Association of Police Scientists
6. The Indonesian Institution for the Defense of Human Rights

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Dr. H. Roeslan ABDULGANI  
Permanent Representative

Dr. Marc Schreiber, Director  
Division of Human Rights  
Executive Secretary of the International  
Conference on Human Rights  
United Nations  
New York, N.Y.

4. United Nations Association of Cyprus<sup>1/</sup>

[Original: English]  
7 March 1968

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It does not appear UNA CYPRUS could be represented on its own at Teheran Conference because it not an international organization itself but part of international organization, WFUNA, which I suppose will be duly represented.

Otherwise UNA CYPRUS as member does have demonstrable interest in items on agenda of Conference.

If Committee regarding applications for observers at Conference decides UNA CYPRUS, as member of WFUNA and in view of its special connexion to United Nations activities in recent years, could be allowed to be represented by an observer at Teheran Conference, we would be only too pleased and grateful.<sup>2/</sup>

<sup>1/</sup> Original application appears in No. 16 of document A/CONF.32/PC/L.23.

<sup>2/</sup> Extract from letter from the United Nations Association of Cyprus to the United Nations Information Office in Cyprus.

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5. World Association of World Federalists<sup>1/</sup>

[Original: English]  
4 March 1968

Dear Mr. Schreiber,

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We would like the Committee to know that the July issue of our publication, "The World Federalist", will be devoted entirely to human rights. This special issue on human rights will include information as to programmes our affiliated organizations have carried out in observance of the International Year for Human Rights. It will also contain special articles on human rights by prominent persons. It is our hope that we will have observers at Teheran so that we may also include in the special issue of our publication a first-hand report of the Conference proceedings.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Marion H. McVitty  
United Nations Representative

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<sup>1/</sup> Original application appears in No. 23 of document A/CONF.32/PC/L.23.