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## **1. International Alert (Special; 1991)**

### **Introductory Statement**

#### 1. Aims and purposes and main course of action

International Alert (IA) works to build sustainable peace in countries affected by violent conflict. Regional work is based in the African Great Lakes, West Africa, the Caucasus, South America, Sri Lanka, Nepal and the Philippines. At both regional and international levels, thematic work focuses on the role of business, humanitarian aid and development, gender, security and post conflict reconstruction in peacebuilding.

#### 2. Any change of significant impact on vision/functions

**Expanded area of activities:** IA country offices opened: Liberia, 2003; Sao Tome and Principe, 2004; Sri Lanka, 2004; Nepal, 2006. Regional offices give IA a permanent presence in the areas it works in.

**Expanded scope of activities:** In September 2006, IA merged with the United Kingdom-based training NGO Peaceworkers UK, adding provision of specialised technical training on peacebuilding to scope of activities.

**Expanded sources of funding:** IA is fundraising from individual donations; secured first grant from AusAid for work in South Asia (2006)

### **IA's contribution to the work of the United Nations:**

#### 1. Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Some of the work listed below was undertaken with IA's partners in the Biting the Bullet (BtB) Consortium (Saferworld and University of Bradford), advocating more effective international understanding and implementation of small arms control under the *United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects*, the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) – or with the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security – NGOWGWSS.

- 24 June 2004, United Nations Headquarters in New York: IA's Secretary-General Mr Dan Smith participated in the Global Compact Leaders Summit,
- 28 October 2004, United Nations Security Council Open Debate, New York: As part of NGOWGWSS, IA accompanied Ms Agathe Rwankuba, Réseau des Femmes pour la Défense des Droits et la Paix, Democratic Republic of the Congo, to give a statement on Women, Peace and Security.
- 7-11 July 2003, 12 July 2005, 27 June 2006, United Nations Headquarters, New York: Launch of the following reports (with BtB and IANSA): *Implementing the Programme of Action on Small Arms* (London 2003), *International Action on Small Arms 2005: Examining the Implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action* (London 2005) and *Reviewing Action on Small Arms 2006*;

*Assessing the first five years of the United Nations Programme of Action* (London 2006) – at the 2003 Biennial Meeting of States (BMS) on Small Arms, at the 2005 BMS and at the 2006 Review Conference respectively.

- 7-11 July 2003, BMS, New York: organized side event, panel discussion and launch of briefings by BtB: *Briefing 16: Regulation of Civilian Possession of Small Arms and Light Weapons* (London June 2003) and *Briefing 17: Strengthening embargoes and enhancing human security* (London July 2003)
  - 11-15 July 2005, New York: IA organized side event during United Nations BMS to discuss *Emerging Agendas for the 2006 Review Conference*, IA, London 2005
  - 18 October–5 November 2004: IA expert moderated e-discussion on conflict prevention for United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
  - September 2005: for Geneva-based Small Arms Survey, carried out programme evaluations of UNDP's violence prevention and justice reform projects in El Salvador and Honduras – part of UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery's strategic review process
  - December 2005: Supported UNDP's Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery in developing preparatory assistance project for reducing armed violence in Ecuador
  - 27-28 March 2006, Johannesburg, South Africa: IA representative spoke at the Sub-Saharan consultation convened by special representative of United Nations Secretary-General on Business and Human Rights and Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.
  - 21-22 March 2006, 23-24 March 2006, 12-13 June 2006, Brussels, Belgium: with Saferworld, IA trained EC officials to engage constructively with the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (UNPBC)
  - 26 June–11 July 2006, New York: IA with BtB supported attendance at 2006 Review Conference of 10 representatives from civil society organisations from Ghana, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Panama and the Russian Federation, who would otherwise be unable to attend
  - 10–11 August 2006, San Salvador, El Salvador: paper presented to UNDP *Latin American Regional Exchange on Experiences in Violence Prevention*
  - 9 October 2006: submission of paper *The UNPBC: A Chance to Build Peace More Effectively – The Case of Burundi* to UNPBC
2. Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies
- 18 January 2005: launched *Promoting Effective Global Action on Small Arms: Emerging Agendas for the 2006 United Nations Review Conference* (BtB Discussion Paper) at the United Nations Preparatory Committee on Small Arms meeting at United Nations Headquarters (Conference Room B) New York
  - 2005: published *Putting a Human Face to the Problem of Small Arms Proliferation and Ammunition Stocks*, IA, London 2005

- In 2006, for UNDP Liberia, conducted research in three Mano River Union countries and Côte d'Ivoire to produce a background paper for a "Diamonds for Development" conference. In collaboration with the Government of Liberia Ministry for Land, Mines, and Energy, and UNDP Liberia, IA organized a follow-up three-day conference in Monrovia, 28-30 June 2006.
- 11–12 December 2006, Geneva, Switzerland: IA attended BtB meeting *Developing global programmes to enhance implementation of the Programme of Action*
- Held two training workshops on United Nations Programme of Action: (i) 29-22 October 2004, Moscow, Russian Federation: Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) civil society representatives; (ii) 25–30 February 2005, Beirut, Lebanon: Middle East and North Africa civil society representatives

Funding received/approved from United Nations:

- UNDP: £8857.85 in 2004 and £26589.57 in 2006 to IA West Africa Programme, *Diamonds for Development* research project
- United Nations Democracy Fund: *Promoting Democracy and Accountability in São Tomé e Príncipe* – £2754.98 December 2006
- United Nations Development Fund for Women £: £17,770, December 2004

3. Initiatives undertaken in support of Millennium Development Goals / agreed goals

In relation to Millennium Development Goal 4, Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women, IA's gender work focuses on October 2000 *United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security*. Activities and publications include:

- 27 January 2004, New York: IA presented background paper *Linking Prevention of Violent Conflict, the Protection of Civilians and the Effective Participation of Women in Peace and Human Security Processes* (IA, London 2003), at United Nations Security Council Working Roundtable "Towards International Peace and Human Security: Advancing Prevention, Participation and Protection in the Work of the Security Council"
- 2003 – 2006: IA advised United Nations Department for Peacekeeping Operations and Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) on integrating a gender perspective into their operations.
- 1 April 2004: presented *Recommendations for the 2004 Report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations*, (with NGOWGWSS), New York, United States of America
- 28 January 2005: position paper presented to United Nations Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations *Recommendations for the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations* (with NGOWGWSS), New York, United States
- 2 March 2006, New York, United States: with NGOWGWSS, organised a panel discussion on gender issues and the PBC during the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

- 25 October 2006, New York, United States: IA launched *SCR 1325 and the Peacebuilding Commission: Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security – Six Years on Report*, with NGOWGWSS (London 2006) during anniversary events.
- With United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs Regional Division, IA presented a working paper at regional preparatory meetings for the BMS 2005 for Arab states in Algeria, 16-18 April 2005 and at the meeting of the Group of Interested States at the BMS, 12 July 2005
- 21 September 2005 and 2006: IA observed United Nations International Peace Day with public events in London, including a film screening and concert in 2006; commissioned pollsters YouGov to survey attitudes of British public to peacebuilding/conflict.

## **2. National Wildlife Federation (Special; 1991)**

### **Introduction:**

The aim and purpose of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) is to educate, inspire and assist individuals and organizations of diverse cultures to conserve wildlife and other natural resources and to protect the earth's environment in order to achieve a peaceful, equitable and sustainable future.

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

#### **i) Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies and/or major conferences and other United Nations Meetings**

- The United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development 11<sup>th</sup> Session, 28 April-9 May 2003, United Nations Headquarters, New York. Population & Environment Program Manager, Karin Krchnak, served as the Civil Society Representative to the United States Delegation.
- The United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development 12<sup>th</sup> Session, 14-30 April 2004, United Nations Headquarters, New York- Population & Environment Program Manager, Caron Whitaker, attended the commission and was an active member of the NGO caucus.
- 2004: National Wildlife Federation Representative, Population & Environment Program Manager, Caron Whitaker, attended the following meetings in North America, all related to the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development: United Nations Commission on Population and Development, 22 March 2004, United Nations Headquarters, New York; Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, 29 June - 2 July 2004, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2005: National Wildlife Federation Representative, Population & Environment Program Manager, Caron Whitaker, attended the following meetings at United Nations Headquarters in relation to women, water and sustainable development: United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development Preparatory Commission, 4-11 March 2005; United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development 11<sup>th</sup> Session, 13-22 April 2005; United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

- United Nations Environmental Program- Regional Office of North America Washington, D.C. 12 December 2003. Caron Whitaker participated in preparatory meetings contributing to a Civil Society statement to be presented at, the Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GMEF), in Jeju, Republic of Korea, from 29-31 March 2004.
- United Nations Environmental Program- Regional Office of North America Washington, D.C. November 2006, Caron Whitaker served as a gender expert in United Nations Environmental Program- Regional Office of North America meetings preparing for and contributing to a Civil Society statement to be presented at the Global Ministerial Environmental Forum in February 2007 in Nairobi, Kenya.

**ii) Initiatives undertaken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals and Global Principles**

2003 - Activities in support of United Nations Population Fund and International Conference on Population and Development +10

- 21 April 2003- National Wildlife Federation sponsored an event in Toledo, Ohio, United States, highlighting, Sterling Scruggs, Director of United Nations Population Fund's Information and External Relations Division, and Jane Roberts, co-founder of the 34 Million Friends Campaign (created to benefit United Nations Population Fund).
- On 28 March -1 April 2003, National Wildlife Federation teamed up with the Sierra Club and Population Connection held an activists training on United Nations Population Fund.
- In July, 2003 P&E staff worked with eight high-level activists to write letters in regards to World Population Day and United States funding for United Nations Population Fund.
- In August –September, 2003 P&E staff asked activists in nine swing states to make state level visits to their Senator's office.
- On 25 September 2003 Caron Whitaker and 34 Million Friends of United Nations Population Fund Co-founder, Jane Roberts spoke at an event at the Commonwealth Club in California, United States.

2004 – Activities in support of the 10 year anniversary of International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo

In 2004, National Wildlife Federation sponsored over 50 events within the United States to raise awareness and support for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development. These efforts included coalition work under “A Mother’s Promise the World Must Keep” campaign. This lists a few of the bigger events.

- 10 February 2004- National Wildlife Federation and other partners co-sponsors held a kick-off event. Tim Wirth, President of the United Nations Foundation was the keynote speaker.
- 10 March 2004- At National Wildlife Federation's Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, United States, National Wildlife Federation passed a resolution reaffirming the goals and principles of Cairo.

- 8 July 2004- National Wildlife Federation co-organized and supported “Past Due” a press conference and luncheon on Capitol Hill to draw attention to the shortfall of the United States in meeting its commitments agreed to at Cairo. Representatives Maloney Lowey and Crowley spoke at the press conference, while Representatives Moran and McCollum spoke on their support for international family planning at a luncheon.
- August, 2004 National Wildlife Federation released its white paper “Missing the Forest: A Position Paper about the Need to Keep Environment on the Population and Development Agenda.” The paper makes the case that linking environment and population is critical to achieving not only the Cairo goals, but to achieving sustainable development.
- 13 October 2004- Caron Whitaker joined several other organizations to present Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director of United Nations Population Fund, with the signatures collected during the A Mother’s Promise the World Must Keep Campaign, and with signatures collected in Europe through a sister campaign.

#### 2004 –Activities in support of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

- 14 October 2004- Caron Whitaker organized and spoke at a United Nations Association event, at the Church Center, New York City on “Population, Reproductive Health and the Millennium Development Goals.”
- 1 November 2004 - National Wildlife Federation submitted comments to the United Nations Millennium Project on their draft report.

#### 2005 - Activities in support for United Nations Population Fund

- 7 January 2005 Sarah Craven, Chief of the Washington DC Office for United Nations Population Fund, spoke at an annual women’s leadership development conference in Washington DC, sponsored by National Wildlife Federation.
- 9 January 2005, Kakenya Ntaiya, a fellow with United Nations Population Fund, spoke at a National Wildlife Federation conference in Washington DC.
- 12 April 2005- National Wildlife Federation sponsored a lecture and discussion at Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minnesota, United States, featuring Sarah Craven, Chief of the Washington DC Office for United Nations Population Fund.
- 23 April 2005- National Wildlife Federation sponsored a series of events at the University of Ohio; the keynote speaker at one of the events was United Nations Population Fund fellow Kakenya Ntaiya.

#### 2005 - Activities in support of the MDGs

- 2 February 2005 - National Wildlife Federation sent letters to the Secretary-General and the head of United Nations Development Programme advocating for inclusion of reproductive health in the Secretary’s report. Advocated for inclusion of access to contraception as an indicator for the MDG #7 – Ensuring Environmental Sustainability.

- Sponsored Town Hall meetings (23 May 2005 Bard College, New York; 7 June 2005 Canton, Ohio, United States; 10 September 2005 Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, United States) highlighting the MDGs.
- Sponsored United Nations World Environment Day, 2 June 2005 San Francisco, California, United States and 3 June 2005 New Canaan, Connecticut, United States.

#### 2006 - Activities in support of the MDGs

- 11 April 2006 Paul Joffe, National Wildlife Federation Sr. Director, International Affairs presented at Capitol Hill briefing on the MDGs and in particular Goal 7.
- 15 November 2006 National Wildlife Federation, as co-chair of the Michigan and the World Coalition, featured Eveline Herfkens Executive Coordinator for the United Nations Millennium Campaign as the keynote speaker for this annual conference.

### **3. Network Women in Development Europe (Special; 1999)**

Since its creation in 1985, Network Women in Development Europe (WIDE) has built considerable expertise in the analysis of economic policy from a feminist perspective. It ranges from a detailed analysis of the agenda underlying the European Union Trade and Co-operation Agreements and the World Trade Organization (WTO) process, to the development of alternative economic models which value and measure women's contribution to the economy more fairly. Since its beginnings, WIDE aims at integrating a gender perspective in macroeconomic policies and trade agreements with the purpose of achieving gender equality and sustainable development for all.

WIDE statutes were amended in 2003 with a change on WIDE membership categories.

#### Part 2. Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies and/or major conferences and other United Nations meetings.

1. "The 47th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 3-14 March 2003, New York, United States of America. At these meetings with the United Nations institutions and other NGOs, WIDE's representative, Gertrude Eigelsreiter-Jashari discussed the regional activities that would take place in Europe to help implement the 10-year anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action".
2. "Economic and Social Council Session, Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) CSW Conference: Towards full implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, 21-22 July 2003, Geneva, Switzerland. On the issue of a 5<sup>th</sup> Conference on Women, WIDE's representative, Carmen de La Cruz spoke about the need to frame the debate on global governance and multilateralism from a critical feminist perspective."
3. "The Fifth World Trade Organization Ministerial Meetings, 10-14 September 2003, Cancun, Mexico, WIDE attended these meetings to monitor the progress of negotiations and to lobby towards the European Union's position."



4. “International Conference: After Cancun - Where next for development? 14 October 2003, Brussels, Belgium, WIDE was invited by Solidar and Oxfam International to this conference to share its views and develop with other NGOs a common vision on issues relating to the negotiations within the WTO.”
5. “United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) 11<sup>th</sup> Conference: Enhancing the coherence between national development strategies and global economic processes towards economic growth and development, particularly of developing countries, 13-18 June 2004, Sao Paulo, Brazil, WIDE representatives were invited to share their analysis on the implications of trade and development policies in the developing world.”
6. “United Nations 49<sup>th</sup> Session of the CSW, 28 February -11 March 2005, New York, the United States. In cooperation with the European Union delegation, WIDE participated in the drafting caucus on women’s economic empowerment and the statement on Millennium Development Goals.”
7. “United Nations 50<sup>th</sup> Session of the CSW, 27 February- 10 March 2006, New York, United States. WIDE participated in all the debates and voiced its concern on the lack of economic empowerment of women in the Global South. A statement prepared on the occasion of CSW conference served at lobbying in the European institutions on the need to apply CEDAW and BPFA agreements in their policies”.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies and other specialized agencies in the preparation and contribution to research and common projects:**

- “Contribution with other European NGOs on United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) publication: To the farthest frontiers: Women’s empowerment in expanding Europe, November-December 2004.”

WIDE contributed its expertise on gender issues and enlargement in Europe.”

- “United Nations expert panel: Priorities in the follow-up to the 10-year review and appraisal of implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, 31 October-3 November 2005, New York, United States. WIDE participated and presented its analysis at this consultation, organized by the United Nations Commission on the Advancement of Women”.
- “Civil Society consultation with the High-level Panel. Geneva, Switzerland, 2 July 2006. Joint work with United Nations agencies specialized on gender and women’s Non-Governmental Development Organizations (NGDOs) on a call for gender architecture.”

The goals of WIDE have always centred on: women’s economic, social, cultural, and political empowerment. WIDE’s ongoing activities, with its European and international partners, aiming at monitoring policies and advocate for better ones to ensure that gender equity is achieved globally.

- **Goal 3. Promote gender equality and empowerment women.**
- Target 1: Eliminate gender disparity in education.

ACTIONS:

- WIDE contributed to gender equality and women's empowerment through many advocacy campaigns, capacity building events, providing of analysis and research and bringing organisations together operating as a European network.
- Few of the very many examples of WIDE actions (i) WIDE published with other organisations "Gender mainstreaming in development and trade policy and practice: learning from Austria, Belgium, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland", in October 2004, Belgium; (ii) WIDE organized a capacity building workshop, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, November 2005 on "alternative economics from a feminist perspective"
- **Goal 8. Develop a global partnership for development.**
- Target 2: Develop further an open, rule-based, predictable, non-discriminatory trade system.

ACTIONS:

- WIDE raised awareness and advocated for a trade system that is socially just and does not impact negatively on women, especially women in poverty. WIDE did this in collaboration with many other NGOs worldwide. This will have in the long term effects on the policies that will be implemented when it comes to global trading rules. One of the many examples: WIDE published in September 2004 'Globalising women's rights: Confronting unequal development between the UN rights framework and the WTO trade agreements', the outcomes of its annual conference that took place in Bonn, Germany.

**Activities in Support of Global Principles:**

WIDE participated in World Social Forums and participated in the Global Call to Action against Poverty campaign, among joining other organisations and participate actively in more specific alliances.

**4. Panamerican-Panafrican Association  
(Special; 1995)**

Since its incorporation in 1968, the Panamerican-Panafrican Association, Inc. (the Pa/Pa) and its Chairman, Dr. Robert Starling Pritchard (history's first professionally viable American virtuoso concert pianist and recording artist of African-American descent), have been active in several major United Nations cultural, educational and economic exchange programmes which the Foundation sponsored and supported. The Pa/Pa has created "Hands Across the Seas and Lands" relationships via such events as the 1970s "Kenneth David Kaunda Awards for Humanism" in the United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; the Concert Gala performance of the Baroque and Pre-Classical Brazilian Composers of African descent which took place on 28 May 1976 on the stage of the United Nations General Assembly on the occasion of the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Organization of African Unity and the Bicentennial of the United States of America; the presentation of a paper entitled "International Cultural Embargo against Apartheid South Africa" at the 1978 Anti-Apartheid United Nations Non-Governmental Conference in Geneva, Switzerland (which paper became the basis for the Conference's agreement on what became the actual text of the afore referenced Cultural Embargo);

and many other events in which the Pa/Pa either took a participatory or organizational role in promoting the goals of the Pa/Pa as well as those of the United Nations. Since the late 1990's, the Pa/Pa has significantly expanded through its Permanent Programme Unit's organizational viaduct for its Economic Development and International Trade activities (the Pa/Pa's International Trade Consultants Group [the Pa/Pa's ITCG]) by the establishment of Pa/Pa ITCG Affiliate organizations throughout the world.

**20-30 January 2003** – Ms. Kumi Yokota, a Japanese good will ambassador and NGO Representative of the Pa/Pa to the United Nations in New York, represented her country at the International Exhibition in Caen, France. In a showcase booth, Ms. Yokota and her colleagues exhibited traditional Japanese Kimonos as well as finely made Japanese crafts.

**9-13 June 2003** – The Pa/Pa's Main NGO Representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Council in Geneva, Switzerland, Dr. Walter Menicocci was invited by the "University of Connecticut at Storrs" as a participant and presenter of a detailed report on several decades of scientific research conducted by a roster of distinguished scientists on "THE ABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO RESIST MAN'S BEHAVIOR." The studies are intended to advance the goals of the United Nations Committee on Science and Technology of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification by developing clean and renewable energy sources. These studies draw attention to the fact that traditional energy sources are not infinite and their use and/or misuse may seriously damage the environment.

**August 2003 – Present: Highlights of the activities of the Pa/Pa Japan (affiliate of the Pa/Pa)** On 20 August 2003, the President of Pa/Pa Japan was received by President Bozize of the Central African Republic to discuss the Pa/Pa Japan's proposal to promote economic exchange through the importation of rough diamonds to Japan. In addition, Pa/Pa Japan proposed establishing a charitable organization that will help families in the Central African Republic. The Pa/Pa Japan opened its offices in Bangui, Central African Republic on 1 October 2003. In August through September 2004, Representatives of the Ministries in charge of the Economy and International Cooperation and for Communication and National Reconciliation were invited to Japan by Pa/Pa Japan to visit various Japanese sectors of Japan's infrastructure with respect to future projects to enhance the Central African Republic's infrastructure. On 1 April 2005, an agreement was signed between the Government of the Central African Republic and Pa/Pa Japan. The agreement consisted of a collaborative effort between Pa/Pa Japan and the Central African Republic to facilitate the Pa/Pa Japan's ability to bring technical and financial assistance in the area of economic exchange between the two countries. The Pa/Pa Japan established CARDIAMOND on 15 November 2005 and on 10 October 2006 members of the Pa/Pa delegation visited the Central African Republic to create the Charitable Association Japanese-Central African Republic (the AANC L'Association d'aide nippo-centre africaine). This was followed by the initiation of discussions for the establishment of a hydraulic electricity energy plant to assist in providing electricity to rural areas of the Central African Republic.

**2 October 2003** - The Pa/Pa undertook to research the illegal deportation of immigrants of Arab descent from the United States after the tragedy of 11 September 2002. The Pa/Pa fought the deportation of a Syrian immigrant from the United States, whom it assisted in coming to the United States.

**28 February 2004** – In the framework of its cultural exchange program, the Pa/Pa organized a Black History Month Exhibit featuring Senegalese and African-American Artists Babacor Wade, Seyni Mbaye, Chaliz Leye, Cisse Dia, Diatta Seck and Kamiirn Pritchard in Beacon, New York, United States, at the Art and Fashion Spot owned by Souleymane Sarr. Special Guests included The Hon. Clara Lou Gould, Mayor of Beacon, New York. Other invited guests were the Ambassador of Senegal to the United Nations, Kevin John Powell, 1997 United Nations Laureate Artist, as well as the Chairman of the Panamerican-Panafrican Association, Inc., Dr. Robert Pritchard. Indeed, Dr. Pritchard also has a long history of solidarity with Senegal as he was the original author of the Premier Festival Mondiale des Arts Negres which took place in Dakar in 1966 under the leadership of President Leopold Sedar Senghor. The precursor to that Festival was the 1965 American Festival of Negro Arts, which was organized by Dr. Pritchard as the first Black History Month Observance.

**31 July 2004** – In concert with the mandates of the United Nations to promote the “Culture of Peace,” Pa/Pa NGO Representatives, Dr. Robert Pritchard and M. Henri Polgar, participated in the "Ode to Peace" International Youth Culture and Art Festival held at the Jefferson Memorial on 31 July 2004. The theme of “Ode to Peace” was also the theme of the Festival held annually in Penglai, China, and for the third year held concurrently in Washington, DC. The 2004 festival was jointly organized by the Penglai City Government, China, United States of America Wushu Kungfu Federation and Culture to Culture International, and was supported by the Greater Washington Chinese-American Community, the Consolidated Society of Chinese University Alumni Associations, the Yellow River Art and Drama Ensembles, and the Chamber of Commerce of Maryland. The White House as well as the Mayor of Washington, D.C. recognized this event and issued an Asian Pacific Proclamation for the event.

**17 July 2004-Present** – The Chairman of the Pa/Pa appointed Shina, Inc (a 501c[3] organization in Hyattsville, Maryland) as an affiliate of the Pa/Pa in support of Shina, Inc.’s mission to empower women and youth by addressing specific areas of need in social, cultural, educational and economic development. Their vision is encapsulated within the acronym **SHINA**: To *Send Hope Inspire* and *Nourish* by utilizing *Accumulated* knowledge and skills. The Pa/Pa has supported Shina Inc. annually during their November fundraiser, which proceeds go to benefit SHINA projects both locally and internationally in collaboration with grassroots organization in rural areas that tend to be overlooked due to the high concentration of donors in urban areas. The mission of Shina, Inc. is to raise the quality of life in the community and encourage the beneficiaries towards self-reliance, to boost their self-esteem and economic base. Shina has a unique approach to the “checks and balances” system to certain accountability, integrity and viability.

**3 July 2005 – 15 June 2006** – As part of its commitment to promote the Culture of Peace through the arts, the Pa/Pa sponsored the Artist-in-Residency of New York born playwright, Meja Tyeimba, at the Panamerican-Panafrican Association headquarters. During her tenure as Artist-in-Residence, the exceptional playwright, talented director and producer wrote several works, including the play, “*How Deep the Cut*” (which was read at the Zora Neale Hurston Theatre on 22 March, located at the Maya Angelou Public Charter School’s Evans Campus in Washington, D.C) and the screenplay “*Gemini*” (the story of two young African American women transported to the life of their ancestor slaves). Ms. Tyeimba made a great contribution to the life of the predominantly African American high school students at the Maya Angelou Public Charter School.

**1 May 2006** - The Pa/Pa showed a strong presence during the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (CSD 14, May 1-2, 2006), through its appointment of Erik Hagberg (Founder/CEO, Pacific Aquaculture Cooperatives Inc. International [PAC], and Founder/ Managing Director of Help PPFISCH Inc.) to be its NGO Representative in New York City. The contacts and momentum that PAC, Help PPFISCH, and the Pa/Pa gained during CSD 14 were truly invaluable. The Small Island Developing States (SIDS) ministries were included in a dialog surrounding the implementation of Pacific Aquaculture Cooperative International's sea farming plan to effectuate sustainable development with measurable results by CSD 15. The PAC Advisory Board ("PACAB") will recommend sustainable development projects to PAC'S Board of Directors and Management Team for evaluation and implementation in tandem with PAC'S core function of sea cucumber farming in Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

**26 July 2006** – Dr. Pritchard, Chairman of the Pa/Pa contributed to the Liberian Independence Day celebrations at the Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C. with a piano performance before the Ambassador of Liberia and guests of his "*Passacaglia Monrovia*," which Dr. Pritchard composed during his tenure in the 1950s in Liberia as that country's first Artist-in-Residence and Advisor to President Tubman. Dr. Pritchard dedicated his performance to the President of Liberia, Helen Surleaf Johnson, who has brought stability to Liberia after many years of civil war.

## **5. Stichting Projekta — Foundation for Women and Development Services** (Special; 1999)

### **Part I. INTRODUCTION**

In the pursuit of gender equity and democratization of governance in Suriname, the mission of Projekta is to enhance the capacity and capabilities of women, youth and other vulnerable groups to fully participate in human development. Projekta does this through programs that create awareness and voice in policy-making and policy monitoring at the local and national level; by building the capacity of grassroots organizations and other NGOs, and by actively participating in the strengthening of the civil society of Suriname.

To accomplish its mission, Projekta operates in the following areas:

- Information, education and communication
- Advocacy, especially for development policies
- Community based development
- Training, workshops and seminars
- Program and project preparation, implementation and evaluation
- Basic gender data and research

The work in these areas is further enhanced through:

- Collaboration with other NGOs and the public and private sector
- Networking with national, regional and international organizations

The most significant changes in the reporting period have been in the area of the scope of work:

- An increased focus on the creation of policy dialogue between community-based organizations and local and national-level policy makers, in addition to existing capacity building initiatives.
- An increased focus on the active creation and support of NGO Networks, as reflected in the organizations leading and coordinating role in the 'Network of NGO's for Women and Development' and the creation of the 'CoUnited Nationscil of NGO Networks'.

## **PART II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

### **i) Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary**

#### **bodies and/or major conferences and other United Nations meetings**

The organization has not participated in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies or in major conferences in this period. Main reasons for this are:

- Information about international meetings and conferences generally arrives too late to be included in plans and budgets.
- Lack of funds to pay travel costs and per diem for staff members.

### **ii) Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies in the field**

#### **and/or at Headquarters**

- In collaboration with CAST 2 Theater company, the creation of series of TV programs (title: LIBI!) for the Pan- American Health Organization (PAHO) project 'Transforming Reproductive Health in Suriname' (Broadcast in June - July 2004, Paramaribo, Suriname) Technical assistance to the Pan-American Health Organization for the Program Acceleration Fund (PAF), "Advocacy for change in Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) legislation and policy, and sensitization related to the theme of the World AIDS Campaign" (2003). This was a one year program, executed in Paramaribo, Suriname.
- Paper presented at United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) workshop on Gender And Community Development (30 February – 6 March, 2003, Jamaica)
- Participation in the United Nations Theme Group on HIV/AIDS (2003 – 2006: ongoing activity, Paramaribo, Suriname)
- Member of the Writing Team of the Common Country Assessment (CCA) 2006 and the United Nations Development Framework (UNDAF) 2008– 2011 (ongoing activity, Paramaribo-Suriname in 2006)
- In collaboration with CAST 2 Theater, production of an edutainment film 'Wan Lobi Tori' (with support from the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)) premiered World Aids

Day, 1 December, 2004 on TV stations in Paramaribo, Suriname. And on World Aids Day (1 December, 2005) at PAHO Headquarters in Washington.

- Cooperation with the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) United Nations Development Program (UNDP), PAHO, the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), and the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination team (UNDAC) in the coordination of relief efforts after a flooding crisis in the interior of Suriname in May and June 2006 (Ongoing activity during 2 months, Paramaribo-Suriname)

### **iii) Initiatives undertaken by the organization in support of Millenium Development Goals**

#### **i) Activities in line with the MDG's:**

Actions for Goal 1 (Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger):

- Long-term (2002 – present) training and capacity building of three local village communities and 12 rural community organizations in village development, entrepreneurship, gender, and vocational skills. District of Para, Suriname

Actions for Goal 3 (Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women):

- 75 teachers trained in Gender & Education, Paramaribo-Suriname, January-May 2006
- Research conducted on Gender in the Classroom, Paramaribo-Suriname. Report presented 25 May , 2006
- Awareness activities for Gender in the Classroom, Gender and Development, Gender and Politics, etc. ongoing activities, in Suriname
- 15 women politicians trained in Gender & Development. Paramaribo, Suriname, January 2004.

Actions for Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases

- 2 edutainment films made, premiered World Aids Day 2004 (see above), Paramaribo-Suriname.
- Awareness activities (TV, newspaper and radio campaigns) for the entire population, ongoing activities.

#### **ii) Activities in line with global principles**

- Participation in various awareness programs and advocacy campaigns for International Women Day, (all on 8 March 2001-2006), Paramaribo, Suriname
- Participation in the drafting of the Integrated Gender Action Plan (IGAP) 2006 – ongoing activity, Paramaribo-Suriname
- Participation in the Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP); organization of various awareness activities and participation in the GCAP Meeting in Managua, Nicaragua (24-26 April 2005).
- Participation in the drafting of the Suriname National Agenda of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture. Ongoing activity, Paramaribo-Suriname