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### Non-governmental organizations

## Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2011 regular session

(New York, 31 January-9 February and 3 March 2011)

### *Summary*

At its 2011 regular session, held from 31 January to 9 February and on 3 March 2011, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 352 applications for consultative status, including applications deferred from its 1999 through 2010 sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations those applications, the Committee recommended 112 for consultative status, took note of 1 non-governmental organization that had withdrawn its application, closed consideration without prejudice of 23 applications and deferred 216 for further consideration at its resumed session in May 2011. The Committee also had before it 10 new requests for reclassification of consultative status; it recommended granting 5 of those requests. It also considered one deferred request for reclassification and recommended the reclassification. The Committee considered seven requests for change of name of which it took note of six and deferred its consideration of one of the requests to the next session. In addition, it had before it 231 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 212. Pending the receipt of responses to questions posed, the Committee deferred its consideration of 16 quadrennial reports deferred from previous sessions and 3 from the present session. Of the 27 non-governmental organizations that attended the session, the Committee heard 13 representatives of those organizations.

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

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By draft decision I, the Council would:

- (a) Grant consultative status to one hundred twelve non-governmental organizations;
- (b) Reclassify the consultative status of six non-governmental organizations;
- (c) Note the withdrawal of the application of one non-governmental organization;
- (d) Note the change of name of six non-governmental organizations;
- (e) Take note of the two hundred twelve quadrennial reports of non-governmental organizations;
- (f) Close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by twenty-three non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions.

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, requests for reclassification and change of name, quadrennial reports received from non-governmental organizations and applications closed without prejudice**

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following one hundred twelve non-governmental organizations:<sup>1</sup>

#### *General consultative status*

Hope International

#### *Special consultative status*

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Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia

Afromedianet

Agewell Foundation

Amigos do Protocolo de Kyoto

Asociación Civil Educación, Ambiente y Territorio

Association burkinabé pour la survie de l'enfance

Association de la jeunesse congolaise pour le développement

Association femmes soleil d'Haiti

Association mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit

Association of World Reindeer Herders

Associazione Nazionale Volontarie Telefono Rosa

Athletes United for Peace

Aube nouvelle pour la femme et le développement

Azerbaijan Turkey Business Association

Azrbaycan Grinin Avro-Atlantika Tkilat

Behnam Daheshpour Charity Organization

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<sup>1</sup> Including both new and deferred applications.

Beijing Children's Legal Aid and Research Center  
Beijing Zhicheng Migrant Workers' Legal Aid and Research Center  
Center for Global Community and World Law  
Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation  
China Energy Fund Committee  
China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation  
CLIPSAS  
Compassion Africa Aged Foundation  
Concern for Environmental Development and Research  
Coordinadora Española para el Lobby Europeo de Mujeres  
Council for American Students in International Negotiations  
Drammeh Institute  
Drug Prevention Network of Canada  
Ecocosm Dynamics  
Federación Internacional de Fe y Alegría  
Forum Azzahrae pour la femme marocaine  
Foundation for the Development of Knowledge Suma Veritas  
Framework Convention Alliance for Tobacco Control  
Fundación Atenea Grupo  
Fundación Ecología y Desarrollo  
Grand Triangle  
GS1  
Hydroaid  
Initiative du millénaire des femmes africaines contre la pauvreté et pour les droits humains  
Instituto para la Participación y el Desarrollo-INPADE-Asociación Civil  
International Administrative Science Association  
International Ecological Safety Cooperative Organization  
International Federation of Psoriasis Associations  
International Human Rights Observer  
International Police Executive Symposium  
International Samaritan  
International Solidarity and Human Rights Institute  
Istanbul Research Centre on Women

Kadin Adaylari Destekleme ve Eđitme Derneđi  
Kenya Community Development Group  
Kikandwa Rural Communities Development Organization  
Leaders Organization  
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund  
Life for Africa  
Livelihood NGO  
Mémorial de la Shoah  
Minhaj-ul-Quran International  
Movement against Atrocities and Repression  
Muhammadiyah Association  
National Association for Work Bless  
National Association of Home Builders of the United States  
National Native Title Council  
National Women's Studies and Information Center "Partnership for  
Development"  
New York and New Jersey Asian American Law Enforcement Advisory  
Committee  
Niall Mellon Township Trust  
Not for Sale Campaign  
OceanCare  
Organisation nationale des donneurs de sang bénévoles  
Organizaçáo das Famílias da Ásia e do Pacífico  
Pan African Civil Society Network  
Patim  
Plan Suomi Säätiö  
Pro-Life Campaign  
Protection de l'environnement et de l'écosystème  
RESO-Femmes  
Roma Zaedno  
Rufaida Health Foundation  
Rural Development Centre  
Sacro Militare Ordine Costantiniano di San Giorgio  
Schweizerische Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Jugendverbände

Serve Train Educate People's Society  
 Social Initiatives Support Fund  
 Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology  
 Soroptimist International of Europe  
 South Sudanese Women Christian Mission for Peace  
 Sucardif Association  
 Sudanese Organization for Education Development  
 Tamil Christian Broadcasting Network  
 Terra-1530  
 Think Youth Independent Association  
 Türk Kalp Vakfi  
 Turkish Philanthropy Funds  
 Umid Support to Social Development Public Union  
 UNIFEM Sweden  
 United Help for International Children  
 United Kingdom Association for the United Nations Development Fund for Women  
 Univers de solidarité et de développement  
 VAAGDHARA  
 Verband Entwicklungspolitik Deutscher Nichtregierungs-Organisationen  
 Victorious Youths Movement  
 Vivekananda Sevakendra-O-Sishu Uddyan  
 Women Against Violence (Europe)  
 Women for Human Rights, single women group  
 Women Watch Afrika, Inc.  
 Womensport International  
 World Federation for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence

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Hellenic Research and Educational Institute "Panos Mylonas" for Road Safety and the Prevention and Reduction of Traffic Accidents  
 International Federation of Thanatologists Associations  
 Richbone Initiative Foundation  
 (b) To reclassify the following non-governmental organizations:  
 (i) From special to general consultative status:

International Federation for Family Development

International Indian Treaty Council

Sulabh International

(ii) From the Roster to special consultative status:

International Union against Cancer\*

Plan International\*\*

Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation

(c) To take note of the request of the following non-governmental organization to withdraw its application:

Agape International Spiritual Center of Truth

(d) To take note of the request of the following six non-governmental organizations for change of name:

Friends of the Earth to *Friends of the Earth International*

Hariri Foundation to *Hariri Foundation for Sustainable Human Development*

Izza Peace Foundation to *International Peace and Development Organization*

Korea Freedom League to *Korea Freedom Federation*

Soap and Detergent Association to *American Cleaning Institute*

United States Trademark Association to *International Trademark Association*

(e) To take note of the quadrennial reports for the 2006-2009 reporting period submitted by the following two hundred and five organizations:

8th Day Center for Justice

Centre for the World Religions

Aahung

Action aides aux familles démunies

African American Islamic Institute

African Services Committee

African Youth Movement

AFS Inter-Cultural Programs

Agence d'aide à la coopération technique et au développement

Al-khoei Foundation

American Society of Safety Engineers

Americans for UNFPA

Amman Center for Human Rights Studies

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\* For the discussion, see chap. II.B, para. 23.

\*\* For the discussion, see chap. III.B, para. 29.



Amnesty International  
Anti-Slavery International  
Architectes de l'urgence  
Argentine Society of Pediatrics  
Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network  
Asian Migrant Centre  
Asociación Civil Consorcio Desarrollo y Justicia  
Assembly of First Nations — National Indian Brotherhood  
Associação de Mulheres Contra a Violência  
Association for Sustainable Human Development  
Association internationale de lutte contre la pauvreté et pour le développement  
Association des états généraux des étudiants de l'Europe  
Association for Aid and Relief (Japan)  
Association of European Parliamentarians for Africa  
Association of Former Diplomats of China  
Association of Medical Doctors of Asia  
Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII  
Austrian Federal Economic Chamber  
Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights  
Baha'i International Community  
Baptist World Alliance  
Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University  
Brazilian Foundation of America  
Building and Social Housing Foundation  
Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft der Senioren-Organisationen  
CARE  
Canadian Race Relations Foundation  
Catholic Organization for Relief and Development Aid  
Center for Oceans Law and Policy  
Centre Europe-tiers monde  
Centro di Ricerca e Documentazione Febbraio 74  
Child Care Consortium  
China Association for International Science and Technology Cooperation  
China Education Association for International Exchange

China Society for Human Rights Studies  
Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament  
Comité international pour le respect et l'application de la charte africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples  
Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy  
Commonwealth Human Ecology Council  
Conectas Direitos Humanos  
Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority  
Deniz Feneri Association  
DiploFoundation  
Dominican Leadership Conference  
Dominicans for Justice and Peace: Order of Preachers  
Drug Free America Foundation  
Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration  
Eco-Accord: Center for Environment and Sustainable Development  
Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs  
Egyptian Organization for Human Rights  
European Federation for Transport and Environment  
Exchange and Cooperation Centre for Latin America  
Family Health International  
Fédération européenne des femmes actives au foyer  
Federation of National Representations of the Experiment in International Living  
Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe  
Fondation Chantal Biya  
Friends World Committee for Consultation  
Fundación para Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer  
General Confederation of Trade Unions  
Global Alliance for Women's Health  
Gram Bharati Samiti  
Greenpeace International  
Group of 78  
Groupe pivot: droit et citoyenneté des femmes

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HELIO International  
Half the Sky Foundation  
Health on the Net Foundation  
Heritage Foundation  
Hope for Africa  
Human Resource Development Foundation  
Human Rights Internet  
Imam Al-Sadr Foundation  
Imamia Medics International  
Incorvuz-XXI  
Indonesian Child Welfare Foundation  
Ingénieurs du monde  
Institut de la gestion déléguée  
Institut de politique familiale  
Institute for Energy and Environmental Research  
Institute of Global Education  
Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia  
Inter-American Parliamentary Group on Population and Development  
International Association for Humanitarian Medicine Brock Chisholm  
International Association of Judges  
International Association of Lions Clubs  
International Association of Ports and Harbors  
International Association of Y's Men's Clubs  
International Center for Research on Women  
International Chamber of Commerce  
International Coastal and Ocean Organization  
International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage  
International Committee for Arab-Israeli Reconciliation  
International Communities for the Renewal of the Earth  
International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction  
International Council of Chemical Associations  
International Council of Societies of Industrial Design  
International Council of Voluntary Agencies

International Council on Jewish Social and Welfare Services  
International Energy Foundation  
International Federation of Family Associations of Missing Persons from Armed Conflicts  
International Federation for Human Rights Leagues  
International Federation of Inspection Agencies  
International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres  
International Federation of Women Lawyers  
International First Aid Society  
International Fund for Animal Welfare  
International Health Awareness Network  
International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies  
International Network for Sustainable Energy  
International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions  
International Relations Students' Association of McGill University  
International Research Foundation for Development  
International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication  
International Society of Doctors for the Environment  
International Union for the Scientific Study of Population  
International Union of Psychological Science  
International Women's Democracy Center  
International Women's Writing Guild  
International Women's Year Liaison Group  
International Young Catholic Students  
Interregional Union of Life Help for Mentally Handicapped Persons "Sail of Hope"  
Italian Association for Aid to Children  
JMJ Children's Fund of Canada  
Jammu and Kashmir Council for Human Rights  
Jesuit Refugee Service  
Junior Chamber International  
Kids First Fund  
Kitakyushu Forum on Asian Women  
Kiwanis International

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Korea Freedom League  
Korea International Volunteer Organization  
Korean National Council of Women  
LatCrit  
Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany  
Macedonian Center for International Cooperation  
Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers  
Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic  
Medical Aid for Palestinians  
Medico International  
Mujer para la Mujer  
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers  
National Center for State Courts  
National Rehabilitation and Development Center  
Native American Rights Fund  
Netherlands Centre for Indigenous Peoples  
Network “Earth Village”  
Network of East-West Women  
New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council  
Organization for Defending Victims of Violence  
Oxfam International  
Parliamentarians for Global Action  
Peace Boat  
Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Plan International  
Political and Ethical Knowledge on Economic Activities  
Population Reference Bureau  
Presbyterian Church USA  
Rainforest Foundation  
Rainforest Foundation International  
Real Women of Canada  
Rehabilitation International  
Rooftops Canada  
Roza

Save Africa Concerts Foundation  
School Sisters of Notre Dame  
Seniors Españoles para la Cooperación Técnica  
Sinha Institute of Medical Science and Technology  
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas  
Society for Comparative Legislation  
Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem  
Tchad agir pour l'environnement  
Teresian Association  
Tiye International  
To Love Children Educational Foundation International  
Transnational Radical Party  
UBUNTU Forum  
Union nationale de la femme tunisienne  
Unione Intercontinentale Casalinghe  
United Nations Watch  
Universal Esperanto Association  
Urban Justice Center  
Vikas Samiti  
Vital Voices Global Partnership  
Winvisible: Women with Visible and Invisible Disability  
Women Against Rape  
Women in Law and Development in Africa  
Women's Crisis Centre  
Women's Welfare Centre  
World Federalist Movement  
World Federation of Trade Unions  
World Information Transfer  
World Jewellery Confederation  
World Organization Against Torture  
World Peace and Economic Development Organization  
World Road Association  
World for World Organization  
Youth Empowerment Alliance

(f) To take note of the quadrennial reports for periods earlier than 2006-2009 submitted by the following seven organizations:

Amnesty International  
Heritage Foundation  
Human Rights Internet  
International Association of Judges  
International Federation for Human Rights Leagues  
Jammu and Kashmir Council for Human Rights  
Transnational Radical Party

(g) To note that the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations decided to close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following twenty-three non-governmental organizations, after those organizations had failed to respond, despite three reminders from the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to queries posed to them by members of the Committee:

American Humanist Association  
Association des femmes tunisiennes pour la recherche et le développement  
Assyrian Academic Society  
Centrum Mot Rasism  
Ecumenical Coalition on Tourism Foundation  
Elite Club  
European Renewable Energy Council  
EveryChild  
Forest Products Associations of Canada  
IBON Foundation  
Indian Confederation of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples (North-east zone)  
International Centre for Migration Health and Development  
International Refugee Rights Initiative  
Ivorian Hope Charity  
NATRIPAL  
Neda Institute for Scientific-Political Research  
Pain pour le prochain  
Psychology Beyond Borders  
Redeem Africa Foundation  
Solidarity: NGO of the Orthodox Church of Greece

UK Consortium on AIDS and International Development

Women's Ordination Conference

Zigen Fund

**Draft decision II**

**Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2011 regular session**

1. The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2011 regular session.

**II. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification, change of name and withdrawal of application received from non-governmental organizations**

2. The Committee considered agenda item 3, Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations, at its 1st to 10th and 12th to 16th meetings, from 31 January to 4 February and from 7 to on 9 February 2011. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/C.2/2011/R.2 and Add.1-16);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2011/R.3);

(c) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held during the period 1999-2010 (E/C.2/2011/CRP.1);

(d) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2011/CRP.3);

(e) Letter from the non-governmental organization Agape International Spiritual Center of Truth informing the Committee of the withdrawal of its application for consideration for consultative status.

3. The Committee considered agenda item 6 (c), 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: other related matters, at its 16th meeting, on 9 February. It had before it a compilation of requests from non-governmental organizations requesting change of name (E/C.2/2011/CRP.4).



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

4. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, at its 9th, 10th and 12th to 16th meetings, on 4 and 7 to 9 February. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it document E/C.2/2011/CRP.1.

### Applications recommended

5. The Committee recommended that, out of the 181 organizations whose applications had been deferred from previous sessions, the Economic and Social Council grant consultative status to the following 51 (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (a)):

#### *General consultative status*

Hope International

#### *Special consultative status*

5th Pillar

Afromedianet

Association de la jeunesse congolaise pour le développement

Association of World Reindeer Herders

Associazione Nazionale Volontarie Telefono Rosa

Athletes United for Peace

Aube nouvelle pour la femme et le développement

Behnam Daheshpour Charity Organization

Center for Global Community and World Law

Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation

Compassion Africa Aged Foundation

Coordinadora Española para el Lobby Europeo de Mujeres

Council for American Students in International Negotiations

Drug Prevention Network of Canada

Ecocosm Dynamics

Federación Internacional de Fe y Alegría

Foundation for the Development of Knowledge Suma Veritas

Framework Convention Alliance for Tobacco Control

Fundación Atenea Grupo

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Hydroaid  
International Ecological Safety Cooperative Organization  
International Federation of Psoriasis Associations  
International Human Rights Observer  
International Police Executive Symposium  
International Solidarity and Human Rights Institute  
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund  
Life for Africa  
Movement against Atrocities and Repression  
Mémorial de la Shoah  
National Association of Home Builders of the United States  
National Native Title Council  
New York and New Jersey Asian American Law Enforcement Advisory Committee  
Niall Mellon Township Trust  
Not for Sale Campaign  
Pan African Civil Society Network  
Pro-Life Campaign  
Sacro Militare Ordine Costantiniano di San Giorgio  
Schweizerische Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Jugendverbände  
Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology  
Soroptimist International of Europe  
South Sudanese Women Christian Mission for Peace  
UNIFEM Sweden  
United Kingdom Association for the United Nations Development Fund for Women  
Verband Entwicklungspolitik Deutscher Nichtregierungs-Organisationen  
Victorious Youths Movement  
Vivekananda Sevakendra-O-Sishu Uddyan  
Women Against Violence (Europe)  
Womensport International

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International Federation of Thanatologists Associations

**Applications deferred**

6. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 106 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2011 regular session:

All India Christian Council  
Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers  
American Bible Society  
Amuta for NGO Responsibility  
Anandilal Ganesh Podar Society  
Asia Catalyst  
Asia Center for Human Rights  
Asia Indigenous Peoples' Pact  
Asian-Eurasian Human Rights Forum  
Assyrian Aid Society (Iraq)  
Assyrian National Congress  
Australian Lesbian Medical Association  
Bridging the Gulf  
British Humanist Association  
Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara Occidental  
Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation  
Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir, Córdoba  
Centre des droits des gens (Maroc)  
Chamber of Computer Logistics People Worldwide  
Child Helpline International  
China Youth Development Foundation  
Christian Solidarity Worldwide  
Collectif des familles de disparu(e)s en Algérie  
Corrections India  
Council for International Development  
Creating Resources for Empowerment in Action  
Defense Small Arms Advisory Council  
Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association  
Ducuum  
Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement — Bwaise Facility

Equit Institute  
Erevna International Peace Center  
European Humanist Federation  
European Union Association in the United States  
European Window Film Association  
Foundation for GAIA  
Foundation for Human Horizon  
Freedom Now  
Freemuse: the World Forum on Music and Censorship  
GGS Institute of Information Communication Technology India  
Give to Colombia  
Global AIDS Alliance  
Global Family for Love and Peace  
Great Tao Foundation of America  
High Atlas Foundation  
Human Rights House Foundation  
IOGT International  
Indira Gandhi National Foundation  
Indo-European Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Institute of Noahide Code  
International Action Network on Small Arms  
International Campaign to Ban Landmines  
International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
International Council for Human Rights  
International Dalit Solidarity Network  
International Federation of Liberal Youth  
International Foundation for Electoral Systems  
International Institute of Security and Safety Management  
International Juvenile Justice Observatory  
International Lesbian and Gay Association  
International Organization for Victim Assistance  
International Prison Chaplains' Association  
International Reading Association  
International Senior Lawyers Project

Isfahan Minority Rights and Development  
Jananeethi: A People's Initiative for Human Rights  
Kashmiri American Council  
Kita Chosen Nanmin Kyuen Kikin  
Kosmos Associates  
Krityanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur  
Law Council of Australia  
Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre  
Mediators Beyond Borders  
Mundo sin Guerras  
Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights  
NGO Computer Literacy Shelter Welfare, Rawalpindi  
UNIFEM in Finland  
New World Hope Organization  
Palpung Munishasan Dharmachakra Sangh  
Peacebuilders  
People's Life Centre  
Program in International Human Rights Law  
Programme on Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights  
Project Green Nigeria  
REDRESS  
Restoration World Outreach Ministries  
SAHIL  
Scholars at Risk Network  
Search for Common Ground  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States  
Solicitors International Human Rights Group  
Soroptimist International of the Americas  
Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Council  
Students for Sensible Drug Policy  
Sudanese Mothers for Peace  
Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression  
Thin and High  
WITNESS

Widows for Peace Through Democracy  
Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights  
World Buddhist Supreme Tathagata Followers Peace Foundation  
World Igbo Congress  
World Toilet Organization  
Yale International Relations Association  
Yoga in Daily Life (United States of America)

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### **International Lesbian and Gay Association**

7. At its 10th meeting, on 4 February, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization International Lesbian and Gay Association.

8. The representative of Belgium, supported by the representative of the United States of America, called on the Committee to take a decision during the session on the application of the International Lesbian and Gay Association. He emphasized that members of the Committee had had ample time to consider the responses of the organization to the questions posed to it, since it had first applied over 10 years before. The representative of the Sudan stated that the Committee was still waiting for the non-governmental organization to submit a response to the questionnaire provided by the Committee. The representative of Morocco enquired of the Secretariat, on procedural grounds, whether voting on an application was possible while there were still outstanding issues regarding an organization.

9. The representative of Belgium stated that, while remaining fully respectful of the different positions taken by Committee members, he was nevertheless requesting a vote on the application without further delay. The representatives of Belgium and the United States of America stated that they believed the non-governmental organization had responded adequately to all issues covered in the questionnaire and that the posing of further questions was being used not to gain more information but to delay the decision-making process. Additionally, the representative of the United States of America affirmed that advocating for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights should not be used by the Committee as a disqualifying factor when it considered whether to grant consultative status. The representative of the Sudan, reiterating his position that no action should be taken while there were still questions awaiting a satisfactory answer from the organization, called for a no-action motion as regards the proposal of the representative of Belgium.

10. Citing rule 50 of the rules of procedures of the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary of the Committee stated that it was necessary first to vote on the no-action motion. If the motion proposed by the Sudan was carried, the debate on the application of the International Lesbian and Gay Association would be adjourned and the application of the International Lesbian and Gay Association would remain on the list of deferred applications.

11. The representatives of the United States of America and Bulgaria spoke in opposition to the no-action motion, while Senegal spoke in support of the motion.

12. The no-action motion was carried by a roll-call vote of 9 to 7, with 1 abstention and 2 absent. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Burundi, China, Morocco, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

*Against:*

Belgium, Bulgaria, India, Israel, Peru, Turkey, United States of America.

*Abstaining:*

Kyrgyzstan.

*Absent:*

Cuba, Mozambique.

13. The representatives of Nicaragua and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) stated that their delegations had voted in favour of the motion on procedural grounds, while the representative of Nicaragua further stated that she was willing to recommend the granting of consultative status to the non-governmental organization.

**Applications closed (without prejudice)**

14. At its 16th meeting, on 9 February, the Committee decided to close (without prejudice) consideration of the applications of 23 non-governmental organizations that, despite three reminders sent to them over two consecutive sessions, had not responded to the Committee's questions (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (g)).

**Withdrawal of application**

15. The Committee took note of the request of one non-governmental organization to have its application withdrawn (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (c)).

**Requests for change of name**

16. At its 16th meeting, on 9 February, the Committee considered seven requests by non-governmental organizations for change of name, as contained in document E/C.2/2011/CRP.4, and took note of the requests of six of those organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (d)).

17. At the same meeting, the Committee deferred, to its resumed session in May 2011, consideration of the request for change of name of the following organization:

Feminist Club (Special 2005) to the *Caucasian Feminist Initiative*

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

18. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, as contained in document E/C.2/2011/R.2 and Add.1-16, at its 3rd to 8th and 13th to 16th meetings, from 1 to 3 and on 8 and 9 February.

**New applications recommended**

19. Of the 171 organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 61 should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (a)):

*Special consultative status*

Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia  
Agewell Foundation  
Amigos do Protocolo de Kyoto  
Asociación Civil Educación, Ambiente y Territorio  
Association burkinabé pour la survie de l'enfance  
Association mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit  
Association femmes soleil d'Haiti  
Azerbaijan Turkey Business Association  
Azrbaycan Grinin Avro-Atlantika Tkilat  
Beijing Children's Legal Aid and Research Center  
Beijing Zhicheng Migrant Workers' Legal Aid and Research Center  
CLIPSAS  
China Energy Fund Committee  
China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation  
Concern for Environmental Development and Research  
Drammeh Institute  
Forum Azzahrae pour la femme marocaine  
Fundación Ecología y Desarrollo  
Grand Triangle  
Initiative du millénaire des femmes africaines contre la pauvreté et pour les droits humains  
Instituto para la Participación y el Desarrollo-INPADE-Asociación Civil  
International Administrative Science Association  
International Samaritan  
Istanbul Research Centre on Women  
Kadin Adaylari Destekleme ve Eđitme Derneđi  
Kenya Community Development Group  
Kikandwa Rural Communities Development Organization  
Leaders Organization



Livelihood NGO  
Minhaj-ul-Quran International  
Muhammadiyah Association  
National Association for Work Bless  
National Women's Studies and Information Center "Partnership for Development"  
OceanCare  
Organisation nationale des donateurs de sang bénévoles  
Organização das Famílias da Ásia e do Pacífico  
Patim  
Plan Suomi Säätiö  
Protection de l'environnement et de l'écosystème  
RESO-Femmes  
Roma Zaedno  
Rufaida Health Foundation  
Rural Development Centre  
Serve Train Educate People's Society  
Social Initiatives Support Fund  
Sucardif Association  
Sudanese Organization for Education Development  
Tamil Christian Broadcasting Network  
Terra-1530  
Think Youth Independent Association  
Turkish Philanthropy Funds  
Türk Kalp Vakfı  
Umid Support to Social Development Public Union  
United Help for International Children  
Univers de solidarité et de développement  
VAAGDHARA  
Women Watch Afrika, Inc.  
Women for Human Rights, single women group  
World Federation for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence

*Roster*

Hellenic Research and Educational Institute “Panos Mylonas” for Road Safety and the Prevention and Reduction of Traffic Accidents

Richbone Initiative Foundation

**Applications deferred**

20. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 110 non-governmental organizations pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2011 regular session:

A Better Life Foundation

AIDS Foundation East-West

Abibimman Foundation

Action sensibilisation sur les nouvelles technologies de l’information et de la communication

Action des chrétiens activistes des droits de l’homme à Shabunda

Africa Development Interchange Network

Africa Millennium Development Network

Agence de développement durable de Côte d’Ivoire

Aid the Children Network

All Women’s Empowerment and Development Association

Alliance Forum Foundation

AquaFed: International Federation of Private Water Operators

Asociación Nacional de Empresarios de Colombia

Asociación Panameña de Corredores y Promotores de Bienes Raíces

Association of Organisations of Mediterranean Businesswomen

Association of War-Affected Women

Association pour le développement durable

Autonomous Women’s Center

Baidarie

Batool Welfare Trust

British Columbia Civil Liberties Association

Business and Professional Women Voluntary Organization — Sudan

Cameroun terre nouvelle

Center for Global Nonkilling

Centre for Human Rights

Centre for International Sustainable Development Law

Cercle d'initiative commune pour la recherche, l'environnement et la qualité  
Childlink Foundation  
Children's Human Rights Centre of Albania  
Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre  
Crowley Children's Fund  
Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans  
Ensemble luttons contre le sida  
Environment Support Group  
First Nations Summit  
Foundation for the Future  
Free Africa Foundation  
Fundación Argentina a las Naciones Camino a la Verdad  
Fundación Mamonal  
Fundación País Libre  
Gender Links  
Gibh Varta Manch  
Gic technologies nouvelles au Cameroun  
Global Conscience Initiative  
Global Economist Forum  
Global Life Focus Network  
Global Organization for Human Empowerment and Rights  
Godwing Osung International Foundation (The African Project)  
Happy Hearts Fund  
Homosexuelle Initiative Wien  
Human Rights Association for Community Development in Assiut  
Human Rights Law Resource Centre  
Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa  
Human Rights Now  
Hunt Alternatives Fund  
Ilingwesi Afya Program  
Indira Gandhi Integral Education Centre  
International Center for Alcohol Policies  
Iran Human Rights Documentation Center  
Jordan Career Education Foundation

Jordanian Women's Union  
Karat Coalition  
Kerman Raad  
Korean Bar Association  
Kuchlak Welfare Society  
Lawyers for Lawyers  
Life Academy of Vocational Studies  
Mental Health Initiative for Africans in Crisis  
Microbase  
Mouvement des entreprises de taille humaine, industrielles et commerciales  
National Council of Child Rights Advocates, Nigeria: South West Zone  
National Rural Development Society  
New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative  
Niger Delta Women's Movement for Peace and Development  
Odhikar: Coalition for Human Rights  
Overseas Development Institute  
PFI Foundation  
Policy Research  
Real Medicine Foundation  
Reality of Aid Network  
Rural Community Development Programme  
Rural Development Organization  
SOS Éducation  
STEER Foundation  
Second Amendment Foundation  
Self-Help Development Facilitators  
Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre  
Shohratgarh Environmental Society  
Sisterhood Agenda  
Skyian Welfare Organization  
Social Development International  
Society for Human Advancement and Disadvantaged Empowerment  
Society for Research in Child Development  
Somali Community Access Network

South Asian Forum for Environment  
Sree Research and Charitable Trust  
The Fishermen  
Training for Women Network  
Trust for Sustainable Livelihoods  
Udyama  
Un Techo para mi País  
Union Internationale des voyageurs  
Vision Welfare Group  
West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation  
Western Cape Therapeutic Community Centre  
Women Advocates Research and Documentation Center  
World Council of Press  
Young People We Care  
Youth Bridge Foundation  
Youth Empowerment Synergy

**Requests for reclassification**

21. At its 11th meeting, on 7 February, the Committee, having considered requests from 11 organizations for reclassification of consultative status, as contained in documents E/C.2/2011/R.3 and E/C.2/2011/CRP.3, as decided to recommend reclassification of 3 of those organizations from special to general status and 3 from the Roster to special status (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (b)).

22. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the matter of the reclassification of consultative status of the following five organizations:

Covenant House  
Family Health International  
International Federation of Consular Corps and Associations  
Junior Chamber International  
United States Trademark Association

23. With respect to the International Union against Cancer, the Committee, having considered the request of the organization for reclassification, which had been deferred from previous sessions, decided to recommend reclassification from the Roster to special consultative status.

### **III. 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 with the Council**

24. At its 11th meeting, on 7 February 2011, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of 23 quadrennial reports submitted by 19 non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council on their activities during the period 1999-2010, whose consideration had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2011/CRP.2). Of those 23 reports, it took note of 7, from the following organizations:

Amnesty International (2004-2007)  
Heritage Foundation (2003-2006)  
Human Rights Internet (2003-2006)  
International Federation for Human Rights Leagues (2004-2007)  
International Federation of Journalists (2005-2008)  
Jammu and Kashmir Council for Human Rights (2005-2008)  
Transnational Radical Party (2003-2006)

25. The Committee decided to further defer consideration of the 16 quadrennial reports of the following 12 organizations deferred from previous sessions, pending receipt of their response to questions posed by the Committee:

Christian Democratic International (1994-1997), (1998-2001)/Centrist Democrat International (2001-2004)<sup>2</sup>  
CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizen Participation (2004-2007)  
Freedom House (2003-2006)  
Human Rights Watch (2005-2008)  
International Federation of Journalists (2005-2008)  
International Network of Liberal Women (2003-2006)  
International Press Institute (2001-2004), (2005-2008)  
International Union of Socialist Youth (2005-2008)  
National Council of Women of Thailand (2000-2003)  
Reporters sans frontières international (2005-2008)  
Society for Threatened Peoples (2001-2004), (2005-2008)  
Ukrainian World Congress (2003-2006)

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<sup>2</sup> Christian Democratic International, which had submitted reports for 1994-1997 and 1998-2001, changed its name to Centrist Democrat International, which submitted a report for 2001-2004.

26. At the 11th meeting, on 7 February, a draft decision for consideration by the Committee was introduced by the representative of the United States of America under agenda item 4 (a), Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, by which note would be taken of the quadrennial report of Amnesty International, consideration of which had been deferred for two years. The representative of Cuba stated that while he did not wish to further defer consideration of the report, he wished first to receive answers to the questions posed. After a discussion among the Committee members, they agreed to adjourn briefly in order to consider the information available on the organization's website concerning the questions posed, which was then distributed. After consideration of the information by its members, the Committee took note of the report by consensus without proceeding to consideration of the tabled draft decision. Subsequently, the representative of Cuba stated that the distribution of the information available on the website of the non-governmental organization should not constitute a precedent in respect of future consideration of quadrennial reports.

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

27. The Committee considered item 4 (b) of its agenda, Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, at its 11th meeting, on 7 February. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General containing 208 new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2011/2 and Add.1-16), of which the Committee took note of 205 (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (e)).

28. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the new quadrennial reports submitted by the following three organizations, pending receipt of their responses to questions posed by the Committee:

Asian Legal Resource Centre

Becket Fund for Religious Liberty

International PEN

29. At the 2010 regular session, held from 25 January to 3 February 2010, during consideration of the application for consultative status of the non-governmental organization Plan Sweden, it had been brought to the attention of the Committee that Plan Sweden is a member of the larger umbrella non-governmental organization Plan International, which has enjoyed Roster status since 1981. The Committee consequently decided to request a report from Plan International for consideration at its 2011 regular session with a view to deciding whether to recommend that it be reclassified, as appropriate, in accordance with paragraph 61 (c) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31. At its 11th meeting, on 7 February, the Committee recommended reclassifying Plan International from the Roster to special consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (b)).

#### **IV. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat; and General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network**

30. At its 1st meeting, on 31 January 2011, the Committee considered jointly agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, and agenda item 8, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network, and heard oral reports made by the Secretariat.

31. Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan and China, who welcomed the noticeable improvements in the work of the Branch, encouraged continued progress and expressed their support for further strengthening of the Branch.

#### **V. 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**

##### **Other related matters**

##### **Recommendations for improving the working methods of the Committee**

32. At the 11th meeting, on 7 February 2011, following informal discussions, proposals were considered for improving the working methods of the Committee and expediting the process of reviewing applications. The Committee agreed to utilize the time allocated for dialogue with non-governmental organizations for this purpose only. At its 16th meeting, on 9 February, the Committee agreed to hold an informal intersessional meeting before the start of the resumed session in order to continue its discussion on the matter.

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

33. The Committee had no special reports before it at its 2011 regular session.



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

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

34. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2011 regular session from 31 January to 9 February and on 3 March 2011. The Committee held 17 meetings (1st to 17th).

35. The session was opened by the Vice-Chair of the 2010 sessions of the Committee, Edgard Pérez (Peru), who served as temporary Chair.

36. At the 1st meeting, on 31 January, the Chair of the Committee, Aydan Karamanoğlu (Turkey), made an opening statement. An introductory statement was made by the Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.

### **B. Attendance**

37. The session was attended by 19 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for non-Member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants will be made available from <http://www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo>.

38. At its 2011 regular session, the Committee heard 13 representatives of non-governmental organizations, 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**

39. At its 1st meeting, on 31 January, the Committee elected Aydan Karamanoğlu (Turkey) as Chair and Marghoob Saleem Butt (Pakistan), Mansour Ciss (Senegal), Edgard Pérez (Peru) and Maria Pavlova Tzotzorkova (Bulgaria) as Vice-Chairs.

40. At the 16th meeting, on 9 February, it was decided that the Vice-Chair (Pakistan), would also serve as Rapporteur.

### **D. Agenda**

41. At its 1st meeting, on 31 January, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its 2011 session as contained in document E/C.2/2011/1. 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 status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
  4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:
    - (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;
    - (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.
  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 Economic and Social 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 in 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 2012 session of the Committee.
  10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.
42. At the same meeting, the Committee approved its organization of work, as contained in working paper No. 1, and agreed on its programme of work, as contained in an informal chart.

## **VIII. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2011 regular session**

43. At its 17th meeting, on 3 March 2011, the Committee adopted the present report.