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1. International Higher Education Academy of Sciences

General, 2002

Introduction

The International Higher Education Academy of Sciences is an authoritative and influential non-governmental organization which includes about 1,300 individual members from 46 countries, including the Russian Federation and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries, as well as the United States of America, Germany, France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Japan, China, Brazil, Mexico, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, Togo and New Zealand. National departments (or branches) of the organization established in the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, the Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia, as well as interregional departments and centres, have organized and coordinated activities of the members of the organization in separate countries and regions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main objectives of the organization are the scientific substantiation and active assistance of the development of science and education, economic upsurge, social prosperity and spiritual potential. The priorities of the organization are: formation of the main principals of educational policy and philosophy; investigation of the higher education system; development of new educational technologies; formation of a common educational space in CIS countries; investigation of academic and professional mobility in the Eurasian region; national education systems reform; addressing the difficulties that the Russian Federation and other countries confront with regard to joining and conforming with the Bologna process; developing innovative education and processes in the sphere of higher education, as well as commercializing scientific results; advocating for laws supporting the activities of scientists and educators; and providing assistance for the development of new sciences and technologies.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization promotes the mandates of the United Nations in Europe and Asia. It also initiated the creation of the CIS Council on Cooperation in Education.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization investigates academic and professional mobility in the Eurasian region, determines the basic principles for the implementation of higher education reform in the Russian Federation and the provision of fundamental scientific education and elaborates principles and procedures for innovative education.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization promotes the Millennium Development Goals by ensuring equal access to higher education for youth in the Russian Federation and the CIS countries regardless of economic conditions and nationality by promoting an innovative educational system and prioritizing technical education.

2. International Investment Centre**Special, 1998****Introduction**

The International Investment Centre is a membership-based non-profit organization. The organization is active in the Russian Federation, the Commonwealth of Independent States, the European Union and the United States. The organization follows the principles set forth by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international law, the Constitution of the Russian Federation, and regulations set out in its charters. The activity of the organization is based on the principles of volunteering, equal rights, self-government and lawfulness.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Centre's goals are to ensure the sustainable economic and democratic development of society based on mutually beneficial cooperation; assist in the development of small- and medium-sized business, including the promotion of international economic connections; assist in the protection of human rights; and assist in the development of education.

Significant changes in the organization

In May 2010, the organization opened its representative office in Geneva.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization organized four international conferences in Geneva, three of which were held at the Palais des Nations. The topics were: public diplomacy and youth volunteering, the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), and international cooperation and innovation as a tool for social and economic changes. Those conferences were attended by representatives of 15 countries, the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), CERN, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, government bodies, universities, non-governmental organizations and youth activists.

In 2013, the organization co-organized an international conference in Moscow on civil society and international partnership in the field of education, science, culture, environment and business, which aimed at establishing strong ties between civil society organizations and Brazil, the Russian Federation, India, China, and South Africa.

On 3 October 2011, within the framework of the Social Forum, the organization held a side event at the Palais des Nations on youth as a resource for sustainable development, at which the Special Rapporteur on the right to education made a presentation.

During the reporting period, organization specialists took an active part in the work of the ECE team of specialists in public-private partnerships and the ECE team of specialists in innovations and competitiveness policy.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Delegations from the organization attended meetings of the General Assembly in New York on 19 and 20 September 2011 and on 17 September 2013. The organization also participated in the following meetings:

- Thirteenth session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 1 to 26 March 2010
- Fourteenth session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 31 May to 18 June 2010
- Sessions of the ECE, held in Geneva in December 2010, April 2011, May 2011, April 2012, October 2012, December 2012, February 2013, June 2013 and October 2013
- Thirty-eighth session of the Industrial Development Board, held in Vienna from 24 to 26 November 2010
- Fortieth session of the Industrial Development Board, held in Vienna from 20 to 22 November 2012
- Second special session of the General Conference of the Industrial Development Board, held in Vienna on 28 June 2013
- The 2011 Social Forum, held in Geneva from 3 to 5 October 2011

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has cooperated with:

- The Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration of ECE, on public-private partnerships in innovations and competitiveness policy, with the Committee on Environmental Policy, from 2010-2013
- The United Nations Industrial Development Organization, as a non-governmental organization in consultative status, from 2010-2013
- The United Nations Development Programme, to implement a project on sustainable development and integration in the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania in 2010

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

For Goal 1, the organization joined the Russian Chamber of Commerce as a member of the Committee for Foreign Economic Activities in 2013; on 25 December 2013, the organization organized a round table in the State Duma of

the Russian Federation on the legislative dimension of mechanisms for attracting investment to the regions.

For Goal 6, the organization organized a round table on the prevention of alcoholism among minors, held in the State Duma of the Russian Federation on 25 May 2011, and organized a conference on the medical-ecological and socioeconomic problems of harmful dependencies among minors on 2 June 2011.

For Goal 7, the organization facilitated a round table with the youth movement *Sdelaem!* on energy efficient city and ecology, held from 19 to 21 October 2011, during the fourth Russian municipal congress. It also undertook 11 volunteer actions with regard to parks cleaning and waste collection during 2012 and 14 such actions in 2013.

For Goal 8, the organization took part in the third Moscow business forum on partnership, leadership and perspectives held on 15 May 2013.

3. International La Strada Association

Special, 2010

Introduction

The International La Strada Association is registered under Dutch law and serves as the secretariat of the La Strada International network, which comprises eight independent member organizations based in Belarus, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Moldova, the Netherlands, Poland and Ukraine. Member organizations work mostly at the national level, whereas the international secretariat focuses primarily on Europe but also monitors global development in the fields of human trafficking and migration.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims at influencing the authorities, the media and public opinion to regard trafficking as a serious human rights violation. The organization develops and offers protection and prevention activities for trafficked persons, people vulnerable to trafficking and other affected groups. The objectives of the organization are to: inform persons about the risks of trafficking and how to protect themselves; provide short- and long-term assistance to people who have been trafficked and defend and advocate for their rights; provide safe return and reintegration programmes for trafficked persons; raise awareness of trafficking as a violation of human rights; advocate for national and international actions to combat trafficking in persons based on the human rights approach to trafficking; address the root causes of trafficking; train professionals such as police, service providers and border officials on trafficking issues; and build strong and independent non-governmental organizations in Central and Eastern Europe.

Significant changes in the organization

In June 2012 the organization decided to terminate the membership of La Strada Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization:

- Organized a side event to the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, entitled “Access to justice: Ensuring compensation for trafficked persons” held in Vienna on 19 October 2010, and participated in a press conference
- Participated in the expert consultation convened by the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, on the right to an effective remedy for trafficked persons, held in Bratislava on 22 and 23 November 2010
- Organized, with the Permanent Missions of Germany and the Philippines, and participated in a panel discussion on compensation for trafficked persons at the seventeenth session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva on 31 May 2011
- Organized a side event for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe/Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights in 2011
- Participated in the fifty-seventh session of Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 4 to 15 March 2013

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- In 2011, members of the organization’s office in Belarus had consultations with the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, on compensation issues and the right to legal redress
- In 2011, members of the organization’s office in the Republic of Moldova contributed to the preparation of an alternative report on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, with regard to violence against women and human trafficking
- In February 2011, the organization participated in an online discussion forum launched at the initiative of the Special Rapporteur, through the Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking website, on the draft basic principles on the right to an effective remedy for trafficked persons
- In 2012, members of the organization’s office in the Czech Republic sent a contribution to the fourteenth session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group
- In 2012, members of the organization’s office in Ukraine made a submission to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women regarding human trafficking in Ukraine
- In 2012, members of the organization’s office in Ukraine made a submission to the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women regarding gender discrimination in advertising

- In 2013, members of the organization's office in Belarus submitted comments to the Universal Periodic Review Working Group regarding Belarus
- In 2013, members of the organization's office in Ukraine made a submission to the Universal Periodic Review Working Group concerning human trafficking, gender equality, domestic violence, gender discrimination and children's rights

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls is a priority for the organization and its member organizations, and it is included in all its activities — from the provision of services to victims of violence, to the prevention of human trafficking, as well as in the areas of national and international lobbying and advocacy.

4. International Network for Sustainable Energy

Special, 1998

Introduction

The International Network for Sustainable Energy is a network of 150 non-governmental organizations. The organization was established in 1992 at the Global Forum, held in parallel to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The vision of the organization is a world where the energy services necessary for human-centred development are provided in a sustainable way by using renewable energy. The organization is a global network of independent, non-governmental organizations working for sustainable energy solutions to reduce poverty and protect the environment. Members of the organization are dedicated to achieving: equal access for all to energy services; an improved basis for income generation through renewable energy solutions, in particular for the poor; an increase in efficiency and a reduction in pollution from the utilization of traditional fuels, in particular to improve the conditions of labour for women; a reduction in pollution to environmentally sustainable levels, including greenhouse gas emissions, through an increase in the efficiency of current conventional energy production, conversion, transportation, distribution and use and through the enhanced use of locally available renewable energy resources; and the total phase-out of nuclear power.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization participated in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012. As a non-governmental organization, it contributed to formulating the environmental

non-governmental organization major group statements to the above-mentioned conference. The organization also contributed to the women's major group statement and to a proposal for the Technology Executive Committee of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on international energy efficiency standards in 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following events and organized exhibitions and side events:

- Nineteenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Warsaw from 11 to 22 November 2013
- Eighteenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Doha from 26 November to 8 December 2012
- Seventeenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Durban, South Africa from 28 November to 9 December 2011
- Sixteenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Cancun, Mexico from 29 November to 10 December 2010

The organization also actively participated in:

- Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development with the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, held in Geneva on 10 October 2011
- The sixth session of the Open Working Group of the General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization mainly participated in processes related to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, and in the work of the Climate Technology Centre and Network.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization published "Gender, Climate and Energy: 2001-2012" in 2013, "Energy Access Publication Online: Sustainable Energy Cases from Africa and Asia" in 2012, and "Combining Energy Access and Climate Protection" in 2014. It is implementing a project on the Southern voice on climate change for the period from 2011-2014.

5. International Psychoanalytical Association Trust

Special, 1998

Introduction

The International Psychoanalytical Association Trust was created in 1910 with the mission to ensure the continued vigour and development of psychoanalysis as a theory of human psychological development and a treatment of certain mental disorders. The Association works closely with its constituent organizations in each continent to provide standards of training, conferences, international congresses, and to develop clinical, education and research programmes. Membership has increased from 240 in 1920 to over 12,000.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization include creating new psychoanalytic groups, stimulating debate, conducting research, developing training policies and establishing links with other organizations. It organizes a biennial congress that is open to all. Its mission is to assure the continued development of psychoanalysis for the benefit of psychoanalytic patients. It works in partnership with 70 constituent organizations in 33 countries to support its more than 12,000 members.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization brings international issues and concerns to the psychoanalytic profession with a view to developing a methodology linking individual development to socioeconomic development in the world community. The organization assesses the state of the discipline and practice of psychoanalysis in the light of such international concerns as conflict prevention and resolution, the effects of prejudice with regard to ethnicity, gender, violence and child abuse, and the general promotion of international welfare.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- Fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 1 to 12 March 2010
- Fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 22 February to 4 March 2011
- Fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 27 February to 9 March 2012
- Fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 4 to 15 March 2013
- Forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York on 19 February 2010 and from 9 to 18 February 2011

- Fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York from 1 to 10 February 2012
- Fifty-first session of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York on 10 February 2012, 20 December 2012 and from 6 to 15 February 2013
- Forty-fourth session of the Commission on Population and Development, held in New York from 11 to 15 April 2011
- Forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development, held in New York from 23 to 27 April 2012
- Forty-sixth session of the Commission on Population and Development, held in New York from 20 to 26 April 2013
- Nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York from 2 to 13 May 2011
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro from 20 to 22 June 2012
- Twentieth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York on 20 September 2013
- Tenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, held in New York from 16 to 27 May 2011
- Fifty-second session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, held in New York from 9 to 27 July 2012
- Fourth session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, held in New York from 12 to 15 August 2013
- 109th session of the Human Rights Committee, held in Geneva from 14 October to 1 November 2013

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization assisted the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women with the registration and orientation of thousands of attendees at the fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth, fifty-sixth, and fifty-seventh sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, as part of its role as the chairman of the Non-Governmental Organization Committee on the Status of Women. The organization also assisted in the organization of hundreds of side events, round tables and meetings with high-level officials during sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women. Representatives from the organization made presentations on mental health at each annual conference and made an oral intervention during the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2011.

At the sixth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the organization presented at a panel on mental health and disabilities on 18 July 2013.

At the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, the organization contributed its expertise on the stages of human development.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals include:

- In August 2011, at the biennial meeting of the organization, held in Mexico City, it held panels and workshops on human rights and mental health
- In August 2013, at the biennial meeting of the organization, held in Prague, it held workshops on prejudice, racism, human rights and genocide
- Each year, the organization holds events during the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women on maternal health and the education of girls

6. International Relations Students' Association of McGill University

Special, 2006

Introduction

The International Relations Students' Association of McGill is a federally incorporated not-for-profit corporation.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to facilitate youth empowerment, leadership, and awareness. It strives to do that by providing students with various platforms for engaging in discussions of international relations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The activities of the organization aim at identifying solutions to problems and encouraging respect for universal human rights and fundamental freedoms in the following ways:

(a) The organization hosts two Model United Nations conferences in Montreal, Canada. Each four-day conference is attended by 1,500 university students annually while the Secondary Schools' United Nations Symposium invites 1,000 high school students annually from North America, South America and Africa. It also hosts the annual International Relations Simulation in November, a one-day Model United Nations conference attended by 200 McGill students;

(b) The organization sends delegations of 8-12 students to participate in Model United Nations conferences hosted by other universities in North America and selects 6 conferences per year for delegations to attend;

(c) The McGill International Review is a print journal of academic articles written by students on international issues published annually. The online platform features short opinion pieces on global issues;

(d) Junior Peacemakers is a student-run initiative enabling volunteers from McGill University to visit elementary schools within Montreal to deliver French and English workshops on human rights and global inequality. The initiative educates over 500 young individuals, challenging them to seek innovative solutions to global issues;

(e) The development agenda of the United Nations Economic and Social Council is supported through the following initiatives: the organization sends McGill University students to volunteer with non-profit organizations across Montreal, serving meals to the homeless and unemployed. Through an international effort between the organization, English Opens Doors and the Ministry of Education in Chile, it implements Proyecto Aprender, sending 15-30 students to teach in marginalized communities in Chile (from May to July 2010 and from May to July 2011). The organization also partnered with Maximo Nivel (a non-profit organization accredited by the Ministries of Education in Guatemala and Peru) and sent McGill students to teach English to street children at local primary schools in Guatemala in May 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Each year, delegations of 5-12 students have attended the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women. Participants researched relevant topics before the conferences in order to contribute to the discussions during side and parallel events.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2013, the Secondary Schools' United Nations Symposium raised funds and donated money to the World Food Programme. In 2011 and 2012, the organization raised funds for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization raises awareness of the Millennium Development Goals through various programmes, such as the Model United Nations conferences which give students the opportunity to research United Nations assembly topics that are debated and developed into resolutions during the conference. Through that exercise, students are able to learn about the United Nations and the Millennium Development Goals. The organization also supports awareness of the Millennium Development Goals through the McGill International Review which provides a platform for students to share their insights on the goals. Its Junior Peacemakers programme raises awareness of current global issues and themes.

7. International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication

Special, 2006

Introduction

The International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication is a worldwide alliance with over 3,500 members in 60 countries that works to create

opportunities for people who communicate with little or no speech. Through its global network, the organization supports and encourages the best possible augmentative and alternative communication methods. It has 16 national and regional chapters in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, India, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Taiwan Province of China, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is a charitable organization dedicated to promoting the best possible communication for people with complex communication needs. Its vision is that augmentative and alternative communication will be recognized, valued and used throughout the world. Achieving that vision of a world where everyone can communicate involves people who use augmentative and alternative communication and their families, professional service providers and researchers, manufacturers and government representatives working together to make augmentative and alternative communication known and available to all who are unable to speak. The organization does much of its grass-roots work through its chapters, which are groups of members who address the mission of the organization within their country or region.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributes in the following ways:

(a) Supports the developing world to build capacity in augmentative and alternative communication;

(b) Hosted biennial conferences in 2010 and 2012 to bring together almost 1,200 delegates from over 35 countries to present scientific papers, provide a forum for companies in the augmentative and alternative communication and disability sectors to market their products and services, and allow people who use augmentative and alternative communication and their families to share common experiences. It also recognizes the individual contributions of its members through a host of other awards;

(c) Celebrates the International Augmentative and Alternative Communication Awareness Month each year in October through its chapters, and promotes local, national, and regional events to better publicize augmentative and alternative communication and the needs of people who use augmentative and alternative communication;

(d) Encourages research activities through its peer-reviewed scientific journal, *Augmentative and Alternative Communication*, as well as through travel assistance grants and awards.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Members of the organization attended the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on disability and development, held in New York on 23 September 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization held discussions in 2013 with the World Health Organization (WHO), in support of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse's proposed revision of the International Classification of Diseases-10 on mental and behavioural disorders.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization observed International Augmentative and Alternative Communication Awareness Month every October between 2010 and 2013, organizing events, activities and publicity designed to increase awareness of augmentative and alternative communication, people who use augmentative and alternative communication and their families.

8. International Society of Doctors for the Environment

Special, 2002

Introduction

The International Society of Doctors for the Environment is an independent non-governmental non-profit organization composed of medical doctors and others in related fields. It has national and regional member organizations in over 35 countries. The executive office of the organization, located in Switzerland, coordinates research, information and training activities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization includes family doctors, researchers, clinicians, as well as specialists of all branches of health care who are aware of the ecological problems affecting human health and safety. It is concerned about the rise in the incidence of pathological conditions related to environmental degradation and is resolved to offer its communities answers in terms of medical care, advocacy and promotion of effective preventive actions. The organization was established as a tool for educating and updating physicians and the general public, and stimulating awareness and initiatives by public and private bodies, in particular governmental agencies. It has over 30,000 members and is continually growing. It fosters contacts and cooperative efforts with international, regional and local organizations and non-governmental organizations to support projects of international relevance, and to link up national groups working on local projects.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's country programmes work to promote understanding of the serious health consequences and preventable causes of climate change and the serious health effects of the increasing number of environmental pollutants. Those serious detrimental health effects impact especially women and children and

potentially increase poverty because people who are ill cannot work efficiently or effectively. Members of the organization participated in the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety, now part of the Strategic Alliance for International Chemical Management, working on nanoparticles, lead, mercury and cadmium. It submitted a proposal to add environmentally persistent pharmaceuticals to the agenda for the next meeting.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings:

- Fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 22 February to 4 March 2011
- Fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 27 February to 9 March 2012
- Fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 4 to 15 March 2013
- Nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York from 2 to 13 May 2011
- Second and third rounds of informal-informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, as a member of the health subcommittee of the non-governmental organization stakeholder group
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro from 20 to 22 June 2012
- Tenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, held in New York from 16 to 27 May 2011
- Twelfth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, held in New York from 20 to 31 May 2013
- Major Groups and other Stakeholders' briefing days, held in New York on 20 and 22 September 2013
- Intersessional meeting between major groups and other stakeholders on the sustainable development goals, held on 22 November 2013

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization participated in the sixty-third Annual Conference of the United Nations Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations, held in Melbourne, Australia, from 30 August to 1 September 2010; it co-chaired the expert committee, taking the responsibility for writing the outcome document. The organization was also a subcommittee member of the sixty-fourth Annual Conference of the United Nations Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations, held in Bonn, Germany, from 3 to 5 September 2011.

The organization attended the semi-annual meetings of the WHO governing body and the annual meetings of the United Nations Environment Programme regional offices in North America, Latin America and the Caribbean and Europe.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The work of the organization does not directly address any Millennium Development Goals but is relevant to the achievement of all of them.

Additional Information

The organization cooperated and consulted with the secretariat of the civil society organization Control Arms to bring environmental health concerns to the talks leading up to the Arms Trade Treaty of 2 April 2013 and the ongoing plan of action for small arms and light weapons.

9. International Union for the Scientific Study of Population

Special, 1950

Introduction

The International Union for the Scientific Study of Population is a professional association that brings together over 2,000 researchers, scholars, policymakers and 500 student members from 136 countries to cooperate on a wide range of population issues.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to promote the scientific study of population, encourage exchange between researchers around the globe, and stimulate interest in population issues.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Union participated in meetings of the Commission on Population and Development, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Union activities advance research, stimulate policy dialogue and result in publications on issues that are of concern to the United Nations, including reproductive and sexual health, HIV/AIDS, the well-being of adolescents and young people, international migration, internal migration and urbanization, ageing, and population and the environment. The Union organized the twenty-seventh session of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population International Population Conference, held in Busan, Republic of Korea, from 26-31 August 2013 which was attended by over 2,000 population scientists, students and policymakers from 106 countries and at which the United Nations Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund addressed the audience by videoconference. The Union held 40 seminars, expert meetings, workshops and conferences in 21 countries, as well as 5 cyberseminars on population and environment issues. It has published reports, peer-reviewed journal articles and policy papers based on its seminars and activities.

The Union cooperated with UNFPA to produce and establish two online distance learning programmes, namely the Tools for Demographic Estimation (implemented by a team led by the University of Cape Town), and the Population Analysis for Policies and Programmes (implemented by a team led by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the Union presented a statement at the Tenth Coordination Meeting on International Migration, organized by the Population Division, held in New York from 9 to 10 February 2012, and submitted a statement at the informal interactive hearings in preparation for the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, held in New York on 15 July 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated and/or received support from United Nations bodies for the organization of the following activities:

- International seminar on youth migration and transitions to adulthood in developing countries (2010)
- International seminar on internal migration and urbanization and their socioeconomic impacts in developing countries: new forms, increasing complexity, diversified patterns, and policy responses (2011)
- International seminar on demographic perspectives on forced migration and refugees (2012)
- International seminar on socioeconomic stratification and fertility before, during and after the demographic transition (2012)
- International seminar on violence in adolescence and youth in developing countries (2012)
- International seminar on understanding and addressing unmet needs in family planning (2013)

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Union organized two international seminars relevant to Millennium Development Goal 5, the subjects of which were the impact and sustainability of increasing the use of reproductive health services through community-based and health care financing programmes, held in Thailand in 2012, and understanding and addressing the unmet needs with regard to family planning, held in Kenya in 2013.

10. International Women's Year Liaison Group

Special, 1998

Introduction

The International Women's Year Liaison Group consists of 35 nationwide women's organizations from a wide range of beliefs and creeds with the common

aim of abolishing discrimination against women in order to achieve the goals of equality, development and peace in Japan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the Group are to implement the objectives of the twelve critical areas of concern set out in the Beijing Platform for Action in order to realize a gender equal society. Its main course of action is lobbying through letters to governments, including local governments, political parties and relevant bodies and organizing consultations with women parliamentarians. It has consistently demanded that Japan adopt policies to promote gender equality and strengthen institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In July 2013, the organization submitted its views on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women through the Gender Equality Bureau of the Cabinet Office in Japan, for its seventh and eighth reports on the Convention.

The organization actively participated in the conferences and small group discussions of the Foreign Ministry of Japan/Non-Governmental Organization Conferences on national action plans to implement Security Council resolution 1325 (2000), held in September 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated as observers or as advisors to the delegation of the Government of Japan, and facilitated or participated in side events organized with the Government in the following meetings:

- Fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 1 to 12 March 2010
- Fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 22 February to 4 March 2011
- Fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 27 February to 9 March 2012
- Fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 4 to 15 March 2013
- Meetings of the Third Committee held during the sixty-fifth, sixty-sixth, sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions of the General Assembly
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro from 20 to 22 June 2012
- Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development, held in Yokohama, Japan, from 1 to 3 June 2013

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Some members of the international relations development committee of the organization attended consultation meetings and discussed contributions on global issues, such as sexual reproductive health and rights, infectious diseases including HIV/AIDS, and official development assistance for the Foreign Ministry of Japan/Non-Governmental Organization Conferences held between 2010 and 2013.

11. Interregional Union of Life Help for Mentally Handicapped Persons “Sail of Hope”**Special, 2002****Introduction**

The Interregional Union of Life Help for Mentally Handicapped Persons “Sail of Hope” is an organization which works on specific forms of upbringing, education, medical and labour rehabilitation for mentally disabled persons and persons with disabilities and promotes their integration in society. It is based in Moscow but has regional chapters elsewhere in the Russian Federation.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims at protecting the rights of mentally disabled persons and their parents. It seeks to: cooperate with qualified specialists to provide legal, medical, pedagogical and psychological assistance to mentally disabled persons and their parents; set up training centres and create workplaces for mentally disabled persons with the goal of guaranteeing employment and raising material well-being; promote a healthy way of living; cooperate with mass media to raise awareness of the problems of mentally disabled persons; and organize charitable competitions, festivals, exhibitions, auctions, lotteries, cultural sports and other entertainment.

Significant changes in the organization

The Union became a member of the Global Water Partnership as of 2012.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization provided special courses for women working in the media, from May-October 2011; participated in the International Congress of Patients held in Moscow in December 2012; participated in the International High-level Conference on Decent Work, organized by the International Labour Organization and held in Moscow on 11 and 12 December 2012; implemented a project with Bulgaria on setting up Schools of Water in 2013; implemented a project with Latvia to set up a School of Social Journalism from 2013-2014; participated in the World Summit for Education, held in Doha from 29 to 31 October 2013; and organized an international conference on civil society and international partnership in education,

science, culture, ecology and business in Brazil, the Russian Federation, India, China and South Africa, held in Moscow in November 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Union participated in the following meetings:

- Third session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, held in New York from 1 to 3 September 2010
- Nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York from 2 to 13 May 2011
- Tenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, held in New York from 16 to 27 May 2011
- Fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 27 February to 9 March 2012
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro from 20 to 22 June 2012, and organized a side event on water for life and against disability
- Fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 4 to 15 March 2013
- Economic and Social Council high-level segment on science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals, held in Geneva in July 2013
- High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities: the way forward, a disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond, held in New York on 23 September 2013

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Union, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, organized an international conference on civil society and international partnership in education, science, culture, ecology and business of Brazil, the Russian Federation, India, China, and South Africa, held in Moscow in November 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

For Goal 1, the Union organized professional training and employment opportunities for people with disabilities, and for Goal 7, the organization implemented projects in the field of water and sanitation.

12. Italian Association for Aid to Children

Special, 2006

Introduction

The Italian Association for Aid to Children works in China, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Thailand, Bangladesh, Nepal, India, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Italy and Colombia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization has dedicated itself to defending the basic rights of children to live, to be healthy, to have a family and an education, to play and to be innocent everywhere around the world. Its goal is to prevent children from being abandoned. It builds and supports new sanitary structures, first aid units, doctors' offices and schools; sponsors centres for single mothers; supplies structures for the care of street children, victims of violence, sexual abuse or prostitution; and sponsors microcredit activities to support women in difficulty.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization implemented the child-friendly school initiative developed by UNICEF in Cambodia. As female infanticide in India is a major issue, the organization developed a programme in 2006 for the prevention of female infanticide in Tamil Nadu, India. The organization contributed to the organization of the national conference on integrated child protection schemes in Bhubaneswar, India on 1 November 2011. The conference was promoted by the local government and UNICEF. At the conference, the organization led a workshop on training and support for the adoptive family: the Italian experience. It participated in the Global Campaign for Education, a civil society initiative in support of the work of the United Nations in achieving the Millennium Development Goal 2 on education.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with United Nations bodies in the following ways:

- In 2011, the organization participated in a research project about street children in Addis Ababa promoted by UNICEF
- In 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013, the organization contributed to the work of the Italian non-governmental organization group at sessions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child
- In 2012, the organization collaborated with UNICEF Viet Nam on the study of ready-to-use supplementary foods as a positive answer for moderate malnutrition among preschool-aged children

- The organization's branch in Viet Nam, as an active member of the Nutrition Cluster within the Hanoi Non-Governmental Organization Resource Centre, coordinated by UNICEF, promoted several advocacy activities on breast-feeding and other nutritional issues
- In 2010, the organization's branch in Cambodia worked closely with the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veteran and Youth Rehabilitation of Cambodia and UNICEF to reinforce measures on alternative care and to strengthen the child protection system in Cambodia
- In 2010, the organization participated in the preparation of the second supplementary report to the United Nations on monitoring the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Italy

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

For Goal 2, the organization focused on providing education in rural areas in Burkina Faso, where 136,635 children were provided primary education and 6,072 teachers were trained. For Goal 3, it promoted the education of 1,565 girls in secondary schools and trained 11,018 women. For Goal 4, it provided feeding and neonatal paediatric treatment to 8,476 malnourished children. For Goal 6, it provided HIV tests and counselling to 5,957 women, including care, treatment and support for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission. For Goal 7, it provided access to safe drinking water to about 300 families.

13. Jesuit Refugee Service

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Jesuit Refugee Service is an international Catholic organization with a mission to accompany, serve and advocate on behalf of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons. The organization provides services at the national and regional levels with the support of an international office in Rome. Founded in November 1980 as a work of the Society of Jesus, the organization was officially registered as a foundation on 19 March 2000 at the Holy See.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to accompany, serve and advocate for the rights of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons. As a Catholic organization and a work of the Jesuit order of the Society of Jesus, the organization is inspired by the compassion and love of Jesus for the poor and excluded.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, working in coordination with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the organization

contributed to advancing education in Chad, the Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand and Cambodia. It worked with the Emergency Relief Coordinator in responding to emergencies in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Syrian Arab Republic, Colombia and the Central African Republic. The branch of the organization in Geneva is a member of the Global Protection Cluster 2010-2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- Sixty-first session of UNHCR, Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2010
- Sixty-second session of UNHCR, Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, held in Geneva from 3 to 7 October 2011
- Sixty-third session of UNHCR, Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, held in Geneva from 1 to 5 October 2012
- Sixty-fourth session of the Office of UNHCR, Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, held in Geneva from 30 September to 4 October 2013
- Forty-seventh meeting of the Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, held in Geneva from 2 to 4 March 2010
- Forty-eighth meeting of the Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, held in Geneva from 22 to 24 June 2010
- Forty-ninth meeting of the Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, held in Geneva on 21 September 2010
- Fiftieth meeting of the Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, held in Geneva from 1 to 3 March 2011
- Fifty-first meeting of the Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, held in Geneva from 21 to 23 June 2011
- Fifty-second meeting of the Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, held in Geneva on 20 and 21 September 2011
- Fifty-third meeting of the Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, held in Geneva from 13 to 15 March 2012
- Fifty-fourth meeting of the Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, held in Geneva on 26 and 27 June 2012
- Fifty-fifth meeting of the Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, held in Geneva on 18 and 19 September 2012

- Fifty-sixth meeting of the Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, held in Geneva from 5 to 7 March 2013
- Fifty-seventh meeting of the Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, held in Geneva from 25 to 27 June 2013
- Humanitarian Affairs Segment of the Economic and Social Council, held in New York from 13 to 15 July 2010
- Humanitarian Affairs Segment of the Economic and Social Council, held in Geneva from 19 to 21 July 2011
- Humanitarian Affairs Segment of the Economic and Social Council, held in New York from 18 to 20 July 2012
- Humanitarian Affairs Segment of the Economic and Social Council, held in Geneva from 15 to 17 July 2013
- Annual Ministerial Review of the Economic and Social Council, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 July 2011, where it submitted a written statement on the importance of education for refugee children

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization collaborated with UNHCR as an implementing or collaborating partner in refugee camps in the following countries between 2010 and 2013: Chad, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Nepal, Ecuador, Malta, Thailand, Lebanon, Jordan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Central African Republic. In 2012, the organization was invited by the Office of the High Commissioner to participate in a year-long structured dialogue on partnership.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the reporting period, the organization planned and implemented a programme to provide distance tertiary education to refugees in isolated environments and to host communities in the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya and the Dzaleka refugee camp in Malawi.

Additional Information

The organization continues implementing projects in Tunisia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey, as it has since 2009.

14. José Martí Cultural Society

Special, 2002

Introduction

The organization has 11,100 active members grouped in 835 Martí Clubs, which are its base organizations. It has 89 municipal councils.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization promotes the study of the history of Cuba and of the struggle to attain full independence at different stages, as well as the defence of the Cuban identity and existence as an independent and sovereign nation. It provides programmes and performs actions to achieve the widest dissemination and study of those ideals internationally, develops links with institutions and organizations abroad that have similar objectives and collaborates on actions of mutual interest. In addition, it participates in national and international forums to disseminate information about the Cuban reality.

Significant changes in the organization

In October 2010, the José Martí Cultural Society approved a new structure with branches in all of the country's 15 provinces and one in the special municipality of Isla de la Juventud.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The objectives of the organization correspond to the objectives and themes of the Economic and Social Council. The organization works to achieve a peaceful coexistence among peoples, promotes sustainable development, emphasizes respect and care for the environment and opposes all forms of discrimination and inequality in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations. During the reporting period, it developed projects for community schools promoting civic values, peace and solidarity among all peoples. It works with the media to promote values related to ethics, education and family. It also works to incorporate young people in active sociocultural work in the communities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization promotes and organizes the José Martí Project for International Solidarity, supported by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) at its thirty-second General Conference in 2003, which promotes peace and development. In January 2013 the organization organized the Third International Conference for World Equilibrium supported by UNESCO. It also participated in the activities promoted by the regional office of UNESCO in Cuba.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of Goal 7, the organization promotes projects in the spirit of Martí, such as woods, gardens and community gardens, which contribute to the formation of values for the protection and care of natural resources and the education of children and youths in the preservation of the environment, thereby fostering a culture that favours sustainable development. In 2010, it organized the International Colloquium on José Martí: For a Culture of Nature and organizes an annual national

event of the same theme, the activities of which have contributed to the creation of more than 500 woods and gardens throughout the country.

15. Khiam Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Torture

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Khiam Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Torture, based in Lebanon, defends human rights in the Middle East and North Africa by submitting written statements about human rights in those countries and assisting in the work of the Human Rights Council.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works on the rehabilitation of victims of violence and torture. It develops mechanisms to protect basic human rights and promotes advocacy and prevention. It also promotes equality and justice and fights against all forms of discrimination. The organization provides centres for medical, psychological, physical, social, vocational and educational rehabilitation treatment. It also organizes conferences, seminars and training sessions on torture and violence prevention and publishes reports and books about the psychological and social effects of torture.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization celebrates various international days by organizing activities, open dialogues and workshops.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2011, the organization submitted three written statements at the sixteenth session of the Human Rights Council.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No initiatives were specified.
