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VI. ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

28. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its resumed 1995 session at United Nations Headquarters from 29 January to 2 February 1996. The Committee held 10 meetings (582nd to 591st meetings) and a number of informal meetings. The session was opened by the Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Limjuco (Philippines).

B. Attendance

29. Representatives of all the States members of the Committee attended the session: Bulgaria, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Madagascar, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America.

30. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Australia, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, France, Iraq, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Syrian Arab Republic and Venezuela.

31. The following specialized agencies were represented: World Health Organization and United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

32. The following non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II, attended: Pax Christi International.

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VIII. ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

56. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 1996 session from 13 to 17 May, from 26 to 30 August and on 2 October 1996, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1996/209 of 9 February 1996. The Committee held 22 meetings (592nd to 613th meetings).

B. Attendance

57. The representatives of the following States members of the Committee attended: Bulgaria, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Madagascar, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

58. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, France, Italy, Japan, Lesotho, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, Republic of Korea, Romania, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, Venezuela and Viet Nam.

59. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

60. The following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, attended the session: International Chamber of Commerce, World Federation of United Nations Associations.

C. Election of officers

61. At its 592nd meeting, on 13 May, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: Fidel Coloma (Chile)

Vice-Chairmen: Valentin Hadjiiski (Bulgaria)
John D. Biggar (Ireland)
Wahid Ben Amor (Tunisia)

62. At its 596th meeting, on 15 May, the Committee elected by acclamation Gautam Mukhopadhaya (India) Vice-Chairman and decided that Wahid Ben Amor (Tunisia) would also serve as Rapporteur.

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VI. ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

99. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 1997 session from 5 to 16 May and on 12 June 1997. The Committee held 22 meetings (614th to 635th meetings).

B. Attendance

100. The representatives of the following States members of the Committee attended the session: Bulgaria, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Madagascar, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

101. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Eritrea, France, Germany, Guatemala, Guyana, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Pakistan, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Venezuela.

102. The following non-member State was represented by an observer: Holy See.

103. The following other organization, having received a standing invitation to participate as an observer in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly, was represented by an observer: Palestine.

104. The following specialized agencies were represented: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization.

105. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: general consultative status: Franciscans International, International Chamber of Commerce, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; special consultative status: United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation; Roster: International Association of Educators for World Peace.

C. Election of officers

106. At the 614th meeting, on 5 May, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: Fidel Coloma (Chile)

Vice-Chairmen: Valentin Hadjiiski (Bulgaria)

John D. Biggar (Ireland)

Wahid Ben Amor (Tunisia) (serving also as Rapporteur)

VIII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

76. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held the first part of its 1998 session from 18 to 29 May 1998. The Committee held 17 meetings (650th to 666th).

B. Attendance

77. The representatives of the following States members of the Committee attended the session: Bulgaria, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Madagascar, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sudan, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

78. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, France, Italy, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine.

79. The following non-member State was represented by an observer: Holy See.

80. The following organization, having received a standing invitation to participate as an observer in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly, was represented by an observer: Palestine.

81. The following specialized agencies were represented: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

82. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: International Chamber of Commerce, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (general consultative status); Amnesty International, Baha'i International Community, Human Rights Watch, International League for Human Rights (special consultative status).

C. Election of officers

83. At the 650th meeting, on 18 May, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation.

Chairman:

Wahid Ben Amor (Tunisia)

Vice-Chairmen:

Gautam Mukhopadhaya (India)

Sean McDonald (Ireland)

Emilia Castro de Barish (Costa Rica)

84. At its 653rd meeting, on 19 May, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Valentin Hadjiyski (Bulgaria) as Vice-Chairman.

85. At the 662nd meeting, on 27 May, it was decided that Mr. Sean McDonald (Ireland) would also serve as Rapporteur.

VII. Organization of the work of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

46. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998. The Committee held 10 meetings (678th to 687th meetings).

B. Attendance

47. Representatives of the following States members of the Committee attended the session: Bulgaria, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sudan, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

48. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Ukraine, Venezuela and Yemen.

49. The following non-member State was represented by an observer: Holy See.

50. The following entity having received a standing invitation to participate as an observer in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly and maintaining a permanent observer mission at Headquarters was represented by an observer: Palestine.

51. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

52. The following non-governmental organization in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council was represented by an observer: International Chamber of Commerce.

C. Election of officers

53. At the 678th meeting, on 14 December, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Joyce Duffy (Ireland) as Vice-Chairman and also as Rapporteur, to take the place of Sean MacDonald (Ireland), who had resigned.

VI. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

109. The Committee on Non_Governmental Organizations met at United Nations Headquarters from 1 to 18 June 1999. The Committee held 26 meetings (688th to 713th meetings). The session was opened by Mr. Wahid Ben Amor (Tunisia), Chairman.

B. Attendance

110. Representatives of all the States members of the Committee attended the session: Algeria, Bolivia, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Ethiopia, France, India, Ireland, Lebanon, Pakistan, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey, United States of America.

111. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Albania, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Congo, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, El Salvador, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Venezuela, Yemen.

112. The Holy See, a non_member State, was also represented by an observer.

113. Palestine, having received a standing invitation to participate as an observer in the sessions and work of the General Assembly and maintaining a permanent observer mission at Headquarters, was represented by an observer.

114. The following specialized agencies were represented: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

115. The following non_governmental organization in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council was represented by an observer: International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

116. The following non_governmental organization in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council was represented by an observer: Baha'i International Community.

C. Election of officers

117. At the 688th and 689th meetings, on 1 and 2 June, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. Wahid Ben Amor	(Tunisia)
<u>Vice Chairmen:</u>	Ms. Joyce Duffy	(Ireland)
	Mr. Hassan Najem	(Lebanon)
	Mrs. Mihaela Blajan	(Romania)
	Mr. Eduardo Tapia	(Chile)

118. At the 697th meeting, on 8 June, it was decided that Ms. Joyce Duffy (Ireland) would also serve as Rapporteur.

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VII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

105. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its resumed 1999 session from 17 to 28 January 2000. The Committee held 20 meetings (716th to 735th meetings).

B. Attendance

106. Representatives of all the States members of the Committee attended the session: Algeria, Bolivia, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Ethiopia, France, India, Ireland, Lebanon, Pakistan, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey, United States of America.

107. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, Cyprus, Egypt, Germany, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Viet Nam, Yemen.

108. The Holy See, a non-member State, was also represented by an observer.

109. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, World Bank, World Intellectual Property Organization, United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

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IX. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

132. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held the first part of its 2000 session from 15 to 19 May 2000 and the second part from 12 to 23 June 2000. The Committee held 27 meetings (736th to 763rd).

B. Attendance

133. The representatives of the following States Members of the Committee attended the session: Algeria, Bolivia, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Lebanon, Pakistan, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey, United States of America.

134. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Canada, Egypt, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Portugal, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela.

135. The following non-member State was represented by an observer: Holy See.

136. The following organization, having received a standing invitation to participate as an observer in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly, was represented by an observer: Palestine.

137. The following specialized agencies were represented: United Nations Industrial Development Organization, World Intellectual Property Organization, World Meteorological Organization.

138. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: Alan Guttmacher Institute, Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession, Citizens Coalition for Economic Justice, Dominicans for Justice and Peace, Felegue Guihon International, Fonds E7 pour le développement énergétique durable, Franciscans International, Freedom House, General Arab Women Federation, Girls Incorporated, Global Eco-Village Network, Human Rights International Alliance, Human Rights Watch, IHRAAM Rights International — American Minorities, International Council of the Association for Peace in the Continents, International Association of Educators, International Energy Foundation, International Lesbian and Gay Association, International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation, International Women's Rights Action Watch, Islamic Centre (England), Radin Institute for Family Health Education and Promotion, Safari Club International, Transnational Radical Party, Union of Kuwaiti Women Associations, United Nations Watch, WFM-CDIL, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Youth Federation for World Peace.

C. Election of officers

139. At its 736th meeting, on 15 May, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman

Levent Bilman (Turkey)

Vice-Chairmen

Mercedes de Armas Garcia (Cuba)

Munawar Saeed Bhatti (Pakistan)

Mihaela Blajan (Romania)

Ilham Ibrahim Mohamed Ahmed (Sudan)

140. At its 738th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Munawar Saeed Bhatti (Pakistan) to serve as Rapporteur.

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IX. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

122. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2001 session from 7 to 25 May 2001. The Committee held 30 meetings (1st to 30th).

B. Attendance

123. The session was attended by the 19 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for non-governmental organizations also attended. One organization, having received a standing invitation to participate as an observer in the session and the work of the General Assembly, was represented by an observer. The list of participants is contained in annex I.

C. Election of officers

124. At its 1st meeting, on 7 May, the Committee re-elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman:

Levent Bilman (Turkey)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Mercedes de Armas Garcia (Cuba)

Mihaela Blajan (Romania)

Ilham Ibrahim Mohamed Ahmed (Sudan)

125. At the same meeting, the Committee also elected, by acclamation Ishtiaq Hussain Andrabi (Pakistan) to serve as Vice-Chairperson, and Mihaela Blajan (Romania), in addition to serving as Vice-Chairperson, to serve as Rapporteur.

Annex I

List of participants

Members

Algeria:	Abdallah Baali, Dalila Samah, Abdelouahab Osmane
Bolivia:	Viviana Limpias
Chile:	Ignacio Concha, Loreto Leyton
China:	Yu Wenzhe, Mei Yuncai, Zhao Xing
Colombia:	Alfonso Valdivieso, Sofia Salgado de Gómez, Alma Viviana Pérez
Cuba:	Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, Rafael Dausá Céspedes, Mercedes de Armas Garcia, Maria del Carmen Herrera Caseiro, Felipe Mario Medina González
Ethiopia:	Birhanemeskel Abebe
France:	Hugues Moret, Didier Le Bret

Germany:	Philipp Ackermann, Dierter Lamlé, Oliver Hinte
India:	Asith Bhattacharjee
Lebanon:	Houssam Diab, Ibrahim Assaf
Pakistan:	shtiag H. Andrabi
Romania:	Mihaela Blajan, Alexandru Niculescu
Russian Federation:	Alexey A. Rogov, Kirill Barsky
Senegal:	Abdoul Demba Tall, Mankeur Ndiaye
Sudan:	Elfatih Erwa, Ilham Ibrahim Mohamed Ahmed, Tarig ali Bakhit
Tunisia:	Ali Cherif
Turkey:	Hakan Tekin, Altay Cengizer, Levent Bilman, Mehmet Samsar
United States of America:	Betty King, John W. Davison, Michard F. Williams, Ruth Wagoner, Peggy Kerry

States Members of the United Nations represented by observers

Azerbaijan, Belgium, Canada, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Japan, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Portugal, Syrian Arab Republic, Yugoslavia

Entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly and maintaining permanent observer missions at Headquarters

Palestine

Specialized agencies and related organizations

World Health Organization

VIII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

136. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2002 session from 13 to 24 May and on 29 and 30 May 2002. The Committee held 24 meetings (1st to 24th).

B. Attendance

137. The session was attended by the 19 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for non-governmental organizations also attended. One organization, having received a standing invitation to participate as an observer in the session and the work of the General Assembly, was represented by an observer. The list of participants is contained in annex II.

C. Election of officers

138. At its 1st meeting, on 13 May, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson:

Mihaela Blajan (Romania)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Guillermo Reyes (Colombia)

Philipp Ackermann (Germany)

Ishtiaq H. Andrabi (Pakistan)

139. At its 4th meeting, on 14 May, the Committee also elected by acclamation Ali Cherif (Tunisia) to serve as Vice-Chairperson, and Ishtiaq H. Andrabi (Pakistan) to serve as Rapporteur, in addition to Vice-Chairperson.

Annex II

List of participants

Members

Algeria Abdelouahab Osmane, Farida Bakalem

Bolivia Viviana Limpas Chávez

Chile Loreto Leyton, Carla Serazzi

China Bohua Xie, Meifang Zhang, Xiaomei Li

Colombia

Cuba H. Bruno Rodriguez, Orlando Requeijo Gual, Ricardo Tur Novo, Maria del Carmen Herrera Caseiro, Luis A. Amoros

Ethiopia Birhanemeskel Abebe, Lulit Zeqdie Mariam

France	
Germany	Philipp Ackermann, Volker Pellet, Eva Eckert
India	A. Gopinathan, B. S. Bishnol, Ruchira Kamboj, A.V.S. Ramesh Chandra
Lebanon	Sami Zeidan
Pakistan	Ishtiaq H. Andrabi, Imran Ahmed Siddique
Romania	Mihaela Blajan, Livia Rusu
Russian Federation	Andrey A. Nikiforov, Vladimir A. Vertogradov, Dmitriy V. Knyazhinskly
Senegal	Mankeur Ndiaye
Sudan	Elfatih Erwa, Siddig Mohamed Abdalla, Ilham Ibrahim Mohamed Ahmed, Tarig Ali Bakhit
Tunisia	Ali Cherif
Turkey	Levent Bilman, Sevki Mutevellioglu, Hakan Tekin
United States	Sichan Siv, John Davison, Richard Williams, Ruth Wagoner, Peggy Kerry

States Members of the United Nations represented by observers

Canada, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Jordan, Netherlands, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Ukraine, Viet Nam

Non-member States represented by observers

Holy See

Entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers and maintaining permanent observer missions at Headquarters

Palestine

Specialized agencies and related organizations

World Health Organization, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

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XI. Organization of the work of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

92. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its resumed 2002 session from 8 to 24 January 2003. The Committee held 25 meetings (25th to 50th meetings).

B. Attendance

93. Representatives of all the States members of the Committee attended the session: Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, France, Germany, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan, Turkey, United States of America, Zimbabwe.

94. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Algeria, Canada, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Ukraine, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia.

95. Representatives of the Holy See, a non-member State maintaining a permanent observer mission at Headquarters, attended the session.

96. The following specialized agencies were represented: United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization.

C. Election of officers

97. At its 25th, 28th and 40th meetings, on 8, 9 and 17 January, the Committee elected as Vice-Chairman Martin Thuemmel (Germany) to replace Philip Ackermann (Germany), Meshack Kitchen (Zimbabwe) to replace Ali Cherif (Tunisia), and Pedro Augustín Roa (Colombia) to replace Guillermo Reyes (Colombia) for the unexpired term of office, that is, to the end of the 2002 session of the Committee.

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IX. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

107. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2003 session from 5 to 23 May 2003. The Committee held 27 meetings (1st to 27th).

B. Attendance

108. The session was attended by the 19 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, an observer for a non-member State, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for NGOs also attended. The list of participants is contained in annex III to the present report.

109. The 2003 session of the Committee heard 14 representatives of NGOs who were given the opportunity to respond to questions raised by the Committee. The additional information provided by the representatives facilitated the debate and the work of the Committee in taking its decisions.

C. Election of officers

110. At its 1st meeting, on 5 May, the Committee re-elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson:

Mihaela Blajan (Romania)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Pedro Augustín Roa (Colombia)

Ishtiaq H. Andrabi (Pakistan)

Meshack Kitchen (Zimbabwe)

111. At the same meeting, the Committee also elected, by acclamation, Hakan Riza Tekin (Turkey) to replace Martin Thuemmel (Germany), and re-elected Ishtiaq H. Andrabi (Pakistan) to serve as Rapporteur as well as Vice-Chairperson of the Committee.

Annex III

List of participants

Members

Cameroon	Martin Belinga Eboutou, Cathérine Mahouve Same, Naomie Akono
Chile	Loreto Leyton, Osvaldo Alvarez
China	Bohua Xie, Meifang Zhang, Lei Zhang
Colombia	Luis Guillermo Giraldo, José Nicolás Rivas, Beatriz Patti Londoño, Pedro Augustin Roa

Côte d'Ivoire	Serges Gba
Cuba	Bruno Rodriguez Parilla, Orlando Requeijo Gual, Ana Teresita González, Ricardo Tur Novo, Jorge Luis Bernaza, Luis A. Amorós Núñez, Margarita Valle Camino, Mario Medina, Margarita Valle
France	Caroline Belot, Hugues Moret, Yvan Chatilla
Germany	Martin Thuemmel
India	V. K. Nambiar, A. Gopinathan, Mukta D. Tomar
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Mostafa Alaei
Pakistan	Ishtiaq H. Andrabi
Peru	Oswaldo de Rivero, Alfredo Chuguihuara, Carmen Rosa Arias
Romania	Mihaela Blajan, Gabriela Tanjala
Russian Federation	A. A. Nikiforov, D. V. Knyazhinskiy, V. A. Vertogradov
Senegal	Papa Louis Fall, Malick Thierno Sow, Leysa Faye
Sudan	Ilham Ibrahim Mohamed Ahmed, Hassan Hamid Hassan
Turkey	Hakan Tekin, Yavuz Cubukcu
United States	Sichan Siv, John Davison, Joseph M. Bracken, Hugh Dugan
Zimbabwe	Meshack Kitchen

States Members of the United Nations represented by observers

Algeria, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belize, Canada, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, Ghana, Guatemala, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Nigeria, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Viet Nam

Non-Member States represented by observers

Holy See

XI. Organization of the work of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

60. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its resumed 2003 session from 15 to 19 December 2003. The Committee held 10 meetings (28th to 37th meetings).

B. Attendance

61. Representatives of all the States members of the Committee attended the session: Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, France, Germany, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan, Turkey, United States of America, Zimbabwe.

62. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nepal, Philippines, Poland, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen.

63. Representatives of the Holy See, a non-member State maintaining permanent observer mission at Headquarters, attended the session.

64. The 2003 session of the Committee heard four representatives of NGOs, who were given the opportunity to respond to questions raised by the Committee. The additional information provided by the representatives facilitated the debate and the work of the Committee in taking its decisions.

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Chapter IX

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

61. The representative of Cuba said that he hoped that the situation experienced by the members of the Committee in 2004 and at the beginning of the regular session 2005, regarding the condition of availability of services, would not be repeated during the resumed session, in May 2005.

B. Attendance

62. At the 2005 session of the Committee, five representatives of non-governmental organizations 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

63. At its 1st meeting, on 5 January, the Committee re-elected by acclamation the following officers:

Chairperson:

Paimaneh Hasteh (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Carlos Eduardo Jaramillo (Colombia)

Ilham I. Ahmad (Sudan)

Octavian Stamate (Romania)

64. At the same meeting, the Committee also elected by acclamation Martin Thümmel (Germany) as Vice-Chairperson.

65. At the same meeting, Octavian Stamate (Romania) also accepted to serve as Rapporteur.

Annex I

List of participants

Members

Cameroon	Cathérine Mahouvé Same, Naomi Akono
Chile	Christian Rehren, Claudio Rojas, Carla Serazzi
China	Xie Bohua, Liu Yuyin, Li Xiaomei
Colombia	Carlos Eduardo Jaramillo, Pedro Agustín Roa
Côte d'Ivoire	Guillaume Bailley-Niagri
Cuba	Luis Amoros Nuñez, Miguen
France	Caroline Belot, Philippe Bertoux, Thomas Lancien

Germany	Martin Thümmel, Matthias Kloth
India	Nirupam Sen, A. Gopinathan, Mukta Tomar
Islamic Republic of Iran	Mehdi Danesh-Yazdi, Mostafa Alaei, Paimaneh Hastaie, Farideh Hassani
Pakistan	Bilal Hayee, Imran Ahmed Siddiquie
Peru	Romy Tincopa
Romania	Octavian Stamate
Russian Federation	Vladimir Vertogradov, Andrei Nikiforov, Vladimir Zheglov
Senegal	Malick Thierno-Sow, Leysa Faye
Sudan	Ilham I. Ahmed, Hassan Hamid Hassan
Turkey	Serhat Aksen
United States of America	Mariano Ceinos-Cox, Peggy Kerry, Jennifer McCann, Joseph Bracken
Zimbabwe	Meshack Kitchen

States Members of the United Nations represented by observers

Algeria, Armenia, Ecuador, Finland, Ghana, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela and Viet Nam

Non-member States represented by observers

Holy See

Specialized agencies

International Labour Organization

Chapter XI

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

89. The Committee held its resumed 2005 session from 5 to 20 May 2005. The Committee held 21 meetings.

B. Attendance

90. The session was attended by the 19 members of the Committee.

91. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for two non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants is contained in annex I to the present report.

92. At its 2005 session, the Committee heard eight 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.

Annex I

List of participants

Members

Cameroon	Martin Belinga-Eboutou, Iya Tidjani, Catherine Mahouve Same, Naomie Akono, Georges Bekono, Abessolo Abessolo
Chile	Cristián Rehren, María Aída Rodríguez, Carla Serazzi, Alessandra Rossi
China	Xie Bohua, Li Xiaomei, Sun Mingji
Colombia	Carlos Eduardo Jaramillo, Pedro Augustin Roa, Beatriz Patti Londoño
Côte d'Ivoire	Guillaume Bailey-Niagri, Lucie Koita Fanta, Serges Gba
Cuba	Luis Amoros Nuñez, Jorge Cumberbatch Miguén, Javier Dominquez Martiniez, Esperanza Luzbert Gonzalez
France Chatila	Philippe Bertoux, Caroline Belot, Yuan
Germany	Martin Thümmel, Anna-Dorothea Görg, Natascha Ruhestroth-Bauer
India	Nirupam Sen, A. Gopinathan, Mukta D. Tomar

Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Paimaneh Hastaie, Mohsen Emadi
Pakistan	Bilal Hayee, Imran Ahmed Siddique
Peru	Romy Tincopa
Romania	Octavian Stamate
Russian Federation	Vladimir Vertogradov, Anddrei Nikiforov, Vladimir Zheglov
Senegal	Malick Thierno-Sow, Leysa Faye
Sudan	Ilham I. Ahmed, Hassan Hamid Hassan
Turkey	Serhat Aksen
United States of America	Mariano Ceinos-Cox, Peggy Kerry, Jennifer McCann, Joseph Bracken
Zimbabwe	Meshack Kitchen

States Members of the United Nations represented by observers

Algeria, Bangladesh, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Serbia and Montenegro, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Viet Nam

Non-member States represented by observers

Holy See, Palestine

Intergovernmental organizations

Organization of the Islamic Conference

Specialized agencies

International Labour Organization

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

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IX. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

103. The Committee held its 2006 regular session from 19 to 27 January. The Committee held 12 meetings.

B. Attendance

104. The session was attended by the 19 members of the Committee.

105. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for two non-member States, representatives of the specialized agencies of the United Nations system and observers for an intergovernmental and a non-governmental organization also attended. The list of participants is contained in annex I to the present report.

106. At its 2006 session, the Committee heard seven 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

107. At its 1st meeting, on 19 January, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson:

Beatriz Londoño (Colombia)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Octavian Stamate (Romania)

Bilal Hayee (Pakistan)

Hasan Hamid Hasan (Sudan)

Serhat Aksen (Turkey)

108. At the 9th meeting, on 25 January, the Committee also elected Octavian Stamate (Romania), by acclamation, to serve as Rapporteur.

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List of participants

Members

Cameroon Cathérine Mahouvé Same, Naomi Akono

Chile Christian Rehren, Carla Serazzi, Julio Torres

China Xie Bohua, Li Xiaomei, Niu Jianrong

Colombia María Ángela Holguín Cuéllar, Patti Londoño Jaramillo, Martha Lucia Moreno Fajardo

Côte d'Ivoire	Guillaume Bailley-Niagri
Cuba	Rodrigo Malmierca Diaz, Rodolfo Reyes Rodriguez, Ileana Nuñez Mordoche, Luis Amoros Nuñez
France	Philippe Bertoux, François Vandeville, Julien Vaillant
Germany	Martin Thümmel
India	Nirupam Sen, Ajai Malhotra, B. N. Reddy
Iran (Islamic Republic of) Paimaneh Hastaie	Mehdi Danesh-Yazdi, Mohsen Emade,
Pakistan	Munir Akram, Alzaz Ahmad Chaudhry, Bilal Hayee
Peru	Romy Tincopa
Romania	Octavian Stamate
Russian Federation	Vladimir Vertogradov, Andrey Nikiforov, Vladimir Zheglov, Boris Chernenko
Senegal	Leysa Faye
Sudan	Ilham I. Ahmed, Hassan Hamid Hassan
Turkey	Serhat Aksen
United States of America	Mariano Ceinos-Cox, Peggy Kerry, Jennifer McCann, Joseph Bracken
Zimbabwe	Meshack Kitchen

States Members of the United Nations represented by observers

Armenia, Austria, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, Greece, Israel, Japan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Namibia, Paraguay, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Viet Nam

Non-member States represented by observers

Holy See and Palestine

Specialized agencies

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Tourism Organization, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Intergovernmental organization

Organization of the Islamic Conference

Chapter X

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

94. The Committee held its resumed 2006 session from 13 to 19 May 2006. The Committee held 15 meetings.

B. Attendance

95. The session was attended by the 19 members of the Committee.

96. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, 16 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 is contained in annex I to the present report.

97. At its 2006 session, the Committee heard seven 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.

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List of participants

Members

Cameroon	Martin Bellinga-Ebouyou, Iya Tidjani, Catherine Mahouve Same, Batha Antoine, Habissatou BiDoung Mpkatt
Chile	Belen Sapag Muñoz de la Peña, Julio Torres
China	Zhang Dan, Xue Li, Guo Jiakun
Colombia	Maria Angela Holguin Cuéllar, Patti Londoño Jaramillo, Martha Lucia Moreno Fajardo
Côte d'Ivoire	Lucie Fanta Koita
Cuba	Rodrigo Malmierca Diaz, Illeana Nuñez Mordoche, Luis Amoros Nuñez, Mirta Granda Averhoff, Ricardo Suárez Santana, Jorge Luis Bernaza Fernández, Jorge Cumberbatch Miguén, Felipe Mario Medina González
France	François Vaudeville, Philippe Bertoux, Alexia Verdier
Germany	Martin Frick
India	Nirupam Sen, Ajai Malhotra, B. N. Reddy

Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Mehdi Danesh-Yazdi, Mohsen Emade, Paimaneh Hastaie
Pakistan	Munir Akram, Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, Imtiaz Hussain, Bilal Hayee
Peru	Romy Tincopa
Romania	Octavian Stamate
Russian Federation	Vladimir Vertogradov, Andrei Nikiforov, Vladimir Zheglov, Boris Chernenko
Senegal	Leysa Faye
Sudan	Ilham I. Ahmed, Hassan Hamid Hassan
Turkey	Serhat Aksen
United States of America	Mariano Ceinos-Cox, Peggy Kerry, Sylvia Hammond
Zimbabwe	Meshack Kitchen, Morgan Dube

States Members of the United Nations represented by observers

Algeria, Bangladesh, Canada, Greece, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Netherlands, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, San Marino, Syrian Arab Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam

Non-member States and entities represented by observers

Holy See

Specialized agencies and related organizations

World Meteorological Organization

IX. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

64. The Committee held its 2007 regular session from 22 to 31 January. The Committee held 13 meetings.

B. Attendance

65. The session was attended by the 19 members of the Committee.

66. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for two non-member States, representatives of the specialized agencies of the United Nations system and an observer for a non-governmental organization also attended. The list of participants is contained in annex I to the present report.

67. At its 2007 regular session, the Committee heard eight 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

68. At its 1st meeting, on 22 January, the Committee elected the following officer by acclamation:

Chairman:

Pedro A. Roa Arboleda (Colombia)

69. Also at its 1st meeting, on 22 January, the Committee re-elected the following officers by acclamation:

Vice-Chairpersons:

Octavian Stamate (Romania)

Bilal Hayee (Pakistan)

Hasan Hamid Hasan (Sudan)

Serhat Aksen (Turkey)

70. At the same meeting, the Committee also re-elected Octavian Stamate (Romania), by acclamation, to serve as Rapporteur.

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List of participants

Members

Angola

Ismael A. Gaspar Martins, Estevao Alberto, Salvador Allende D. Bom Jesús, José Daio da Silva

Burundi	Helménégilde Nkurabagaya, Albert Singiro
China Yi	Zhang Dan, Zhang Meifang, Guo Jiakun, Luo Yi
Colombia	Claudia Blum, Jairo Montoya, Pedro Agustín Roa Arboleda, Jorge Ricardo Torres-Rueda
Cuba	Rodrigo Malmierca Diaz, Ileana Núñez Mordoche, Luis Amorós Núñez, Lydia González Navarro, Claudia Pérez Alvarez
Dominica	Crispin S. Gregoire, Zilpha Theodore
Egypt	Maged Abdelaziz, Khaled Albakly, Mohamed Elbadri, Soha Gendi, Mohamed Elghitany
Guinea	Alpha Ibrahima Sow, Paul Goa Zoumanigui, Mamadouba Camara, Mohamed Chérif Diallo
India	Nirupam Sen, Ajai Malhotra, B.N. Reddy
Israel	Ilan Fluss, Harel Shoham
Pakistan Bilal Hayee	Munir Akram, Farukh Amil, Imtiaz Hussain, Bilal Hayee
Peru	Romy Tincopa
Qatar	Jamal Nasser Al-Bader, Mohammed Sultan Al-Kuwari, Amr Ghaleb
Romania	Octavian Stamate, Elizabeta David
Russian Federation	Andrey A. Nikiforov, Oleg A. Demekhin, Vladimir Y. Vertogradov, Boris Chernenko, Alexander A. Abramov
Sudan	Hassan Hamid Hassan
Turkey	Serhat Aksen
United Kingdom	Harriet Cross, Tom Woodroffe, Simon Finn
United States of America	Richard Miller, Paul Birdsall, Mariano Ceinos-Cox, Peggy Kerry

States Members of the United Nations represented by observers

Algeria, Belgium, Cameroon, Canada, Comoros, Greece, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Morocco, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Ukraine and Viet Nam

Non-member States represented by observers

Holy See and Palestine

Specialized agencies

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Bank

Chapter X

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

70. The Committee held its resumed 2007 session from 14 to 18 May 2007. The Committee held nine meetings.

B. Attendance

71. The session was attended by the 19 members of the Committee.

72. Thirteen observers for other States Members of the United Nations; two observers for non-member States, a representative of an organization of the United Nations system and observers for non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants is contained in annex I to the present report.

73. At its 2007 resumed session, the Committee heard seven 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.

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List of participants

Members

Angola	Ismael A. Gaspar Martins, Estevão Alberto, Salvador Allende D. Bom Jesus, José Daio da Silva
Burundi	Heménégilde Nkurabagaya, Albert Shingiro
China	Zhang Dan, Li Xiaomei, Guo Jiakun, Shi Xiaodan
Colombia	Claudia Blum, Jairo Montoya, Pedro Agustín Roa Arboleda, Jorge Torres
Cuba	Rodrigo Malmierca Díaz, Ileana Núñez Mordfoche, Luis Amorós Núñez, Mirta Granda Averhoff, Claudia Pérez Alvarez, Samuel Babilonia Ballate
Dominica	Crispin S. Gregoire, Zilpha Theodore
Egypt	Maged Abdelaziz, Khaled Elbakly, Soha Gendi, Wael M. Attiya, Mohamed Elghitany
Guinea	Alpha Ibrahima Sow, Paul Goa Zoumanigui, Mamadouba Camara
India	Nirupam Sen, Ajai Malhotra, N. Reddy Bollavaram
Israel	Ilan Fluss, Harel Shoham

Pakistan	Munir Akram, Farukh Amil, Imtiaz Hussain, Bilal Hayee
Peru	Luis Enrique Chávez, Romy Tincopa, Gonzalo Guillén
Qatar	Jamal Nasser Al-Bader, Mohammed Sultan Al-Kuwari, Amr Ghaleb
Romania	Octavian Stamate
Russian Federation	Grigory E. Lukiyantsev, Oleg A. Demekhin, Vladimir Y. Zheglov, Boris V. Chernenko, Alexander A. Abramov
Sudan	Hassan Hamid Hassan
Turkey	Serhat Aksen
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Harriet Cross, Tom Woodroffe, Simon Finn
United States of America	Richard Miller, Paul Birdsall, Mariano Ceinos-Cox, Peggy Kerry

States Members of the United Nations represented by observers

Algeria, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Japan, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Viet Nam

Non-member States and entities represented by observers

Holy See and Palestine

Specialized agencies

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

IX. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

69. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2008 regular session from 20 to 31 January 2008. The Committee held 16 meetings.

B. Attendance

70. 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 issued as document E/C.2/2008/INF.1.

71. At its 2008 regular session, the Committee heard 15 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

72. At its 1st meeting, on 21 January, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation.

Chairman:

Hassan Hamid Hassan (Sudan)

Vice-Chairmen:

Alexandru Ciorobea (Romania)

Serhat Aksen (Turkey)

Bilal Hayee (Pakistan)

73. At its 2nd meeting, on 21 January, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Luis A. Amorós Núñez (Cuba) to serve as Vice-Chairman.

74. At its 10th meeting, on 25 January, the Committee elected Bilal Hayee (Pakistan) to serve as Rapporteur, in addition to serving as Vice-Chairman.

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- X. Organization of the session
- A. Opening and duration of the session

103. The Committee held its resumed 2008 session from 29 May to 6 June and on 25 June 2008. The Committee held 15 meetings.

- B. Attendance

104. The session was attended by the 19 members of the Committee.

105. Thirteen observers for other States Members of the United Nations; two observers for non-member States, a representative of an organization of the United Nations system and observers for non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants is contained in annex I to the present report.

106. At its 2008 resumed session, the Committee heard seven 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.

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List of participants

Members

Angola	Estevao Alberto, Salvador Jesús
Burundi	Heménégilde Nkurabagaya, Albert Shingiro
China	Guo Jiakun, Zhang Dan, Zhou Feng
Colombia	Betty Escorcía, Jorge Torres
Cuba	Rodrigo Malmierca Díaz, Ileana Núñez Mordoche, Luis Amorós Núñez, Mirta Granda Averhoff, Claudia Pérez Alvarez, Samuel Babilonia Ballate
Dominica	Crispin S. Gregoire, Zilpha Theodore
Egypt	Wael M. Attiya, Mohamed Elghitany
Guinea	Paul Goa Zoumanigui
India	B. N. Reddy
Israel	Ilan Fluss, Elyasaf Schwartz
Pakistan	Bilal Hayee, Aqsa Nawaz
Peru	Romy Tincopa, Gonzalo Guillén, Edgard Perez Alva
Qatar	Tariq Al-Ansari, Mohammed Al-Kuwari
Romania	Octavian Stamate, Alexandro Ciorobea
Russian Federation	Boris V. Chernenko, Oleg A. Demekhin, Grigory

	E. Lukiyantsev, Vladimir Y. Zheglov, Alexander Abramov
Sudan	Hassan Hamid Hassan, Amar Daoud
Turkey	Serhat Aksen, Ramis Şen, Omer Zarpli
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Harriet Cross, Jonna Jeurlink, Simon Finn
United States of America	Brian Young, Paul Birdsall, Peggy Kerry

States Members of the United Nations represented by observers

Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Chile, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Morocco, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Viet Nam.

VIII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

60. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2009 regular session from 19 to 28 January and on 2 February 2009. The Committee held 17 meetings (1st to 17th).

61. The session was opened by the Vice-Chairman of the 2008 sessions of the Committee, Alexandru Ciorobea (Romania), who served as temporary Chairman.

62. At the 1st meeting, on 19 January, the Chairman of the Committee, Hassan Hamid Hassan (Sudan), made an opening statement. Introductory statements were made by the Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination.

B. Attendance

63. 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 issued as document E/C.2/2009/INF/1.

64. At its 2009 regular session, the Committee heard 14 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

65. At its 1st meeting, on 19 January, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation.

Chairman:

Hassan Hamid Hassan (Sudan)

Vice-Chairmen:

Alexandru Ciorobea (Romania)

Luis A. Amorós Núñez (Cuba)

Ramis Şen (Turkey)

Suljuk Mustansar Tarar (Pakistan)

66. At the same meeting, it was decided that Suljuk Mustansar Tarar (Pakistan) would also serve as Rapporteur.

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X. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

57. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2009 resumed session from 18 to 27 May 2009. The Committee held 14 meetings.

B. Attendance

58. 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 is available from <http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo>.