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Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2010 regular session

(New York, 25 January-3 February 2010)

Summary

At its 2010 regular session, held from 25 January to 3 February 2010, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 242 applications for consultative status, including applications deferred from its 1999 through 2009 sessions. Of those applications, the Committee recommended 76 for consultative status, deferred 149 for further consideration at its resumed session in 2010, took note of 1 non-governmental organization that had withdrawn its application, closed consideration without prejudice of 14 applications and closed its consideration of 2 other non-governmental organizations. The Committee also had before it one request for reclassification of consultative status; it recommended the same request. In addition, it had before it 173 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 170. Of the 49 non-governmental organizations that attended the session, the Committee heard 21 representatives of those organizations. Owing to time constraints and pending the receipt of responses to questions posed, the Committee deferred the consideration of 13 quadrennial reports deferred from previous sessions.

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

By draft decision I, the Council would:
(a) Grant consultative status to 76 non-governmental organizations;
(b) Reclassify the consultative status of one non-governmental organization;

* Reissued for technical reasons on 18 June 2010.
(c) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the withdrawal of the application of one non-governmental organization;

(d) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 170 non-governmental organizations;

(e) Note that the Committee decided to close its consideration without prejudice of the applications of 14 non-governmental organizations;

(f) Note that the Committee decided to close its consideration of the applications of two non-governmental organizations.

By draft decision II, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of the General Federation of Iraqi Women.

By draft decision III, the Council would decide to suspend the consultative status of Interfaith International for a period of two years.

By draft decision IV, the Council would take note of the present report.
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I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

Draft decisions for adoption by the Council

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following 76 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

3D: Trade, Human Rights, Equitable Economy
Afro Centre for Development Peace and Justice
Alliance Defense Fund
Amis de la Terre (Togo)
Asociación Habitat Pro
Association congolaise d’éducation et de prévention contre les maladies et la drogue
Association de développement de Korba
Ayande Roshan Nokhbegan Foundation
Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication
Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation
Cause première
Center for Assistance to Human Rights Protection
Center for Policy Studies
Centre for Public Health
Community Development Volunteers for Technical Assistance
Cooperation and Participation in Overseas NGOs
Dental Care International Foundation
Dones per la Llibertat i Democracia
East-West Management Institute
Eco-Tiras International Environmental Association of River Keepers
Egyptian Association for Educational Resources
Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness
European Space Policy Institute
Family Africa
Family Planning Association of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Fondation généreuse développement
Fondation Suisse Maroc pour le développement durable
Forest Peoples Programme
Free World Foundation
Fundación Cimientos
Fundación Eudes
Fundación UNITRAN
Global Witness
Green Asia Network
Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries
Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International
IFENDU for Women’s Development
International Commission on Workforce Development
International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organizations
International Congo Aid — Smile African Children
Internet Society
Justice for All — Prison Fellowship Ethiopia
Liberians United to Expose Hidden Weapons
Maasai Aid Association
Mehr Nuri Public Foundation
Missions 3G-Gauri
National Association of Friendship Centres
National Association of Vocational Education of China
Organisation des hommes démunis et enfants orphelins pour le développement
Organisation marocaine des droits humains
Pacific Women’s Watch (New Zealand)
Plan Sweden
Presse emblème campagne
Reach Out and Care Wheels
Saferworld
Samaj Kalyan O. Unnayan Shangstha
Social Development Center
Society of International Humanitarian Surgeons
Spirituality for Kids
Swami Vivekanand Samaj Seva Samsthe
UNESCO Association of Guwahati
United Network of Young Peacebuilders
Universitas 21
Verein zur Förderung der Völkerverständigung
Viva Rio
WomenAid Collective
Women Entrepreneurs Association of Turkey
Women Organization for Development and Capacity-Building
Women Power Connect
Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund

Roster
American Delegation of the Order of Danilo I
Confederation of Fire Protection Association International
Institute of Road Traffic Education
International Civil Aviation English Association
We the Children Foundation

(b) To reclassify the following non-governmental organization from special to general consultative status:
Femmes Afrique solidarité

(c) To note that the Committee took note of the request of the following non-governmental organization to withdraw its application:
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

(d) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 170 non-governmental organizations for the reporting period 2005-2008:
Abdul Momen Khan Memorial Foundation
Action contre la faim
Adalah: Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel
Adventist Development and Relief Agency
Advocates for Youth
Agence internationale pour le développement
Albert Schweitzer Institute
All India Movement for Seva
America Mideast Educational and Training Services
American Association of Jurists
American Bar Association
American Jewish Committee
Arab Organization for Human Rights
Asia Pacific Network Information Centre
Asian Federation of Laryngectomees Association
Asociación de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Madres Irlandesas
Association culturelle d’aide à la promotion educative et sociale
Association for the Study of the World Refugee Problem
Association for Women’s Rights in Development
Association mauritanienne pour la santé de la mère et de l’enfant
Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific
Association of the Bar of the City of New York
Association pour la collaboration globale
Aviation sans frontières
Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies
Canadian Environmental Network
Center for Migration Studies of New York
Center for Reproductive Rights
Centre d’études diplomatiques et stratégiques
Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development
Centro de Estudio y Formación Integral de la Mujer
Cercle des dames mourides
Child Foundation
China Arms Control and Disarmament Association
China Family Planning Association
Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries
Citizens for Decent Housing
Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants
Coalition Against Trafficking in Women
Comité Francais des organisation non-gouvernementales pour la liaison et l’information des Nations Unies
Committee for Hispanic Children and Families
Consortium for Street Children
Cooperativa Tecnico Scientifica di Base
Cultural Survival
Dhaka Ahsania Mission
Dui Hua Foundation
Enfants du monde: droits de l’homme
European AIDS Treatment Group
European Roma Rights Center
European Solidarity Towards Equal Participation of People
Family Care International
Fazaldad Human Rights Institute
Federation of American Scientists
Federation of American Women’s Clubs Overseas
Felix Varela Center
Feminist Club
Firooznia Charity Foundation
Fondation Surgir
Forum of Women’s NGOs of Kyrgyzstan
Foundation for International Training
Foundation for the Refugee Education Trust
Foundation for the Rights of Future Generations
Fridtjof Nansen Institute
Fundación de Ayuda contra la Drogadiccion
Fundación Intervida
Fundación Mujeres en Igualdad
Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS
Global Youth Action Network
Greek Council for Refugees
Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council of North and South America
Green Cross International
Habitat International Coalition
Hoffnungszeichen
Human Rights Advocates
Humanitarian Foundation of Canada
Indigenous World Association
Institut arabe des droits de l’homme
Institute for Policy Studies
Institute of Cultural Affairs International
Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children
International Academy of Architecture
International Association for Impact Assessment
International Association of Applied Psychology
International Association of Democratic Lawyers
International Association of Prosecutors
International Association of Science Parks
International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights
International Conference Volunteers
International Council for Caring Communities
International Council of Jewish Women
International Development Enterprises (India)
International Federation for Home Economics
International Federation of Building and Wood Workers
International Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse
International Indian Treaty Council
International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences
International Justice Mission
International Maritime Committee
International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
International Organization for the Right to Education and Freedom of Education
International Road Transport Union
International Shinto Foundation
International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics
International Women Bond
International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs
Istanbul International Brotherhood and Solidarity Association
Jaime Guzman Errazuriz Foundation
Kenya Tuitakayo: Citizens Coalition for Constitutional Change
Latin American and Caribbean Continental Organization of Students
Latin American Federation of Associations of Relatives of Disappeared Detainees
Law Association for Asia and the Pacific
Lawyers’ Rights Watch Canada
League of Women Voters of the United States
Mata Amritanandamayi Math
Mbororo Social and Cultural Development Association
MINBYUN: Lawyers for a Democratic Society
MiRA Resource Center for Black Immigrant and Refugee Women
National Abortion Federation
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials
National Council of Women of Malta
Native Women’s Association of Canada
Netherlands Association of Women’s Interests, Women’s Work and Equal Citizenship
New Zealand Family Planning Association
Nigerian Institute of Homeopathy
Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development
Organisation mondiale des associations pour l’éducation prénatale
Organization for International Economic Relations
Osservatorio per la Comunicazione Culturale e l’Audiovisivo nel Mediterraneo e nel Mondo
Pan Pacific and South-East Asia Women’s Association
PARTAGE
Pasumai Thaayagam Foundation
Pathways to Peace
Peace Child International
Peace Worldwide
Penal Reform International
People with Disability Australia
Philippine Human Rights Information Center
Rodale Institute
Rotary International
S. M. Sehgal Foundation
Sawiris Foundation for Social Development
Scouts musulmans algériens
Simply Help
Sisters of Charity Federation
Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur
Society for Development of Services in Heliopolis
Society to Support Children Suffering from Cancer
Survivors Corps
Susila Dharma International Association
Synergos Institute
Tamana Association
Tarumitra
Tebtebba Foundation
UNANIMA International
Unión de Asociaciones Familiares
United for Intercultural Action
United States Federation for Middle East Peace
War Resisters International
Watson Institute for International Studies
Wellesley Centers for Women
Widows Rights International
Women for Women’s Human Rights: New Ways
Women’s Board Educational Cooperation Society
Women’s Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling
Women’s Federation for World Peace International
Women’s Learning Partnership for Rights, Development, and Peace
World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation
World Federation of Ukrainian Women’s Organizations
World Russian People’s Council
Yad Sarah

(e) To note that the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by the following non-governmental organizations, after the organizations had failed to respond despite three reminders, over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to queries posed to the organizations by members of the Committee:

- Ambedkar Centre for Justice and Peace
- Association Lestime: communauté lesbienne de Genève
- Better Life Programme for the African Rural Woman
- Dalit Freedom Network
- Drug Policy Alliance
- European Roma and Travellers Forum
- International Center for Transitional Justice
- Marijuana Policy Project Foundation
- Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality
- Opportunity International
- Organisation suisse des lesbiennes
- PeaceJam Foundation
- Sub-Priorato del Piemonte dell’Ordine di San Fortunato
- Yun Lin Temple

(f) To note that the Committee decided to suspend its consideration of the application for consultative status submitted by the non-governmental organization Ethiopian Human Rights Council;

(g) To note that the Committee decided to close consideration of the request for consultative status made by the following non-governmental organizations:

- Centre Internacional Escarré per a les Minories Étniques i les Nacions
- Institute of Hazrat Mohammad

Draft decision II
Withdrawal of consultative status of the non-governmental organization General Federation of Iraqi Women

The Economic and Social Council decides to withdraw consultative status with the Council of the non-governmental organization General Federation of Iraqi Women.
Draft decision III
Suspension of consultative status of the non-governmental organization
Interfaith International

The Economic and Social Council decides to suspend the consultative status of the non-governmental organization Interfaith International for a period of two years.

Draft decision IV
Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2010 regular session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2010 regular session.

II. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

2. The Committee considered item 3 of its agenda, applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations, at its 2nd through 16th meetings, held from 25 January to 3 February 2010. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/2010/R.2 and Add.1-18);

(b) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held in 1999 through 2009 (E/C.2/2010/CRP.1);

(c) Compilation of deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held in 2009 (E/C.2/2010/CRP.2);

(d) List of non-governmental organizations that did not submit their quadrennial reports for two consecutive periods (E/C.2/2010/CRP.3);

(e) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2010/CRP.4).

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

3. The Committee considered item 3 (a) of its agenda, Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, contained in document E/C.2/2010/CRP.4, at its 10th meeting, held on 29 January 2010.

Applications recommended

4. Of the 101 applications deferred from previous sessions, the Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 28 organizations whose applications had been deferred from previous sessions (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)): 
**Special consultative status**

3D: Trade, Human Rights, Equitable Economy
Afro Centre for Development Peace and Justice
Alliance Defense Fund
Center for Policy Studies
Forest Peoples Programme
Free World Foundation
Global Witness
Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries
Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International
IFENDU for Women’s Development
International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organizations
Internet Society
Maasai Aid Association
Missions 3G-Gauri
National Association of Friendship Centres
Pacific Women’s Watch (New Zealand)
Presse emblème campagne
Saferworld
Samaj Kalyan O. Unnayan Shangstha
Spirituality for Kids
Swami Vivekanand Samaj Seva Samsthe
United Network of Young Peacebuilders
Universitas 21
Verein zur Förderung der Völkerverständigung
WomenAid Collective
Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund

**Roster**

Institute of Road Traffic Education
Applications deferred

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 57 non-governmental organizations pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2010 regular session:

Agape International Spiritual Center of Truth
All India Christian Council
Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers
Anandilal Ganesh Podar Society
Asia Center for Human Rights
Asian-Eurasian Human Rights Forum
Asian Farmers’ Association for Sustainable Rural Development
Assyrian Academic Society
Centre des droits des gens (Maroc)
Christian Solidarity International
Compassion Africa Aged Foundation
Corrections India
Ecocosm Dynamics
Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth (Nigeria)
Erevna International Peace Center
Ethiopian Human Rights Council
European Foundation for Democracy
European Renewable Energy Council
Forest Products Associations of Canada
Hope Medical Enterprises
Human Rights House Foundation
IBON Foundation
Institute of Noahide Code
International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
International Dalit Solidarity Network
International Federation of Liberal Youth
International Foundation for Electoral Systems
International Gas Union
International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission
International Human Rights Observer
Applications closed (without prejudice)

6. At its 7th and 11th meetings, on 28 January and 1 February 2010, the Committee decided to close (without prejudice) consideration of the applications of 14 non-governmental organizations that had not responded to the Committee’s questions despite three reminders sent to the organizations.

Ambedkar Centre for Justice and Peace
Association Lestime: communauté lesbienne de Genève
Applications closed

7. At its 16th meeting, on 3 February 2010, the Committee decided to close its consideration of the application of the following non-governmental organization, given that its activities do not conform with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (g)):

Centre Internacional Escarré per a les Minories Ètniques i les Nacions

8. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to close its consideration of the application of the following non-governmental organization, given that the organization did not truthfully disclose information requested by the Committee and that its activities do not fall under the scope of Council resolution 1996/31 (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (g)):

Institute of Hazrat Mohammad

Requests for reclassification

9. At its 10th meeting, on 29 January 2010, the Committee considered one request for reclassification of consultative status from a previous session, contained in document E/C.2/2010/CRP.4. It decided to recommend reclassification of status for the organization from special to general status (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)).

1. Femmes Afrique solidarité

B. New applications for consultative status

10. The Committee considered item 3 (b) of its agenda, New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, contained in documents E/C.2/2010/R.2 and Add.1-18 at its 2nd to 7th and 12th to 15th meetings, from 25 to 28 January and from 1 to 3 February 2010.
New applications recommended

11. Of the 141 new applications received, the Committee recommended that consultative status with the Council would be granted to 48 organizations which had submitted new applications (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)).

- American Delegation of the Order of Danilo I
- Amis de la Terre (Togo)
- Asociación Habitat Pro
- Association congolaise d’éducation et de prévention contre les maladies et la drogue
- Association de développement de Korba
- Ayande Roshan Nokhbegan Foundation
- Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication
- Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation
- Cause première
- Center for Assistance to Human Rights Protection
- Centre for Public Health
- Community Development Volunteers for Technical Assistance
- Confederation of Fire Protection Association International
- Cooperation and Participation in Overseas NGOs
- Dental Care International Foundation
- Dones per la Llibertat i Democracia
- East-West Management Institute
- Eco-Tiras International Environmental Association of River Keepers
- Egyptian Association for Educational Resources
- Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness
- European Space Policy Institute
- Family Africa
- Family Planning Association of the Islamic Republic of Iran
- Fondation Généreuse développement
- Fondation Suisse Maroc pour le développement durable
- Fundación Cimientos
- Fundación Eudes
- Fundación UNITRAN
- Green Asia Network
- International Civil Aviation English Association
International Commission on Workforce Development
International Congo Aid — Smile African Children
Justice for All — Prison Fellowship Ethiopia
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Mehr Nuri Public Foundation
National Association of Vocational Education of China
Organisation des hommes démunis et enfants orphelins pour le développement
Organisation marocaine des droits humains
Plan Sweden
Reach Out and Care Wheels
Social Development Center
Society of International Humanitarian Surgeons
UNESCO Association of Guwahati
Viva Rio
We The Children Foundation
Women Entrepreneurs Association of Turkey
Women Organization for Development and Capacity-Building
Women Power Connect

**New applications deferred**

12. Pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee, the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the applications of the following 92 organizations to its 2010 resumed session:

- Abaawa Hagar Saah Memorial Foundation
- Academy of Fine Arts and Literature
- Africa Safe Water Foundation
- Afromedianet
- Al Mezan Center for Human Rights
- Asia Catalyst
- Asia Indigenous Peoples’ Pact
- Assemblée des premières nations du Québec et du Labrador
- Association apprentissages sans frontières
- Association des femmes tunisiennes pour la recherche et le développement
- Association internationale des droits de l’enfant en difficulté et dans la souffrance
- Association pour la lutte contre le travail des enfants au Niger
Assyrian National Congress
Aube nouvelle pour la femme et le développement
Australian Lesbian Medical Association
Ayuda y Solidaridad con las Niñas de la Calle
Caribbean and Latin America Trade Association
Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation
Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir, Córdoba
Chamber of Computer Logistics People Worldwide
Child Helpline International
Chinese Young Volunteers Association
Collectif des familles de disparu(e)s en Algérie
Conseil en éducation des premières nations
Creating Resources for Empowerment in Action
Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association
Eastern Sudan Women Development Organization
Ecumenical Coalition on Tourism
Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement-Bwaice Facility
Ethiopia Africa Black International Congress Church of Salvation
European Window Film Association
Family Reorientation Education and Empowerment
Federación Internacional de Fe y Alegria
Forum of Culture and Arts of Uzbekistan
Foundation for Human Horizon
Foundation for the Development of Knowledge Suma Veritas
Framework Convention Alliance for Tobacco Control
Freemuse: World Forum on Music and Censorship
Global Family for Love and Peace
Great Tao Foundation of America
High Atlas Foundation
Human Rights Commission of Pakistan
Humanitarian Law Center
Imam Ali’s Popular Students Relief Society
Indian Confederation of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples (North-east zone)
Indira Gandhi National Foundation
Indo-European Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Integrated Development in Focus
International Ecological Safety Cooperative Organization
International Prison Chaplains’ Association
International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance
International Refugee Rights Initiative
International Solidarity and Human Rights Institute
Isfahan Minority Rights and Development
Isigodlo Trust: South African Women in Dialogue
Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions
Khiam Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Torture
Krityanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund
Mundo sin Guerras
Murder Victims’ Families for Human Rights
National Committee for Furtherance of Jewish Education
National Native Title Council
NATRIPAL
Organisation africaine des experts
Oromo Menschenrechts-und Hilfsorganisation
Palpung Munishasan Dharmachakra Sangh
Pan African Civil Society Network
Programme on Women’s Economic Social and Cultural Rights
Project Green Nigeria
Proyecto Paz y Amor
Redeem Africa Foundation
Restoration World Outreach Ministries
St. Petersburg Institute of Bioregulation and Gerontology of the North-Western Branch of the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences
Scholars at Risk Network
Secure World Foundation
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States
Shirley Ann Sullivan Educational Foundation
Soeurs unies à l’oeuvre
Sudanese Mothers for Peace
Third World Network-Africa
Ukrainian Non-Governmental Socio-Political Association: National Assembly of Persons with Disabilities
United Kingdom Association for the United Nations Development Fund for Women
Victorious Youths Movement
Vivekananda Sevakendra-O-Sishu Uddyan
Widows for Peace through Democracy
Women Against Violence (Europe)
Women’s Global Network for Reproductive Rights
World Toilet Organization
Youth Crime Watch of Nigeria
Youth for the Child’s Welfare

New application withdrawn
13. At its 6th meeting, on 27 January 2010, the Committee took note of the request of the following non-governmental organization to withdraw its application:
   Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

Plan International
14. At its 15th meeting, on 3 February 2010, during the consideration of the application of the non-governmental organization Plan Sweden, it was brought to the attention of the Committee that Plan Sweden is a member of a larger umbrella organization, named Plan International, which has been listed on the Roster since 1981. The Committee consequently decided to request a report from the non-governmental organization Plan International for the 2011 regular session, with a view to considering the recommendation of the reclassification of its status as the Committee deems appropriate, in accordance with paragraph 61 (c) of Council resolution 1996/31.

III. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

A. Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

15. At its 12th meeting, on 1 February 2010, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council on their activities during the period from 1999 to 2009, which had been
deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2010/CRP.2). Owing to
time constraints, the Committee did not review the following quadrennial reports
deferred from previous sessions:

- Amnesty International
- Centrist Democrat International
- CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation
- Freedom House
- Heritage Foundation
- Human Rights Internet
- International Federation for Human Rights Leagues
- International Network of Liberal Women
- International Press Institute
- National Council of Women of Thailand
- Nonviolent Radical Party, Transnational and Transparty

16. Consideration of the quadrennial report of the Ukrainian World Congress was
deferred pending a response from the organization to a question posed by the
Committee.

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

17. The Committee considered agenda item 4 (b) of its agenda, Review of
quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative
status with the Council, at its 12th meeting, on 1 February 2010. It had before it a note
by the Secretary-General containing new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2010/2/Add.1
to 29). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 170 organizations
(see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)). The Committee decided to defer
consideration of three quadrennial reports, pending receipt of their response to
questions posed by the Committee:

- Human Rights Watch
- International Association of Judges
- Society for Threatened Peoples

IV. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations
Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs
of the Secretariat

18. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January 2010, the Committee jointly considered
agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the
Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, and
agenda item 9, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations
Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network, and heard oral reports made by the Secretariat.

19. Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Egypt, the United States and China, and the observer for Chile. They welcomed the noticeable improvements in the work of the Branch, encouraged continued progress and expressed their support for further strengthening of the Branch.

V. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304

Other related matters

Recommendations for improving the working methods of the Committee

20. At the 12th meeting, on 1 February 2010, following informal discussions, proposals were considered for the improvement of the working methods of the Committee. The Committee will continue its discussion on the matter at its resumed session.

VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

General Federation of Iraqi Women

21. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January 2010, the Committee heard a complaint by the observer for Iraq concerning an organization with special consultative status with the Council, the General Federation of Iraqi Women (see annex I). The observer requested withdrawal of the consultative status of the organization, explaining that it was in fact a subsidiary political entity established by the former regime in Iraq, that it had been dissolved, and that a new law regulating the activities of non-governmental organizations in Iraq had been enacted in 2005. He further highlighted that the organization was not registered in Iraq and did not have any recorded presence or activities.

22. At its 10th meeting, on 29 January 2010, the Committee resumed its consideration of the request and reviewed the response of the organization, in which it disclosed its unawareness of the new law regulating the activities of non-governmental organizations in Iraq, while stating that it continued to undertake several activities in the country. The majority of Committee members voiced support for the complaint made by the observer for Iraq, noting that if the organization was unaware of the new law or had been dissolved, and had not even been registered with the competent Iraqi authorities, it could not possibly be active on the ground.

23. The Committee decided to recommend that the Council withdraw the consultative status of the organization (see chap. I, draft decision II).
Interfaith International

24. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January 2010, the Committee heard a complaint by the representative of Pakistan, concerning an organization with special consultative status with the Council, Interfaith International (see annex II). He explained that the organization had been systematically engaged in politically motivated activities to undermine the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Pakistan, despite several attempts by his delegation in Geneva to approach the organization and warnings by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Accordingly, he requested that the Committee take immediate and strict action, as prescribed in Council resolution 1996/31.

25. At its 14th meeting, on 2 February 2010, the representatives of Pakistan, China, Burundi, Cuba, Egypt, Angola, Turkey, Qatar, the Sudan, Guinea and the Russia Federation supported the withdrawal of the organization’s status in the light of the organization’s continued violations of the arrangements according to which organizations are granted consultative status. The representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, Dominica, Romania, Peru, Israel and Colombia, as well as the observer for Switzerland, supported the suspension of the organization’s consultative status, asserting that a balance must be struck to ensure that the Committee is not engaging in the censorship of non-governmental organizations.

26. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend that the Council suspend the status of the organization for a period of two years (see chap. I, draft decision III).

VII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

27. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2010 regular session from 25 January to 3 February 2010. The Committee held 16 meetings.

28. The session was opened by the Chair of the 2009 sessions of the Committee, Hassan Hamid Hassan (Sudan), who served as temporary Chair.

29. At the 1st meeting, on 25 January, the Chair of the Committee, Ramis Sen (Turkey), made an opening statement. An introductory statement was made by the Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

B. Attendance

30. The session was attended by the 19 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for non-members, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants is available from www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo.

31. At its 2010 regular session, the Committee heard from 21 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

32. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January, the Committee elected Ramis Sen (Turkey) as Chair and Alya Al-Thani (Qatar) as Vice-Chair.

33. At its 7th meeting, on 28 January, the Committee elected Crispin S. Gregoire (Dominica), Wael M. Attiya (Egypt) and Alexandru Ciorobea (Romania) as Vice-Chairs.

34. At the 13th meeting, on 2 February, it was decided that Crispin S. Gregoire (Dominica), in addition to serving as Vice-Chair, would also serve as Rapporteur.

D. Agenda

35. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January 2010, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its 2010 session as contained in document E/C.2/2010/1. The agenda reads as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;
   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;
   (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.

4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:
   (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;
   (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.

5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.

6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:
(a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;
(b) Consideration of issues in the agenda of the informal working group;
(c) Other related matters.


8. Consideration of special reports.


10. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2011 resumed session of the Committee.

11. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

36. At the same meeting, the Committee approved its organization of work as contained in working paper No. 1.

E. Documentation

37. The list of documents before the Committee at its 2010 regular session is contained in document E/C.2/2010/INF.1.

VIII. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2010 regular session

38. At its 16th meeting, on 3 February 2010, the Committee adopted the draft report as contained in document E/C.2/2010/L.1 and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report, in consultation with the members of the Committee, as appropriate, with a view to its submission to the Economic and Social Council for appropriate action.
Annex I

Notes verbales dated 11 November 2009 and 25 January 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat

Note verbale dated 11 November 2009

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and to the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and requests that legal measures be taken to end the representation of the “General Federation of Iraqi Women” in official international and regional forums owing to the fact that the Federation is one of the dissolved political entities in accordance with the provisions of Iraqi law No. 21 of 2005.

Note verbale dated 25 January 2010

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and to the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and has the honour to attach a copy of Iraqi law No. 21 of 2005 regarding the dissolved political entities and, with reference to note verbale dated 11 November 2009, has the honour to further inform that the “General Federation of Iraqi Women” is not registered with the official relevant Iraqi department responsible for non-governmental organizations, with which any Iraqi organization must be registered in order to exercise its work.

a Attachments are available from the paperless committee system of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.
Annex II

Note verbale dated 8 January 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat

The Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, and with reference to the forthcoming regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, to be held from 25 January to 3 February 2010, has the honour to convey a serious complaint against the non-governmental organization “Interfaith International” on the following grounds:

(a) Interfaith International is a Geneva-based organization that has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. It is constantly violating the Charter of the United Nations and Council resolution 1996/31 through supporting elements that undermine the territorial integrity of States Members of the United Nations. Interfaith International invites representatives from various countries and provides a platform for them to speak in the Human Rights Council. Different speeches and reports of a controversial nature delivered from its platform are posted on its website. Its activities are clearly in violation of the Charter, Council resolution 1996/31 and its own constitution, which claims to advocate peace, mutual co-existence and tolerance among all religions and communities of the world;

(b) During the previous few sessions of the Human Rights Council, it particularly targeted Pakistan. It invited a representative from a political group during the eleventh session of the Human Rights Council and allowed him to make a statement. He used highly controversial language, distorted historical facts and challenged realities on the ground. Both the substance and the tone of the language were so objectionable that even the President of the Human Rights Council had to intervene and stop the speaker from delivering his statement;

(c) Assertions made in the statement were clearly in violation of the purposes and principles of the Charter, which uphold the territorial integrity and political independence of any Member State. In his remarks to this highly objectionable statement, the President stated that “it is a very unhelpful statement that needs serious redrafting”. The President did not allow him to proceed further with his statement;

(d) The non-governmental organization is also using the United Nations name and its emblem for its statement, which was neither delivered by any United Nations personnel nor done on behalf of the United Nations;

(e) In another incident, during the twelfth session of the Human Rights Council, Interfaith International organized a side event. At this event, invitees

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included groups who advocated violent overthrow of the legitimate government of the province and the Nation State. The non-governmental organization widely circulated flyers about this event both outside and inside United Nations premises and vilified in its statement the legal Government and the Constitution of Pakistan. In response to this highly provocative behaviour against the Charter, the Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations in Geneva made an immediate and detailed demarche to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, too, in response acknowledged that the Secretariat had taken due note of those concerns, and based on previous incidents of a similar nature, informed the concerned non-governmental organization that its conduct was not consistent with the rules and practices for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the Council. This letter further strengthens our submission against retention of Interfaith International in the United Nations process;

(f) Separately, OHCHR held a detailed meeting with the representatives of Interfaith International and warned them of their repeated misconduct on different accounts. It was categorically stated that further misbehaviour would not be tolerated. The minutes of the meeting were shared with the Director-General of the United Nations Office in Geneva, the Non-Governmental Organizations Liaison Office in Geneva and the secretariat of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in New York. At this meeting, Charles Graves, the Secretary-General of Interfaith International, himself admitted that his organization had brought at least “75 representatives” from within the boundaries of Pakistan who were inimical to the Nation State, the laws and the Constitution of Pakistan;

(g) In several instances, Interfaith International worked with another highly controversial entity, Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization, whose application for consultative status has recently been rejected by Committee members. Interfaith International organized joint events with Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization on subjects threatening the territorial integrity of various Member States in Geneva and invited political and terrorist representatives to the meeting. Interfaith International remained involved in hosting events on forming a “confederation of people in South Asia”, which included elements that challenged the geopolitical entity of Nation States in South Asia;

(h) In June 2009, Interfaith International, along with Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization, arranged a highly controversial side event undermining the territorial integrity, laws and Constitution of Pakistan. Due to its offensive and politicized nature, the request for organizing the event was refused by OHCHR and was only granted when its Secretary-General, Charles Graves, gave assurances that the event would be changed to cover “human rights in South Asia”. However, Charles Graves failed to honour his commitment to United Nations officials, and despite an official change of title in the Council’s bulletin of the informal meeting, the non-governmental organization kept on distributing the flyer with the same old offensive title;

(i) According to Council resolution 1996/31, the participation of non-governmental organizations in United Nations activities must be in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the criteria established under the resolution, which in no way undermines the sovereignty of Member States. This criteria not only determines the relevance of the
non-governmental organization applying for consultative status with the above principles but also calls for a regular review of its activities to ensure strict adherence with established United Nations norms. Paragraph 57 of the same resolution states that “if an organization, either directly or through its affiliates or representatives acting on its behalf, clearly abuses its status by engaging in a pattern of acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, including unsubstantiated or politically motivated acts against Member States of the United Nations incompatible with those purposes and principles”, its consultative status shall be suspended or withdrawn for three years.

In view of its highly objectionable activities, relationship with other organizations encouraging activities against the sovereignty of Nation States and violation of the Charter and Council resolution 1996/31, Pakistan strongly urges the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to take an immediate and most strict action against Interfaith International and withdraw its consultative status. The Committee may also direct the non-governmental organization immediately to remove all objectionable material from its website. We hope that the members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will positively consider this complaint and keep on monitoring the work and activities of this non-governmental organization in full compliance with the rules, regulations and procedures set out in Council resolution 1996/31.