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Summary

At its 2015 regular session, held from 26 January to 4 February and 6 and 13 February 2015, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 330 applications for consultative status, including 153 applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 124 for consultative status, deferred 176 for further consideration at its resumed session in 2015 and closed consideration without prejudice of 29 applications that had failed to respond to queries over two consecutive sessions of the Committee. It also took note of one non-governmental organization that had withdrawn its application. The Committee also had before it five requests for reclassification of consultative status; it recommended granting two of those requests. The Committee considered 10 requests for change of name and took note of five of those requests. It also had before it 210 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 172. It also took note of the request from two non-governmental organizations to withdraw their consultative status. The Committee heard 18 representatives of 39 non-governmental organizations that attended the session.

The present report contains three 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 124 non-governmental organizations;
- (b) Reclassify the consultative status of two non-governmental organizations;

(c) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of five non-governmental organizations;

(d) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 172 non-governmental organizations;

(e) Close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by 29 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee;

(f) Note the withdrawal of an application by one non-governmental organization.

By draft decision II, the Council would take note of the withdrawal of consultative status requested by two non-governmental organizations.

By draft decision III, 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 124 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

African British Returnees International Ltd

African Relief in Action "ARIA"

African Rights Initiative International

AGE Platform Europe

Aid for Trade Logistics

Al-Fidaa Foundation

Alliance for Nuclear Accountability

Arab Forum for Environment and Development

Asociación de Técnicos Superiores y Peritos Judiciales de Andalucía

Asociación para la Promoción de la Libertad y el Desarrollo Sostenible

Association "Paix" pour la lutte contre la Contrainte et l'injustice

Association Africa 21

Association pour la Défense des Droits de Développement Durable et du Bien-être Familial (ADBEF)

Beirut Institute

Boy With a Ball Ministries

Campaign for Human Right and Development Sierra Leone

Canadian Pugwash Group

Canterbury Business Association Incorporated

Center for Religion and Diplomacy, Inc.

Centre d'Encadrement et Développement des Anciens Combattants

Centre Européen de Recherche et de Prospective Politique - CEREPOL

Centre for Community Regeneration and Development
China Society of Administrative Reform
Citizens United to Promote Peace & Democracy in Liberia
Comité Permanente por la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos
Count of Monte Alea Foundation.Inc.
Dacia Revival International Society Inc.
Deaf Aid
Development Action for Women Network, Inc.
"Dialogue of Cultures - United World" International Public Charity Fund
Dóchas - The Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations
EIVHGI - Europäische Interessenverband - Handel - Gewerbe - Industrie
ESOFÉ Association pour l'éducation, la santé et la promotion des femmes et des enfants au Cameroun
Ethiopian Social Assistance Committee
European Health Psychology Society
Fonds Tara
Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America
Freedom from Hunger
Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, Inc.
Fundación Centro Latinoamericano de Derechos Humanos
Fundación Crisálida
Fundación Luz María
Ganja Agribusiness Association
Global Forum on Human Settlements
Global Network for Rights and Development (GNRD)
Global New Car Assessment Programme
Good Helpers
Groupe d'action pour la promotion socioculturelle et l'alphabetisation: Nouvelle Energie
Groupement Romand D'études des Addictions GREA
Hazrat Javad-al-Aemeh Cultural Charity Institute
Health and Humanitarian Aid Foundation
Help4help
Horn of Africa Voluntary Youth Committee (HAVOYOCO)
IBREA Foundation

International Development Information Organization-DevNet
International Falcon Movement - Socialist Educational International
International Geothermal Association Incorporated
International Islamic Youth League
International Thai Foundation Ltd
International Volunteer Organization for Women Education Development
Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center (ICRIC)
Islamic Research and Information Artistic & Cultural Institute
Kawish Resource Center
Kids Included Together San Diego Inc.
Kiyana Karaj Group
Korea Green Foundation
Korean Association for supporting SDGs (ASD)
Korean Bar Association
L'Observatoire Mauritanien des Droits de l'Homme et de la Démocratie
League of Persons with Disabilities
Ligue Marocaine de la citoyenneté et des droits de l'homme
Mayama, Asociación Civil
Metro Toronto Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic
Mongolian Family Welfare Association
Mouvement National des Jeunes Patriotes du Mali
NABU - Knowledge Transfer Beyond Boundaries
National Organization for Marriage Education Fund
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc.
New Progressive Alliance
Nigerian Network of Women Exporters of Services
Nonprofit Non-Government Expert Society on Space Threat Defense
Northern CCB
Organization for Research and Community Development
Peivande Gole Narges Organization
Peramangk Heritage Association Incorporated
RARE
Réseau des Plates Formes d'ONG d'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre (REPAOC)
Reyhaneh Nabi Art & Cultural Center

Roshd Foundation
Sahkar Social Welfare Association
Sam Kader Memorial Fund
Samdong International Association, Inc.
Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organization Incorporated
Schools Without Borders
Shia Rights Watch Inc
Sindh Community Foundation
Skyian Welfare Organization
Society of Collective Interests Orientation
Solidarité Suisse-Guinée
Sonke Gender Justice Network
Support Humanity Organization
The Equal Rights Trust
The Founders Development organization Badin
The HETL Association, Inc.
The Institute of Development Studies
The International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons
The Society for Recovery Support
The Tronie Foundation
The Washington and Lee University
The Well Being Foundation
The World Association for al-Azhar Graduates (WAAG)
Trennungsväter e.V.
United Deeds (Actions concertées)
Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico Inc.
Users and Survivors of Psychiatry in Kenya (USP-K)
Villages Unis (United Villages)
Viridis Institute
Visión para el Desarrollo
Women Support Center
Women's Empowerment Group
World Assembly of Youth
World Togolese Foundation, Inc.

Zamani Foundation

Zimbabwe Women Resources Centre and Network

(b) To reclassify the following two non-governmental organizations from special to general consultative status:

Convention of Independent Financial Advisors – CIFA

International Health Awareness Network, Inc.

(c) To note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of the following five non-governmental organizations:

Americans for UNFPA, Inc. (Special 2002) to Friends of UNFPA, Inc.

Berlin Civil Society Center – convening-capacity building research gGmbH (Special 2014) to International Civil Society Centre – convening-capacity building-research gGmbH

Family Planning Association, I. R. Iran (Special 2010) to Family Health Association of Iran (FHA)

International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Special 2000) to International Presentation Association

World Forum on the Future of Sport Shooting Activities (Wfsa) (Roster 2002) to World Forum on Shooting Activities (Wfsa)

(d) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 172 non-governmental organizations:¹

Action Aides aux Familles Demunies

Africa Centre for Citizens Orientation

Afro Centre for Development Peace and Justice

Al-khoei Foundation

Alliance Defending Freedom

Americans for UNFPA, Inc.

Anti-Slavery International

Argentine Society of Pediatrics

Asian Institute of Transport Development

Asian Legal Resource Centre

Asociacion Civil Consorcio Desarrollo y Justicia

¹ The reports listed are for the period 2010-2013, with the exception of seven reports for the period 2009-2012 and one report for the period 2008-2011, as indicated in the list with the dates in parentheses.

Asociacion de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Madres Irlandesas (2009 – 2012)
Assembly of First Nations - National Indian Brotherhood
Associacao Brasileira de Gays, Lesbicas e Transgeneros (2009 – 2012)
Associacao de Mulheres Contra a Violencia
Association apprentissage sans frontieres
Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR)
Association internationale des droits de l'enfant en difficulté et dans la souffrance
Association of Medical Doctors of Asia, The
Association pour la Formation et l'Insertion Sociale de l'Adolescent et de la Femme (AFISAF)
Associazione Comunita Papa Giovanni XXIII
Ayande Roshan Nokhbegan Foundation
Azerbaijan Women and Development Center
BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights
Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication
Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University (BKWSU)
Brazilian Foundation of America
Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation
Canadian Federation of University Women
Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network
Cause Première
Center for Policy Studies
Center for Public Health
Centre Europe - Tiers Monde - Europe-Third World Centre
Centre Féminin pour la Promotion du Développement (CEFEPD)
Child Care Consortium
China International Council for the Promotion of Multinational Corporations
China Society for Human Rights Studies (CSHRS)
Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament, The
Chinese Young Volunteers Association
Collectif Senegalais des Africaines pour la Promotion de l'Education Relative a l'Environnement
Comité Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Développement
Comite National d'Action pour les Droits de l'Enfant et de la Femme

Commonwealth Human Ecology Council
Cooperation and Participation in Overseas NGOs
Dominican Leadership Conference
Dones per la Llibertat i Democràcia
Drug Free America Foundation
Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration
Eastern Sudan Women Development Organization
Education International
Egyptian Association for Educational Resources
Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs
Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness
Environmental Rights Action / Friends of the Earth Nigeria (ERA/FoEN)
Families of Victims of Involuntary Disappearance (FIND)
Family Africa
Family Planning Association, I.R.Iran
Family Research Council
Federation of National Representations of the Experiment in International Living, The
Fondation Chantal Biya
Fondation Genereuse Developpement
Fondation Suisse Maroc pour le développement durable
Free World Foundation (FWF)
Friends World Committee for Consultation
Fundacion Eudes
Fundacion para Estudio Investigacion de la Mujer
General Arab Women Federation (2009 – 2012)
General Confederation of Trade Unions
Generation recherche action & formation pour l'environnement
Global Afrikan Congress
Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women
Greenpeace International
Hawa Society for Women
Humanist Institute for Co-operation with Developing Countries
IFENDU for Women's Development
Il Cenacolo

Imam Al-Sadr Foundation
Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society
Imamia Medics International
Ingenieurs du Monde
International Association for Women's Mental Health
International Association of Lions Clubs
International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organisations
International Cooperative Alliance
International Council of Chemical Associations
International Council of Management Consulting Institutes, Inc. (2009 – 2012)
International Council of Societies of Industrial Design (ICSID)
International Council on Jewish Social and Welfare Services
International Environmental Law Research Centre
International Federation of Family Associations of Missing Persons from Armed Conflicts
International Federation of Non-governmental Organizations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse (2009 – 2012)
International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres
International Federation of Training and Development Organisations, Ltd.
International First Aid Society
International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission
International Health Awareness Network, Inc.
International Higher Education Academy of Sciences (IHEAS)
International Investment Center
International La Strada Association
International Network for Sustainable Energy
International Psychoanalytical Association Trust
International Relations Students' Association of McGill University
International Society of Doctors for the Environment
International Union for the Scientific Study of Population
International Women's Year Liaison Group
Interregional Union of Life Help for Mentally Handicapped Persons "Sail of Hope"
INTERSOS Humanitarian Aid Organization
ISIS - Women's International Cross-Cultural Exchange
Israel Women's Network

Italian Association for Aid to Children
Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)
Jose Marti Cultural Society
Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture
Kitakyushu Forum on Asian Women (KFAW)
Kongres Wanita Indonesia
Korea Freedom Federation
Korea International Volunteer Organization (KVO)
Korean National Council of Women
Leonard Cheshire Disability
Liberians United to Expose Hidden Weapons
Maasai Aid Association (M.A.A.)
Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers
Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic, Inc.
Mennonite Central Committee
Miracle Corners of the World
Movimento Italiano Casalinghe
Mujer para la Mujer A.C.
National Association of Vocational Education of China
National Federation of International Immigrant Women Associations
National Rehabilitation and Development Center (NRDC)
Netherlands Centre for Indigenous Peoples (NCIV)
Network "Earth Village"
Network of Women's Non-governmental Organizations in the Islamic Republic of Iran (2009 - 2012)
New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council
ONG Playdoo - Cote d'Ivoire
Organization for Defending Victims of Violence
Organization for the Solidarity of the Peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America
Oxfam International
Pacific Women's Watch (New Zealand)
Parliamentarians for Global Action
Pew Environment Group
Physicians for Social Responsibility

Plan Sweden
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Presse Embleme Campagne
Rainforest Foundation
Real Women of Canada
Relief International (2008 – 2011)
Rissho Kosei-kai
Saint Petersburg Institute of Bioregulation and Gerontology of the North-Western Branch of the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences
Samaj Kalyan Unnayan Shagstha
School Sisters of Notre Dame
Secours populaire francais
Secure World Foundation
Shirley Ann Sullivan Educational Foundation
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (OSMTH)
Teresian Association
To Love Children Educational Foundation International Inc.
Traditions pour demain
UNESCO Association, Guwahati
Union de Escritores y Artistas de Cuba
United Nations Watch
United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY Peacebuilders)
Viva Rio
War Resisters International (2009 – 2012)
Wildlife Conservation Society
Women Organization for Development and Capacity Building
Women Power Connect
Women's Right to Education Programme
Women's Welfare Centre

(e) To close without prejudice the request for consultative status made by the following 29 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee:

Action on Armed Violence

AFD International Belgium
APMM Company Limited
Apne Aap Women's Collective
Asia Journalist Association
Azad Foundation
Computer & Communications Industry Association
Fundación Alisos
Genre en Action
HAQ: Centre for Child Rights
Internationale Vrije Vrouwen Stichting
Islamic Medical Association of North America, Inc.
Kasheer Foundation
Middle East Children's Institute, Inc
Nobel Women's Initiative
Nonprofit Organization Kokkyo naki Kodomotachi
North Korea Intellectuals Solidarity
Palpung Munishasan Dharmachakra Sangh
Peer Consultants, P.C.
People for Equality and Relief in Lanka Inc
Perpetual Succour for Women & Children Initiative
Rehabilitators
Scandinavian Institute for Human Rights (SIHR) Norway, The
Scientific Committee on Solar-Terrestrial Physics
Senos Ayuda
Skillshare International (India) Trust
The International Ombudsman Institute (I.O.I.)
United Hatzalah (NP)
Women's Information Center

(f) To note the withdrawal by the following one non-governmental organization of its application for consultative status:

Hizmet Relief, Inc.

Draft decision II**Withdrawal of consultative status of non-governmental organization**

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the request for withdrawal of consultative status by the following two non-governmental organizations:

Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development
International Holistic Tourism Education Centre

Draft decision III**Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2015 regular session**

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2015 regular session.

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

2. The Committee considered agenda items 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, and 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 1st through 14th meetings, held from 26 January to 4 February and 6 February 2015. 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.2/2015/R.2 and E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.1-17);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new requests for reclassification to be considered by the Committee (E/C.2/2015/R.3);

(c) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held from 2008 through 2014 (E/C.2/2015/CRP.1);

(d) Compilation of deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from sessions of the Committee held from 1998 to 2012 (E/C.2/2015/CRP.2);

(e) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2015/CRP.3);

(f) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations requesting a change of name (E/C.2/2015/CRP.4);

(g) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations for a change of name deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2015/CRP.5);

(h) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from two non-governmental organizations for withdrawal of their status due to the dissolution of their organizations (E/C.2/2015/CRP.7).

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, at its 5th to 9th meetings and 12th to 14th meetings, on 29 and 30 January and 2, 4 and 6 February 2015. The Committee considered a total of 153 deferred applications for consultative status.

Applications recommended

4. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 26 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

African Rights Initiative International
AGE Platform Europe
Boy With a Ball Ministries
Center for Religion and Diplomacy, Inc.
Comité Permanente por la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos
European Health Psychology Society
Freedom from Hunger
Fundación Centro Latinoamericano de Derechos Humanos
Global Network for Rights and Development (GNRD)
Good Helpers
International Falcon Movement - Socialist Educational International
Islamic Research and Information Artistic & Cultural Institute
Kiyana Karaj Group
Korea Green Foundation
Korean Bar Association
National Organization for Marriage Education Fund

National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc.
Skyian Welfare Organization
Sonke Gender Justice Network
The Equal Rights Trust
The Institute of Development Studies
The International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons
The Tronie Foundation
The World Association for al-Azhar Graduates (WAAG)
Trennungsväter e.V.
Zimbabwe Women Resources Centre and Network

Applications deferred

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 97 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2015 regular session:

Access Now
Active Help Organization
Advocates for International Development
Africa Unite
Afrikaanse Forum vir Burgerregte
Al-Dameer Association for Supporting Prisoners and Human Rights
Al-Marsad, The Arab Centre for Human Rights in the Golan Heights (R.A.)
All-Ukrainian Association of Civil Organizations "Union of Armenians of Ukraine"
Ambedkar Center for Justice and Peace
Asia Center for Human Rights (ACHR)
Assyrian Aid Society of America Inc.
Assyrian National Congress
Avocats Sans Frontières
Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara Occidental
Business and Professional Women Voluntary Organization - Sudan
Center for Constitutional Rights Inc.
Center for Media & Peace Initiative Inc.
Centre catholique international de Genève (CCIG)
Centre Zagros pour les Droits de l'Homme

Child Rights Information Network - CRIN
Christian Solidarity Worldwide
Collectif des Familles de Disparu(e)s en Algerie
Committee to Protect Journalists, Inc.
Congrès National des Arméniens Occidentaux (CNAO)
Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience
Dalit Foundation - Ahmedabad
Droits de l'Homme sans Frontières - Human Rights Without Frontiers
Earth Charter Associates Ltd.
ECCO2 Corp
ELA-Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Género
Freedom Now
Geneva Institute for Human Rights (GIHR)
Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health
Hokok Coalición Internacional Contra la Impunidad
India Media Centre
Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya
Institute for Human Rights & Business Limited
International Association of Genocide Scholars, Inc., The
International Dalit Solidarity Network
International Green Economy Association
International Human Rights Commission Relief Fund Trust
Iran Human Rights Documentation Center
Islamic African Relief Agency (IARA)
James Madison University
Legal Resources Centre
Let's Breakthrough, Inc.
Medsin-UK
Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus
Mother Helpage (UK)
Muslim Aid
Muslim Hands
National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Inc.
National Development Youth Club, Jaran Wali Gali Poonch

National Secular Society
National Women's Welfare Society Darwha, Distt. Yavatmal
New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative
New World Hope Organization (NWHO)
Nigerian Diaspora Youths Movement for Peace and Development International Organization
Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays, Inc. (P-FOX)
Peace and Hope International
Population Matters
Profesionales por la Ética
RESDAL Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina Asociación Civil
Rural Development Institute
Segretariato Permanente dei Premi Nobel per la Pace
Shah Maqem Trust
Sheikh Eid Bin Mohammad Al Thani Charitable Association
Sikh Human Rights Group
Stichting Global Human Rights Defence
Stichting Samenwerkingsverband IKV - Pax Christi
Stichting Soham Baba Mission
Stichting War Child
Survivor's Network of those Abused by Priests
Swadhikar
The Akshaya Patra Foundation
The Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention Inc
The Bahrain Young Ladies Association
The F W de Klerk Foundation Trust
The Jewish Renaissance Foundation
The Kuki Organization For Human Rights Trust
The Lawfare Project, Inc.
The Leadership Foundation
The Palestinian Return Centre Ltd
The Simons Foundation
Treatment & Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture
Tripura Foundation, Inc.
United Sikhs

Virtual Activism Incorporated
Warbe Development Foundation
West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation
Women Living under Muslim Laws - International Solidarity Network (WLUML)
Women's Freedom Forum, Inc.
Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America
Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (YCSRR)
Youth Foundation of Bangladesh
Youth of European Nationalities
Zaka Rescue and Recovery

Congrès national des arméniens occidentaux

6. At its 7th meeting, on 20 January, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Congrès national des arméniens occidentaux.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Azerbaijan posed questions on the activities of the organization, which were followed by a statement by the observer of Armenia. In his statement, the observer of Armenia highlighted non-governmental organizations important contribution to and engagement with the United Nations and regretted that two Committee members continued to exercise a selective and discriminatory approach to considering applications from civil society groups and repeatedly posed questions to the Armenian diaspora organizations. He reiterated the call for a constructive and impartial approach to considering the organization's application.

8. The representative of Azerbaijan stated that this session was the first time his delegation posed a question to the organization and stressed that the Committee members performed their duties in an impartial manner. He appealed to observer states to follow the rules regarding their participation in the work of the Committee. The representative of Turkey underlined that Turkey strongly supports the involvement and active participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nation and emphasized that Turkey had traditionally adopted an impartial and constructive approach in the evaluation of all applications of non-governmental organizations for consultative status. He added that regardless of the name or origin of non-governmental organizations, the only criteria Turkey followed in the review of applications was whether the organizations were in compliance with the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31. The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Freedom Now

9. At its 8 meeting, on 2 February, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Freedom Now and posed questions to the non-

governmental organization. At the same meeting, the Committee agreed to keep the application opened until the final day.

10. At its 14th meeting, on 6 February, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Freedom Now for the second time.

11. The representative of Azerbaijan expressed concern about the application of the organization and stated that its website had incorrect information regarding the detention of so-called human rights activists in Azerbaijan. He added that the persons listed on the website of the organization have been arrested for committing crimes under the laws of his country. He urged the organization to respect the legal system of sovereign states and not to question their validity. He therefore requested the organization to correct all erroneous information presented on its website. The representative of the Sudan in supporting the representative of Azerbaijan asked that the organization provide a response to the request made by Azerbaijan. The representative of the United States stressed that the organization had been pending before the Committee for five years, had answered over 40 questions, was doing important human rights work, and deserved to be accredited to the Economic and Social Council and requested all members of the Committee to ask any further questions at the current session so that the Committee could take a decision on this organization at its resumed session. The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Global Network for Rights and Development (GNRD)

12. At its 8th meeting, on 2 February, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Global Network for Rights and Development (GNRD). At the same meeting, the representative of the Sudan recalled that the organization had been under review since 2011 and highlighted the excellent work of the organization, adding that it was registered in Norway, Switzerland and Belgium and cooperated fully with local authorities. He stressed that it was supported by the African Union and deserved to be recommended for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. The representatives of China, Cuba, Islamic Republic of Iran, Mauritania and Russian Federation expressed support for the representative of the Sudan. The Committee posed questions to the non-governmental organization and agreed to keep the application opened until the final day.

13. At its 14th meeting, on 6 February, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Global Network for Rights and Development (GNRD) for the second time.

14. At the same meeting, the representative of the Sudan requested action to recommend granting the organization consultative status, under rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council. The representative of Greece pointed out that some members of the Committee had expressed reservations and posed questions regarding the work of the organization and that the Committee should strive to work towards consensus. The representative of the United States stated that rushing to a vote was not in line with the previous practice of the Committee and added that the organization was promulgating false information on its website about the participation of the United States in one of its events which was brought to the

attention of the Committee only on that day. She stressed that her delegation had requested for additional time so that the organization could respond to all the questions that the Committee had posed to it. The representative of the Sudan did not withdraw his request, and the Chair proceeded with the vote.

15. The non-governmental organization was recommended for consultative status by a roll-call vote of 15 to 2, with 2 abstentions. All 19 members of the Committee were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, Guinea, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Against:

Israel, United States.

Abstaining:

Greece, Turkey.

Applications closed without prejudice

16. At its 14th meeting, on 6 February, the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 29 non-governmental organizations that had not responded to the Committee's questions despite three reminders sent to the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I (e)).

17. At its 8th meeting, on 2 February, the Committee took note of the request of withdrawal by the following non-governmental organization of its deferred application for consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I (f)):

Hizmet Relief, Inc.

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

18. The Committee considered item 3 (b) of its agenda, New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 1st to 4th and 10th and 11th meetings, on 26 to 29 January and 3 February 2015. The Committee considered a total of 177 new applications for consultative status.

New applications recommended

19. Of the 177 organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 98 organizations should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

African British Returnees International Ltd
African Relief in Action "ARIA"
Aid for Trade Logistics
Al-Fidaa Foundation
Alliance for Nuclear Accountability
Arab Forum for Environment and Development
Asociación de Técnicos Superiores y Peritos Judiciales de Andalucía
Asociación para la Promoción de la Libertad y el Desarrollo Sostenible
Association "Paix" pour la lutte contre la Contrainte et l'injustice
Association Africa 21
Association pour la Défense des Droits de Développement Durable et du Bien-être Familial (ADBEF)
Beirut Institute
Campaign for Human Right and Development Sierra Leone
Canadian Pugwash Group
Canterbury Business Association Incorporated
Centre d'Encadrement et Développement des Anciens Combattants
Centre Européen de Recherche et de Prospective Politique - CEREPOL
Centre for Community Regeneration and Development
China Society of Administrative Reform
Citizens United to Promote Peace & Democracy in Liberia
Count of Monte Alea Foundation.Inc.
Dacia Revival International Society Inc.
Deaf Aid
Development Action for Women Network, Inc.
"Dialogue of Cultures - United World" International Public Charity Fund
Dóchas - The Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations
EIVHGI - Europäischer Interessenverband - Handel - Gewerbe - Industrie
ESOFÉ Association pour l'éducation, la santé et la promotion des femmes et des enfants au Cameroun
Ethiopian Social Assistance Committee
Fonds Tara
Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America
Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, Inc.

Fundación Crisálida
Fundación Luz María
Ganja Agribusiness Association
Global Forum on Human Settlements
Global New Car Assessment Programme
Groupe d'action pour la promotion socioculturelle et l'alphabétisation: Nouvelle Energie
Groupement Romand D'études des Addictions GREA
Hazrat Javad-al-Aemeh Cultural Charity Institute
Health and Humanitarian Aid Foundation
Help4help
Horn of Africa Voluntary Youth Committee (HAVOYOCO)
IBREA Foundation
International Development Information Organization-DevNet
International Geothermal Association Incorporated
International Islamic Youth League
International Thai Foundation Ltd
International Volunteer Organization for Women Education Development
Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center (ICRIC)
Kawish Resource Center
Kids Included Together San Diego Inc.
Korean Association for supporting SDGs (ASD)
L'Observatoire Mauritanien des Droits de l'Homme et de la Démocratie
League of Persons with Disabilities
Ligue Marocaine de la citoyenneté et des droits de l'homme
Mayama, Asociación Civil
Metro Toronto Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic
Mongolian Family Welfare Association
Mouvement National des Jeunes Patriotes du Mali
NABU - Knowledge Transfer Beyond Boundaries
New Progressive Alliance
Nigerian Network of Women Exporters of Services
Nonprofit Non-Government Expert Society on Space Threat Defense
Northern CCB
Organization for Research and Community Development

Peivande Gole Narges Organization
Peramangk Heritage Association Incorporated
RARE
Réseau des Plates Formes d'ONG d'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre (REPAOC)
Reyhaneh Nabi Art & Cultural Center
Roshd Foundation
Sahkar Social Welfare Association
Sam Kader Memorial Fund
Samdong International Association, Inc.
Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organization Incorporated
Schools Without Borders
Shia Rights Watch Inc
Sindh Community Foundation
Society of Collective Interests Orientation
Solidarité Suisse-Guinée
Support Humanity Organization
The Founders Development organization Badin
The HETL Association, Inc.
The Society for Recovery Support
The Washington and Lee University
The Well Being Foundation
United Deeds (Actions concertées)
Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico Inc.
Users and Survivors of Psychiatry in Kenya (USP-K)
Villages Unis (United Villages)
Viridis Institute
Visión para el Desarrollo
Women Support Center
Women's Empowerment Group
World Assembly of Youth
World Togolese Foundation, Inc.
Zamani Foundation

New applications deferred

20. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 79 organizations pending receipt of questions posed by the Committee to the organizations during its 2015 regular session:

Akhil Bharatiya Sanskrutik Sangh
Azerbaijani American Cultural Association, Inc.
Beautiful Eves of Africa Organisation
Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes
Child Foundation.
Corporation Global Together
Dansk Flygtningehjælp
Democracywatch
Development Generation Africa International (DGAI)
Disease Management Association of India
Ecumenical Alliance for Human Rights and Development (EAHRD)
Egyptian Judges' Club
Engineers Without Borders - USA, Inc.
Environmental Degradation Organization of Nigeria
Ethnic Community Development Organization (ECDO)
Eurasia Reiyukai
European Muslims League
Federal Lezghin National and Cultural Autonomy
Feed The Children Inc
Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute
Global Academy Institute of Technology Foundation Inc.
Global Community Health Foundation
Healthy Start Initiative
Heavenly Shower of Peace Church of God
Human Aid UK
Human Rights Sanrakshan Sansthaa
IDEAS Centre
India Water Foundation
Insan Dost Association
Instituto Igarapé

International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.
International Association of Independent Journalists Inc.
International Center for Work and Family
International Police Commission Philippine Command Association Inc
International-Lawyers.Org
Kaushalya Gramodyog Sansthan
Korea Human Rights Foundation
Kottayam Social Service Society
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Liberia Youth Initiative for Peace and Sustainable Development (LYIPSUD), Inc.
Light House
Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights Association
Managing Committee of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences
Martina Centre for Sustainable Dev
Muzaffarabad Poverty Alleviation Programme (MPAP)
NGOs Computer Literacy Shelter Welfare, Rawalpindi Cantt.
Participatory Development Action Program
PCCIIS International Inc.
Peace and Life Enhancement Initiative International
Peace Islands Institute Inc
Pukar Foundation
Queensland Association of Independent Legal Services Inc.
Rajasthan Samgrah Kalyan Sansthan
Raleigh-Ghana
Rights and Resources Institute, Inc.
S.R. Institute of Development
Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled
Sambhali Trust
Servicios Ecuménicos para Reconciliación y Reconstrucción
Shack Dwellers International (South Africa)
Shivi Development Society
Stichting Arseh Sevom
Stichting Basug (Bangladesh Support Group)
Stichting International Civil Society Support

Sukalyan Welfare Society
Support to Deprived Peoples (S.D.P)
Sustainable Environment Development Initiative
Takal Welfare Organization
The Ark Jammers Connection Inc
The National Alliance of Women
The World Academy of Art and Science
Trakya Kalkinma Dernegi
USC Canada
Vier Pforten International - gemeinnützige Privatstiftung
WEConnect International Inc
Women for Women, A Research & Study Group
World Alliance of Peoples' Organisations
World Taoist Association Limited
WorldTeach, Inc.

Requests for reclassification

21. At its 4th and 9th meetings, on 29 January and 2 February, the Committee considered five requests for reclassification of consultative status: three new requests for reclassification, as contained in document E/C.2/2015/R.3, and two deferred requests, as contained in document E/C.2/2015/CRP.3. It decided to recommend reclassification for two of the organizations, from special to general consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)).

22. At its 4th and 9th meetings, on 29 January and 2 February, the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application for reclassification of status of the following three organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee:

U. S. Federation for Middle East Peace, Inc.
Widows for Peace through Democracy
World Council for Curriculum and Instruction

Requests for a change of name

23. At its 10th meeting, on 3 February, the Committee considered eight new requests for a change of name by organizations in consultative status, as contained in document E/C.2/2015/CRP.4. The Committee decided to take note of the change of name of four of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)). The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the request for a change of name by

the following four organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to it by the Committee:

Syriac Universal Alliance (SUA)

Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development (DIIFSD)

InnerCity Mission of Christ Embassy

International Catholics Organisation of the Media

24. At the same meeting, the Committee considered two deferred requests for a change of name by two organizations in consultative status, as contained in document E/C.2/2015/CRP.5. The Committee decided to take note of the change of name of one of the organization (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)). The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the request for a change of name by the following organization, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to it by the Committee:

Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement

Requests for withdrawal of consultative status

25. At its 10th meeting, on 3 February, the Committee took note of the requests for withdrawal of consultative status by two non-governmental organizations due to the dissolution of their organizations (see chap. I, draft decision II).

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

A. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council that had been deferred at the resumed session of the Committee

26. At its 9th meeting, on 2 February, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of 35 quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status on their activities during the period 1998-2012, which had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (see E/C.2/2015/CRP.2).

27. The Committee decided to defer to the resumed session further consideration of all 35 deferred quadrennial reports submitted by the following 27 organizations:

Amnesty International (2008-2011)

Armenian Assembly of America (2007-2010)

Asociatia Pro Democratia (2007-2010)

Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir (2009-2012)

Centrist Democratic International (1998-2001, 2002-2005, 2006-2009)

EarthRights International (2008-2011)

France libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2007-2010)
Freedom House (2007-2010)
Global Environmental Action (2009-2012)
Human Rights First (2007-2010)
Human Rights Watch (2009-2012)
International Development Enterprises (India) (2009-2012)
International Federation of Journalists (2005-2008, 2009-2012)
International PEN (2006-2009)
International Press Institute (2001-2004, 2005-2008)
International Shinto Foundation (2009-2012)
International Union of Socialist Youth (2005-2008)
National Council of Women of Thailand (2000-2003)
Reporters sans frontières international (2005-2008, 2009-2012)
Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights (2009-2012)
Simply Help (2009-2012)
Society for Threatened Peoples (2001-2004, 2005-2008, 2009-2012)
Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (2007-2010)
Syriac Universal Alliance (2007-2010)
Ukrainian World Congress (2003-2006, 2007-2010)
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (2009-2012)
Women for Women's Human Rights – New Ways (2009-2012)

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

28. At its 9th meeting, on 2 February, the Committee considered agenda item 4 (b), Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council. It had before it notes by the Secretary-General containing 175 new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2015/2 and E/C.2/2015/2/Add.1-12). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 172 of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)). The Committee decided to defer consideration of the reports of the following three organizations:

International Press Institute (2009-2012)
International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (2010-2013)
Kimse Yok Mu (2010-2013)

29. At its 11th meeting, on 3 February, the delegation of Cuba delivered a statement raising reservation regarding Quadrennial reports submitted by three non-governmental organizations, namely, Ingenieurs du Monde, II Cenacolo and United Nations Watch, based on certain politically motivated activities carried out by these organizations during the reporting period, that contradict the spirit and requisites established in the ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31. In addition, the delegation of Cuba stated that the upcoming trajectory of the mentioned organizations will be scrutinized to ensure full compliance with the ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31. The delegations of China, Nicaragua and the Sudan supported the statement made by the representative of Cuba. The representative of the United States stated that NGOs should be allowed to continue to carry out their valuable work at the United Nations and her delegation did not support efforts to restrict them from doing so. The delegation of Israel supported the statement made by the representative of the United States.

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

30. At its 1st meeting, on 26 January, the Committee jointly considered agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs; agenda item 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; and agenda item 8, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network, and heard oral reports made by the Secretariat.

31. The Office for ECOSOC support and Coordination called for a review of the existing software applications that supported the Committee's work. The Paperless Committee Platform, a document and record management retrieval system set up in 2008 to support the Committee's work, needed to be updated to further optimize the process, introduce new functionalities and incorporate the latest technology. The Office had developed a project proposal for the consideration of interested Member States.

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

Recommendations for improving the working methods of the Committee

32. Delegations requested more time for the consideration of issues that could contribute to improving the working methods of the Committee. Informal consultations would be held to address the issues at a later stage.

Other related matters

33. At the 12th meeting, on 4 February, with regard to the meeting coverage of the work of the Committee by the Department of Public Information, the representative of China, following consultations with some members of the Committee, proposed that the press releases of the meetings of the Committee concerning the deferred applications should reflect in the chapeau the following text:

“The Committee postponed consideration of the following xxx (number) organizations and requested these organizations to provide more information in response to the questions posed to them by the Committee”.

34. The Committee agreed with the proposal presented by the representative of China.

VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

35. There were no special reports for the Committee’s consideration at the session.

VII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

36. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2015 regular session from 26 January to 4 February, 6 and 13 February. The Committee held 15 meetings.

37. The session was opened by the Chair of the 2014 session of the Committee, Gizem Sucuoğlu (Turkey), who served as temporary Chair.

38. At the 1st meeting, on 26 January, the Chair of the Committee, Jorge Dotta (Uruguay), made a 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

39. The session was attended by all 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 in document [E/C.2/2015/INF/1](#).

40. At its 2015 regular session, the Committee heard 18 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

41. At its 1st meeting, on 26 January, the Committee elected Jorge Dotta (Uruguay) as Chair of the Committee.

42. At the same meeting, the Committee elected Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan) and Forouzandeh Vadiati (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Vice-Chairs of the Committee. At its 8th meeting, on 2 February, the Committee elected Gizem Sucuoğlu (Turkey) as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

43. At its 10th meeting, on 3 February, it was decided that the Vice-Chair, Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan), would also serve as Rapporteur of the Committee.

D. Agenda

44. At its 1st meeting, on 26 January 2015, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its 2015 session, as contained in document [E/C.2/2015/1](#). 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 on the agenda of the informal working group;
 - (c) Other related matters.
7. Consideration of special reports.
8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.
9. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2015 session of the Committee.
10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

VIII. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2015 regular session

45. At its 14th meeting, on 6 February, the Committee took note of the draft report and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report with the support of the Secretariat and in consultation with the members of the Committee, as appropriate, with a view to submitting it to the Economic and Social Council for appropriate action.

46. At its 15th meeting, on 13 February, the Committee adopted the present report.
