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Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2024 regular session AS ADOPTED

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Summary

At its 2024 regular session, held from 22-31 January to 9 February 2024, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 508 applications for consultative status, including 294 applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 132 for consultative status, deferred 344 for further consideration at its resumed session in 2024 and closed without prejudice consideration of 30 applications of non-governmental organizations that had failed to respond to queries by the deadline of two business days (48 hours) before the beginning of each Committee session. The Committee deferred consideration of one request for a merger. The Committee took note of 5 requests for a change of name. It also had before it 870 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 734. The Committee heard 15 representatives of non-governmental organizations.

The present report contains two 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 132 non-governmental organizations;

(b) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of 5 non-governmental organizations;

(c) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 734 non-governmental organizations, including new and deferred reports;

(d) Close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by 30 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to



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respond to queries by the deadline of two business days (48 hours) before the beginning of each Committee session;

(e) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the request by 2 non-governmental organizations to withdraw its application for consultative status;

By draft decision II, the Council would take note of the present report.

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I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

Draft decisions for adoption by the Council

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

Draft decision I

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

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following 132 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

AO ADVOCATING OPPORTUNITY INC ASOCIACIÓN AWAQ ONGD AbibiNsroma Foundation Africa Peace Foundation (APF) Amani Hope and Education for All Amazon Watch Aroha Asociacion Para El Analisis De Politicas Publicas Asociacion Civil Asociación Derechos en Acción, Organización Pro Derechos Humanos, Desarrollo Democrático y Humanidad Sostenible Asociația eLiberare Associació Plataforma per la Llengua - Col·lectiu l'Esbarzer Association Camerounaise pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme des Libertés et du Bien Être Association for Community Empowerment Solutions Association of African Entrepreneurs Bedayati Blockchain Alliance International, Inc. Blue Ventures Brain Builders Youth Development Initiative CENTRO CULTURALE SAN MARTINO - REGIONE PUGLIA APS Canadian Arab Women Association Cecilian International Foundation Centre for Newcomers Society of Calgary Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional Climate Aid Initiative **Climate Analytics** Cohesive Communities Development Initiative Contra o femicídio - Associação de familiares e amigas/os de vítimas de de femicídio - ACF Corporación Fernando González - Otraparte **Destination Justice** Development Research and Project Centre Kano Ltd/Gte Disability-Inclusive Development Programs and Services - DIDEPAS Estijabah Foundation for Humanitarian Aid and Relief European Parents' Association Exit UK Solutions CIC

F.A.I.R. Trade Group Foundation Akrale Fondazione Mater Forum for Women in Development, Democracy and Justice Fundación Gran Chaco Fundación Veritad Green Future Resilience and Development FoundationGlobal AIDS Interfaith Alliance God Bless the Child e.V. Green Cameroon Habitable Earth International Organisation Headfort Foundation Himaya Daeem Aataa Hope for Future Generations Humanitarian Focus Foundation Impact - Civil Society Research and Development e.V. ImpactHER Foundation LTD/GTE Inclusion Matters by Shanes Inspiration Initiative Africaine pour le Développement- International (IAD-I) Initiatives Développement Centrafrique Instituto Para El Desarrollo Sostenible De La Mujer Lenca De Honduras Idesmulh Instituto Verdeluz International Center For Living Aquatic Resource Management International Human Rights Consortium International Young Leaders Organization - Internationale Organisation für junge Führungspersönlichkeiten Intersecta Organización para la Igualdad Jeevan Rekha Parishad Just Atonement Inc. Kaani Assistance Luis De La Calle Foundation, Inc. M-Kids Association Mirella and Lino Saputo Foundation Mtree Inc. NIPE FAGIO Nadační fond pro výzkum psychedelic National Association of Friendship Centres Nonprofit Incorporated Association Africa Insight Nurturing Minds Inc. One World U Foundation (U: Unique United You) **Open Lunar Foundation** Organisation Algérienne pour l'Emploi des Diplômes Oromia Relief Association Australia - South Pacific Region Inc. Pacific Links Foundation Pikes Peak Justice and Pro Bono Center, Inc. Promotion of Sustainable Development in Donga-Mantung Association **REEF** Scuba Rights Organization for Advocacy and Development Rights for Disability Development Foundation (RDDF) SDG Youth Save the People in Need (SPN) Sesame Workshop Siblings Keeper Corp Smiling Angels International Inc. Stiftung Schüler Helfen Leben

The Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work The Mudavadi Memorial Foundation Trust Fund Registered Trustees The University of Edinburgh The Virtuous Touch Int'l Initiative USA frica Trade and Business Network, Inc UniRef Union of Community Development Volunteers United for Global Mental Health Vaccine Network for Disease Control Veille Citoyenne Togo Verein von Nichtregierungsorganisationen für Verbrechensprävention und Strafrechtspflege Village Health Action Wasel for Awareness and Education Co. Women Rehabilitation Organization Women for Positive Actions (WOPA) Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Word Green Design Organization World Changers Development Initiative World Security Federation World Shirdi Sai Baba Organization (UK) Young Ambassadors Society primelocation care givers foundation Österreichischer Frauenring Český výbor pro UNICEF Asociacion Psicoanalitica De Madrid Association Humaniste de France Centro Intercultural de Estudios de Desiertos y Océanos A.C East-lake Institute for Social Advancement, Wuchang District, Wuhan Equipo Argentino de Antropología Forense – Asociación Civil Foro Internacional de Mujeres Indígenas Foundation for a Drug-Free World Fourth Wave Foundation Gulf International Center for Legal Business Solutions Iltizam Relief Society International Young Catholic Students Mamanet Mothers' Cachibol League in Kfar Saba - for the Community (registered association) ONG L'Ange Gardien Shanghai Arbitration Commission Sov Sovereign Order of the Knights of the Lord Lamont Couto of Sct Ltd TMG Research gGmbH The Belt and Road International Lawyers Association Trippinz Care Inc. WJ Mudolo Foundation Women Empowerment Association For Development In Africa

(b) To note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of the following 5 non-governmental organizations;

International Harm Reduction Association (IHRA) (Special, 2007) to Harm Reduction International

Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Menschenrechte - Forschungsverein (BIM-FV) (Special, 2016) to Vienna Forum for Democracy and Human Rights

Marin Experimental Teaching Training and Advising Center (Special, 2017) to Metta Center for Nonviolence

Overseas Development Institute (Special, 2011) to ODI

Virtual Activism Inc. (Special, 2016) to Digital Democracy Now

(c) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 734 non-governmental organizations¹:

"All-Russian Society of the Deaf" All-Russian Public Organization of Persons with Disabilities - "ARSD" APOPD "SEG" Civil Society Support Center NGO (COM) Club of Madrid A New Dawn - Bedouin Jewish Centre in the Negev for Equality and Accessibility in Education, Research, Peace and Welfare Services (R.A.) AFEDESE - Association pour l'encadrement des demunis et des désherités AIDS Foundation East-West AIESEC International ALDET Centre-Saint Lucia, The ALNAHDA PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY for WOMEN AMERA International Limited ASTRA – Anti trafficking Action Abibimman Foundation Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia Abshar Atefeha Charity Institute Academy for Future Science Action Citoyenne pour l'Information et l'Education au Developpement Durable Action Sensibilisation sur les Nouvelles Technologies de L'Information et de la Communication Action des Chrétiens activistes des droits de l'homme à Shabunda Action pour le Respect et la Protection de l'Environnement Actions pour l'environnement et le développement durable Active Help Organization Adolescent Breast and Pelvic Cancer Awareness Initiative Afraz Cultural Association Afric'ompetence Africa Development Interchange Network Africa Youths International Development Foundation African Action on AIDS African Association of Education for Development African Youth for Transparency (AYFT) Afrikanische Frauenorganisation Agence pour les droits de l'homme Agencia Internacional de Cooperación y Desarrollo Agewell Foundation Aid for Trade Logistics Aide Internationale pour L'enfance Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation Al-Hakim Foundation Alberta Council for Global Cooperation Alebe Collins Nigeria Foundation All-Russian Social Fund, "The Russian Children Foundation"

¹ The reports for the organizations listed under this paragraph were for the 2019-2022 period except where otherwise indicated.

Alliance Forum Foundation Alliance for Health Promotion (A4HP) American Academy of Arts and Sciences American Youth Understanding Diabetes Abroad, Inc / AYUDA, Inc.) Amigos do Protocolo de Kyoto Anglican Rite Roman Catholic Church Ankara Foundation of Children with Leukemia Antivolence Center Apex Development Foundation Appui Solidaire Pour Le Renforcement De L'aide Au Développement AquaFed - International Federation of Private Water Operators ArabEuropean Forum for Dialogue and Human Rights Arms of Comfort Foundation Asia Initiatives Inc Asian People's Disability Alliance Asociacion Cubana de las Naciones Unidas (Cuban United Nations Association) Asociación Colectivo Mujeres Al Derecho Sigla ASOCOLEMAD Asociación Cultural Nueva Acrópolis de El Salvador Asociación La Ruta del Clima Asociación para la Prevención, Reinserción y Atención a la Mujer Prostituida Associació CATESCO/Catalonia for Education, Science and Culture Organization Associated Country Women of the World Association "Paix" pour la lutte contre la Contrainte et l'injustice Association Africa 21 Association Assistance Communautaire et Développement Association Burkinabé pour la Survie de l'Enfance Association Ma'onah for Human Rights and Immigration Association Mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit Association Miraisme International Association Mondiale de Psychanalyse du Champ Freudien AMP Association Nationale Al Hidn - A.N.H. Association Of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners Association Proyecto Hombre Association canadienne pour le droit et la verité Association de la jeunesse Congolaise pour le développement Association des Ressortissants et Amis D'Eseka Association du développement communautaire en Mauritanie Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst – AECC Association for Progressive Communications Association for Supporting the SDGs for the UN (ASD) Association nationale de coopération pour le developpement du Cameroun (ANACODECAM) Association of Global South Studies (AGSS) Association of United Families International Association of War-Affected Women Association pour les Victimes Du Monde Association pour une jeunesse africaine progressiste Associazione Carcere Territorio Associação Jadir de Taekwondo Athletes United for Peace Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO) Ltd Avocats sans Frontières Québec Azad Foundation [India] Babatunde Development And Empowerment Initiative

Bahrain Women Society Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha Behnam Daheshpour Charity Organization **Beijing Changier Education Foundation** Beijing Children's Legal Aid and Research Center Beijing Crafts Council Beijing Guangming Charity Foundation Beijing Zhicheng Migrant Workers' Legal Aid and Research Center Belgische associatie voor mensenrechten en ontwikkeling Belgrade Centre for Human Rights Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti Jaipur Brain Sluice Africa Child's Broad National Movement (BNM) Limited Ltd Buddha's Light International Association Bureau International des Containers et du Transport Intermodal BIC Burundi Rugby League Rugby A Xiii Cooperative CGFNS International, Inc. CIDSE CLIPSAS Campaign Life Coalition Campaign for Human Right and Development Sierra Leone Canadian Canola Growers Association Canadian Network for Maternal. Newborn and Child Health / Réseau Canadien sur la Santé des Mères, des Nouveau-Nés et des Enfants Canadian Pugwash Group Canterbury & New Zealand Business Association, Incorporated Care International Caribbean Medical Association. Asociacion Medica del Caribe. Caritas Internationalis (International Confederation of Catholic Charities) Casa Hunter Associação Brasileira Dos Portadores Da Doença De Hunter E Outras Doenças Raras Catholic Relief Services - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Center for Economic and Social Rights, The Center for Interethnic Cooperation. The Center for International Earth Science Information Network Center for Sex education and Family Life Ltd/Gte Center for the Study of Crime Centre catholique international de Genève (CCIG) Centre d'accompagnement des autochtones pygmees et minoritaires vulnérables Centre de vulgarisation de l'outil informatique (C.V.O.I) Centre du Commerce International pour le Développement. Centre for Community Regeneration and Development Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development India Centre for Equality Ltd. Centre for Health Science and Law (CHSL) Centre for Renewable Energy and Action on Climate Change Centre international de droit comparé de l'environnement Centro Mujeres A.C. Centro de Estudios Sobre la Juventud Centro de Información y Educación para la Prevención del Abuso de Drogas (CEDRO) Centro internazionale sindacale per la cooperazione sviluppo Chant du Guépard dans le Désert Chavara Cultural Centre Chengmei Charity Foundation

Child Development Foundation Child Rights Connect **Childlink Foundation** Children's Human Rights Centre of Albania China Association for Preservation and Development of Tibetian Culture (CAPDTC) China Association of Non-Profit Organizations China Charities Aid Foundation For Children China Charity Alliance China Foundation for Rural Development China Great Wall Society Chinese American Parent-Student Council of New York City Inc. Chinese Association for International Understanding Christian Legal Fellowship Citizens' Coalition for Economic Justice Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre Colombian Confederation of NGOs Comision Juridica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos -Capaj Commission africaine des promoteurs de la santé et des droits de l'homme **Community Development Alliance** Community Human Rights and Adovcacy Centre (CHRAC) Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul Compassion Soul Winners Outreach International Concepts of Truth, Inc. Concern on Innovative Radiance Society Confederación Latinoamericana De Cooperativas De Ahorro Y Crédito Confederation of Indian Healthcare Foundation (CIHF) Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro - General Italian Confederation of Labour Congregations of St. Joseph Conscience and Peace Tax International (CPTI) Conseil International du Sport Militaire - CISM / International Military Sports Council Conseil de jeunesse pluriculturelle (COJEP) Construisons Ensemble Le Monde Convention of Independent Financial Advisors Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations **Cruelty Free International** Cámara de Instituciones de Diagnóstico Médico (CA.DI.ME) **DEVNET** Association Dansk Flygtningehjælp Darüşşafaka Cemiyeti Deaf Aid Defence for Children International Development Action for Women Network, Inc. Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era Development Generation Africa International (DGAI) Development Innovations and Networks Dianova International Dignité Impact / Dignity Impact Diplomatic Council e.V. Direct Aid Organization **Disabled Peoples' International** Disabled Women's Association

Disease Management Association of India Drammeh Institute, Inc Dream Doctors (R.A.) Du Pain Pour Chaque Enfant EIVHGI - Europäeischer Interessenverband - Handel - Gewerbe - Industrie EL-Aged Care Ltd/Gte ELEM - Youth in Distress **EMERGENCY** - Life Support for Civilian War Victims Earth Ecocentre for Environmental Protection Egyptian Center for Women's Rights El Cantare Foundation Elizka Relief Foundation Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement - Bwaise Facility Environmental Women's Assembly **Envisions Institute of Development** Equidad de Genero: Ciudadania , Trabajo y Familia, A.C. **Espace** Afrique International Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The - (ERLC), European Disability Forum **FEMM Foundation** Federacion Internacional de Asociaciones de Ayuda Social Ecologica y Cultural FIADASEC / International Federation of Associations for Social, Ecological and Cultural Help Federación Internacional de Fe y Alegría Federal Lezghin National and Cultural Autonomy Federal Union of European Nationalities Feminenza International Ltd Fondation Institut de recherche pour le développement durable et les relations internationals Foundation Medicines Patent Pool Fondation du Dr Julien Fondation européenne d'études progressistes Fondation pour l'éradication du travail des enfants dans la culture du tabac Fondazione del Monte di Bologna e Ravenna Fondazione di ricerca scientifica ed umanistica Antonio Meneghetti Fonds Tara Forum Réfugiés-Cosi Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action Aboriginal Corporation Foundation for Building Sustainable Communities Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) Foundation for the development of knowledge Suma Veritas Franciscans International Freedom Now Fundacion Saraki Fundacion para la Mejora de la Vida, la Cultura y la Sociedad Fundación Abba Colombia Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez de la Naturaleza y el Hombre Fundación Centro Latinoamericano de Derechos Humanos Fundación Cepaim, Acción Integral con Migrantes Fundación Diagrama Intervención Psicosocial Fundación Latinoamericana por los Derechos Humanos y el Desarrollo Social

Fundación Luz María Fundación Riba Fundación para la Democracia Internacional Fédération internationale des associations d'inventeurs Fòs Feminista **GSM** Association Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute Geneva International Model United Nations (GIMUN) Georgetown University (The) Girl Scouts of the United States of America Global Action on Aging Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety Global Buddhist Foundation Global Forum on Human Settlements Global Justice Center Global Medic Force (Europe) Global Network for Rights and Development (GNRD) **Global Peace Foundation** Global Volunteers Godwin Osung International Foundation, Inc. (The African Project) Good Helpers Good People International (GPI) Grace Leadership Foundation Inc Graduate Women International (GWI) Grand Triangle, Inc. Green Mobilisation Initiative Green and Better World Grupo de Informacion en Reproduccion Elegida, A.C. (GIRE) Habitat for Humanity Int'l Handicap International Hazrat Javad-al-Aemeh Cultural Charity Institute Healthy Start Intiative Helios Life Association Helpline Foundation for the Needy, Abuja Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation Hinduistička Vjerska Zajednica Hrvatske Hong Kong Council of Social Service, The Hope and Homes for Children Horn of Africa Voluntary Youth Committee (HAVOYOCO) Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society Human Appeal International Human In Love Human Rights & Democratic Participation Center "SHAMS" Human Rights Center in Iraq Human Rights Congress for Bangladesh Minorities (HRCBM) Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa Human Rights National Circle (H.R.N.C.) / Cercle National des Droits de lÂ'Homme (C.N.D.H.) IMPACT Foundation Inc. : The Emmanuel & Una Springer Memorial Foundation Imam Ali Charity Institution Indo-European Chamber of Commerce and Industry Institute for International Urban Development Institute for Sustainable Development and Research (ISDR) Institute for Women's Studies and Research

Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Loreto Generalate Instituto Global da Paz Instituto Oualivida Instituto de Estudos Socioeconômicos Integrated Youth Empowerment - Common Initiative Group (I.Y.E. - C.I.G.) Inter-Action Globale (I.A.G.) International Action Network on Small Arms International Action for Peace & Sustainable Development International Alliance for Responsible Drinking International Alliance of Women International Arts Movement, Inc. International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty - Association Internationale Pour La Defense de la Liberte International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience, association sans but lucrative International Association of Charities International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing International Association of Justice Watch International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms International Association of Schools of Social Work International Association of World Peace Advocate International Campaign to Ban Landmines - Cluster Munition Coalition ICBL-CMC International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (INCPL) International Christian Organisation of the Media International Committee for the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation International Council for Small Business International Council of Russian Compatriots (ICRC) International Council of Scientific Unions International Council of Women International Development Information Organization-DevNet International Falcon Movement - Socialist Educational International International Federation for Family Development International Federation for Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida - IF International Federation of ACAT (Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture) International Federation of Associations of the Elderly International Federation of Medical Students' Associations International Federation of Psoriasis Associations International Federation of Social Workers International Federation on Ageing International Fellowship of Reconciliation International Foundation for Electoral Systems International Human Rights Observer (IHRO) Pakistan International Indian Treaty Council International Islamic Youth League International Jurists Organisation International Juvenile Justice Observatory International Kolping Society International Law Enforcement Federation International Lesbian and Gay Association International Mahavira Jain Mission International Movement ATD Fourth World

International Multiracial Shared Cultural Organization International Muslim Women's Union International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse International Network of Liberal Women International Ocean Institute International Ontopsychology Association International Organization for Standardization International Organization of Employers International Planned Parenthood Federation, East and Southeast Asia and Oceania Region (IPPF ESEAOR) International Police Executive Symposium International Programme on the State of the Ocean International Real Estate Federation International Society for Peace and Safety International Sociological Association International Solidarity and Human Rights Institute International Trade Union Confederation International Transport Workers' Federation International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade International Union of Latin Notariat International Volunteer Organization for Women Education Development International Volunteerism Organization for Women, Education and Development - VIDES International Women & Family Foundation International Yazidis Foundation for the Prevention of Genocide International-Lawyers.Org Interpeace Inuit Circumpolar Council Iran Autism Association Iranian Thalassemia Society Isa Viswa Prajnana Trust Islamic Human Rights Commission Islamic Research and Information Artistic & Cultural Institute Israel Trauma Coalition for Response and Preparedness (R.A.) Istituto Diplomatico Internazionale Italian Climate Network Janaseva Foundation, Pune Japan Civil Liberties Union Japan Federation of Bar Associations Japan National Committee for UN Women Japan Society for History Textbook Join Together Society Junior Chamber International Justica Global Kallipatira Kaurareg Aboriginal Land Trust Kawish Resource Center Kids' Educational Engagement Project - KEEP Kikandwa Rural Communities Development Organization (KIRUCODO) King Khalid Foundation Knowledge for Development Without Borders (KFDWB) Korean Bar Association Korean Institute for Women and Politics Kuentai Non-Profit Organization Kuentai-USA

L'Arche international Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation (LGWPF) Latter-day Saint Charities Laya Lazarus Union Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund League of Women Voters of Nigeria Legion of Good Will Les femmes, la force du changement Life Ethics Educational Association Life for Relief and Development Lion Damien Club Love Alliance Foundation for Orphans, Disabled and Abandoned Persons in Nigeria L'auravetli'an Information and Education Network of Indigenous People (LIENIP) MESCH (Medical and Educational Sustainable Community Help) Incorporated Maalkop Trading and Projects Madre, Inc. Magyar Női Unió Egyesület Managing Committee of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences Manav Pragati Sansthan, Rajgarh Manhattan Multicultural Counseling Markaz Toseeh Tehran Martina Centre for Sustainable Dev Maryam Ghasemi Educational Charity Institute Mayama, Asociación Civil Medical Women's International Association Medijski Edukativni Centar Mercy-USA for Aid and Development, Inc Merja Zarka Migrant Offshore Aid Station Foundation (MOAS) Millennium Institute Miss Caricom Int'l. Foundation CIP. INC Mongolian Family Welfare Association Montréal International Movement for a Better World Musawah Global Vision Berhad Muslim American Leadership Alliance Muzaffarabad Poverty Alleviation Programme (MPAP) My Heart's Appeal, Inc. México Unido contra la Delincuencia, A.C. NABU - Knowledge Transfer Beyond Boundaries National Alliance of Women's Organizations National Association for the Defense of Rights and Freedoms National Association of Community Legal Centres Inc., The National Children's and Youth Law Centre National Council of Child Rights Advocates, Nigeria: South West Zone National Council of German Women's Organizations National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges National Council of Negro Women National Native Title Council National Right to Life Educational Trust Fund National Union of the Association of Protection of Motherhood, Childhood and Families

National Women's Council of Catalonia - Consell Nacional de Dones de Catalunya Nature's Rights New Japan Women's Association New Progressive Alliance New York County Lawyers' Association Nigerian Network of Women Exporters of Services Noahs Arc Foundation Noble Delta Women for Peace and Development International (NDWPD) Non-Aligned Students and Youth Organization Non-Governmental Ecological Vernadsky Foundation Nonviolence Peaceforce Nonviolent Radical Party, Transnational and Transparty Northern CCB Northern Council for Global Cooperation Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development Nouveaux droits de l'homme (NDH) OISAT-WASAT (Organisation internationale de solidarité d'amitié et de tolérance - World Association for Solidarity Tolerance) OISCA International, South India Chapter ONG Funsocial Crecer Colombia **Objectif Sciences International** Occupational Knowledge International OceanCare Ogiek Peoples' Development Program (OPDP) OneMama Incorporated Order of St. John, The Organisation internationale des sciences chimiques pour le développement Organisation internationale pour l'enfance Organisation pour de nouvelles Initiatives en Développement et Santé au Burkina Faso Organización de Entidades Mutuales de las Américas, ODEMA, Asociación Civil Organización no gubernamental de Desarrollo Piensa Discapacidad Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement International Organization for Research and Community Development Organização Nova Acrópole Lago Norte Organização das Famílias da Ásia e do Pacífico Organizzazione Mondiale Degli Agricoltori **Overseas Development Institute** PRO Leadership Global Inc. Palakkad District Consumers' Association PanAmerican-PanAfrican Association, Inc. Panoramic Charity Foundation Partenaires pour le développement rural (PDR) Pax Christi International, International Catholic Peace Movement Paz y Cooperación Peace Development Fund Peace Initiative Network Peace Society of Kenya Pearl Initiative Inc. Peivande Gole Narges Organization People Empowering People, Africa People's Cultural Centre Perfect Union

Plan International, Inc. Planned Parenthood Federation of America **Policy Research** Prasad Project, Inc, The Priests for Life **Privacy International** Pro-Life Campaign Program in International Human Rights Law Project HOPE – The People-to-People Health Foundation, Inc. Public Aid Organization Public International Law and Policy Group Rahbord Peimayesh Research & Educational Services Cooperative Rajasthan Samgrah Kalyan Sansthan Ranney School Red Mujeres, Desarrollo, Justicia Y Paz AC Red Venezolana de Organizaciones para el Desarrollo Social Rede Brasileira de Redução de Danos e Direitos Humanos - REDUC Redress Trust Regional Centre for International Development Cooperation Limited (By Guarantee) Rescue the Poor Child Rose Academies, Inc. **Roshd Foundation** Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Dir Rural Development Centre SAM, Inc. SOS Kinderdorf International SOS Éducation SPD Sahaj Sansthan Nokhada Sahyog International Foundation Salesian Missions, Inc. Salvation Army, The Sam Kader Memorial Fund Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled Samarthvam Sambhali Trust Sanid Organization for Relief and Development Save a Child's Heart in Memory of Dr. Ami Cohen Schweizerische Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Jugendverbänd Servicios Ecuménicos para Reconciliación y Reconstrucción Servicios y Asesoría para la Paz Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre Shia Rights Watch Inc Shimin Gaikou Centre (Citizens' Diplomatic Centre for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples) Shivi Development Society Shohratgarh Environmental Society Shrushti Seva Samiti Shuchona Foundation Sikh Human Rights Group Silambam Asia (SILA) Simon Wiesenthal Center Sindh Community Foundation Skyian Welfare Organization

Smart Women's Community Institute Social & Economic Action for Lebanon, Inc. Social Watch / Contrôle citoyen au Bénin Socialist International Socialist International Women Sociedad Mexicana de Criminología Capítulo Nuevo León, Asociación Civil Sociedad y Discapacidad: Estudios, Asesoría e Integración de la Persona con Discapacidad "Sociedad y Discapacidad" Society for Development and Community Empowerment Society for Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship Development Society for Human advancement and Disadvantaged Empowerment (SHADE) Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology Society for Orphan, Neglected & Youths (SONY) Society for Upliftment of Masses, The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Sociologists for Women in Society Solidarité Suisse-Guinée Sonke Gender Justice Network Soroptimist International of Europe South Saharan Social Development Organisation South Sudanese Women Christian Mission for Peace South Youth Orgainzation Specified Non-Profit Organization Diamonds for Peace Srei Foundation Stephen Lewis Foundation Stevenson holistic Care Foundation Stichting CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality Stichting Deep Sea Conservation Coalition Stichting Feminenza Nederland Stichting Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict Stichting Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT) Foundation Stichting Wildlife Justice Commission Stiftelsen Stockholm International Water Institute Stopaids Stree Mukti Sanghatana Students for Sensible Drug Policy Sulabh International Sustainability Literacy Test (SULITEST) Swedish Association for Sexuality Education Swedish Federation of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights - RFSL Swedwatch Swiss Catholic Lenten Fund Synergie Feminine Pour La Paix Et Le Developpement Durable Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression **TOBE** Foundation for Rights & Freedoms Tabernacle Worship and Prayer Ministry Inc Tandem Project, The Temple of Understanding Terra-1530 Terre Des Hommes Federation Internationale The American Pakistan Foundation The Centre for Family Health Initiatives The Equal Rights Trust The F W de Klerk Foundation Trust

The First Community Christian Pentecostal Church of God, Inc. The HETL Association, Inc. The Institute for Protection of Women's Rights (IPWR) The Institute of Development Studies The International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons The National Council of African Descendants in America The New Generation Girls and Women Development Initiative The New Zealand Drug Foundation The Palestinian Return Centre Ltd The Reality of Aid Africa Network The Society for Recovery Support The Tronie Foundation The Union of Arab Banks The United Kingdom Grand Priory of the International Knightly Order Valiant of St. George The Washington and Lee University Third World Institute - Instituto del Tercer Mundo Touro Law Center, The Institute on Human Rights and The Holocaust Transforming Africa Initiative - TAI **Transparency International** Tribal Link Foundation, Inc Tripura Foundation, Inc. Tsilhqot'in National Government UCC Whale Center Inc. UN Women - Nationell Kommitté Sverige UN Women Australia Incorporated UNGH PROTECTION ORGANIZATION **UNISC** International Udisha Union Nationale des femmes Algérienne Union Theological Seminary Union for International Cancer Control Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs Union of International Associations Union of Relief and Development Associations United Cities and Local Governments United Help for International Children United Nations Association of Russia United Nations Association of San Diego United Religions Initiative United States Committee for UNIFEM United States International Council on Disabilities United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation Universal Peace and Violence Amelioration Centre Universal Soul Love Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico Inc. Utah China Friendship Improvement Sharing Hands Development and Commerce VAAGDHARA Verband Entwicklungspolitik Deutscher Nichtregierungs-Organisationen Vicar Hope Foundation Victim Support Europe Victorius Youths Movement Vier Pfoten International - gemeinnützige Privatstiftung Villages Unis (United Villages)

Vision Welfare Group Vivekananda Sevakendra-O-Sishu Uddyan Voice of Specially Abled People Inc. Voie éclairée des enfants démunis (V.E.D.) Wales Assmebly of Women Warbe Development Foundation Wash United gGmbh Wassa Karité Watershed Organisation Trust, (WOTR) Wiener Drogen Komitee (Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs) Women Advocates Research and Documentation Center Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE) Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry Women Founders Collective Women and Youth Development Initiatives (WOYODEU) Women for Human Rights, single women group Women's Action Group Women's Fund for Peace and Human Rights (WFPHR) Women's Human Rights International Association Women's Initiative for Self-Actualization Women's International Zionist Organization Women's Ordination Conference Women's Spirit (Ruach Nashit) – Financial Independence for Women Survivors of Violence Women's Sports Foundation Women's Union of Russia WomenSport International Women's Platform Limited World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations World Assembly of Youth World Conference of Religions for Peace World Council of Arameans (Syriacs) World Federation of Animals, Inc. World Federation for Mental Health World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women World Federation of United Nations Associations World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) World Federation of the Deafblind, The - WFDB World Futures Studies Federation World Jewish Congress World Jurist Association of the World Peace Through Law Center World Lebanese Cultural Union, Inc. World Mission Foundation (Crusaders Against HIV/AIDS) World Muslim Congress World Organization for Early Childhood Education World Organization of Building Officials World Roma Federation Inc. World Safety Organization World Society of Victimology World Taoist Association Limited World Toilet Association World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations World Wind Energy Association – WWEA World Young Women's Christian Association

Wynad Social Service Society
YWCA Of Japan
Yoruba Indigene's Foundation
YouChange China Social Entrepreneur Foundation
Young People We Care
Youth Crime Watch of Liberia
Youth Initiative Against Unlawful Emigration
Youth with a Mission
Zamani Foundation
Zomi National Council of Myanmar (ZNCM) Social Organization (Kalaymyo)
rashid international e.V.
Əlil Təşkilatları İttifaqı
International Council of Psychologists
The Smile of the Child

(d) To close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following 30 non-governmental organizations after those organizations had failed to respond to queries posed to them by members of the Committee by the deadline of two business days (48 hours) before the beginning of each Committee session:

Direct Focus Community Aid Svrian Youth Council Organization of female conscience renewal International Society of Criminology Panhellenic Union of Cappadocian Associations International Funders for Indigenous Peoples Inc. PeaceCorea Kvinnors Nätverk Uluslararasi Ogrenci dernekleri Federasyonu Türkiye Gençlik Vakfi (Tügva) International Youth Federation European Network of Migrant Women WeYouth Working Women Welfare Trust Fondation Youya pour promouvoir l'excellence en la jeunesse africaine Association Achbal Maroc culturelle et artistique The Friendship League of Culture and Sport Gazze Destek Association Time to Help UK Foundation of the National Council of YMCAs of Korea Legal Aid Society Kite Oxford Suomalaiset kehitysjärjestöt - Finnish Development NGOs Fingo ry Moscow Helsinki Group Presitge Education Foundation Stichting Femmes for Freedom (Stichting FFF) Indian Economic Trade Organization Ambassadors of Dialogue, Climate and Reintegration Awaz-e-Niswan (AAN) **NRI** Federation Corporation

(e) To note that the Committee decided to take note of the request by the non-governmental organizations Association of Non-for-Profit Organizations to Facilitate the Drug Prevention and Socially Dangerous Behaviour "National AntiDrug Union" and The Global Initiative – Verein gegen transnationale organisierte Kriminalität to withdraw their applications for consultative status.

Draft decision II Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2024 regular session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2024 regular session.

II. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification 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, at its 1st meeting held on 22 January, at its 4th to 9th meetings, held from 23 to 26 January and at its 13th to 15th meetings, held on 30 to 31 January, and 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 1st to 3rd meetings, held from 22 to 23 January and at its 11th to 13th meeting, held on 29 to 30 January. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held from 2008 to 2023 (E/C.2/2024/CRP.1);

(b) Memorandums by the Secretary-General containing new applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/C.2/2024/R.2 and E/C.2/2024/R.2/Add.1–17).

(c) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a new request for a merger (E/C.2/2024/R.4);

(d) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new requests from non-governmental organizations requesting a change of name (E/C.2/2024/CRP.3);

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 1st meeting, held on 22 January, at its 4th to 9th meetings, held from 23 to 26 January and at its 13th to 15th meetings, held from 30 to 31 January. The Committee considered a total of 294 deferred applications for consultative status.

Applications recommended

4. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 20 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status Asociacion Psicoanalitica De Madrid Association Humaniste de France Centro Intercultural de Estudios de Desiertos y Océanos A.C East-lake Institute for Social Advancement, Wuchang District, Wuhan Equipo Argentino de Antropología Forense – Asociación Civil Foro Internacional de Mujeres Indígenas Foundation for a Drug-Free World Fourth Wave Foundation Gulf International Center for Legal Business Solutions Iltizam Relief Society International Young Catholic Students Mamanet Mothers' Cachibol League in Kfar Saba - for the Community (registered association) ONG L'Ange Gardien Shanghai Arbitration Commission Sov Sovereign Order of the Knights of the Lord Lamont Couto of Sct Ltd TMG Research gGmbH The Belt and Road International Lawyers Association Trippinz Care Inc. WJ Mudolo Foundation Women Empowerment Association For Development In Africa

Applications deferred

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 242 non-governmental organizations (NGOs), pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2024 regular session:

"Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment" NGO "Mission Armenia" Charitable Non-governmental Organization "Odlar Yurdu" Gənclər İctimai Birliyi "The Awakening" A Society for Social & Cultural Development A.D.A.M. (Association d'aide aux migrants) **ALQST Human Rights** ARCS Arci Culture Solidali APS ARTM - Associação de Reabilitação de Toxicodependentes de Macau Action League for Palestinians of Syria LTD Al-Quds University All India Council of Human Rights Liberties & Social Justice All Survivors Project Foundation Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna American Medical Women's Association, Inc. Analog Ventures LLP Arab Organization for Arabization and Communication Asociación Civil Grupo SURES Asociatia Romanian Women's Lobby Asociația Obștească Centrul de dezvoltare și susținere a inițiativelor cetățenilor "Resonance" Association De Solidarite Bordeaux Association Des Juristes Specialises En Droits Etrangers Association Femmes Solidaires (AFS) Association Tous pour l'integration des migrants au Maroc Association de la femme saharienne pour le développement intégré Association de l'Alliance Nationale des Chourafa Naciryiene et leurs cousins, chargés des affaires de la Zaouia Naciria Association des marocains victimes d'expulsion arbitraire de l'Algérie Association for Disabled People Association for Social Solidarity and Empowerment Training Trust (ASSET) Association of Civilians and Organizations for Corporate Learning Development "Mako"

Association of Lawyers of Russia Association of Women for Awareness & Motivation (AWAM) Associazione Luca Coscioni per la libertà di ricerca scientifica Associação Nacional de Juristas Evangélicos - ANAJURE Assyrian Cultural & Social Youth Association Inc. BCI - Better Cotton Initiative Baghbaan Beijing People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries Belarusian Fund of Peace Bonyad Jahadi Mehr Alreza Utility C.A.R.E Scandinavia - Citizens Against Radicalism & Extremism Canadian Lutheran World Relief Ceasefire Centre for Civilian Rights Center for Military Human Rights Korea (CMHRK) Center for Research and Policy Making Centre for Participatory Democracy Centre for Research and Development Child Nurture and Relief Kashmir China Council for the Promotion of National Trade China Oceanic Development Foundation Coalition pour l'abolition de la prostitution (CAP) Comité de América Latina y el Caribe para la Defensa de los Derechos de las Mujeres Common Good Foundation Inc Community Care and Social Development Foundation Congres mondial Amazigh – CMA Cooperazione Internazionale Sud Sud **Coppieters Foundation** Council for Sustainable Peace and Development **DT** Institute Dalit Solidarity, Inc. Darius EL TM Darülaceze Vakfi Den Norske Helsingforskomité Diplomatic Mission Peace And Prosperity Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam International Foundation Dünya Etnospor Konfederasyonu Edufun Foundation Trust Ensaaf, Inc. Environmental and Societal Development Foundation Ethiopian Genocide Committee 1935-1941, Inc. Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network European Foundation for South Asian Studies European Interreligious Forum for Religious Freedom (EIFRF) Every Woman Treaty Inc FIRST.Org, Inc. Fn-Sambandet i Norge Fondacioni "Yesilay" Fondazione Pangea ONLUS Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations Free the Slaves Fundació Josep Irla Fundación Venezolana por el Derecho a la Vivienda Geneva Call Girija Prasad Koirala Foundation for Democracy Peace and Development

Global Alumni Alliance Global Citizen Forum **Global Detention Project** Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization Global Village Forum Chakwal c/o Shaheen Degree College Chappar Bazar Chakwal Green Camel Bell Havrat Humanitarian Aid Association Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy - Non-profit Civil Association Hokok Coalición Internacional Contra la Impunidad Human Environmental Association for Development - HEAD Human Rights Activists Human Rights Initiative Human Rights Protection Organization Human Social Care Foundation Humanity Diaspo IFEX Ilankai Thamil Sangam, Inc. Imam Khomeini Relief Foundation Institute of International Peace Leaders (Private) Limited Institute of Peace and Diplomatic Studies (IPD) International Action Network for Gender Equity and Law International Anti Terrorism Movement International Association for the Development of the Abaza-Abkhaz Ethnos "Alashara" International Child Rights Center International Civil Society Action Network, Inc. International Coordinating Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation (CCTT) International Cultural Diversity Organization International Human Right Organization International Human Rights Commission La Commission Internationale des Droits de l'homme Mezinárodní komise pro lidská práva - nadační fond, ve zkrácené formě IHRC - nadační fond Intl. WeLoveU Foundation Islamic Relief Committee Just Peace Advocates Mouvement pour une paix juste Justice for All Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology Deemed to be University Kandilarla Dayanişma Vakfi Karim Khan Afridi Welfare Foundation Keshava Kripa Samvardhana Samiti Khalsa Aid International Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation Knowmad Institut gemeinnützige UG (haftungsbeschränkt) L'institut européen de droit international et les relations internationales (IEDI) - The European Institute for International Law and International Relations (EIIL) L'union marocaine des conseils et association de la société civile L.E.S Musulmans (L.M) Labdaros ir paramos fondas "Nevyriausybinių organizacijų informacijos ir paramos centras" Lahore Educational and Welfare Society Leaders club de développement des compétences de la vie Life Bliss Foundation (Singapore) Life Bliss Foundation, Inc. Luftbrücke Irak e.V. **MENA Rights Group**

Magistrats Europeens pour la Democratie et les Libertes (MEDEL) Merciful Souls (Al-Qolub Al-Rahima)(R/A) Mnemonic non-profit entrepreneurial company (with limited liability) Muslim Hands Mwatana Organization for Human Rights Mədəni İnkişafın Təbliği İctimai birliyi NAUH (Now Action & Unity for Human rights) NTC-Hands off Cain Nationaal Papoea Vereniging '95/West Nieuw Guinea National Agro Foundation National Association of Palliative Care for AYUSH & Integrative Medicine National Committee on BRICS Research National Forum for Human Rights [Yemen] Nature Labs Nithyananda Dhyanapeetam Of Oklahoma City, Inc Nithyananda Dhyanapeetam TCD Trust Nithyananda Foundation Nithyanandeshwar Devasthanam Trust Nithyanandeshwara Paramashiva Hindu Tempel Nobel Women's Initiative Non-Governmental Organization «Association Of Wives And Mothers Of Soldiers Participating In Ato» **Organisation Tamaynut** OxYGen Foundation for Protection of Women and Youth Rights **PAY-W** Clinic **PVBLIC** Foundation, Inc. Pak Special Persons Welfare Society Palestinian Association for Human Rights (Witness) Partnership for Transparency Fund Inc Peace Justice Humanity and Relief Foundation Peace Without Limits (PWL) International Organization, Inc. **People's Participation** Persatuan Cinta Gaza Malaysia Photographers without Borders Pragati Foundation Protection International Pusat Komas SDN. BHD. Rainbow Volunteer Club **Rescue:** Freedom International Robert Bosch Stiftung Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung **Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute** SAM pour les droits et les libertés, SJAC SKT Welfare Salam for Democracy and Human Rights Samajik Yuva Sangthan Sansthan Samaritan Help Mission Sewa International Sheikh Abdullah Al Nouri Charity Society Shenzhen Foundation for International Exchange and Cooperation Shree Someshwar Education Trust Sichuan Haihui Poverty Alleviation Center Social and Media Studies Institute Solidariteit / Solidarity Solidarity for Peace and Reunification of Korea

SosyalBen Vakfı Southern Poverty Law Center, Inc. Sri Sharada Institute of Indian Management Research Foundation Stella Maris Institute of Development Studies Stichting InterNations Exchange Stichting Mideast Youth Stichting Volunteer Activists Stichting White Helmets Foundation Su Politikaları Derneği Suchirindia Foundation Syria Relief Syrian Legal Development Programme Tai Studies Center Terre Des Femmes - Menschenrechte fuer die Frau e.V. The Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation The Ecumenical Christian Centre Bangalore The Foundation for the Defense of Democracies The Global Energy Association on Development of International Research and Projects in the Field of Energy The Global Imams Council The Gulmit Educational and Social Welfare Society, Hunza Gilgit The Humanitarian Forum The International Center for Supporting Rights and Freedoms The International Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights The Trustees of Global Peace Mission Trust Foundation The Voice Society The Zakat Foundation of America Tom Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice Transitional Justice Working Group Transnational Anti-Organized Crime Intelligence Group Inc.(TAOC-IG) Turkish Marine Research Foundation (TUDAV) US Council of Muslim Organizations Uluslararası Mülteci Hakları Derneği Uluslararası Yardımlaşma ve Kalkındırma Derneği United Global Organization of Development (U-GOOD) Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights Uyghur Human Rights Project Voice of Youth Organization Water, Environment and Sanitation Society - WESS Welfare Association Jared West Papua Interest Association World Historic and Cultural Canal Cities Cooperation Organization World Internet of Things Convention Y S Makhdoomi Memorial Educational Trust Yadam Institute of Research Yetim Vakfi Youchang Consulting Youth Parli of Pakistan (YPP) Youth for Human Rights Pakistan Zindagi Trust de Centre Idriss El Fakhouri des Etudes et de Recherches en Sciences Juridiques Òmnium Cultural Österreichischer Rat Für Nachhaltige Entwicklung Österreichischer _ Nachhaltigkeitsrat für soziale, ökologische und ökonomische Angelegenheiten Öz Gida Sanayi Ve Yardimci İşçileri Sendikasi

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Applications closed without prejudice

6. At its 1st meeting, on 22 January, the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 30 NGOs that had not responded to the Committee's questions by the deadline of two business days (48 hours) before the beginning of each Committee session.

Direct Focus Community Aid Syrian Youth Council Organization of female conscience renewal International Society of Criminology Panhellenic Union of Cappadocian Associations International Funders for Indigenous Peoples Inc. PeaceCorea Kvinnors Nätverk Uluslararasi Ogrenci dernekleri Federasyonu Türkiye Gençlik Vakfi (Tügva) International Youth Federation European Network of Migrant Women WeYouth Working Women Welfare Trust Fondation Youya pour promouvoir l'excellence en la jeunesse africaine Association Achbal Maroc culturelle et artistique The Friendship League of Culture and Sport Gazze Destek Association Time to Help UK Foundation of the National Council of YMCAs of Korea Legal Aid Society Kite Oxford Suomalaiset kehitysjärjestöt - Finnish Development NGOs Fingo ry Moscow Helsinki Group Presitge Education Foundation Stichting Femmes for Freedom (Stichting FFF) Indian Economic Trade Organization Ambassadors of Dialogue, Climate and Reintegration Awaz-e-Niswan (AAN) **NRI** Federation Corporation

Request by a non-governmental organization to withdraw its application

7. At its 6th and 7^{th} meetings on 24 and 25 January, the Committee decided to take note of the request of 2 non-governmental organizations to withdraw its application for consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I (e)).

Association of Non-for- Profit Organizations to Facilitate the Drug Prevention and Socially Dangerous Behaviour "National Anti-Drug Union" The Global Initiative – Verein gegen transnationale organisierte Kriminalität

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

8. The Committee considered item 3 (b) of its agenda, New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 1st to 3rd meetings,

held from 22 to 23 January and at its 11th to 13th meeting, held on 29 to 30 January. The Committee considered a total of 214 new applications for consultative status.

New applications recommended

9. Of the 214 organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 112 should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

AO ADVOCATING OPPORTUNITY INC ASOCIACIÓN AWAO ONGD AbibiNsroma Foundation Africa Peace Foundation (APF) Amani Hope and Education for All Amazon Watch Aroha Asociacion Para El Analisis De Politicas Publicas Asociacion Civil Asociación Derechos en Acción, Organización Pro Derechos Humanos, Desarrollo Democrático y Humanidad Sostenible Asociația eLiberare Associació Plataforma per la Llengua - Col·lectiu l'Esbarzer Association Camerounaise pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme des Libertés et du Bien Être Association for Community Empowerment Solutions Association of African Entrepreneurs Bedayati Blockchain Alliance International, Inc. Blue Ventures Brain Builders Youth Development Initiative CENTRO CULTURALE SAN MARTINO - REGIONE PUGLIA APS Canadian Arab Women Association Cecilian International Foundation Centre for Newcomers Society of Calgary Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional Climate Aid Initiative **Climate Analytics Cohesive Communities Development Initiative** Contra o femicídio - Associação de familiares e amigas/os de vítimas de de femicídio - ACF Corporación Fernando González - Otraparte **Destination Justice** Development Research and Project Centre Kano Ltd/Gte Disability-Inclusive Development Programs and Services - DIDEPAS Estijabah Foundation for Humanitarian Aid and Relief European Parents' Association Exit UK Solutions CIC F.A.I.R. Trade Group Foundation Akrale Fondazione Mater Forum for Women in Development, Democracy and Justice Fundación Gran Chaco Fundación Veritad Green Future Resilience and Development Foundation Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance

God Bless the Child e.V. Green Cameroon Habitable Earth International Organisation Headfort Foundation Himaya Daeem Aataa Hope for Future Generations Humanitarian Focus Foundation Impact - Civil Society Research and Development e.V. ImpactHER Foundation LTD/GTE Inclusion Matters by Shanes Inspiration Initiative Africaine pour le Développement- International (IAD-I) Initiatives Développement Centrafrique Instituto Para El Desarrollo Sostenible De La Mujer Lenca De Honduras Idesmulh Instituto Verdeluz International Center For Living Aquatic Resource Management International Human Rights Consortium International Young Leaders Organization - Internationale Organisation für junge Führungspersönlichkeiten Intersecta Organización para la Igualdad Jeevan Rekha Parishad Just Atonement Inc. Kaani Assistance Luis De La Calle Foundation, Inc. M-Kids Association Mirella and Lino Saputo Foundation Mtree Inc. NIPE FAGIO Nadační fond pro výzkum psychedelic National Association of Friendship Centres Nonprofit Incorporated Association Africa Insight Nurturing Minds Inc. One World U Foundation (U: Unique United You) **Open Lunar Foundation** Organisation Algérienne pour l'Emploi des Diplômes Oromia Relief Association Australia - South Pacific Region Inc. Pacific Links Foundation Pikes Peak Justice and Pro Bono Center, Inc. Promotion of Sustainable Development in Donga-Mantung Association **REEF** Scuba Rights Organization for Advocacy and Development Rights for Disability Development Foundation (RDDF) SDG Youth Save the People in Need (SPN) Sesame Workshop Siblings Keeper Corp Smiling Angels International Inc. Stiftung Schüler Helfen Leben The Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work The Mudavadi Memorial Foundation Trust Fund Registered Trustees The University of Edinburgh The Virtuous Touch Int'l Initiative USA frica Trade and Business Network. Inc UniRef Union of Community Development Volunteers

United for Global Mental Health Vaccine Network for Disease Control Veille Citoyenne Togo Verein von Nichtregierungsorganisationen für Verbrechensprävention und Strafrechtspflege Village Health Action Wasel for Awareness and Education Co. Women Rehabilitation Organization Women for Positive Actions (WOPA) Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Word Green Design Organization World Changers Development Initiative World Security Federation World Shirdi Sai Baba Organization (UK) Young Ambassadors Society primelocation care givers foundation Österreichischer Frauenring Český výbor pro UNICEF

New applications deferred

10. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 102 organizations pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2024 regular session:

atmnirbhar NGO Africa Foundation For Community Development (Afcod-Uganda) Al-Aqsa Association for the Development of the Islamic Waqf/Endowment Al-Rafah- Welfare Association in Kafr Bara (R/A) Alliance for a Green Revolution In Africa Alumot Or Ltd (CC) AnitaB.org Armenian Bar Association Ashrafolanbia Charity Institute Asian Cultural Center, Non-Profit Organization Asociación Ciudadana por los Derechos Humanos Associació Amnistia i Llibertat Association Yesil Ay of the Republic of North Macedonia Skopje Associação Nova Escola Associação Transparência e Integridade AsyLex Atomic Reporters Beijing YUNTU international culture exchange LLC Board of Deputies Charitable Foundation CAGE Advocacy UK Ltd CBM Global Disability Inclusion Vereniging Caravan Industry Association of Australia Limited CarbonCare InnoLab Limited Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Africa Christen in Not, CSI-Österreich (Christian Solidarity International) Collaboration on International ICT Policy for East and Southern Africa (CIPESA) Cultural Diversity and Sustainable Development for Peace CyberPeace Institute De-Tomes Ghana LBG

Dr. Ambedkar Society for Socio Economic Welfare and Development EU-Russia Civil Society Forum e.V. EUROPEAN PRISON LITIGATION NETWORK Educators Without Borders International Ezer Mizion Focus Asia Foundation (F.A.F.) Folkland International Centre for Folklore and Culture Forum de Paris sur la Paix Global Development Alliance for Africa and Asia Global Healthy Living Foundation, Inc Great Barrier Reef Foundation Guangzhou Inno Public Welfare Service Promotion Society Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation Hope for Justice Hope to the Future Association Human Rights Prakahar Shodh Mohim Society India SME Forum Initiative pour un co-développement durable avec le Niger (ICON) Insamlingsstiftelsen Vi Planterar Träd Institute of Rural Management International Democratic Platform Non-Governmental Organization International Diabetes Federation International Human Rights Observatory International Human Rights and Anti-Crime Organization Trust International Organization for Development and Human Rights Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind Japan Water Forum Jerusalem Legal Aid and Human Rights Center Kaos Gey ve Lezbiyen Kültürel Arastirmalar ve Dayanisma Dernegi Korea Future Intiative CIO KurNiv Foundation Lehigh University London School of Economics and Political Science, The (LSE) Love March Movement Mountain and Glacier Protection Organization Na Laga'at (R.A.) National Association of Women Judges Nejat Society, victims of violence NetHope, Inc. New Life Fellowship At. Jhankarpada, PO/Ps Hirakud, Dist. Sambalpur Organization for the Professional Empowerment of Women Civil Nonprofit Company Oromo Legacy, Leadership and Advocacy Association PRO MUJER INC Partners In Health Partnership With Native Americans Pro Vita e Famiglia Onlus **Protection Approaches** RASED for Capacity Building and Development **Rainbow Railroad** Rare Diseases International Right to Education Initiative **Rizing Starz International Inc** Russian-Speaking Community Council, Inc Save Water and Safe Water Foundation

SheDad Foundation Stichting Stop Ecocide Foundation Studentenes og Akademikernes Internasjonale Hjelpefond The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies R.A. The Center for Victims of Torture The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs The Enlight Lab The Explorers Club Themistocles and Dimitris Tsatsos Foundation - Centre for European Constitutional Law Transparency International -R Türkiye Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfı UNITEE US Institute of Diplomacy and Human Rights Udruženje Centar za edukaciju i istraživanje "Nahla" Umut Ol Uluslararsi İnsani Yardim Derneği Universal Peace Organization, Inc. VšĮ Tarptautinis pilietinių iniciatyvų centras "Mūsų namai" WomenStrong International

C. Applications from non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status

11. At its 9th meeting, on 26 January, the Committee considered one application for a merger of Stiftung Brot fuer Alle (in special consultative status) with Hilfswerk der Evangelischen Kirchen Schweiz (an organization not in status with the Council) to form Hilfswerk der Evangelisch-reformierten Kirche Schweiz, as contained in document E/C.2/2024/R.4. It decided to defer the consideration of the application pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee.

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

12. At its 11th meeting on 29 January, the Committee considered agenda item 4 (a), Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status. It had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of 115 quadrennial reports submitted by NGOs in general and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held from 2005 to 2023 (E/C.2/2024/CRP.5)

Of those 115 reports, the Committee took note of the following 2 reports (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)):

International Council of Psychologists The Smile of the Child The Committee decided to further defer consideration of 113 of the deferred quadrennial reports, submitted by the following organizations:

AUA Americas Chapter Inc (2017-2020) Academic Council on the United Nations System (2016-2019) Access Now (2016-2019) Advocates for Human Rights (2016-2019) Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l'Homme (2018-2021) Alliance internationale pour la défense des droits et des libertés (2017-2020) Amman Center for Human Rights Studies (2018-2021) Amnesty International (2016-2019) Amnesty International (2008-2011) Amnesty International (2012-2015) Armenian Assembly of America (2011-2014) Armenian Assembly of America (2007-2010) Armenian Assembly of America (2015-2018) Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (2018-2021) Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (2012-2015) Association Internationale Droits Homme (2014-2017) Avocats Sans Frontières (2016-2019) CIVICUS - World Alliance for Citizen Participation (2016-2019) Catholics for Choice (2010-2013) Centrist Democratic International (2010-2013) Centrist Democratic International (2014-2017) Centrist Democratic International (2006-2009) Christian Solidarity Worldwide (2017-2020) Comité International pour le Respect et l'Application de la Charte Africaine des Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples (CIRAC) (2018-2021) Committee to Protect Journalists, Inc. (2016-2019) Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience (2016 - 2019)Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans (2016-2019) Egyptian Organization for Human Rights (2014-2017) Egyptian Organization for Human Rights (2010-2013) Elizka Relief Foundation (2015-2018) European Union of Jewish Students (2018-2021) Eşit Haklar İçin İzleme Derneği (2018-2021) Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (2018-2021) Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (2014-2017) Femmes Solidaires (2016-2019) France Libertes : Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2015-2018) France Libertes : Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2011-2014) FreeMuslim Association, Inc (2016-2019) Freedom House (2011-2014) Freedom House (2015-2018) Freedom House (2007-2010) Front Line, The International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders (2016-2019) Fundacion Pro Humanae Vitae (2014-2017) Global Environmental Action (GEA) (2009-2012) Godwin Osung International Foundation, Inc. (The African Project) (2015-2018 Greek Council for Refugees (2017-2020) Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (2015-2018) Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (2014-2017)

Human Resource Development Foundation, The (2018-2021) Human Rights First (2015-2018) Human Rights House Foundation (2011-2014) Human Rights House Foundation (2015-2018) Human Rights Now (2016-2019) Human Rights Watch (2017-2020) Human Rights Watch (2013-2016) Human Rights Watch (2009-2012) Inter-American Press Association (2013-2016) International Association for Religious Freedom (2015-2018) International Association for Religious Freedom (2011-2014) International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL) (2017-2020) International Bar Association (2015-2018) International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation (2018-2021) International Eurasia Press Fund 2018-2021) International Federation for Human Rights Leagues (2016-2019) International Federation of Journalists (2005-2008) International Federation of Journalists (2013-2016) International Justice Resource Center, Inc. (2018-2021) International PEN (2014-2017) International PEN (2006-2009) International Press Institute (2017-2020) International Religious Liberty Association (2015-2018) International Service for Human Rights (2011-2014) International Service for Human Rights (2015-2018) International Union of Socialist Youth (2017-2020) International Union of Socialist Youth (2005-2008) Islamic Relief USA (2016-2019) Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) (2014-2017) Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V. (2018-2021) Korea Freedom Federation (2018-2021) Lawyers of Lawyers (2017-2020) Liberal International (2015-2018) Local Governments for Sustainability (2014-2017) Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights (2018-2021) Minority Rights Group (2016-2019) National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan (NaYORA) (2018-2021) Natural Justice (2014-2017) Omega Research Foundation Limited (2017-2020) Open Society Institute (2017-2020) Open Society Institute (2013-2016) Organization Earth (2017-2020) Pathfinder International (2011-2014) People for Successful Corean Reunification (2016-2019) Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water (2013-2016) Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights (2009-2012) Simon Wiesenthal Center (2011-2014) Society for Threatened Peoples (2011-2014) Society for Threatened Peoples (2013-2016) Thalassaemia International Federation Limited (2017-2020) The Law Society (2014-2017) The RINJ Foundation (2017-2020) The World Justice Project (2018-2021) Therapy Center for Dependent Individuals (KETHEA) (2017-2020)

Turkiye Kadin Girisimciler Dernegi (2018-2021) UPR Info (2016-2019) US Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (2018-2021) Union Internationale des Avocats - International Union of Lawyers (2015-2018) Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (2009-2012) United Nations Watch (2018-2021) United Nations Watch (2014-2017) World Council of Arameans (Syriacs) (2007-2010) World Federation of Trade Unions (2018-2021) Young Women's Christian Association (2013-2016) Young Women's Christian Association of Australia (2014-2017)

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

13. At its 9th meeting, on 26 January, the Committee considered agenda item 4 (b), New quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status. It had before it notes by the Secretary-General containing 755 new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2024/CRP.6 to 51,). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 732 of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)). The Committee decided to defer consideration of the reports of the following 23 organizations:

"Vətəndaşların Sosial Rifahı Naminə" ictimai birliyi Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Armenian Constitutional Right-Protective Centre Assyrian Aid Society – Iraq European Centre for Law and Justice, The / Centre Europeen pour le droit, les Justice et les droits de l'homme Fondation Mohammed VI pour la Protection de l'Environnement Forum Azzahrae pour la Femme Marocaine France Libertes : Fondation Danielle Mitterrand Freedom House Heritage Foundation, The Human Rights Information and Documentation Systems International Human Rights Law Centre International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists International Religious Liberty Association International Service for Human Rights Jubilee Campaign Liberal Internation Oxfam Novib Réseau Africain pour le Développement, la Gouvernance et les Droits Humains (RADHEG) Stichting Global Human Rights Defence Uluslararası Süleymaniye Eğitim ve Yardımlaşma Derneği Union Internationale des Avocats - International Union of Lawyers Union de l'action féminine

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

14. At its 1st meeting, on 22 January, the Committee jointly considered the following agenda items and heard an oral report by the Secretariat: agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch; agenda item 6, 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; and agenda item 8, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.

The Acting-Director of the Office For Intergovernmental Support and 15. Coordination For Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat noted that at the midpoint of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, the role of civil society as a partner of the United Nations had never been more important. Through the consideration of applications and recommendations for granting consultative status to NGOs, he commended that the Committee had facilitated their access and participation in ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies, as well as other significant ECOSOC fora, United Nations meetings, and events. He explained the consistent rise in both applications and reports every year over the past decade. However, he emphasized that the level of the resources in the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch was in a dire situation. He stressed the need to ensure an appropriate level of resources that would allow the Branch to sustain its high level of performance. He added that any support by Member States was crucial in the administrative and financial discussions on the level of support needed. Without support, he stressed that the Secretariat would be prevented from fully executing activities as planned, which hampered program delivery and mandate implementation.

16. The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organization Branch briefed the Committee on how much the work of the Branch was being affected by the surge of the workload as well as by the current financial situation of the United Nations. He indicated that with the growing increase in the number of organizations applying for consultative status, as well as those in consultative status with ECOSOC, the resources of the Branch had been stretched to the limit a long time ago. He stressed that human resources were key to reviewing the applications and quadrennial reports, facilitating NGOs' access to the United Nations, managing the interaction between the Committee and NGOs, and developing productive relations with these actors to ensure an effective contribution to the work of the United Nations. He emphasized that the workload of the NGO Branch had significantly skyrocketed and was expected to continue growing in the future. For instance, between 2009 and 2023, the number of new applications had increased by 5 times from 143 to 845, and the number of quadrennial reports has increased by almost 6 times from 202 to 1,215. He underscored that the Branch had been making every effort to diligently cope with the surging workload and to reach higher levels of efficiency, but it was no longer possible to catch up with the ever-growing demand with current level of human resources.

17. The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organization Branch also mentioned that the development of the new enhanced ICT-based system to replace the electronic platforms currently used and managed by the NGO Branch (iCSO, CSONet, and Paperless) was ongoing. He explained that the new system was in the final stages of development and testing. He added that at the request of the Committee, the rollout would include testing and training sessions for all users, including the Committee and NGOs. He expressed concern however that the project had been delayed due to the lack of resources. He appealed for support of Committee members in mobilizing adequate resources for the Branch, including JPOs (Junior Professional Officers) or Extra-Budgetary support, to enable it to fulfil its mandate of facilitating the engagement of NGOs in the work of the United Nations. He asked both members of the Committee and member states as well as the NGOs "to help us to help you". He concluded by reassuring Committee members that the Branch was and would continue to be fully committed to providing the highest level of support to this Committee as it continued to fulfil its crucial mandate as per ECOSOC resolution 1996/31 in ensuring the engagement of NGOs were heard at the United Nations, as envisioned in the United Nations Charter.

18. The delegate of India sought clarification on agenda item 6b) *Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group* and asked if the consideration of working groups would take place in informal meetings. The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organization Branch responded that there were currently no functioning informal working groups. He added that it was the Committee's decision if discussion would be held under this agenda item.

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

19. At its 1st meeting, on 22 January 2024, the Committee considered the review of its methods of work. Upon the request of several Committee members, and the Chair's approval, the Committee decided to take up this matter in its informal consultations to further deliberate on the internal working methods of the Committee.

Other related matters

20. At its 11th meeting on 29 January, the Committee took note of the change of name of 5 non-governmental organizations.

International Harm Reduction Association (IHRA) (Special, 2007) to Harm Reduction International

Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Menschenrechte - Forschungsverein (BIM-FV) (Special, 2016) to Vienna Forum for Democracy and Human Rights

Marin Experimental Teaching Training and Advising Center (Special, 2017) to Metta Center for Nonviolence

Overseas Development Institute (Special, 2011) to ODI

Virtual Activism Inc. (Special, 2016) to Digital Democracy Now

VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

21. There was no request for a special report.

VII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

22. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2024 regular session from 22 - 31 January and 9 February. The Committee held 16 meetings.

23. The session was opened by the Vice-Chair of the 2023 session. In her opening remarks, the Chair of the 2024 session stated that the Committee served as an important gateway for NGOs to engage with and contribute to the work of the United Nations. By recommending the granting of consultative status to NGOs, the Committee facilitated their access and participation to ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies, as well as many United Nations meetings. She emphasized that, by working together in a spirit of consensus, the Committee would be able to hold a successful and productive session.

24. The representative of Costa Rica stated that the NGO Committee played a crucial role in the relationship of the United Nations with non-governmental actors and stakeholders in accordance with ECOSOC resolution 1996/31. He reiterated that in 2023 alone the Committee had received more than 800 new applications confirming a growing trend in the last decade, which was in addition to almost 300 deferred applications, some that had been deferred for five years or more. He underscored that, without any significant improvement in the working methods, the mandate of the Committee and the interaction of civil society with the United Nations would be damaged. He referred to the informal consultations with the membership and the Secretariat in June of 2023 on the working methods of the Committee and expressed regret that it had not been possible to achieve consensus on changes that were beneficial to all parties, including civil society.

25. He informed Committee members that Costa Rica had decided, together with the United Kingdom, to introduce a draft decision to the Economic and Social Council, with a view to introducing improvements in the working methods of the Committee by taking into account the discussions that had been held within this Committee for several years. He added that Costa Rica would undertake every effort to conduct an inclusive, open, and transparent approach with all relevant stakeholders. He emphasized that Costa Rica would continue trying to build a climate of trust and understanding between members of the Committee in order to fully acquit itself of its mandate and trust. He expressed hope that the goodwill of members would prevail in order to support a mutually beneficial relationship between the United Nations and the galaxy of non-governmental organizations.

26. The representative of Türkiye stated that civil society constituted one of the most fundamental pillars of the modern globalized world. He emphasized that, in seeking consultative status with the United Nations through ECOSOC, non-governmental organizations aimed to share their expertise and insight, and provided tangible ideas on how certain issues could be tackled at the international level. Fostering cooperation between the United Nations and civil society contributed to the sustainability and effectiveness of United Nations efforts in its areas of work. He underscored that the NGO Committee's role was crucial to facilitate and improve this cooperation and stressed that Türkiye continued to support the active

participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies, as well as in international conferences organized by the United Nations in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the UN Charter, as well as the framework set by ECOSOC in its Resolution 1996/31. With this understanding he reiterated once again that the role and competence of the NGO Committee, as the primary specialized UN body to consider consultative status applications, should not be undermined. He stressed that the Committee should be able to maintain its regular working method of reviewing each application on a case-by-case basis and that bypassing the Committee's usual review process through tabling resolutions in order to selectively grant certain organizations consultative status was counterproductive and against the mandate given to the Committee by ECOSOC itself. He noted that during the Committee's Resumed Session last year, the vast majority of Committee members had voted against recommending consultative status on all individual applications that were put to a vote. He mentioned that Türkiye recognized the right of each Committee member to put applications to a vote but rejected the method of singling out specific NGO applications in a selective manner and based on artificially crafted criteria.

27. The representative of the United States reaffirmed their commitment to promoting the meaningful participation of non-governmental organizations in the United Nations system without regard to their political beliefs. She underscored that the United States would continue to support the accreditation of non-governmental organizations, including those with whom the United States disagreed and those that criticized the United States. She said providing diverse NGOs with the platform to participate in the United Nations system made this institution and its member states stronger and more responsive to all their citizens. She reiterated that, in 2022 and 2023, the United States had been proud to present for a vote at the Economic and Social Council several groups of organizations who were targeted for political reasons and deferred accreditation for far too long. She welcomed that ECOSOC members had voted to accredit these legitimate and credible organizations over the last several years. She also noted the difficulty and undue burden that the working methods of the Committee had placed on NGOs seeking accreditation, especially those NGOs from the global South who did not have the funds to travel to New York and engage with the Committee membership. She expressed support of the hybrid Q&A proposal and regretted that there was still no consensus on this very important issue. She welcomed that the Secretariat had facilitated a long overdue NGO Committee consultation with civil society organizations in 2022 but regretted that these had not been continued in 2023. She called upon the NGO Committee to facilitate these regular consultations ahead of each January and May session as mandated by ECOSOC resolution 1996/31. She welcomed the joint initiative by the United Kingdom and Costa Rica and stated that the United States would engage constructively.

28. The representative of the United Kingdom recognized the pivotal role of civil society in debate, understanding and decision making. He stressed that in a world marked by escalating challenges, civil society organizations were a key pillar of open societies and often emerged as frontline defenders. He said they played a critical role in protecting and promoting human rights, tackling global issues from climate change to conflict and holding those in power to account. He stated that the Committee existed because member states recognized that collaboration with civil society was essential to the functioning of the United Nations. He added that civil society contributions ensured informed decision making, paving the way to advance the Sustainable Development Goals and achieve a more equitable and just future. He stressed that the United Kingdom remained committed to championing civil society participation and ensuring that all channels for civil society to engage with governments and those in power remained open. He noted the urgent need of reform

and emphasized that politicized deferrals and repeated questions from a small group of member states obstructed civil society access to the United Nations platform. He noted that deferred applications were often held back for years, despite detailed responses to questions and that this practice of arbitrary blocking over a sustained period was in contradiction to the spirit of ECOSOC resolution 1996/31. He underscored that the United Kingdom intended to seek approval of all applications from all legitimate NGOs. He stressed that scrutiny of NGOs would only be on specific categories, in line with ECOSOC resolution 1996/31. He reiterated that in joining the Committee in 2023, the United Kingdom made clear its desire to improve working methods to allow for a transparent, effective, and fair system.

29. He explained that in 2024, alongside Costa Rica, the United Kingdom would table a decision in ECOSOC with the intention to improve some of the Committee's working methods. He stated that the current working methods had hindered the Committee's transparency, efficiency, and ability to fulfil its mandate as set out in ECOSOC resolution 1996/31. He urged all Committee members to promote and facilitate a safe and welcoming space for civil society participation at the United Nations.

30. The representative of Eritrea noted that grassroots civil society organizations in Eritrea continued to play a pivotal role in mass mobilization, contributing significantly to public health, gender equality, food security, and youth empowerment. He emphasized that the role of civil society and non-governmental organizations was especially crucial when these organizations possessed the skills and capacity for the strategic advancement of national priorities. He reiterated that the NGO Committee was instrumental in accrediting organizations, necessitating careful consideration of applications, which involved a comprehensive assessment of the nature and scope of their activities, ensuring that their substantive and sustained contributions aligned seamlessly with the overarching objectives of the United Nations, as outlined in resolution 1996/31. He advocated for the Committee's effective functioning, emphasizing the need for a consensual decision-making process. He emphasized that consensus ensured that diverse perspectives were taken into account, fostering a collaborative environment where the deliberative process reflected the collective wisdom of the Committee members. He indicated that this inclusive decision-making process not only enhanced the credibility of the NGO Committee but also reinforced the legitimacy of its decisions. By maintaining this consensual approach, he stressed that the Committee could uphold its commitment to fairness, transparency, and accountability and promote an environment where diverse voices were heard, and collective decisions reflected the shared commitment to advance the Committee's mandate.

31. The representative of Zimbabwe expressed her deep appreciation to have worked with Committee members as Vice Chair in 2023. She highlighted that the productive and constructive cooperation had enabled the Committee to deliver its mandate in reviewing hundreds of new applications for consultative status and others in various stages of processing. She welcomed the space that had been created for the active participation of NGOs in the programme and activities of the United Nations given their invaluable contribution in the implementation of development priorities. She underscored that the Committee had the responsibility to ensure that this participation was in accordance with the relevant UN provisions for all participating NGOs. She stressed that maintaining the credibility and integrity of the Committee was the collective responsibility of the Committee.

32. The representative of China stated that China highly valued the important role played by NGOs in bringing forward the work of the United Nations, and supported those with capacity to better participate in the work of the United Nations. He stated that, as a member of the NGO Committee, China had always acted according to the

principles of professionalism, impartiality and objectivity. With regard to the working methods of the Committee, he underscored that China firmly upheld the authority of the Community and put its work in strict compliance with its mandate. He stressed that ECOSOC resolution 1996/31 clearly set out provisions relating to procedures for NGOs to apply for consultative status with the Council and to the Committee's terms of reference, which constituted the basic requirement and fundamental guarantee for ensuring regular and orderly participation of NGOs in United Nations affairs. He emphasized that any attempt or the slightest pretext to overrule the collective decisions of the Committee would undermine the authority of the Committee. He reiterated that granting consultative status was one of the most important means to strengthen the participation of NGOs in the work of the United Nations and that members of Committee had the responsibility and obligation to examine applicants in an impartial and objective manner, and in accordance with the mandate given in resolution 1996/31. He noted that, in recent years, individual members of the Committee had given unconditional approval to some organizations while repeatedly posing unreasonable questions to make things difficult for others. He argued that some members had even resorted to attacking and discrediting other members in the name of supporting NGOs, which was a blatant practice of double standards and politization. He stressed that it was incumbent upon the Committee to carefully and objectively weigh each applicant organization to determine if it had sufficient qualification and capacity to contribute to the work of the United Nations in general and ECOSOC in particular.

33. He underscored the importance of upholding the Committee's consensus-based spirit and firmly rejected the irresponsible practice of pushing for reform on the basis of one's own preferences. He added that, at present, there were more than 6,000 NGOs in consultative status and a large number of new NGOs were granted status which was clear proof that the working methods of the Committee were practical and feasible. He stressed that, pending the decision within the Committee, the attempt to promote the reform was not constructive. He suggested that the Committee should steadily push forward the reform process on the basis of maintaining the existing working methods, based on the broadest consensus possible and in strict compliance with the Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Council, meanwhile fully consider the operability and fully address the concerns of developing countries and NGOs from developing countries.

34. The representative of Cuba stated that he had prepared a protocol-based statement, but in view of the issues that had been mentioned by previous speakers he would raise a few issues earlier than anticipated. Regarding the new online system, he stressed that it was vital for the work of the members of the Committee and the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch. He expressed regret that every year the Committee was promised a new system, but the system remained under development. He reiterated his delegation's request that once the new system was live, sufficient time was allotted for members of the Committee to familiarize themselves with it. He asked if the slowdown of development of the new system was due to a lack of resources, and if the necessary resources had been secured.

35. Regarding the debate on the working methods, he disagreed that the working methods had not been improved. He noted that the Committee had established a deadline for receipt of responses from NGOS between sessions and that NGOs had submitted responses. He emphasized that this was an improvement. He noted that a group of states had indicated their intent of introducing a decision to ECOSOC. He expressed his delegation's regret that this issue had not been mentioned during the informal consultations and that Members of the Committee had not been invited to join the consultations on the decision. He stressed that decisions should be based on ECOSOC resolution 1996/31. He cautioned that this approach was bypassing the

Committee and therefore undermining its work. He emphasized that this was not constructive for the work of the Committee and that it was an inappropriate use of the rules of procedure of the Committee. He underscored that procedurally, the working methods were part of the responsibility of the Committee. He stated that discussions had not reached the point of bringing a decision to ECOSOC as there had been no prior consultations with members of the Committee. He noted with regret that there had not been much progress in the improvement of working methods due to a lack of assurances to NGOs in the South that they could participate equally. He reiterated that the working methods should be discussed and approved within the Committee. He asked about past practice or precedent of bypassing the authority of the Committee by bringing a decision directly to ECOSOC. He noted that this was an important question for the future of the NGO Committee.

36. The representative of Georgia acknowledged the significant role of civil society in the implementation of the United Nations agenda, including their invaluable contributions to human rights, human rights protection, and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. He stated that for many decades, civil society organizations played a significant role in informing member states' decisions in the field of human rights, sustainable development, climate change, and sustaining peace. He added that Georgia had always been supportive to the active engagement of NGOs across the main pillars of the United Nations. He underscored that civil society had an important role in the full implementation of agreed frameworks, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement, the Human Rights treaties and more. He emphasized that Georgia would continue constructively engaging in the work of the Committee to advance the participation of NGOs in the United Nations system.

37. The representative of India stated that India had an active, vibrant, and pluralistic civil society. He emphasized that India supported an inclusive approach with regard to the participation of civil society in the relevant work of the United Nations. He stressed that India maintained a principled position that the NGO Committee, as an intergovernmental specialized body, was mandated under ECOSOC resolution 1996/31 to assess the credibility of each and every application and seek clarifications to enable it to make a well-considered recommendation to ECOSOC. He added that the Committee performed a very critical function and that Committee members had an inherent right under resolution 1996/31 to ask pertinent questions. He regretted that this right to ask questions was being questioned by a few delegations. He stressed that it was important to uphold the intergovernmental nature of decisions taken by this specialized body. He noted the intention of a few delegations to approach ECOSOC on working methods of the NGO Committee. He underscored that the working methods of the NGO Community must be reviewed by this Committee only. He stated that the Committee existed for a purpose and that it was very important that the Committee's specialized nature was not tampered with by resorting to shortcuts and taking decisions directly to ECOSOC. He emphasized that India had been fully involved in the informal meetings on working methods and would continue to remain engaged with other Committee members with a view to arriving at a decision that was acceptable to all Committee members. He stressed that it was not correct to bypass this ongoing discussion and take matters directly to ECOSOC. He confirmed that India would continue to support the established procedures and practices of the Committee.

38. The representative of Mexico (observer) recognized the importance of the work of the Committee. Its recent membership during the period 2019 -2022 allowed Mexico to grasp first-hand the challenges and opportunities faced by the

Committee and their transcendental importance in the participation of NGOs in the United Nations. She emphasized that since the founding of the United Nations civil society had been an ally in driving forward the ideas and objectives of the organization. She added that member states should not lose sight of the fact that they were accountable to civil society and that it was in this process where the best strategies for collaboration arose. She highlighted the purpose of the Committee of transmitting recommendations to the Economic and Social Council on granting consultative status to non-governmental organizations. She stressed that, in its deliberations, the Committee should not take consideration of political positions, but rather hold an impartial position only considering whether the applicant organizations met the specific requirements to be granted consultative status. She commended the Committee for continuing the practice of interacting with applicant organizations through Q&A sessions and encouraged the Committee to include a virtual component in these interactions, while those who had the resources to come to New York could continue doing so. She added that allowing virtual interaction would bolster the participation of NGOs from all regions, especially those from developing countries as specified in ECOSOC resolution 1996/31. She also highlighted that resolution 1996/31 mandated the Committee to hold consultations with NGOs. She underscored that Mexico had welcomed the resumption of these consultations in 2022, however regretted that in 2023 the Committee had not held these consultations. She called upon the membership of the Committee to fulfil its mandate hold these consultations and also called on the secretariat to facilitate the necessary logistics for them.

39. The representative of the European Union (observer) noted that while there were currently no European Union member states serving on the NGO Committee, the European Union reiterated its strong commitment to foster and support civil society engagement, at home, abroad as well as at the United Nations. She emphasized that civil society played an essential role in contributing to protect and advance human rights, as well as shedding light on challenges and holding member states accountable to international obligations and commitments. She underscored that partnership with civil society was part of the DNA of the European Union. The European Union continued to promote NGO involvement in the work of the United Nations, including at the General Assembly, the Human Rights Council and other multilateral fora. She stressed that the European Union was not immune to strong criticism from civil society, but strongly believed in the importance of having an open and transparent discussion about the challenges societies are facing. She encouraged the Committee to act as a strong promoter of NGO participation in the United Nations and expressed deep concern about the continued practice of unjustified deferral of accreditation of some NGOs on the basis of dubious arguments and repetitive questions contrary to the spirit of resolution 1996/31. She called on all United Nations member states to safeguard an enabling environment for NGOs domestically. She added that the European Union took note of the decision by ECOSOC in recent years to grant consultative status to a number of NGO organizations, changing the recommendation provided by the NGO Committee. She recalled that ECOSOC had the final decision-making authority on granting consultative status and that it had exercised this authority previously in cases where the Committee had failed to fulfil its mandate. She added that, for the current session, there was no justification for the NGO Committee to further delay a number of applications of EU based NGOs that had been pending for a long time, including the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy and the Panhellenic Union of Cappadocian Associations. She called upon the members of the Committee to grant accreditation to these NGOs without further delay. She confirmed that the European Union and its member states remained ready to work in an in an open, transparent,

and constructive manner with all United Nations member states to resolve any issues relating to the important work and role of the Committee.

40. In response to questions raised by the representative of Cuba, the Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch explained that regarding the new ICTbased platform the Secretariat was working on merging four platforms into one. He added that the proposal had several phases and that the last phase, which involved testing and migration of data, required Secretariat involvement. In response to the question of whether ECOSOC can modify the working methods of the Committee, the Secretary of the Committee said that it would be up to ECOSOC to decide.

In her closing remarks, at the 15th meeting, on 31 January, the Chair of the 41. Committee noted that the work of the Committee had been smooth, and contribution of the Committee has been respectful and professional, extending her gratitude for the Committee's valuable engagement, allowing for a successful end to the first session. She stated that a total of 132 organizations had been recommended for consultative status of the total number of applications under review by the Committee. Such an outcome meant that a higher workload was anticipated for the next session, including as a result of the large number of deferred applications from this session. She thanked all the NGOs who expeditiously provided written responses to the questions posed by the Committee and those who attended in person and participated in the interactive Q&A sessions. She highlighted the importance of United Nations engagement with NGOs that are equipped with knowledge and experience as-well as the capacity to share those experiences as essential to the work of the United Nations and efforts to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. She concluded the session by thanking her fellow Committee members for their support and commitment and the Secretariat colleagues for their hard work and professionalism despite the consistent rise of the number of NGO applications.

B. Attendance

42. The session was attended by 18 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for non-member States and representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and NGOs also attended. The list of participants will be issued in document E/C.2/2024/INF/1.

43. At its 2024 regular session, the Committee heard 15 representatives of NGOs, who were given the opportunity to respond to questions raised by the Committee. The additional information provided by the representatives facilitated the debate and the work of the Committee in taking its decisions.

C. Election of officers

44. At its 1st meeting, on 22 January, the Committee elected Zebib Gebrekidan (Eritrea) as Chair of the Committee.

D. Agenda

45. At its 1st meeting, on 22 January, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its 2024 session, as contained in document E/C.2/2024/1/Rev.1. The agenda reads as follows:

- 1. Election of officers.
- 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
- 3. Applications for consultative status with the Council 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 that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.

4. 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;

(b) New quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status.

- 5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch.
- 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:

(a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;

- (b) Issues on the agenda of the informal working group;
- (c) Other related matters.
- 7. Special reports.
- General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.
- 9. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2025 session of the Committee.
- 10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

VIII. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2024 regular session

46. At its 15th meeting on 31 January, 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 its submission to the Economic and Social Council for appropriate action.

47. At its 16th meeting on 9 February, the Committee adopted the present report.