

1997/58. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that growing interest in the work of the United Nations on the part of non-governmental organizations has led to a very large increase in the number of applications for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council,

Noting also that the increase in the number of non-governmental organizations entails a consequent increase in the number of quadrennial reports to be considered by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations,

Recognizing the need for further improvements in the working methods of the Committee,

Recalling that in its resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, the Council placed additional responsibilities on the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat,

Recognizing the efforts of the staff of the Section to respond to the vastly increased demands placed upon it in recent years,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session setting out specific proposals to ensure that the current and foreseeable workload of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat can be met effectively and efficiently;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, taking into account the report of the Secretary-General and measures taken by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to improve its methods of work and to deal with this workload, provide the necessary human, financial and technical resources to the Section to enable it to carry out its responsibilities, as set out in Council resolution 1996/31, efficiently, effectively and expeditiously.

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23 July 1997*