

NGO APPLICATIONS FOR ACCREDITATION TO THE COMMITTEE

10 November 2004

1. The organizations listed below have informed the Secretariat that they fully supported and endorsed the mandate and programme of work of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and adhered to and accepted the accreditation criteria established by the Committee at its 206th meeting, held on 25 May 1994 and the revised guidelines approved by the Committee at its 265th meeting on 7 August 2002.
2. The Committee is requested to consider the enclosed NGO applications and approve them. Once the Committee approves the applications, the organizations will obtain the status of NGO accredited to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, or, if requested, observer status.

North America

Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP)

Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem

Palestinians Without Borders (PWB)

Asia

Al-Marsad – The Arab Center for Human Rights
Australians for Justice and Peace in Palestine (AJPP)
Justice for Peace (Observer)

South America

Arab Cultural Institute

Africa

Talk Through Conflicts Initiative (TTCI) (Observer)

Request for accreditation

Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP)

Jewish Voice for Peace	JVP
-------------------------------	------------

PRINCIPAL OFFICER(S) Sara Norman, President Adam Gutride, Secretary Stephany Roth	ADDRESS 1611 Telegraph Avenue Suite 500 Oakland, CA 94612 COUNTRY: USA
---	---

DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION Jewish Voice for Peace guiding principle is that United States foreign policy must be based on promoting peace, democracy, human rights, and respect for international law. Accordingly, until Israel ends its occupation of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem, it calls upon the United States to suspend military aid to Israel and on US corporations, such as Caterpillar, to stop supplying the Israel army. JVP denounces all violence against all civilians. It affirms that both Israelis and Palestinians have the right to security and self-determination. It campaigns against Israel's construction of the separation wall, and against the building of settlements. It advocates a just solution, consistent with international law and equity, for the Palestinian refugees.
--

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES Through grassroots organizing, education, advocacy and media outreach, JVP works to achieve a lasting peace that recognizes the aspirations of both Israelis and Palestinians for security and self-determination. JVP is currently heading the Caterpillar campaign, expanding its education programmes, through its web site and generating thousands of letters to Congress and media work.
--

AFFILIATION TO UN/OTHERS Affiliated with the US Campaign Against the Israeli Occupation

PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COMMITTEE: ACTIVITY, DATE, PLACE United Nations International NGO Conference, New York, 2004

Request for accreditation

Palestinians without Borders (PWB)

Palestinians without Borders	PWB
PRINCIPAL OFFICER(S) Mahmod Jammali Awad Abu Aulya	ADDRESS Omar Al Mukhtar St. Al- Rimal Gaza COUNTRY: Occupied Palestinian Territory
DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION Palestinians without Borders is a non-profit NGO that aims to link Palestinians living all around the world with each other using modern information technology. The organization has now two offices: one in the Gaza Strip and another in the West Bank.	
DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES Collects news and provides analysis of political developments on its web site. Links Palestinian expatriates with their homeland. Promotes human rights, in particular political, civil and cultural rights. Supports the participation of Palestinian women in all fields.	
AFFILIATION TO UN/OTHERS	
PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COMMITTEE: ACTIVITY, DATE, PLACE	

Request for accreditation

Al-Marsad - The Arab Center for Human Rights

Al-Marsad - The Arab Center for Human Rights	
PRINCIPAL OFFICER(S) Nizar Ayoub	ADDRESS P.O.Box 9, Majdal Shams 12438 Golan Heights, via Israel COUNTRY:
DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION Al-Marsad's main goals are to monitor and document Israeli violations of human rights against the Syrian Arabs in the Golan Heights, both past and present, and breaches of international humanitarian law.	
DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES The organization makes appeals to international institutions and forums in order to promote the rights of the Arab population of the Occupied Golan in particular, and human rights in general. It also provides legal services, organizes lectures, workshops and training courses about human rights issues to increase awareness within the community. In addition, it organizes campaigns to educate the international community about the human rights situation in the Occupied Golan Heights.	
AFFILIATION TO UN/OTHERS	
PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COMMITTEE: ACTIVITY, DATE, PLACE	

Request for accreditation

Australians for Justice and Peace in Palestine (AJPP)

Australians for Justice and Peace in Palestine	AJPP
---	-------------

PRINCIPAL OFFICER(S) Kathryn Kelly	ADDRESS PO Box 619 WODEN Australian Capital Territory 2606 COUNTRY: Australia
--	--

DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION Australians for Justice and Peace in Palestine was formed to oppose the occupation of the Palestinian Territory by Israel. AJPP has initiated a national network of Palestinian support groups in a number of Australian cities.
DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES AJPP holds public meetings on the Israeli/Palestinian issue; shows documentaries on the situation in the Occupied Territory; organizes national speaking tours of Palestinians or Israelis; holds protests at the Israeli Embassy in Canberra or in other cities against the occupation, the wall, settlements, etc.; provides information stalls at community events, such as the National Folk Festival; and gives talks in schools and universities.
AFFILIATION TO UN/OTHERS
PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COMMITTEE: ACTIVITY, DATE, PLACE None

Request for accreditation

Justice for Peace

Justice for Peace	
--------------------------	--

PRINCIPAL OFFICER(S) Khaled Abou- Elyousr	ADDRESS P.O.Box 441 Coburg 3058 Victoria COUNTRY: Australia
--	--

DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION Justice for Peace works to promote international peace education, to raise awareness for fundamental human rights, and to advance respect for international law principles. It seeks to create awareness and promote action aimed at effecting positive social and political change in the world.
DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES The organization carries out educational programmes, cooperative projects and advocacy activities together with other civil society organizations in Australia, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East, including Palestinian NGOs. It believes that the mobilization of volunteers is one of the key elements in building a broad social movement. Its Australian-based volunteer schemes engage hundreds of people a year in peace activities. Through these volunteer schemes, Justice for Peace seeks to make its peace activities accessible to people from all walks of life and strengthen action by civil society.
AFFILIATION TO UN/OTHERS
PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COMMITTEE: ACTIVITY, DATE, PLACE

Request for accreditation

Arab Cultural Institute

Arab Cultural Institute	
--------------------------------	--

PRINCIPAL OFFICER(S) Soraya S. Smaili, President Michel Sleiman, Vice-President Muna Zeyn, Secretary	ADDRESS Rua Joaquim de Almeida 330, apt. 61 Sao Paulo 04050-010 COUNTRY: Brazil
--	--

DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION The Arab Cultural Institute aims to promote Arab Culture in Brazil and abroad, at schools, universities, and public and private institutions. It was founded after September 2001 to inform about the beginning of a new political process in Arab World. It is inspired by the work of Edward Said - an icon of political and resistance not only for the Arabs, but also for those who fight for the establishment of a fair and equalitarian society. The Arab Cultural Center was inaugurated on 11 December 2003, at a special event organized to honour Mr. Said, with the presence of Brazilian intellectuals.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES The Institute organizes conferences, debates, meetings, lectures, round tables and film festivals. In October 2005, the Institute organized a conference at the University of Parana on the question of Palestine; and together with the Foundation for Israeli and Palestinian Peace organized the visit of a Palestinian and an Israeli student to three universities in Sao Paulo. The Organization is in the process of organizing a Palestinian film festival.

AFFILIATION TO UN/OTHERS

PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COMMITTEE: ACTIVITY, DATE, PLACE United Nations International Conference of Civil Society in Support of Middle East Peace, 12 and 13 July 2005, UNESCO, Paris.

Request for accreditation

Talk Through Conflicts Initiative (TTCI)

Talk Through Conflicts Initiative	TTCI
--	-------------

PRINCIPAL OFFICER(S) Darlington Fahnbulleh, Esq.	ADDRESS Talk Through Conflicts Initiative, Inc. 72 Ashmun Street, CEDE House P.O. Box 6963 Monrovia COUNTRY: Liberia
--	--

DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION Talk Through Conflicts Initiative (TTCI) in Liberia is a non-profit, non-partisan organization for conflict prevention that encourages the teaching of talking through conflicts as a way of solving them rather than resort to fighting and war. It is an initiative of Liberian educators, researchers, youths and individuals working to seek alternative creative means of preventing, managing and resolving internal conflicts by promoting peace and conciliation through dialogue after many years of war and bloodshed. It considers itself as neutral and impartial, supporting only those solutions that offer the best prospect of a just and lasting peace, consistent with international law. Through its work, it aims to contribute to efforts to improve the global response to armed conflict. It believes that dialogue based on humanitarian principles can assist in achieving political settlement, and that the informal initiatives of civil society institutions can usefully complement formal diplomacy. It pursues its objectives with a commitment to new approaches, to learning, and to collaboration, working with others across borders, beliefs and professions.
DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES The TTCI mission is to reduce levels of physical, verbal, emotional and deep-rooted social conflict in Liberia and in the West African sub-region. It teaches practical conflict and anger management skills to a very broad constituency of business, schools, churches, civic organizations and communities.
AFFILIATION TO UN/OTHERS United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Liberia, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Liberia, World Food Programme (WFP), Liberia
PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COMMITTEE: ACTIVITY, DATE, PLACE None