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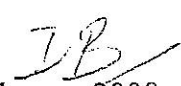
The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights has the honour to draw the attention of Permanent Missions to the Report of the Third Committee of the General Assembly (A/62/437), in which it noted the adoption by the General Assembly of Draft Resolution A/C.3/62/L.66. In this resolution, the decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference (A/62/375) were endorsed. Among these decisions, the Preparatory Committee decided (PC.1/2) that the Durban Review Conference and the sessions of the Preparatory Committee should be open to the participation of non-governmental organizations, which shall be represented by observers in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996.

Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are invited to participate fully in all the sessions of the Preparatory Committee, pursuant to Council resolution 1996/31. In this same decision, the Preparatory Committee established a process for accreditation so that NGOs not in consultative status with ECOSOC could be accredited to participate. The Preparatory Committee further decided that periodically the Secretariat would compile a list of those NGOs seeking accreditation which meet the requirements specified in ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, and would circulate these lists to all Governments with a note verbal.

During the period from 1 September 2007 to 31 January 2008, the Secretariat of the Durban Review Conference has received applications for accreditation from the following NGOs, providing the information requested in ECOSOC resolution 1996/31:

1. Swadhikar (India)
2. IDSN (Denmark)
3. Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (Canada)
4. Palestinian Grassroots Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign (Occupied Palestinian Territories)

Permanent Missions wishing to submit comments concerning any particular NGO on the list, are invited to transmit them to the Anti-Discrimination Unit, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Office in Geneva, CH-1211 Geneva 10, no later than 25 February 2008.

  
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