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## **1. Action Canada for Population and Development**

**(Special; 2004)**

### **Part I - Introduction**

In 2006, the organization revised its mission statement and goals as follows:

**Mission Statement:** Action Canada for Population and Development (ACPD) is a human rights advocacy organization that seeks to enhance the quality of life of women, men and children by promoting progressive policies in the field of international development with a primary focus on reproductive and sexual rights and health and on an emerging focus on international migration and development.

**Goal 1: Cairo Goal** - To strengthen Canadian foreign policy and international policy and frameworks to advance action on the Cairo financial targets and policy commitments.

**Goal 2: Human Rights** - ACPD seeks to integrate human rights, especially the rights of women and girls, and issues of sexual orientation and gender identity, and the rights of migrants, into the policy frameworks and program agendas of national governments and international organizations.

### **Part II - Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

#### **i) Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies and/or major conferences and other United Nations meetings.**

In 2004 Action Canada for Population and Development (ACPD) actively participated in the ten-year review of the International Conference on Population and Development, as a member of the Canadian government delegation to the regional preparatory process. Commission on Population and Development, 37<sup>th</sup> session (22 - 26 March 2004) United Nations Headquarters, New York: Review and appraisal of the progress made in achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, see E/2004/25 E/CN.9/2004/9 - Report on the 37<sup>th</sup> session (22-26 March and 6 May 2004).

Action Canada for Population and Development was able to contribute to the overall outcome of the review, which resulted in the reaffirmation of the Programme of Action adopted by the international community at the International Conference on Population and Development, through the development and distribution of fact sheets, briefing notes, and suggested language amendments for the outcome documents. ACPD supported the attendance and participation of youth delegates at each of the meetings.

In 2005, ACPD was an active participant at The Commission on Population and Development, 38<sup>th</sup> session (4 - 8 April 2005) United Nations Headquarters, New York: Theme: Population, development and HIV/AIDS, with particular emphasis on poverty. ACPD was able to use its knowledge gained through the production and dissemination of its publication, *Toward Greater Integration of HIV/AIDS*

and *Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights*, (to provide information for the delegates at the meeting).

In 2005 ACPD was an active participant at Commission on the Status of Women 49<sup>th</sup> Session, 28 February-11 March 2005 United Nations Headquarters, New York: Review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly. ACPD supported the attendance and participation of youth delegates at the meetings, developed briefing notes and fact sheets on issues of interest and concern, and developed briefing notes on suggested language for use by delegations during negotiations.

In 2004 ACPD attended and participated in the Commission on Human Rights, 60<sup>th</sup> session (15 March-23 April), Geneva, Switzerland, and actively engaged with governments on the resolutions on the elimination of all forms of violence against women, the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, and the rights of the child. In 2005 ACPD attended and participated in the Commission on Human Rights, 61<sup>st</sup> session (14 March-22 April), Geneva, Switzerland, and actively engaged with governments on the resolutions on the elimination of all forms of violence against women, the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, and the rights of the child. In 2006 ACPD attended and participated at the Human Rights Council, 1<sup>st</sup> session (19-30 June), Geneva, Switzerland, the 2<sup>nd</sup> session (18-September- 6 October) and 3<sup>rd</sup> session (29 November- 8 December) and actively engaged with governments on the institution-building phase of the Human Rights Council. In 2007 ACPD was an active participant at the Human Rights Council, 4<sup>th</sup> session (12-30 March), and the 6<sup>th</sup> session (10-28 September) Geneva, Switzerland advocating on a range of issues, including violence against women, the rights of the child, HIV/AIDS and access to medicines, sexual and reproductive health and rights, as well as during the institution building stage of the Human Rights Council.

On 2 June 2005 ACPD attended and participated actively at the General Assembly High – Level Meeting of the on HIV/AIDS, and at the 2006 High Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS, 31 May – 2 June 2006 advocating with governments on a range of issues, including the integration of sexual and reproductive health and rights into HIV/AIDS programmes and policies. Both meetings were held by the United Nations General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Action Canada for Population and Development (ACPD) has published resources relating to its work at the United Nations, including:

Stanchieri, Julie & Isfahan Merali & Rebecca J. Cook, eds., *The Application of Human Rights to Reproductive & Sexual Health: A Compilation of the Work of the International Human Rights Treaty Bodies*, 3rd ed., (Ottawa: Action Canada for Population and Development, 2005).

Katherine McDonald & Sandeep Prasad, *Building the UN Human Rights Council and its Special Procedures: Notes for Sexual Rights and Reproductive Rights Advocates*.

Jennifer Kitts, *Toward Greater Integration of HIV/AIDS and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights*, (60 pp., Action Canada for Population and Development, 2005);

Suki Beavers, *UN Reform and Advancing Human Rights: Notes for Sexual Rights and Reproductive Rights Advocates* (Action Canada for Population and Development, 2005).

**ii) Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies in the field and/or at Headquarters.**

Action Canada for Population and Development (ACPD) has worked closely with the United Nations Population Fund, hosting the Canadian launch of its annual State of World Population report during the years covered by this report.

**iii) Initiative undertaken by the organization in support of internationally agreed development goals, in particular, the Millennium Development Goals, which now form the basis of the global agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.**

Action Canada for Population and Development (ACPD) participated in the lead up NGO Forum, United Nations Headquarters, 16-17 March 2005, and the High Level Segment of the 2005 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, 29 June-27 July 2005, Geneva, Switzerland in considering the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals in advance of the High Level plenary meeting of the General Assembly held in September 2005 to review progress in fulfillment of the commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, and the integrated follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields as well as United Nations reform.

## **2. Egyptian AIDS Society**

**(Special; 2000)**

### **Part 1: Introduction:**

The Egyptian AIDS Society – EAS has taken into consideration directing the society's activities to serve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), as well as Social Development Programs. It has set its aims to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS amongst youth, adolescents, children and other sectors of the society, eliminate stigma and discrimination from the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and qualify them for recombining with the society, provide treatment, counseling, as well as social and financial support to PLWHA and their families. It was also found essential to build capacity amongst policy-makers, community leaders, and executive and media personnel on HIV/AIDS prevention techniques, in order to be able to pass their knowledge on to their communities. In order to attain such sophisticated objectives, performing research and studies to update information related to HIV/AIDS, networking with Governmental and non-Governmental National Organizations, the private sector, international organizations and UN-AIDS have been found necessary.

Accomplishment of the EAS's aims and objectives was carried out via various means; i.e. Mass media programs through radio, television, journalism and other mass media, providing efficient training for medical, social, and media specialists, organizing symposia, conferences, contests, and exhibitions for youth's artistic work related to HIV/AIDS, carrying out interactive public gatherings and meetings, performing plays addressing sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV/AIDS on stage, forming and activating PLWHA supportive groups, commemorating the world AIDS Day in public, and through media facilities, publishing HIV/AIDS educative printed material, updating the EAS website,

cooperating with public characters, celebrities and politicians to influence the public opinion towards empathizing with PLWHA, and collaborating with the Health and Population Ministry in the concerns of the hotline, treatment and medication, and surveying services state wide.

**Significant changes that have taken place within the organization since the original application:**

**Amount and Sources of funding:** UNAIDS and the Global Fund have been added to the previous financial and technical sources of funding. The amount of funding has reached USD 169,000.00 by the end of 2007.

The new funding sources and amounts have empowered the capacity of the EAS to enhance its performance, enlarge the geographic coverage and introduce new activities all over Egypt.

**New Organizational Affiliations:** The EAS newly affiliated with Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM), Middle-east and North Africa (MENA), the Egyptian NGOs Network Against AIDS (ENNAA), Nemru3 and UNAIDS. Such affiliations have empowered the EAS's affectivity and influence, and also increased popularity to the favor of the entire network, in support of the MDGs and the United Nation's goals.

**Part 2: Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations:**

**(i) Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies and/or major conferences and other United Nations meetings:**

- 23<sup>rd</sup> session of Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, 9-12 May 2005. The EAS has participated verbally in the discussion and recommendations. EAS recommended exploiting the national and international resources in order to enhance the programs of raising the awareness on HIV/AIDS, means of prevention and removing the stigma against PLWHA.
- 24<sup>th</sup> session of ESCWA, Beirut, Lebanon, 8-11 May 2006. The EAS has participated verbally in the discussion and recommendations. The Egyptian AIDS Society noted that if the spread of HIV/AIDS is to be halted in the Arab region, a substantial scaling-up of services related to prevention and information must be ensured, coupled with a profound qualitative enhancement of such services as well as promoting safe sex.

**(ii) Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies in the field and/or at headquarters:**

- The Africa Partnership and Exchange Initiative on local Responses to HIV/AIDS, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ford Foundation Grantee Meeting, sponsored by Panos Southern Africa, Alexandria, Egypt, 26 - 27 May 2004. The EAS was a main organizer and technical support provider for the meeting.
- XV International AIDS Conference, Bangkok, Thailand, 11-16 July, 2004. The EAS contributed to the work of the conference by making suggestions in the matter of eliminating stigma and discrimination of PLWHA worldwide.

- ‘Unite for Children’ campaign launch, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Cairo, Egypt, 24 October 2005. The EAS positively engaged in the discussions of the new campaign regarding health and development.
- ‘Stop AIDS, keep the promise, care, support and treatment’ workshop, UNAIDS, Cairo, Egypt, 1 December 2005. The EAS suggested a variety of ways for providing PLWHA with care, support and treatment, based upon its area of expertise in the Egyptian social entities.
- World Health Organization/Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (WHO/ISESCO) joint workshop on media and health on satellite channels, Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, 11-13 December 2005. The EAS has displayed a presentation exhibiting the EAS’s mass media programs about HIV/AIDS, and took part in the role plays as per the agenda.
- Non-Governmental Organizations – NGO training on HIV/AIDS, UNICEF and UNAIDS, Cairo, Egypt, 13-14 March 2006. The EAS has participated in the activities of the workshop.
- XVI International AIDS Conference, Toronto, Canada, 13-18 August 2006. The EAS joined the discussions carried out throughout the conference aiming for exchanging experiences and perspectives with the participating organizations, and joined the MENA exhibition.
- The Second General Conference of the Arab Network for NGOs, ‘The role of Arab NGOs in implementing the MDGs’, Kuwait, 18-20 December 2006. The EAS has found a fertile field for discussing the best means to achieve the MDGs relative to its frame of work.
- ‘Hand in hand against AIDS’ project with UNICEF to involve children in HIV/AIDS advocacy through songs and art works, 2006.
- IAS 2007 – 4<sup>th</sup> conference on HIV pathogenesis, Sydney, Australia, 22-25 July 2007. The EAS joined in the social aspect of the subject discussions.
- CCM capacity building workshop, the Global Fund, Cairo, Egypt, 29-30 August 2007. The EAS has joined in the implementation of the workshop agenda.
- Workshop for setting a five year HIV/AIDS prevention strategic plan in Egypt, Health and Development Ministry and National AIDS Prevention Program, UNAIDS, Ismailia, Egypt, 2-3 November 2007. The EAS took part in setting recommended strategic elements.
- A workshop for media personnel on World AIDS Day in cooperation with UNAIDS, Cairo, Egypt, 10 November 2007. The EAS was the key organization providing sponsorship, material and leading the discussion in the workshop so as to gain the support of mass media in empowering and enriching HIV/AIDS prevention, and stigma eliminating campaigns.
- ‘International Consultations on Islam and HIV/AIDS’ conference addressing Islamic views of HIV/AIDS prevention methods, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26-30 November 2007. The EAS presented its experiences within the state of Egypt.
- At the 5<sup>th</sup> Regional meeting for Middle-East and North Africa, MENA, Tunis, Tunisia, 3-6 December 2007, EAS participated with a visual presentation on the Global Fund grantees’ activities in Egypt.
- Representatives attended the following meetings for setting strategies and presenting The Egyptian NGO Network Against AIDS (ENNAA) activities and efforts; Cairo, Egypt, 2 June 2004; 23-24 November 2004; 18-19 April 2005; 30 November, 2005; 4-6 June 2006; 24-25 July 2007; 15-16 August 2007; 14-16 December 2007. The EAS made several recommendations for the strategies, joined in the elections for the network secretariat and provided TV coverage for the network.

## Initiatives in support of the United Nations goals and MDGs:

- **Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases. Target 1: Halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS**

### Actions:

- ‘From Africa to Africa: An analysis of community and other responses to HIV/AIDS in Africa’ Research, United Republic of Tanzania, 2004. The EAS has participated in the preparation of the subject research concerned with ‘Managing HIV/AIDS in Africa’ representing Egypt.
- ‘Supporting youth rights to be acquainted with information and facts related to STI and HIV/AIDS’ projects, both sponsored by the Ford Foundation, 2004-2005 and 2006-2007
- 122 symposia serving the HIV/AIDS awareness campaign involving 23,629 young participants.
- 11 MDGs’ advocacy seminars for policy-makers and leaderships involving 1,002 participants.
- 23 training workshops for leaderships and mass media personnel involving 917 participants.
- 13 World AIDS Day commemoration events involving celebrities and Goodwill Ambassadors.
- Mass media community awareness: 52 radio programs, 154 TV programs, and 87 articles.
- 16 art contests and exhibitions and 2 parades for children, adolescents and young people.
- 15 PLWHA supportive groups to support and assist PLWHA recombine with the society.

## 3. Foundation for the Social Promotion of Culture

(General; 2004)

### PART I. Introduction

**i. Aims and purposes of the organization.** The Foundation for the Social Promotion of Culture (FPSC) is a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) from Spain, working since 1987 for human development and the promotion of culture. Through its programs and projects, FPSC tries to promote a human, social and economic development according to the dignity of the person and respectfully with the cultural identity of the peoples and social groups.

**ii. Any change that may have had a significant impact on the organization vision and/or functions in terms of its orientation, its programme, the scope of its work, etc.** In this period the links among the FPSC and the Euro-Arab Network of NGOs for Development and Integration (READI) which joins 42 NGOs of 9 different areas (Algeria, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine, Spain and Tunisia), have been strengthened: on one hand a member of READI takes part in the Advisory Committee of the FPSC, on the other hand an FPSC Trustee is the new President of the READI. FPSC has continued its traditional activity in Latin America (currently in Bolivia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay and Peru), Middle East and North of Africa, and on top of that it has made a qualitative leap in other important regions. In Far East it is implementing a four year program (2006-2010) in Viet Nam, and a two year project (2007-2009) in Cambodia, both of them related to Ecotourism, which is a new sector for FPSC. For this purpose an FPSC office was set up in 2007 in Viet Nam (Hoa Binh province) with a total staff of 10 people (of which 9 are Vietnamese and 5 are women). In Sub-Saharan Africa FPSC is implementing a

four years program (2006-2010) in the Democratic Republic of Congo (FPSC office set up in Kinshasa in 2006), plus a 30 months project (2007-2009) in Ethiopia.

Other NGO Networks: During 2007 FPSC extended its memberships to the Conference of NGOs in consultative relationship with the United Nations (CONGO) and to the Cambodian Community Based Ecotourism Network.

2004: FPSC, previously in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council, was granted General Consultative Status.

## **PART II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

### **i) Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council and subsidiary bodies and/or major conferences and other United Nations meetings.**

1. United Nations Headquarters, New York, 18 March 2004: NGO/Civil Society Forum preparatory to the 2004 Economic and Social Council High-Level Segment (HLS). The President of FPSC attended this round-table dialogue and she communicated the submission of a programme on integrated approach for rural development following the text of the statement submitted by FPSC to the 2003 HLS.
2. United Nations Headquarters, New York, 28-30 June 2004. The High Level Segment of the 2004 substantive session of the Council on the theme: "Resource mobilization and enabling environment for poverty eradication in the context of the implementation of the Program of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the decade 2001 – 2010." An FPSC statement was circulated (reference E/2004/NGO/9), under the same title as the HLS theme.
3. Madrid, Spain, 12 January 2005: A workshop was held in FPSC Headquarters. Among the participants were the Chief of the NGO section, United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), and FPSC President, trustees and managing staff. During this workshop the Chief of the NGO section reinforced the importance of the General Consultative Status and she encouraged the FPSC to strengthen the collaboration with the United Nations.
4. United Nations Headquarters, New York, 10 March 2005: The NGO Forum preparatory to the 2005 HLS. FPSC sent a representative who presented orally for six minutes the work of FPSC related to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, remarking the importance of the READI.
5. United Nations Headquarters, New York, 29 June - 1 July 2005: The Council's High-Level segment meeting, theme "Achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, as well as implementing the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits: progress made, challenges and opportunities". An oral and written presentation (reference E/2005/NGO/7) was made by an FPSC representative about FPSC activity under the above mentioned theme.
6. United Nations Headquarters, New York, 2 August 2005, the Chief of the NGO section, confirms by letter the designation of FPSC as United Nations NGO Informal Regional Network (UN-NGO-IRENE) National Coordinator for Spain.

7. Le Kram, Tunis, 17 November 2005: Tunis Phase of the United Nations International Conference of the World Summit on the Information Society. An FPSC representative participated in the NGO Roundtable/Workshops to contribute to an effective implementation of the Tunis Declaration and Plan of Action on the theme “For an Interactive Dialogue to ensure ICT Access for All”.
8. United Nations Headquarters, New York, 2 April 2007: FPSC sent a representative to attend the Council’s informal event for the 2007 Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) “Eradicating poverty and hunger – Joining forces to make it happen.” FPSC representative met with the team of the NGO section, UNDESA, in order to prepare FPSC participation in further events concerning the AMR 2007.
9. Madrid, Spain, 27 April 2007: FPSC sent to UNDESA a success story related to the achievement of the MDGs and the AMR theme, “Strengthening efforts for the eradication of poverty and hunger through global partnerships for development”. The success story was uploaded by UNDESA to the “blog” of the AMR Innovation Fair, available at the Internet at <http://amrif.blogspot.com>.
10. Geneva, Switzerland, 2-5 July 2007: First AMR Innovation Fair, theme “Strengthening efforts for the eradication of poverty and hunger through global partnerships for development”. Two FPSC representatives attended and prepared a booth with information and images about FPSC success story. Information and documents were facilitated by FPSC representatives to the visitors to the booth, including the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-Moon.
11. United Nations Headquarters, New York, 3 October 2007: the President of FPSC Ms. Pilar Lara, held meetings with the Economic and Social Council President, Mr. Dalius Čekuolis and with the Director of the UNDESA Office for Economic and Social Support and Coordination (OESC), Mr. Nikhil Seth. Subject of these meetings was FPSC experience about Sustainable Development and about Evaluation of the MDGs.
12. Madrid, Spain, 8 October 2007: FPSC President and managing staff met with the Chief of the NGO section, UNDESA, who presented the new World Centre of Excellence on MDGs, available at the Internet at <http://www.omdg.org>.
13. Madrid, Spain, 28 November 2007: FPSC organized a workshop with the READI, (with the participation of 23 NGOs from Africa, Asia and Europe), under the subject “Rights and Commitments regarding Education and Sustainable Development in Middle East”. Participants discussed about the Council’s 2008 theme, “Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development”, in order to prepare a statement for the Council 2008 High-Level segment.

ii) **Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies:** As a part of its “Improvement of Education in the Middle East Program” 2006-2009, FPSC and the Bethlehem University are collaborating with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East through a program of Training of Trainers. Teachers of the schools of Palestinian Refugees Camps are trained through this program.

iii) **Support of internationally agreed development goals, in particular the MDGs.** From 2000 to 2005 FPSC implemented 55 projects as part of a Strategic Plan called “Strategy for the Development of the Mediterranean Area”, co-funded by the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and

Development (AECID). Once finished, an external firm evaluated it in depth, including a perspective based on the MDGs. Summary of this evaluation is provided now.

Areas of implementation: Algeria, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Mauritania, Palestine, Tunisia, Spain; Total partners: 26; Direct beneficiaries: 322,770; indirect beneficiaries: 575,536.

Beneficiaries by Millennium Development Goals: **MDG 1** “Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger” 24,886 people; **MDG 2** “Achieve universal primary education” 39,970 children; **MDG 3** “Promote gender equality and empower women” 2,357 women; **MDG 4** “Reduce child mortality” 2,185 babies plus 14,951 children (3-12 years old); **MDG 5** “Improve maternal health” 1,815 women; **MDG 6** “Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases” 286 drug addicts; **MDG 7** “Ensure environmental sustainability” 27,000 people plus 11 hectares; **MDG 8** “Develop a global partnership for development” READI, 40 organisations.

On the other hand projects and programs started by FPSC since 2006 are still under execution or under evaluation, which is the reason why FPSC has not yet obtained the final information to provide in this document.

#### **4. International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**(Special; 2000)**

##### **Part I - Introduction:**

With main offices in New York City, United States of America, and Brisbane, Australia, International Presentation Association Sisters of the Presentation (IPA) meets every four years to refocus the mission statement: “Flowing from our identity as Presentation women we channel our resources so that we can speak and act in partnership with others for global justice.” Our website [www.ipa.ozehosting.com](http://www.ipa.ozehosting.com) provides more information on our Fifth International Assembly in Bangalore, India, 14-21 November 2007 entitled, “The Cry of the Earth.... The Cry of the Poor.”

##### **Part II - Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

###### **(i) Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council and subsidiary bodies:**

1. With the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Committee on Status of Women, our main representative served as Recording Secretary 2005-2007 and co-chaired the NGO Consultation Planning sessions for the Commission on the Status of Women from 2004-2007. Our organization, IPA, participated in each session of the Commission bringing together representatives from the developing world, and prepared/co-sponsored statements on the major themes.
2. For the NGO Committee for Social Development, our main representative served as Secretary until 2004. Statements were written, co-sponsored, and published each year of the reporting period. Each year the NGO Committee, with the Bureau of the Commission on Social Development, prepared and then offered an NGO Forum on the day prior to the Commission’s annual session, with an outcome document presented to the Commission on the opening day. In 2006 and 2007, the NGO

Committee offered a research survey on “Decent Work and Full Employment for All” and co-sponsored NGO Forums in preparation for the Substantive Economic and Social Council Sessions. Also, our NGO representatives participated in the sub-committee on the Eradication of Poverty working yearly on the International Day of the Eradication of Poverty and the mandate for the new decade.

3. The NGO Committee on Financing for Development began in the fall of 2004 as a Working group and our organization was a founding member. Since 2000, IPA has been involved in the Monterrey Financing for Development process bringing experts from the Republic of India and Latin America to the round tables.

4. With the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Working Group on the Girl Child materials on various themes for the Commissions were produced. During the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) 51<sup>st</sup> session, our NGO Committee organized scholarships for 10 girls and an orientation session for the girls; IPA also sponsored one girl and her chaperone from India.

5. As a member of the NGO Committee on the United Nations International Decade of Indigenous Peoples, we advocated for the passage of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People and collaborated in the work of each Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the briefings, and the formal reception each year held in the United Nations Visitor’s lobby.

## ii) Cooperation with United Nations bodies or specialized agencies:

Through the NGO Committee on Financing for Development since 2005, our NGO representatives have provided NGO orientation forums, panelists for round tables, and written research papers on the themes of the Monterrey Consensus. For the High Level meetings on the Bretton Woods Institutions, IPA participated in all the NGO hearings and round tables sponsoring NGO speakers from the global south.

**Conference and Commission participation: From 2004-2007** representations and statements in the following meetings have included:

### 2004

- For the 42<sup>nd</sup> session of the Commission for Social Development, 4-13 February in New York, with the theme of “Improving Public Sector Effectiveness” the main statement was about the promotion of efficient water use, a youth perspective.
- During the 48<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 1-12 March in New York, with the theme “The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality” four members participated. Our organizations sponsored a side event entitled “Healing the Wounds of Violence.”
- 15 March – 23 April in Geneva, Switzerland – For the 60<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Human Rights, two members participated in an orientation session and attended one Commission session.
- During the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 10-21 March in New York, focused on Indigenous Women; IPA sponsored an Indigenous elder woman panelist for an educational session entitled, “Indigenous Women: Culture and Spirituality.” She also presented a paper on “Education and Indigenous Culture” during the Forum itself.

### **2005 in New York, United States of America**

- Preparation for the Millennium + 5 Summit was a major focus of this year. We NGOs caucused, worked on the Civil Society Hearings, and sponsored parallel events.
- The 49<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly was entitled, “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century” and was held 28 February - 11 March with four members present. Our main statement dealt with strategies for the advancement and empowerment of women and girls.
- “10-year review of the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome of the 24<sup>th</sup> special session of the General Assembly” was the theme of the 43<sup>rd</sup> session of the Commission for Social Development 9-18 February. Our statements were on Social Integration, Education, and Structural Adjustment, International cooperation and partnerships.

### **2006 in New York, United States of America**

- 8-17 February: For the Review of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty, the theme of the 44<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission for Social Development, our organization co-sponsored statements and wrote one on “Wealth creation, sustainable national economies and poverty eradication: what are the connections?”
- 27 February - 10 March: “Equal participation of men and women in decision-making processes at all levels” was the theme for the 50<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women. With three participants, including one person on a scholarship, our organization concentrated on policies around the participation of women in all aspects of life.
- 31 May - 2 June: 2006 High Level Meeting on AIDS: Uniting the World against AIDS, our organization brought an expert working in Zambia. Her project of letters from Zambian children with HIV/AIDS was featured in the United Nations tourist area.
- 12 July: Informal Interactive Hearings on International Migration and Development, our organization sponsored one of the speakers on Gender and Trafficking.
- 1-12 May: The 14<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Sustainable Development focused on “Energy for Sustainable Development, Industrial Development, Air pollution/Atmosphere, Climate Change.” IPA sponsored an expert on wind energy from our membership.

### **2007 in New York, United States of America**

- 7-16 February: “Promoting Full Employment and Decent Work for All” was the policy theme of the 45<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission for Social Development. With the NGO Committee, we began the research survey on this with the participation of governments as well as NGOs. Our main statements included the theme of ending discrimination and exploitation of migrant women and girls.
- During the 26 February - 9 March, 51<sup>st</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women, four members, including a schoolgirl from India, concentrated on the “Elimination of all forms of violence and discrimination against the girl child.”

- May 11-25: For the 6<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Forum on Indigenous Issues “Lands, Territories, and Natural Resources,” two of our NGO members, who were working with the Guarani in Bolivia, participated; furthermore, our NGO co-sponsored the event entitled, “Land – an Essential Resource for Indigenous Peoples.”

### **iii) Initiatives taken around the internationally agreed development goals in particular the Millennium Development Goals: (a few examples)**

**Goal 2:** We have conducted primary and secondary schools since 1775, the year of our Foundation. At this time we continue with schools in Antigua and Barbuda, Canada, India, Ireland, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Thailand, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and the United States of America. Besides this, we work with vocational schools in Bolivia.

**Goal 7:** Across India we raise awareness on recycling, the renewal and reuse of paper products and have imposed a ban on plastics. A recycling plant is installed in one school in New Delhi, India and other schools are in the process. A waste management plan has begun. A solar energy project is installed in four rural areas.

## **5. Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (Special; 2000)**

**Areas of activity:** Population issues, reproductive health/rights (RH/R), women, gender, poverty issues, community development, related advocacy and others.

### **PART I: Introduction**

**Geographical distribution of counterpart countries and activities:** JOICFP has been operating a series of activities in Asia, Africa, and Latin America at the country and regional level to improve the reproductive health and rights (RH/R) of community people. Our ultimate goal is to empower communities to promote their own reproductive health activities and JOICFP's strategies enhance the process of people's behavioral change. JOICFP conducts various kinds of activities accordingly, in cooperation with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), the Government of Japan, and other foundations both in and out of Japan.

These activities are in Africa (Ghana, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia), Asia (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Mongolia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Philippines and Viet Nam), and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) (Nicaragua, Ecuador, Peru and Mexico). International and Regional activities are also conducted through workshops, trainings and seminars, as well as National activities such as Japanese affiliate advocacy and campaign of international cooperation in Japan in cooperation with around 40 NGOs.

The World Bank adolescent reproductive health projects were started in Nepal and Sri Lanka in 2007 and two other countries were newly affiliated namely Mongolia and Indonesia under UNFPA regional projects for Behavior Change Communication (BCC).

- Constitution or by-laws: Amendment in 2004: Number of Board Directors was changed from 8 to 20 into 15 to 20 guided by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan.

## **PART II: Contribution to the work of the United Nations**

**i) Participation in Major Conferences and Meetings:** Under its consultative status and/or as a NGO representative from Japan, JOICFP has participated and taken the initiative on behalf of Japanese NGO in the field of the Health and Population sector in United Nations conferences and meetings during 2004-2007 as follows;

In 2004: (a) From 27 to 28 September 2004, JOICFP participated in the Group of Seven (G7) NGO Coalition Meeting in Paris, France to advocate the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to the respective governments.

In 2005: (a) From 28 February to 11 March 2005, the United Nations 4th World Conference on Women under the Commission on Status of Women (CSW) held in New York, USA was organized in which JOICFP participated as a NGO representative from Japan; (b) JOICFP contributed to developing technical guidelines and policy papers for the United Nations, by organizing the UNFPA Global Technical Meeting on Behavior Change Communication which was held in Tokyo, Japan from 6 to 8 December 2005, inviting 20 UNFPA technical advisors from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe Regions.

In 2006: (a) JOICFP participated in a consultancy status in the United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) Review Meeting held in New York, United States of America from 31 May to 2 June 2006 for the review of HIV/AIDS program.

In 2007: (a) JOICFP held a Consultative Meeting with Donors 2007 on 27 and 28 of August 2007 in Tokyo, Japan with United Nations agencies and international organizations including UNFPA to advocate for the annual summit of the Group of Eight (G8) leading industrialized nations and the 4th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV) in 2008 where JOICFP would play a consultancy role for the meeting; (b) On 11 and 12 October 2007, Lisbon, Portugal, JOICFP attended the European NGOs for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development (EuroNGOs) 2007 Conference held under the theme of engaging the south in International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) advocacy attended by 60 participants from 34 NGOs. JOICFP advocated for the G8 Summit held in Tokyo in 2008; (c) From 18 to 20 October 2007, JOICFP dispatched the delegation to London, United Kingdom to play a consultancy role to Women Deliver, a Global Conference, attended by 1500 participants from the world focusing on maternal mortality; (d) JOICFP has taken part in international conferences on reproductive health to report on projects entrusted to it by UNFPA. Recently, JOICFP presented the

outcomes of a regional project entrusted to it by UNFPA to promote male involvement in reproductive health through effective behavior change communication strategies at the 4th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health which was held from 29 to 31 October 2007 in Hyderabad, India.

**ii) Cooperation with United Nations bodies:**

**1. Initiatives aimed at contributing to the implementation of the MDGs and Program of Action (POA) of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD):**

JOICFP in collaboration with United Nations organizations, particularly UNFPA, organized regional programs on RH/R in Asia, Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean in the form of workshops, trainings and seminars as an executing and consultancy agency during 2004-2007, for advancement of the POA and achievement of the MDGs.

- (a) UNFPA Supported Inter-regional Projects 2004–2007: (i) “Technical and Managerial Support for Community-operated Reproductive Health with Emphasis on Knowledge Sharing and Networking”; (ii) “Technical input for BCC Interventions in Reproductive Health”; (iii) “Advocacy and Resource Mobilization”; (iv) “Production and advocacy campaigns of the State of the World Population Report”
- (b) UNFPA Supported Asia Regional Projects 2004–2007: (i) “Strengthening Advocacy for Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Programs through Youth Initiative”; (ii) “Increasing Male Involvement for Reproductive Health through Effective BCC Strategies”
- (c) UNFPA Supported IERD Project 2004–2007: “UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador & Parliamentary Advocacy in Japan”
- (d) UNFPA Supported LAC Regional Project 2005–2007: “Expansion of Quality Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health Information and Services Adequate for Underserved Young People”
- (e) UNFPA Supported Africa Regional Project 2005–2007: “Community Participatory BCC and Advocacy in the Fight against HIV/AIDS with HIV/AIDS Total Management Model (ATOMM) Concept”
- (f) UNFPA Supported Country Reproductive Health Project: Myanmar, Lao People’s Democratic Republic and Philippines.