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Accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the Durban review process

Note by the Secretariat*

1. The present note by the Secretariat provides information on the process of accreditation of non-governmental organizations since the second substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference, held from 6 to 17 October 2008.
2. In accordance with decision PC.2/12 of the Preparatory Committee, the following procedure will be applied to the accreditation of non-governmental organizations participating in the Durban Review Conference:
 - (a) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are invited to participate fully in all sessions of the Preparatory Committee, pursuant to Council resolution 1996/31, which governs the consultative relationship between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations;
 - (b) Non-governmental organizations that are not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council but that were accredited to participate in the 2001 Durban World

(c) In the event of observations by Member States, the secretariat will request further information from the non-governmental organization and submit it to the Preparatory Committee, which will then take a decision regarding the accreditation of the organization;

(d) Non-governmental organizations interested in the processes and wishing to participate in the sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the first time should submit an application to the secretariat, in accordance with the criteria established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1996/31.

Accreditation of non-governmental organizations (E/1996/31, para. 3)

