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1. Biogas Sector Partnership Nepal

Permanent headquarters address: Biogas Sector Partnership Nepal
Bakhundol, Lalitpur
Nepal

Date of registration or establishment: 21 April 2003

Membership: the organization is a national organization.

Aims and activities of the organization and intended contribution to the work of the Council

Vision: An organization that is capable of and successful in improving the livelihoods of communities through the promotion of different environmentally friendly solutions.

Mission: Our mission is to promote environmentally friendly and sustainable solutions to people, in partnership with other players in the sector, for improved livelihood and protection of the environment.

Objectives:

- (a) To further develop and disseminate biogas plants as a mainstream renewable energy solution in rural Nepal, while better addressing poverty, social inclusion and regional balance issues and at the same time ensuring enhanced commercialization and sustainability of the sector;
- (b) To develop and strengthen innovative fund-raising measures such as the Clean Development Mechanism for continued service delivery;
- (c) To initiate and implement projects in biogas plants for institutional and community uses;
- (d) To facilitate the process of developing new solutions that complement the promotion of biogas and integrate it with solutions on water sanitation.

Biogas Sector Partnership Nepal can contribute to the works of the Council mainly in the areas of poverty alleviation, forest conservation and achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

Poverty alleviation can be achieved by increasing access to energy such as biogas technology, thus reducing drudgery. This allows for time saving by reducing the need for the collection of water and wood for fuel, and the saved time can be used for income-generating activities.

Forest conservation can be facilitated by replacing the fuel wood by biogas, for meeting cooking and energy needs.

Achieving the Millennium Development Goals with biogas technology

Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger: healthier families mean a healthier workforce, and hence a greater potential for undertaking income-generating activities.

Achieve universal primary education: time saved by reducing the need for fuel wood collection provides educational opportunities for children. Reducing indoor air pollution improves health and increases the number of children attending school.

Promote gender equality and empower women: appropriate interventions provide time to increase women's social capital and opportunities to develop new skills and increase their income levels.

Reduce child mortality: children are most affected by indoor air pollution. Reduction of indoor air pollution improves their health.

Improve maternal health: mothers and babies in the womb are most affected by indoor air pollution. Indoor air pollution and the reduction of drudgery has improved mother and child health.

Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases: the improved conditions in homes from reduction of indoor air pollution and time saved by reducing the need for collection of fuel provided time for learning about health in general. The efficient use of fuel means that less needs to be collected, reducing the work burden.

Ensure environmental sustainability: biogas reduces indoor air pollution, contributes to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and to the conservation of forest areas.

Rainwater harvesting technology

Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger: using rainwater for micro-irrigation systems in areas where water is scarce allows for income-generating activities.

Achieve universal primary education: the time saved by reducing the need for water fetching, will surely provide the opportunity for children to remain in primary education.

Promote gender equality and empower women: the time saved by reducing the need to fetch water will increase women's opportunities to be involved in income-generating activities and helps to increase their income levels.

Reduce child mortality: the cleaner drinking water and improved sanitation helps to improve the health of children.

Improve maternal health: access to clean drinking water and reduction in drudgery helps to improve the health of the mother and child.

Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases: the improved sanitation and access to clean drinking water helps to reduce water borne diseases.

Summary of financial statement for the current year

	<i>Income in home currency</i>	<i>Income in US dollars</i>
Source of income		
Funding from international organizations	54 233 879	745 878
Funding from Governments	163 000	2 242
Membership dues	7 000	96
Funding from other non-governmental organizations	112 000	1 540
Funding from private sector	1 110 534	15 273
Income generated through contracts	184 758	2 541
Other sources	<u>328 458</u>	<u>4 517</u>
Total	56 139 629	772 088
	<i>Expenditure in home currency</i>	<i>Expenditure in US dollars</i>
Expenditure		
Projects	3 063 925	42 138
Administration	<u>765 981</u>	<u>10 535</u>
Total	3 829 906	52 673

2. Celtic League

Permanent headquarters address: 33 Ceide na Grianóige
Rath Cuil
Co. Atha Cliath
Ireland

Date of registration or establishment: 9 August 1961

Membership: the organization is an international organization.

Aims and activities of the organization and intended contribution to the work of the Council

The fundamental aim of the League is to support through peaceful means, the struggle of the Celtic countries, Scotland (Alba), Brittany (Breizh), Wales (Cymru), Ireland (Eire), Cornwall (Kernow) and Isle of Man (Mannin), to win or to secure the political, cultural, social and economic freedom they need for their survival and development as distinct communities. This includes:

- (a) Working towards the restoration of the Celtic languages, which are essential characteristics of nationality for each Celtic country, as ordinary means of communication;
- (b) Developing the consciousness of the special relationship existing between the Celtic peoples;
- (c) Fostering solidarity and cooperation between Celtic peoples;
- (d) Making our national struggles and achievement better known abroad;
- (e) Furthering the establishment of organized relations between the Celtic nations, based on their recognition as distinct nations, and with the long-term aim of formal association between them;
- (f) Recognizing that the Celtic peoples will be free only in a society that will give to all the means to participate actively in national affairs, in other words to control production, exchanges and services and the exploitation of national resources for the benefit of all.

The aims and objectives of the Celtic League demonstrate an emphasis on nationality, on the values that a nation preserves for each generation (cultural identity and traditions, expressed through, for example, its own language, music) and on the political, cultural, social and economic structures, which in turn preserve the community.

The League intends to contribute to the work of the Council by offering its unique perspective and role as the only organization that aims to foster political cooperation between the Celtic countries. We hope to work as closely as we can with the Council, as far as our resources allow, including on its functional commissions, especially in the areas where our work is most relevant, on the Human Rights Council, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the Commission on Population and Development and the Commission on Sustainable Development.

Specifically, the League is very interested in attending international conferences and developing its network with other organizations in different areas.

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	<i>Income in home currency</i>	<i>Income in US dollars</i>
Source of income		
Membership dues	16 143	25 624
Other sources	<u>13 082</u>	<u>20 765</u>
Total	29 225	46 389

	<i>Expenditure in home currency</i>	<i>Expenditure in US dollars</i>
Expenditure		
Administration	4 050	6 429
Other expenditure	<u>1 000</u>	<u>1 587</u>
Total	5 050	8 016

3. Defense Small Arms Advisory Council

Permanent headquarters address: 2800 Shirlington Rd. Suite 401
Arlington
Virginia 22206
United States of America

Date of registration or establishment: 29 July 2004

Membership: the organization is a national organization with seven individual members.

Aims and activities of the organization and intended contribution to the work of the Council

Defense Small Arms Advisory Council is a trade association of American military small arms manufacturers.

The primary purpose of the association is to serve as a means of communication between its member companies and Government agencies.

An additional organizational purpose is to work with international organizations, such as the United Nations, to see that the legitimate commerce in small arms is both effectively regulated and facilitated.

It should be noted that small arms are a legitimate means for United Nations Member States to exercise their sovereign right of self-defence under the Charter of the United Nations.

Some ways for the organization to contribute to the goals and work of the Council are:

- (a) The association intends to contribute by continuing its work with the International Small Arms Control Standards project, which is supported by the United Nations Development Programme;
- (b) The association also intends to contribute by continuing its work with the Open-ended Working Group towards an Arms Trade Treaty;
- (c) The association intends to continue its involvement with the Programme of Action on Small Arms;
- (d) The association will also be engaging with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in Vienna, as it implements the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

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		<i>Income in US dollars</i>
Source of income		
Membership dues		<u>72 000</u>
Total		72 000
		<i>Expenditure in US dollars</i>
Expenditure		
Administration		<u>72 000</u>
Total		72 000

4. Elite Club

Permanent headquarters address: Ward No. 9, Goligad
Siddharthanagar, Rupandehi
Nepal

Date of registration or establishment: 29 September 1993

Membership: the organization is a national organization with 500 individual members.

Aims and activities of the organization and intended contribution to the work of the Council

The aims and purposes of our club are to develop poor people, at the grass-roots level, by organizing and managing the intellectual diversity of society. In order to achieve the goal, the club has been playing different roles and organizing various programmes over the last 10 years.

Our organization intends to contribute to the work of the Council and/or its subsidiary bodies by forming good relationships; sharing information, experiences and opportunities; reducing the gap between rich and poor; and increasing the society's intellectual capital and literacy rate.

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	<i>Income in home currency</i>	<i>Income in US dollars</i>
Source of income		
Funding from Governments	100 000	1 375
Contribution from members	165 000	2 269
Membership dues	146 750	2 018
Funding from private sector	132 000	1 815
Other sources	<u>235 000</u>	<u>3 232</u>
Total	778 750	10 710
	<i>Expenditure in home currency</i>	<i>Expenditure in US dollars</i>
Expenditure		
Projects	654 000	8 995
Administration	222 000	3 053
Other expenditure	<u>2 750</u>	<u>38</u>
Total	878 750	12 085

5. Fundación democrática italo-americana

Permanent headquarters address: Juan Jose Paso 208
Ciudad de Moron
Pcia de Buenos Aires
Argentina

Date of registration or establishment: 15 August 1895

Membership: the organization is a national organization.

Aims and activities of the organization and intended contribution to the work of the Council

To promote cooperation among its members in order to meet their needs.

To provide assistance in connection with various needs (childbirth, education, health care).

To give members financial assistance in support of their activities.

To facilitate educational and cultural activities.

To promote a culture of freedom and universal values.

To raise awareness of common heritage, culture, art, history and the environment, with a dynamic view of national identity, sustainable development, and new civil and social rights.

To promote international relations, including with foreign entities and foundations.

To promote and apply scientific research both directly and indirectly in the interest of society through universities, research institutes and other foundations and institutions.

The following activities are planned:

Sending of foundation representatives to ensure its active presence at various assemblies.

Foundation representatives will share information gathered and compiled by its research installations on projects, resources and technical studies in respect of any proposal deemed relevant and critical to our society.

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	<i>Income in US dollars</i>
Source of income	
Funding from private sector	166 509
Membership dues	<u>19 793</u>
Total	186 302
	<i>Expenditure in US dollars</i>
Expenditure	
Administration	50 803
Other expenditure	19 322
Projects	<u>58 878</u>
Total	129 003

6. IOGT International

Permanent headquarters address: Granviksliden 2
435 35 Mölnlycke
Sweden

Date of registration or establishment: 5 June 1851

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with four individual members and 99 organization members in 52 countries.

Aims and activities of the organization and intended contribution to the work of the Council

IOGT International is a worldwide community of non-governmental organizations gathering together people of all ages regardless of gender, colour, nationality, creed, social position or political persuasion. The aim of IOGT International, founded in 1851, is the liberation of peoples of the world leading to a richer, freer and more rewarding life. As a means of attaining this aim, IOGT International promotes a lifestyle free of alcohol and other drugs.

The work of IOGT International and its member organizations is built on the principles of universal fellowship and basic human and democratic rights. IOGT International believes that each individual is unique and has an infinite value. Everyone is entitled to personal freedom and is obliged to work for the improvement of the quality of life of all people. IOGT International seeks to promote democracy at all levels of society, which means that all citizens must have the opportunity to actively participate in decision-making processes and freely express their opinions.

IOGT International works for peace by promoting human development and dignity, democracy, tolerance, equality and justice. Furthermore, IOGT International advocates the peaceful settlement of conflicts between individuals and groups. Member organizations are encouraged to work towards peace among nations.

IOGT International recognizes that alcohol and other drugs constitute a serious threat to the dignity and freedom of people and their societies. As a part of the solution to alcohol and drug problems, members of IOGT International choose to lead a life free from such substances.

With its long experience of arranging workshops, advocacy meetings and non-formal bilateral meetings as well as networking, IOGT International will work with the United Nations system, World Health Organization, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS, other relevant non-governmental organizations and Governments in a number of countries. The exchange and development of knowledge and implementation of evidence-based alcohol and drug policies will contribute to a healthier and more democratic global society.

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	<i>Income in home currency</i>	<i>Income in US dollars</i>
Source of income		
Membership dues	127 663	179 945
Contribution from members	30 828	43 453
Other sources	<u>7 460</u>	<u>10 515</u>
Total	165 951	233 913
	<i>Expenditure in home currency</i>	<i>Expenditure in US dollars</i>
Expenditure		
Projects	102 787	144 881
Administration	76 113	107 284
Other expenditure	<u>5 944</u>	<u>8 378</u>
Total	184 844	260 543

7. Ivorian Hope Charity

Permanent headquarters address: 893 Clopper Rd. B1
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878
United States of America

Date of registration or establishment: 30 April 2007

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 35 individual members in 52 countries.

Aims and activities of the organization and intended contribution to the work of the Council

Ivorian Hope Charity is a non-profit organization registered in the state of Maryland. Ivorian Hope was founded by our President, Christine Hall, after a civil war occurred in Côte d'Ivoire in 2003. Being an Ivorian residing in America with family members still in Côte d'Ivoire, she was compelled to start the organization to aid displaced war victims. Now that the war has subsided, Ivorian Hope has expanded its mission and stretched its hands locally and internationally. Ivorian Hope is currently managed by Christine's daughter and is propelled by a student movement started by college students.

We are dedicated to aiding in the socio-economic development of Côte d'Ivoire and the Ivorian diaspora living in America. We do this by providing poverty relief to Ivorian rural villages through humanitarian assistance and donations of food, clothing, and vitamins. We provide economic relief to Ivorian rural villages through microcredit programmes and creating job opportunities. In addition, we strive to bridge the gap between Africa and America by providing educational opportunities such as scholarships to students interested in international issues and developing countries. We strive to show the interconnectedness of international issues by collaborating with other non-profit organizations locally and internationally.

Mission statement

Ivorian Hope Inc. is a 501(c)3 charitable organization dedicated to the development of African countries by providing poverty relief to displaced war victims in Côte d'Ivoire and providing educational opportunities to minorities, residing in the United States, that are dedicated to the advancement of African countries.

Ivorian Hope's mission is in line with the mission of the Council and will seek to collaborate on projects to reduce poverty in Côte d'Ivoire.

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	<i>Income in US dollars</i>
Source of income	
Contribution from members	200
Funding from private sector	400
Other sources	<u>1 400</u>
Total	2 000
	<i>Expenditure in US dollars</i>
Expenditure	
Projects	<u>2 000</u>
Total	2 000

8. Sacro Militare Ordine Costantiniano di San Giorgio

Permanent headquarters address: Via Sistina, 121
00187 Roma
Italy

Date of registration or establishment: 29 July 1963

Membership: the organization is a national organization.

Aims and activities of the organization and intended contribution to the work of the Council

The Constantinian Order has charitable works as one of its aims: it carries out a number of projects in the south of Italy and in Africa. Its other aims are to provide assistance to the poor and sick; to provide the services of volunteer workers to hospitals and charitable institutions; and to offer spiritual guidance to its members.

We wish to follow the work of the Economic and Social Council and of its subsidiary bodies in order to follow its guidelines, councils and recommendations, as well as to increase the effectiveness of our activities in Italy and internationally.

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	<i>Income in home currency</i>	<i>Income in US dollars</i>
Source of income		
Membership dues	<u>35 000</u>	<u>43 915</u>
Total	35 000	43 915
	<i>Expenditure in home currency</i>	<i>Expenditure in US dollars</i>
Expenditure		
Projects	<u>35 000</u>	<u>43 915</u>
Total	35 000	43 915

9. Solicitors' International Human Rights Group

Permanent headquarters address: 7 Waterloo Road
Epsom KT19 8AY
United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland

Date of registration or establishment: 15 October 2004

Membership: the organization is a national organization.

Aims and activities of the organization and intended contribution to the work of the Council

Aims include:

- (a) To promote awareness of international human rights within the legal profession in the United Kingdom;
- (b) To mobilize solicitors into effective action in support of those rights;
- (c) To encourage human rights lawyers overseas;
- (d) To conduct related missions, research, campaigns and training.

Our organization intends to contribute to the work of the Council and/or its subsidiary bodies by attending meetings of the Human Rights Council and other treaty bodies, mainly in Geneva. We believe in spreading information about human rights and United Nations procedures, which will benefit the Council.

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	<i>Income in home currency</i>	<i>Income in US dollars</i>
Source of income		
Contribution from members	2 035	3 230
Income generated through contracts	17	27
Other sources	<u>415</u>	<u>659</u>
Total	2 467	3 916
	<i>Expenditure in home currency</i>	<i>Expenditure in US dollars</i>
Expenditure		
Projects	818	1 298
Administration	382	606
Other expenditure	<u>100</u>	<u>159</u>
Total	1 300	2 063

10. Yale International Relations Association

Permanent headquarters address: Yalestation Box 202144
New Haven, Connecticut 06520
United States of America

Date of registration or establishment: 13 April 1998

Membership: the organization is a national organization.

Aims and activities of the organization and intended contribution to the work of the Council

The Yale International Relations Association was founded in 1969 to further the Yale community's understanding of international relations. We believe that the key to a secure future begins with an understanding of our neighbours in the global community, an understanding that only comes about through education. It is with this perspective that the Association dedicates itself to educating its members, the Yale community, and others around the world about international affairs. This knowledge of international affairs, however, is not restricted to the theoretical or the abstract understanding that comes through reading the newspaper or an Internet blog on current affairs. The Association strives to promote critical and constructive dialogue among its members and across the globe regarding the most pressing international issues of the moment. It is concerned with "how international relations are done", that is to say, the organization adopts a very direct and concrete objective in wanting to understand the logistics behind international diplomacy, conflict and conflict resolution. As one of the largest and most vibrant student organizations on Yale's campus, the Association aims to educate both Yale students and others on what the concept of "international affairs" truly entails and how one can best pursue this concept as a career.

At a more specific level, the Association is an undergraduate organization, though our members include both undergraduate and graduate students from a multitude of countries and backgrounds and a wide range of academic and professional interests. The organization functions as an umbrella organization for a number of distinct initiatives, among which are various Model United Nations conferences and Yale's official travelling Model United Nations team, a speaker's committee responsible for recruiting global leaders to speak about their experiences and perspective in New Haven, and an outreach programme aimed at the promotion of global affairs among New Haven's middle school and high school student populations. The Association currently aspires to cultivate better relations between the Yale community and the United Nations, more specifically the Economic and Social Council. In doing so, it has organized a number of trips to and briefings at the United Nations, and has coordinated several election-monitoring trips around the world which provide students with the opportunity to act as ambassadors in countries such as El Salvador, Honduras, Kenya, Mauritania and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

The Council works towards the identification of solutions to international economic, social, and health problems. Furthermore, the Council and its subsidiary bodies are very concerned with facilitating international cultural and educational cooperation, while simultaneously encouraging universal respect for human rights

and other such fundamental freedoms. In many ways, the goals of the Association and the Council are quite compatible — if not virtually identical. Such similarities are quite conducive to the Association's ability to contribute to the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies. First, the Association intends to work with other non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council in order to enhance the international scope and impact of its global trips. The election monitoring and ambassadorial travels have been quite fruitful; however, they can be greatly improved through cooperation with organizations such as the Environmental Development Action in the Third World, the Pacific Concerns Research Centre, the Legal Centre for Arab Minority Rights in Israel and the All India Women's Education Fund Association. This cooperation would enable the Association to better promote the preservation of human rights and the involvement of its members in discovering solutions for various societal ills around the world. Additionally, the Association would value the opportunity to send some of its most distinguished members to the United Nations itself to attend meetings of the Council and its subsidiary bodies. In doing so, the Association's members can positively contribute to the quality of said meetings through oral interventions and written statements. Many of the junior and senior undergraduates are preparing to attend law school or work for the very non-governmental organizations that will be present at these meetings. Hence, such meetings offer said students the opportunity to offer a fresh perspective to the Council, while also gleaning tremendous personal insights into how to best go about pursuing a career in the Council or its subsidiary bodies. In addition to bringing members of the Association to ECOSOC, the Association hopes to bring the goals, objectives, and values of the Council to the Association and to the larger Yale community as well. Indeed, the Association's initiatives will be made to correspond with and to complement those themes being pursued by the Council and the United Nations. This correspondence will encourage a sharing of resources and experience in order to effect the most genuine change. Programmes and declarations adopted by the United Nations and pursued by the Council will be reiterated by the Association through the recruitment of key speakers, the development of specific fund-raisers and travel programmes, and the collaboration with other key organizations on and off campus to broaden student involvement in such issues.

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	<i>Income in US dollars</i>
Source of income	
Income generated through contracts	<u>17 053 874</u>
Total	17 053 874
	<i>Expenditure in US dollars</i>
Expenditure	
Projects	<u>14 940 415</u>
Total	14 940 415