TO: ALL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH DPI
RE: A Message from Your NGO/DPI Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of Non-Governmental Organizations Associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information

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Dear Fellow NGO Representatives,

THE NGO/DPI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SEEKS YOUR HELP - YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL GO A LONG WAY

Another successful NGO/DPI Conference has concluded and we are very proud of what was accomplished, including:

- Unique and entertaining Opening and Closing ceremonies
- Phenomenal networking opportunities for NGOs to interact with diplomats, UN officials, policy experts, scientists, educators, businesses, trade unions, parliamentarians, activists, local authorities, community organizers, environmentalists, youth groups, older persons, indigenous peoples, people with disabilities, women's groups, etc.
- Practical workshops;
- Interesting speakers;
- Informative roundtables;
- Off-site activities with local NGOs;
- A conference reception which provided additional, useful, networking opportunities;
- A substantive Post-Conference Declaration.

The NGO/DPI Executive Committee, of which I am Chair, works in close partnership with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI). Organizing the NGO/DPI conference is one of the many activities it undertakes to represent the concerns and interests of over 1,500 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) associated with DPI.

The Executive Committee is comprised of eighteen NGO representatives elected by organizations officially associated with DPI. The Executive Committee was founded, among other things, to provide leadership and strategic direction for the NGOs with respect to their association with DPI and to help NGOs become more knowledgeable about, and make effective use of information on the U.N.'s purpose, policies, program and activities.
Other activities undertaken by the Executive Committee to benefit the NGO community include organizing the popular communications workshops, youth programs, networking events and outreach to NGOs associated with DPI throughout the world.

We are planning a full program of NGO activities in the year ahead, building on the successes of the past conference. As we learned this past year, the intensive efforts needed to mount a successful conference; providing opportunities for NGOs in developing countries to participate and undertaking other activities for NGOs; imposes significant financial burdens on the all-volunteer DPI/NGO Executive Committee.

The NGOs are critical to the success of the United Nations. We are the voice of Civil Society and it is through all of our efforts that the U.N. and its member states succeed. The NGO contributions to the U.N. are vital to its success. It is through your involvement that we have been able to bring issues to governments. Your NGO is an important part of this activity.

We need your help. Your donation to support our activities will also be a testament of your support of the critical work of the U.N. and also of NGOs, which have made, and continue to make valuable and significant contributions to the United Nations by drawing world attention to global issues; suggesting, creating and implementing ideas and program; disseminating unbiased information; and mobilizing public opinion in support of the United Nations.

Please do your part to have your voice heard at the U.N. and contribute $25.00, $50.00, $100.00 or more. You may contribute online using Network for Good, using this link - https://www.networkforgood.org/donation/MakeDonation.aspx?ORGID2=134053580.

Or you may send a check payable to NGO/DPI Executive Committee to:
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We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at next year's conference. We also welcome any suggestions you may have. Send us your views on how better we can serve you.

Yours sincerely,

Anne-Marie Carlson
Chair, NGO/DPI Executive Committee