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SUBJECT: Cooperation with NGOs in preventive diplomacy and peacemaking

*would E1, some of the
give their advice. At first
since the ideas are OK
we may need to report
some things related
to them.
Sincerely,
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E1)

1. Recently two respectable NGOs ('International Alert' and 'Search For Common Ground') approached the Secretary-General's Special Representative in Burundi with sensible ideas about action which they could take in support of the Secretary-General's preventive and peacemaking efforts in that country. This led the Secretary-General's Task Force on United Nations Operations to wonder whether general guidelines for this sort of collaboration with NGOs should be formulated for the guidance of other missions which might be similarly approached. The result was the attached paper prepared by an interdepartmental group.

2. The Task Force thinks that this paper is on the right lines but would value any comments which you may have on the basis of your own experience or expectations of such cooperation.

Best regards

*Pol Adm / Sp Asst
your comments pl.
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GENERAL GUIDELINES ON THE COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENTS
BETWEEN THE UN AND NGOS IN THE FIELD OF PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY
AND PEACEMAKING

(for internal use only)

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide guidance for the conduct of relations, including the establishment of formal collaborative arrangements, between the UN and NGOs active in the field of preventive diplomacy and peacemaking. Such arrangements may be proposed either by NGOs or the UN and cover activities undertaken either jointly or separately. Such arrangements are described as i.e. "co-sponsored by", "co-organized by", "organized in co-operation with", "supported by", "joint activity with the UN", etc.

These guidelines will also apply to general relationship activities, such as mutual substantive contacts, and regular exchanges of information, etc.

1. Any proposal for establishing collaborative arrangements between the UN and a bona fide NGO active in the area of preventive diplomacy and peacemaking shall be referred to the Department of Political Affairs for evaluation and decision.
2. The Department of Political Affairs, upon recommendation of Special Representatives in the field as appropriate, shall assess the bona fide nature of the organization with which the UN may develop collaborative arrangements in the field of preventive diplomacy and peacemaking. The criteria for assessing any organization will, inter alia, include the following:
 - a) The aims of the organization are in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the UN and are complementary to the overall approach to a given problem

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by the UN, including any mandates by the Security Council and the General Assembly;

b) The organization is active, and has a proven record, in the field of preventive diplomacy and peacemaking;

c) The organization is of recognized national/international standing, such as being in consultative status with ECOSOC;

d) The organization is a non-profit organization.

3. Approval of proposed collaborative arrangements shall be based, inter alia, on the following factors:

a) The main purpose of the collaborative arrangements shall be to enhance the common objectives of the UN and the NGO;

b) the purpose is not to legitimize any group or activity.

c) The role and responsibilities of the UN in any collaborative arrangement must be clearly specified and accepted by the NGO;

d) Any contractual arrangements may be undertaken only with approval of the Department of Political Affairs in consultation with the Office of Legal Affairs; no contracts or letters committing the UN to any collaborative arrangements may be signed without prior Headquarters approval.

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