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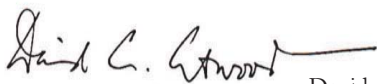
This leaflet provides you with a brief overview of some of our work. What characterises this work, what sets it apart from many other NGO activities, is that we seek to provide an environment for encounter, for delegates to the UN, international institutions and civil society actors, in which awareness can be raised, partnerships built and consensus enhanced. The “off-the-record” manner of the dialogues we hold is key to the recognition of QUNO in Geneva and beyond as a rare and essential resource to the international community.

But all of this costs money. Staff must be paid. The infrastructure we depend on, including our base at Quaker House, must be maintained to support the wide-ranging activities of our programmes. And the programmes depend on the funds we are able to raise. Therefore we must ask for contributions to our work.

Your donations are an incredibly important dimension of our funding. Not just for the vital support you give, but also because it gives you a stake in what we do.

We promise not to ask you often. But we are asking for your help now. The next page details just how.

All of us at QUNO thank you for your support.



David Atwood, Director

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“Small circles...

...quiet processes...

...to ensure all voices are heard”



Disarmament & Peace

Reducing the threat of weapons around the world and advancing human security has been a central value of the UN since its inception. Our presence in Geneva began in 1948 to support the relationship between disarmament and peacebuilding, and we continue to work with the governments, institutions and civil society groups that make up the international community to build understanding towards lasting outcomes.

QUNO is well-placed to follow the UN Conference on Disarmament and respond to the political needs that arise. As a founding member of the Geneva Forum, a unique collaboration with the UN Institute for Disarmament Research and the Graduate Institute for International Studies, we seek to build partnerships for multilateral action on security concerns through conferences, seminars and dialogues.

We were centrally involved in the dramatic achievement of the 1997 Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. Since then our key focus has been on small arms and light weapons, which are responsible for most of the deaths and injuries in conflict areas. We work particularly to highlight the cross-cutting nature of small arms proliferation, and have pioneered attention to the factors that drive the demand for these weapons.



Global Economic Issues

Access to and control of knowledge goods in the global economy is increasingly crucial to international development. Intellectual property rules discussed in Geneva are the means by which poor farmers around the world can be taken to court for employing traditional practices of saving and reusing seeds, and why millions of people dying from AIDS are unable to gain medical treatment. The Doha Declaration, in which developing countries asserted their right to meet public health concerns over trade commitments, was drafted around the Quaker House table.

Labour migration has been identified by developing countries as a key area for their participation in the global economy, and QUNO helps them to allow benefits from the rules to be shared by everybody.

We facilitate dialogue between delegates, provide an expert consultative group and produce analytical research to assist developing countries in making their development concerns heard in trade negotiations at the WTO and beyond. QUNO supports developing countries to ensure they can address the needs and future of their citizens at the international policy level.

Human Rights & Refugees

We seek to remind the international community of the rights of those it fails to see or chooses to forget, such as child soldiers, refugees, women in prison, children of imprisoned mothers and conscientious objectors to military service.

The plight of women in prison and the children of imprisoned mothers has for too long escaped its due political attention. As a result of our publications, and work in raising policy-makers' awareness of these issues, UN bodies are now taking note to ensure governments face up to their human rights obligations.

Since bringing the recruitment of young people as soldiers to the UN agenda in 1979 and campaigning against it ever since, QUNO had a significant role in the 2000 Optional Protocol which prohibits their involvement in combat. We were also instrumental in establishing the Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers, whose work continues to gain international recognition and support.

In our last Annual Appeal, we drew particular attention to child soldiers. With your support we made a difference, contributing to a noticeable shift in international attention and action.

