



# QUNO Review

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## Who we are

The Quaker United Nations Office, located in Geneva and New York, works to promote peace and justice at the United Nations and other global institutions. Our work is rooted in the practices, insights and concerns of the global community of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

QUNO is supported by the American Friends Service Committee, Britain Yearly Meeting, the worldwide community of Friends and other groups and individuals. It represents Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers), an international nongovernmental organization with General Consultative Status at the UN.

We work steadily to bring Quaker peace and justice concerns to international processes, focusing on the areas of peacebuilding and the prevention of violent conflict, human rights and refugees, sustainable and just economic systems, and the human impacts of climate change.

We strive towards international standards and practices that enable and empower peaceful social, political and economic relationships. We are committed to supporting international processes that can build a safer, sustainable and more just world.

Our work is rooted in the Quaker testimonies of peace, truth, justice, equality and simplicity. We understand peace as not only the absence of war and violence, but the need to look for what seeds of war there may be in all our social, political and economic relationships. Quakers recognize the equal worth of every person, and Quaker work strives to be an outward expression of these values, living faith through actions rather than through words.

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## A message from our Directors



investment at scales once dismissed as unrealistic; and the possibility that we humans can successfully adapt to major changes in the way we live and work.

This year, even in the face of rapid change, QUNO staff have found that what we do still works – listening, reaching out across divides, offering hope. We are adapting; offering our unique “quiet diplomacy” virtually as well as in person; building those international connections that become more accessible in an online setting; seeking as always to foster the human side of international policy relationships. When in-person meetings and contacts have been possible, we have seen how much they are appreciated, and yet we have been encouraged to find ways to translate this human touch into an online world.

As we look ahead to the coming year, while the physical circumstances of QUNO’s activities may be different, the motivation for our work is unchanged. Around the world, people are striving to build communities based on peace, justice and inclusion; their efforts deserve the support of an effective rules-based international system. In troubled times and calmer ones, QUNO staff will continue to work quietly with international policymakers, guided by Quaker principles of peace, truth, justice, equality, stewardship and simplicity, and upheld by your encouragement and support.

When we wrote to you last January, the international community was embarking on a year-long observance of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations (UN). But within a few short months, as the impact of the pandemic was felt around the world, most of the big, in-person UN events that had been planned were cancelled, postponed, or moved online, and QUNO staff had quickly shifted to very different patterns of working.

These times have yielded deep lessons relevant to our work: on our shared vulnerability; on the human cost of inequality, discrimination, marginalization and violent conflict; on the influence of our choices on the degradation and regeneration of nature; and on the fragility of unsustainable and unjust economic systems. The pandemic has also revealed in our societies deep wells of solidarity and action for the common good; the prospect of national and international collaboration and

Clockwise from top left: New York staff visit AFSC offices in Philadelphia; Rachel Madenyika participates in QUNO’s virtual Meeting for Worship with Friends and partners from around the world; Meeting for Worship at Quaker House in New York; Alice Munnely attends the 45th session of the UN Human Rights Council (HRC); QUNO Geneva staff stop for a photo during a group nature walk; Najmah Ali delivers an oral statement at the 45th HRC

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# How we work

## Bringing people together by connecting processes and policy:

*Providing space for informal dialogue*

QUNO often works behind the scenes, building trust by bringing together people from a range of backgrounds including diplomats, UN officials, staff of non-governmental organizations, academics, experts and practitioners. By creating space for quiet dialogue, we help shape UN and other international priorities, and we bring attention to issues that are not yet on the international agenda. The reputation and atmosphere of our Quaker Houses allows for the emergence of more reflective and inclusive responses to difficult issues, ideas which might not be heard in more formal settings. The scale of international negotiations can feel challenging, but the trusting environment we provide, informed by Quaker methods, remains key to our work.

## Engaging UN institutions:

*Building awareness and advancing key peace and justice agendas*

The strength of QUNO's work also lies in our long-term persistence. Through perseverance, we have helped to change attitudes, create new understandings, and develop new standards. For example, our work on child soldiers led to the topic being put on the UN agenda for the first time. Through our attention to disarmament, landmines and small arms issues, we have underlined the destabilizing impact of the weapons of war. We have helped shape UN priorities for peacebuilding on the ground, upholding the value of reconciliation and dialogue across all societies. Our work on the Sustainable Development Goals led to a global and universal commitment to foster peace, justice and inclusion as a fundamental component of humanitarian and development objectives.

## Research and publications:

*Developing an evidence base and identifying good practices*

QUNO produces an extensive range of specialist publications. We are recognized as a catalyst, partnering with others to harness their expertise and knowledge, particularly from beyond the UN system, and bringing these insights to the attention of policymakers, often providing it in a more accessible form. We have leading expertise on many areas including peacebuilding, conscientious objection to military service, and the situation of women prisoners and children of prisoners. In our work on climate change and economic systems, we bring attention to the human impacts, stressing the importance of equity and sustainability. For a list of our recent publications, see pages 26-27.

## Engaging young people:

*Involving Quakers and others from around the world*

QUNO is committed to supporting the engagement of young people in this work. Both the New York and Geneva offices host paid one-year Programme Assistant positions, providing a unique capacity-building experience for young professionals interested in multilateral policy formation. Many go on to work in the areas of human rights, disarmament, peacebuilding, development and diplomacy. In addition, every July since 1955, QUNO Geneva has hosted a Summer School, giving around twenty-five young people an opportunity to learn more about the UN and QUNO's work there.

Programme Assistants, Molly Burger and Hannah Patterson



Participants meet online during the first virtual Quaker UN Summer School







Protesters decorate a section of the border fence between Donna, Texas and Rio Bravo, Mexico

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## Human rights and refugees

As we look back on 2020, we note not just what changed in our work, but also what remained constant. It has been a year of disruption and adaptation, but also of reflection, resilience and resolve. We have learned new ways of working, we have managed the disappointment of opportunities lost and we have faced uncertainty. We have also been challenged by the discrimination and disparities that the pandemic and responses to it have brought into sharp focus. In the face of this, we have drawn resolve from our Quaker belief in the value of every member of our human family and drawn strength from working with others.

This year, QUNO's Human Rights & Refugees programme continued to focus on human rights of migrants, conscientious objection to military service and the rights of children of incarcerated parents.

Responding to gaps identified by the child rights community when marking the 30th anniversary of the landmark UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, we worked to draw attention to the specific impacts of criminal justice systems on children of parents accused or convicted of designated terrorist offences. This included the publication of two briefing papers, one that outlines key human rights concerns for these children and the other addressing the collection and use of their biometric data.

In response to the pandemic, we collaborated with the Child Rights Connect Working Group on Children of Incarcerated Parents on a briefing paper on child rights considerations in pandemic responses, drawing on the expertise of organizations across Europe and Latin America.

Our work on conscientious objection to military service had to adapt away from a global gathering. Instead, together with key partners, we planned a webinar series to provide a platform for sharing skills and experience among a worldwide community of people defending this right.

Having worked for a human rights based Global Compact for Migration and witnessed controversy around it, we welcomed and moderated part of the first of the regional reviews of its implementation. Shaping the implementation, follow up and review structures have been a consistent priority for us—they are essential to making the Compact more than a set of commitments on paper. To that end, we have collaborated with the UN Network on Migration to develop implementation guidance that will begin to be used by States in 2021.

Appalled by deadly consequences of systemic racism and inspired by global

mobilization for racial justice, we are exploring how to work more explicitly on the close relationship between racism and dehumanization in migration discourse, policy and control. In 2021, we will expand the expertise and experience that informs our work on the human rights of migrants by establishing a strategy and accountability group. We also launched a Quaker statement on migration with other Quaker organizations that, despite different approaches, reflects the beliefs that ground all of our work in this area.

In December, the 10th anniversary of the UN's adoption of the Bangkok Rules governing the treatment of women prisoners reminded us of the long-term nature and impact of our work for human rights. This provides us with reassurance that we have helped shape and will continue to shape the tools needed to ensure that the inherent worth of each individual is at the centre of recovery, globally and nationally.

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Youth participate in a climate strike in New York City

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## Human impacts of climate change

QUNO views climate change as a peace and justice concern, advocating for climate policies that integrate rights-based approaches to create more legitimate, fair and effective climate action. Our work focuses on just and sustainable transformations to stabilize global temperature rise and related environmental crises.

We are active at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Human Rights Council (HRC). We work with diplomats, UN and civil society colleagues to advance progress through quiet diplomacy meetings, advocacy of rights-based approaches, and transformation of root causes driving global temperature rise. We organize side events and webinars, and produce publications.

The traumatic experience of the pandemic has deepened many people's awareness of global interconnectivity and personal vulnerability. COVID-19 is a microcosm of climate change, a stark reminder of how unjust and unsustainable societies lack resilience in emergencies. Urgent, ambitious and fair action saves lives. We ground our work on IPCC findings that limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C above preindustrial levels would save people and nature from unprecedented levels of suffering and loss of life.

Despite pandemic-related disruptions to our ways of working, our outreach has experienced a democratization under COVID-19—unable to meet in person, we have been able to reach a wider audience around the world with virtual seminars and panel discussions. We began a series

of digital quiet diplomacy meetings for climate change negotiators at the UNFCCC to discuss sensitive issues in an off-the-record, informal and more personal space. These meetings include delegates reflecting all negotiating groups who seek to maintain momentum for progress in these difficult times. In addition, we are present at digital UNFCCC Committee meetings on adaptation, loss and damage, response measures of fossil fuel dependent economies, and the Local Communities and Indigenous People Platform.

We are expert reviewers of IPCC Report drafts which collate the latest scientific, technical and socio-economic research relating to climate change. At the HRC, we offer quiet diplomacy for diplomats working on a range of environmental concerns, and advocate for a recognition of the universal right to a healthy environment. Our extensive submission to the Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty

and Human Rights provided evidence supporting sustainable and just climate policies and radical economic reforms.

We also published a trilogy of “climate toolkits” intended for a wide range of audiences to help empower local and regional community climate action. *The Government Official's Toolkit* supports ambitious national climate policy, *The People's Climate Empowerment Series* connects climate advocates with international laws and guidelines, and *How to be a Hero for our Children*, connects climate science with personal action.

We believe that the empowerment and involvement of people—their personal, community and political action—are essential for transforming root causes driving climate change, and ensuring that the most vulnerable now, and all future generations, are saved from catastrophic global climate change.





Masked and socially distanced delegates attend the 45th session of the Human Rights Council

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## Peace and disarmament

The COVID-19 pandemic and its fallout have not only been devastating for fragile and conflict affected areas around the world, but have also put into sharp contrast the need to understand peace as fundamentally linked to human rights, social and economic justice, and political participation. A holistic approach to preventing destructive conflict and sustaining peace at the international and local levels is particularly critical today and for how we re-imagine our common future.

Our focus in 2020 remained on highlighting and strengthening the links between human rights and peacebuilding, as the cause and effect of destructive conflict is often the denial of human rights—and their fulfillment is a pathway to sustain peace. QUNO has

therefore supported various multilateral processes over the years to ensure that this understanding translates into more effective policy, operational approaches and action to sustain peace throughout the UN System.

Key to this work was the UN's 2020 Peacebuilding Architecture Review process, which takes place every five years to take stock of the system's progress and sets priorities for the coming years. There was a steep learning curve in how best to engage in quiet diplomacy virtually, given that all in-person meetings and travel were cancelled. Despite the challenges, our Geneva and New York offices developed a strong collaborative process to coordinate our engagements in the stocktaking consultations.

We also jointly supported Member States to develop progressive language in the final twin resolutions, which were adopted by the Security Council and the General Assembly. These paved the way for the next five years and signaled renewed commitment to sustaining peace as a concept and as an agenda.

Together with partners, QUNO also continued its work to bridge silos between the UN's arms control and business and human rights processes, and to expand ever-shrinking civil society access to multilateral institutions. We continue to seek broad participation of civil society stakeholders in the UN Working Group on Business & Human Rights in their focus on conflict and post-conflict settings to analyze neglected topics, such as the defence industry. This may help pave the way for companies to develop and implement human rights-based due-diligence policies that are aimed at

preventing human rights harms, rather than purely defensive, measures aimed at protecting the company itself.

We continued to engage with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), academics and other experts working on arms control, armed violence reduction and social cohesion. We continue to encourage their submissions to a study by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the impact of civilian acquisition, possession and use of firearms, with a particular focus on youth, due in 2021.





Joachim Monkelbaan hosts a garden meeting at Quaker House, Geneva

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## Sustainable and just economic systems

The ways in which economic systems are designed have critical impacts on sustainability, peace and justice. QUNO's Sustainable & Just Economic Systems (SJES) programme seeks human-centric approaches that improve livelihoods, strengthen resilience and ensure just transitions to sustainability for the most vulnerable stakeholders.

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic underscored the need to mobilize responses to the current crisis for transitioning towards a different kind of global economic system—a fair and just system that exemplifies policy coherence and has a positive impact on humans and the environment.

Before its cancellation, we had been preparing for the twelfth ministerial

Conference (MC12) of the World Trade Organization (WTO). We had hoped to get more clarity on ways forward for multilateralism, especially in the area of sustainability and trade. Instead, the confinement period gave us the opportunity to further explore some of the core challenges that QUNO would like to address in this work. In July, we published a working paper on root causes of unsustainability and injustice in our economic systems and received feedback from partners and stakeholders.

We participated in webinars (offered by the UN, the World Bank, the WTO, think tanks, and NGOs) and online conferences. We also helped foster economic recovery efforts in response to COVID-19 that are equitable, inclusive and sustainable,

including contributing a chapter to *Building Back Better*, a publication by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.

A group of more than 50 WTO members has realized that there is a need to turn the WTO into a vehicle for fostering trade policies that enable sustainable development. This group has rallied around a statement on Environmental Sustainability and Trade through which they have established a working group on environmental sustainability in the WTO.

The working group would uniquely be open to civil society—which would be a first for the WTO and which would be an attempt to address transparency and inclusiveness concerns in the WTO. This working group on trade and environmental sustainability could be a “small but beautiful” microcosm of how the WTO could function in a more inclusive and innovative manner. QUNO is currently exploring how it can actively

engage with this working group together with a group of like-minded civil society partners.

We hosted several meetings throughout 2020, including in July and August in the garden of Quaker House Geneva to explore some ways forward on trade and environmental sustainability in the WTO. In December, we closed the series with an online meeting in which diplomats and various stakeholders shared their ideas about topics that would be important for QUNO to facilitate in 2021.

Looking ahead, it is clear that commitments to transition to more sustainable and just economic systems need to be discussed in all global institutions, foremost the WTO, the G20 and the International Monetary Fund.





General Assembly holds special session in response to COVID-19 Pandemic

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## Peacebuilding and the prevention of violent conflict

Against the backdrop of the global health and peace crisis caused by COVID-19, the UN has celebrated a range of anniversaries on key peace agendas. Notable for QUNO was the 15th anniversary of the Peacebuilding Architecture (PBA) and the third review of its impact upon peacebuilding and sustaining peace. QUNO's New York office also had a dynamic year as 2020 marked the first year of our new strategic plan. This plan provides guidance as we seek to build and strengthen constituencies of support for people-centered and sustainable strategies for peace. To achieve this, our programming will center on core priority areas, including the interlinkages between peace and crisis response, and the tools, capacities and frameworks needed to build sustainable peace.

### A year of exploration: Living into our strategic plan

The global crisis of 2020 showed us that our strategy and priority areas – peace and crisis; sustainable peace – are more relevant, timely and needed than we could have imagined. In the midst of a year of uncertainty, our staff were able to make great strides in scoping and implementing our plan. Exploration of our plan included quiet conversations and small group meetings with Member State and UN colleagues to learn, listen, and identify entry points for programming. From our learning exercises we've identified potential areas for further exploration and development in the coming year.

One avenue includes further analyzing and strengthening policy response to crisis situations, including the COVID-19 pandemic, to better connect with long-term peace needs. All too often the “peace piece” of crisis measures are missing, leading to peacebuilding approaches and issues being less prioritized and not integrated into responses from the start. Seeing this challenge, QUNO worked to formulate a set of policy approaches to support the UN and diplomatic community as it considers responses to crisis situations, including the impact of COVID-19. Our key message was that crisis response must not only be conflict sensitive but needs to be aligned with longer term strategies for peace and development. We have brought this forward in the QUNO New York statement on COVID-19 in April, and the QUNO led peacebuilders' call to action for the International Day of Peace. Additionally, QUNO shared messages with Member States ahead of the annual Peacebuilding Commission / ECOSOC joint meeting, supporting preparations in the lead up to their discussion on COVID-19.

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Additionally, the area of mediation has increasingly emerged as a possible entry point for impacting change at the UN to build sustainable peace. Mediation efforts are often more successful when they bring diverse voices to the table, allowing those affected by and involved in conflict to have the space to work towards peace. This work has been drastically impacted by COVID-19, requiring adaptation to meet the changing nature of crisis and find innovative ways forward.

To provide space for reflection and innovative thinking and contribute to our strategic plan exploration, QUNO co-hosted a virtual discussion where civil society, UN colleagues and Member States focused on how to strengthen inclusive approaches to mediation, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants agreed that marginalized and conflict-affected communities are all too often overlooked and that to have maximum impact for building peace, historically excluded groups need to be put at the center of mediation processes.

## Quaker working methods in action

QUNO prides itself in our unique working methods grounded in Quaker practice. In our off-the-record safe spaces, we create an atmosphere for transformative thinking, where colleagues can open themselves to new possibilities for understanding, to listen to new ideas or insights, and find ways forward. Our quiet diplomacy efforts remain largely behind the scenes, working in partnership with the UN and diplomatic community to make strides on the norms and processes related to peacebuilding. In the face of COVID-19, we have transitioned to using these working methods virtually, finding that staff are still able to create open and constructive spaces online as they would when gathering at Quaker House.

Two key programme activities have shown our Quaker working methods in action. As the spring progressed, the Conflict Prevention

programme developed a new project area to support coherence for prevention in country settings through the work of Peace and Development Advisors (PDAs) and Human Rights Advisors (HRAs). PDAs and HRAs provide crucial analysis and recommendations to UN Country Teams while strengthening national capacities for human rights, conflict prevention, and sustainable peace. In developing this project, we explored how QUNO's unique working methods could contribute to stronger understanding and cooperation between HRAs and PDAs, allowing them to support people-centered strategies for prevention. We conducted an in-depth listening exercise with colleagues from throughout the world to learn from them on how they jointly collaborate to support prevention. As COVID-19 accelerated, staff were struck by the dual role of these conversations in providing trusting emotional spaces for those on the front lines of response efforts. While many shared examples of strong coordination, conversations also revealed considerable gaps. Identifying barriers for

effective prevention, we developed a proposal for quiet diplomacy convenings to unpack resonant themes, best practices, and challenges for collaboration.

The fall brought another opportunity to put our working methods into action. The 2020 review of the Peacebuilding Architecture included a Member State led process to negotiate joint resolutions in the General Assembly and Security Council. Working in partnership with QUNO's Representative for Peace and Disarmament in Geneva, we engaged with the diplomatic community at strategic times during the process to provide support and contribute ideas to Member States as they prepared for and participated in the negotiation process. This engagement with Member State colleagues allowed us to test our thinking and ideas on key peace issues, inform a major UN process, and to continue to learn more about the politics surrounding UN agendas.

The UN's Under-Secretary General Menéndez joined the 3rd annual civil society briefing



UN Representative Megan Schmidt speaks at Quaker Model UN conference







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QUNO co-hosts the Civil Society—UN Prevention Platform's discussion on mediation

## 2020 discussion series on conflict prevention

In taking office in 2017, the Secretary-General emphasized that ensuring progress in prevention is primarily the responsibility of Member States, and that this could be accomplished in four focus areas. The priority areas include: long-term prevention through the 2030 Agenda and Sustaining Peace; preventive diplomacy; partnerships; and reforming of the UN system to consolidate capacities to enhance prevention. The overarching linkages between prevention and these four focus areas have set a path for the UN to strengthen coordination and coherence for delivery. The reinforcing demographic, climatic, geopolitical, and social and economic shift, now further compounded by the pandemic, have enhanced threats and opportunities on an unprecedented scale. This allows for a unique opportunity for the UN system to indeed translate the aspiration of a “primacy of prevention” into reality.

To strengthen the global commitment and inform action on prevention, QUNO,

as co-facilitator of the Civil Society – UN Prevention Platform (the Platform), facilitated a series of six discussions that brought together Member States, UN agencies, international, national and local civil society from throughout the world. Through these meetings, titled ‘UN Prevention Across Sectors and Institutions: Pathways for Effective Prevention,’ the Platform held strategic dialogues that enhanced civil society and UN capacity to prevent conflicts. The discussions focused on key and timely topics for the prevention agenda, including understanding the integral role of youth and women in prevention, the impact of climate change on prevention, and mediation as a preventive and peacebuilding tool. Through the Platform, QUNO created virtual transformative safe spaces that served to develop a shared practical understanding of prevention; contribute to the assessment of ongoing prevention efforts undertaken by the UN; and foster discussions on how to advance prevention.



Peacebuilding Commission meets on 2020 Review  
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## 15 years of UN peacebuilding

2020 marked the 15th anniversary of the Peacebuilding Architecture (PBA) and the third review of the UN's capacities to build and sustain peace. The review focused on assessing the UN's implementation of what is often referred to as the “Sustaining Peace agenda.” This framework emerged following the adoption of landmark resolutions in 2016, which re-conceptualized the UN's understanding of peacebuilding. Through adopting the resolutions in the General Assembly and Security Council, all Member States committed to an understanding of peacebuilding and sustaining peace that is “aimed at preventing the outbreak, escalation, continuation and recurrence of conflict, addressing root causes, assisting parties to conflict to end hostilities, ensuring national reconciliation, and moving towards recovery, reconstruction and development.” This marked a transformative shift from viewing peacebuilding as solely a process that takes place after conflict, to an understanding that peacebuilding is central to transforming all societies and therefore must be the thread running throughout the UN system.

The review sought to identify the progress made by the UN to implement the resolutions, with a central focus on the impact for communities and at a country level. QUNO seized the opportunity of this major UN review to identify ways to bring our knowledge and experience to the forefront and engage with UN and Member State colleagues on key messages for building peace. This included producing two short publications, *Building Sustainable Peace* (produced in partnership with the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict), and *Building Peace Through Reconciliation*. These publications were then shared throughout the UN system and with all Member States to support their efforts as they engaged in the review process. QUNO elevated the messages from our publications as we participated in various meetings with UN stakeholders throughout the review. We look forward to continuing to serve as a partner to UN and Member State colleagues as they work to build and sustain peace.

# Other Quaker work at the UN

## Canadian Friends Service Committee

Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC) continued its role as the lead on Indigenous peoples' rights at the United Nations. While the global pandemic continues to take its toll, Indigenous peoples have been disproportionately affected.

CFSC's work is guided by the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and we actively engage with advocacy efforts for the implementation at the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII). In 2020 PFII was cancelled and EMRIP hosted a short virtual session. Our work continued in other informal ways

and we look forward to the ongoing creative partnerships!

This year CFSC saw substantive work in Canada, where the Declaration legislation was advanced. Canada is one of few countries who have created legislative tools to implement the Declaration and we hope that other States will follow suit. CFSC also monitors other international forums as they deal with Indigenous Peoples, including treaty bodies and the Human Rights Council. CFSC is grateful for the support of the QUNO offices. Indigenous Peoples and State representatives appreciate the space Friends provide for productive discussion.

## FWCC Representatives to the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) works for the reform of justice systems throughout the world, seeking a system of justice which promotes personal responsibility, mutual understanding and healing. FWCC representatives and QUNO staff regularly attend the UN Crime Congresses and sessions of the

United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna, meeting with and advising criminal justice professionals, government officials and delegates on issues such as restorative justice, the children of imprisoned parents and women prisoners.

## Quaker Earthcare Witness

Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW), based in North America, is accredited to attend meetings of the UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), climate negotiations (UNFCCC) and environment agency (UNEP) based on concern for how we live on and care for the Earth. QEW's mission at the UN is to learn and report back to its constituencies on what is happening

internationally and to provide educational programming at the UN in these areas of concern. This broadens Friends' knowledge and helps Quakers discern what actions they may be led to take in a global context. QEW works with other Quaker groups, ecumenical and interfaith groups, and other civil society organizations. Visit [quakerearthcare.org](http://quakerearthcare.org) for more information.

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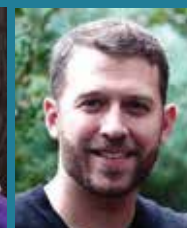
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## Quaker United Nations Committee Geneva

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