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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. In New York we focus on thematic and country-based issues to increase global commitment to the UN's role as a promoter of peace. Our

Geneva office focuses on the areas of human rights and refugees, peace and disarmament, 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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QUNO Geneva staff from left to right: Alana Marie Carlson, Laurel Townhead, Susan Sprague, Sabrina Mignone, Andres Naranjo, Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge, Lindsey Fielder Cook. Front: Florence Foster, Sophie Naeye. Staff not in this picture: Yasmin Beldjelti.

COVER PICTURE: For QUNO Geneva the broken chair symbolises the power of multilateralism and our role as a faith inspired NGO, working alongside the UN and other multilateral fora to reach milestone agreements on ending wars and human rights abuses in the path to global peace. It is a monumental sculpture built to symbolise opposition to land mines and cluster bombs.



Clockwise from top left: Guests join discussion with AFSC colleagues at Quaker House New York; QUNO Geneva staff share a celebratory meal at Quaker House; QUNO New York PA, Cecile Adrian, with QUNC member Cheryl Morden and Friend Emily Clarke at Baltimore Yearly Meeting; QUNO New York PA, Sadhbh O'Driscoll, at the UN-Civil Society Townhall; QUNO Geneva staff Alana Marie Carlson and Lindsey Fielder Cook at an international climate change event, COP27, held in Egypt; QUNO New York director, Sarah Clarke, delivers remarks at a discussion held at Quaker House New York; QUNO Geneva director Nozizwe Malala-Routledge participating in a discussion at Geneva Peace Week

A message from the Directors



During 2022, the world watched with great distress as the UN's role as a leader for peace and security came under severe threat. An environment of deep polarization dominated by increased competition and provocative rhetoric between powerful countries led some to question whether the UN is still relevant. Indeed, deadlock in the Security Council has left many UN supporters discouraged and has empowered critics to proclaim the death knell of the vision laid out by world leaders in 1945.

Quakers have a long commitment to violence prevention. We know that violence breeds violence and its use only leads to suffering, grave human rights violations, trauma, and loss of life.

Our 75-year long witness at the UN reflects our commitment to support global actors in their search for peaceful solutions that respect the lives and dignity of all and the planet we share. We feel deep pain

and frustration when Member State divisions prevent the UN from playing its primary role of ensuring peace, protecting human rights, and supporting sustainable development.

At the same time, it is possible to see instances where the UN fulfills its most essential function for countries to come together to address existential threats and work towards a more peaceful and just world.

So while headlines and media coverage may focus on the institution's failures and shortcomings, the past year has also provided examples of successes and hope for the future. These include a range of historic multilateral agreements which remain beacons of light. For instance, continued commitment by UN Member States to work towards the Sustainable Development Goals agreed in 2015; the landmark adoption of the High Seas Treaty achieved in March 2023; and the enduring importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2023.

The year 2023 is also an opportunity for us to celebrate 75 years of Quaker peace and justice work at the UN. As we reflect on the 75 years of partnership with the UN, we look forward to connecting with our many supporters and colleagues and to what Quakers at the UN can accomplish together next.

Sarah Clarke
Director, QUNO New York

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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, sharing 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.

QUNO New York PAs, Sadhbh O'Driscoll and Sigrid Corry, visiting UN headquarters





Quakers protesting the dehumanisation of migrants

Britain Yearly Meeting

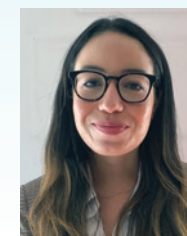
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Human Rights and Refugees

The Human Rights and Refugees Programme draws on QUNO's 75-year history of working with, through and for international law and systems that honour the inherent dignity of every member of our human family.

In response to continued dehumanisation, the human rights of migrants was top of our agenda in 2022, seeking to use the first International Migration Review Forum (the UN's flagship multilateral event on migration) as a stepping stone towards migration justice. The Forum was an opportunity to set the tone and shape an ambitious global agenda for the next four years to use the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) to reduce the human cost of migration governance which treats people more as a risk rather than at risk.

Our priorities included incentivizing human rights-based national implementation of the GCM; centring migrants and making a compelling case for their participation at all levels; ending lethal disregard for migrants and dismantling systemic racism in migration governance. We worked to support a Progress Declaration that was not only adopted by consensus (a very significant moment given the political backlash at the time of the adoption of the Compact) but also covers all of our priority issues.

Striving to close the gap between the experiences and expertise of migrants and people negotiating aspects of global migration governance, we partnered with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) to facilitate an in-person dialogue between

migrant advocates and diplomats in Geneva, creating a safe and brave space for exchange.

In 2023 we will continue to make responsible use of our privileged access in Geneva to share information, open space and facilitate dialogue that places migrants' own expertise and experiences at the centre of policy developments.

Improving the implementation of the right of conscientious objection to military service helps create safer spaces to challenge militarisation and military action. New and ongoing conflicts underscored the importance of protecting the rights of those whose conscience calls them to refuse to bear arms. We facilitated consultation between the Office of the UN

High Commissioner for Human Rights and conscientious objectors, including some in countries in active conflict. This fed into the Office's report which helped inform Human Rights Council Resolution. This consensus resolution reaffirmed the right to conscientious objection and requested an event to learn from steps to protect the right in law and practice. We will work with conscientious objectors and advocates to make the most of this discussion.

As QUNO marks its 75th anniversary and we look back to move forward we are grateful to be nourished and supported by the deep roots of Friends witness at the UN and around the world to strengthen our work to build the world we want.



QUNO Geneva's Human Impacts of Climate Change (HICC) staff at COP27 in Egypt in November 2022.

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Human Impacts of Climate Change

The Human Impacts of Climate Change (HICC) programme celebrated a decade of intense advocacy and quiet diplomacy efforts. Focusing on climate change as a peace and justice concern, we engage diplomats, UN, and civil society on urgent, transformative, accountable, and ethical climate and environment policy. We highlight root causes driving human induced climate change and environmental destruction and highlight how human rights-based approaches can lead to more coherent, legitimate, sustainable, and effective climate policy.

We are highly active observers at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), making over 60 interventions during the two major

approval sessions of IPCC reports in 2022. Often called the 'ethical voice in the room', we challenge attempts by some Member States to weaken language on fossil fuel use reduction or risks of reliance on carbon capture storage and carbon dioxide removal which delay rapid emissions reductions and jeopardize humanity's chance for a safer temperature rise limit. We seek to protect and strengthen language on scientific findings for renewable energy transformations, sustainable economic systems, agriculture and diet, and human rights-based approaches including climate justice, gender equality, rights of Indigenous Peoples, food and water security, and meaningful public participation in decision making.

With civil society, the UN, and champion States, we celebrated the Human Rights Council's and UN General Assembly's recognition of a human right to a clean, sustainable, and healthy environment. This year we made submissions to the Human Rights Advisory Committee and the UN Secretary General on risks of 'net zero' policy reliance on nature-based solutions, geo and climate engineering which create new risks while failing to transform root causes driving climate change.

This is our tenth year of quiet diplomacy for a diverse group of countries at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), where we offer a safe, off-the-record space for negotiators to speak more openly on

sensitive issues. At the UNFCCC we are involved in Response Measures and Loss and Damage meetings and at COP27, we were invited to address Member States on holistic and integrated climate policy for the Global Stocktake. We also prepared a working paper on innovative finance approaches for Loss and Damage (L&D), complementing the COP27's historic decision to pursue funding arrangements for L&D.

Our communication efforts include speaking to a range of audiences, regular digital updates for Quakers and inter-faith efforts worldwide, and prepared publications to connect international with grassroots efforts to empower climate action.



Florence Foster (seated far left) at high level panel discussion at Geneva Peace Week

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Florence Foster



Sabrina Mignone



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Peace and Disarmament

QUNO's work on Peace and Disarmament is rooted in the understanding that sustainable peace is a holistic process, and fundamentally linked with human rights, social and economic justice, and political participation. Our work in 2022 has focused on continuing to highlight the link between human rights, peacebuilding, and arms control at the multilateral level and in the spaces where QUNO is represented.

For the Geneva Peace Week 2022, QUNO led on curating the track on '[Rights, Inequalities and Peace: navigating tensions, finding opportunities](#)' which took place on November 3. Our P&D Representative, Florence Foster, moderated a [High-Level Panel](#), which brought together key experts and

human rights practitioners to highlight the relationship between human rights and sustainable peace. Throughout the week we ensured that there was wide participation from human rights colleagues, in particular, mandate holders from Special Procedures and from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) as well as [QUNO staff on various panels, workshops, and events](#).

This year our work has focused on highlighting the responsibilities of the private sector to prevent and address human rights abuses committed in business operations, especially of the arms sector. We deeply believe that the negative human rights impacts of all arms transfers should be of concern to all.

We therefore welcomed the UN Business and Human Rights (BHR) Working Group [information note](#) on 'Responsible business conduct in the arms sector: Ensuring business practice in line with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights'. QUNO held a side event to the 11th Forum on Business and Human Rights on the 'Responsible Business Conduct – the case of the arms sector' event in November and participated in an International Committee of the Red Cross organized workshop on "Businesses in Conflict" in the same week.

We also continued our engagement with Special Procedures to enhance their relevance to sustainable peace, in collaboration with the OHCHR and the Peacebuilding Support Office.

Florence Foster travelled to New York in May to meet with counterparts and QUNO New York colleagues again for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic. Her visit focused on ensuring meaningful and targeted engagement between Special Procedures mandate holders and member states, UN agencies and Funds and relevant civil society organisations. QUNO hopes to publish a report outlining our learning and recommendations in the new year.



SJES Team Meets with Athena PERALTA, Programme Executive for Economic and Ecological Justice, World Council of Churches

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Sustainable and Just Economic Systems

Economic systems often perpetuate injustice, conflict, and unsustainability. The Sustainable and Just Economic Systems (SJES) program aims to transform these systems for greater justice, equity, and environmental sustainability. A critical aspect involves trade and cooperation in states' transitions towards sustainable practices, with a focus on the social dimension, such as the informal waste sector, and the plastic industry as a leverage point for broader change.

QUNO addresses issues at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) on trade and environmental sustainability and the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) negotiations for a Treaty to End Plastic Pollution, based on our consideration of plastic pollution as both a social justice

issue and an environmental crisis. Our approach includes research, stakeholder engagement, and quiet diplomacy advocacy.

Participating in the WTO's plurilateral initiatives on trade and the environment, QUNO supports member states in developing environmentally sustainable trade policies. We have been actively involved in dialogues on plastics pollution and trade, and environmental sustainability structured discussions.

This year, the SJES programme advanced three region-focused projects. First, we collaborated with World Wildlife Fund (WWF) South Africa on a research project and webinar exploring the mainstreaming of the informal waste sector in Africa. Second, we partnered with Cambridge Leaders on

a study of waste management systems in ASEAN regions, looking at best practice and examining opportunities for harmonized international trade and plastic waste reduction. Lastly, we supported research evaluating regulatory barriers hindering growth for the packaging-free retail sector in Latin America, which could contribute to reducing plastic pollution globally.

In November 2022, QUNO participated in the first session of UNEP's Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee toward a Treaty to End Plastic Pollution (INC). We plan to continue to organize events and submissions to the UNEP INC Secretariat to address loopholes in plastic pollution and economic system discourse. These efforts include promoting shifts towards package-less and reuse systems and emphasizing the role of

trade policy in addressing plastic pollution, just transitions for affected sectors, and incorporating bans and restrictions on relevant subsidies.

A milestone in 2022 was the decision by the QUNC to establish the SJES as a fully-fledged programme, following an internal review of its pilot phase which showed that the SJES had achieved its founding objectives and had exceeded expectations in its performance, building on the 20-year record of work in the trade and development field. The internal review confirmed the QUNC's thinking that establishing the SJES as a fourth programme with strong links to the other programmes was a critical factor in advancing cross-cutting programming and addressing issues of economic injustice, which is at the root of most violent conflicts.

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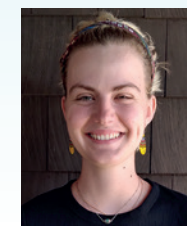
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Strengthening the UN to build lasting peace

2022 was a critical year for the UN in New York. The Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 represented a clear violation of the UN Charter and resulted in deep divisions between Member States. The conflict has exacerbated existing crises surrounding food insecurity, economic instability, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all of which are further compounded by the impact of climate change.

Global challenges can only be met by global solutions. The United Nations remains the critical organization to bring its 193 Member States together to foster peace and address the crises affecting countries and the world. Against this backdrop, QUNO New

York's staff focused their work this past year towards one overarching goal: to increase the global commitment to the UN's role in building lasting peace. Our emphasis on this outcome remains anchored in the belief that the UN will only fulfill its mandate for building lasting peace when its policies and actions truly respond to community needs.

To work towards this goal, the office identified several key areas of engagement:

- promoting the inclusion of youth in UN decision-making;
- urging UN partners to incorporate peacebuilding approaches within short-term crisis responses;
- supporting UN counterparts as they take up the recent proposal of the UN

Secretary-General to launch a New Agenda for Peace (see page 20 for more);

- working with the UN to develop responses to conflict caused by climate change (see page 21 for more).

Youth, peace, and inclusion – elevating young people's perspectives

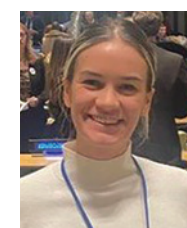
Meaningful political inclusion and participation of young people is vital for building lasting peace and sustainable development. This year, QUNO began exploring how to engage with young people and create opportunities for their voices to influence the formulation of UN policies that will impact their lives. Our research led



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QUNO to focus on the area of “youth, peace and inclusion”, which looks at how the UN can better engage with and support them in peacebuilding efforts.

QUNO’s focus on inclusion is a deliberate effort to shape how the UN creates policies about young people. We aim to listen to and elevate youth experiences, rather than follow existing international ‘peace and security’ models that view them as potential risks or sources of conflict. This approach allows us to shift the narrative to reflect youth leadership, increase understandings of what builds peace, and include lessons from youth-led peace work.

To do this work, we are convening focus groups with young people. In our first convening, a diverse group of young adults in the United States told us that, though they may experience systemic, physical, or emotional violence, youth are working in their communities to create spaces

and moments where they can experience ‘pockets of peace’. They defined peace not just as being physically safe, but about having access to healthcare, education and clean drinking water, and addressing voting rights and the ability to participate in elections.

By engaging young people around the world, we recognize that they should be empowered and resourced, and they share concerns and barriers in achieving peace. Going forward, staff will continue our focus groups with teens and young adults in other regions and bring our learning to UN headquarters so policies and practice are inclusive of, and centered on, young people.

Supporting peacebuilding during times of crisis

Crises around the world are lasting longer and addressing them requires a higher level of resources, with the human toll continuing to grow. The UN has a key role

to play in responding to the immediate challenges faced by countries and regions. It is important, though, that in responding to crises diplomats and UN colleagues also lay the groundwork for long-term efforts to build peace, and that this work is shaped by the experiences and needs of communities. This type of peace and people-centered approach will help countries and their communities recover from crisis situations and enjoy opportunities for peace and development.

Over the past year, QUNO has continued our engagement with, and support to, diplomats and UN colleagues in their work to build peace in times of crisis. To carry out our efforts, QUNO conducted outreach and convened a series of quiet conversations at Quaker House, building relationships with a range of UN colleagues. Coffee at Quaker House provided the opportunity for diplomats and those working throughout the UN to reflect on their priorities, ideas,

and challenges for addressing crises and supporting peace. Offering a comfortable and quiet retreat from hectic UN schedules continues to allow for more open and informative discussions.

While we met with a diverse group of people, similar concerns emerged. These included the impact of the war in Ukraine on issues like inflation and food security, and the effects of the climate crisis on peace and development. When asked what is needed to support their efforts, colleagues requested spaces for open discussion, as well as the need to bring experience from the ground to inform decisions at UN headquarters. The needs expressed connect directly with QUNO’s overarching goal and will allow us to use Quaker House as a venue to bring actors together for transformative conversations.

QUNO New York Representative, Kavita Desai, delivers CS-UN Prevention Platform statement at a General Assembly meeting on youth inclusion



Colleagues gather for discussion at Quaker House





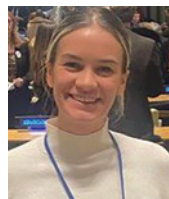
Guests gather on the Quaker House terrace in New York before a meeting of the CS-UN Prevention Platform



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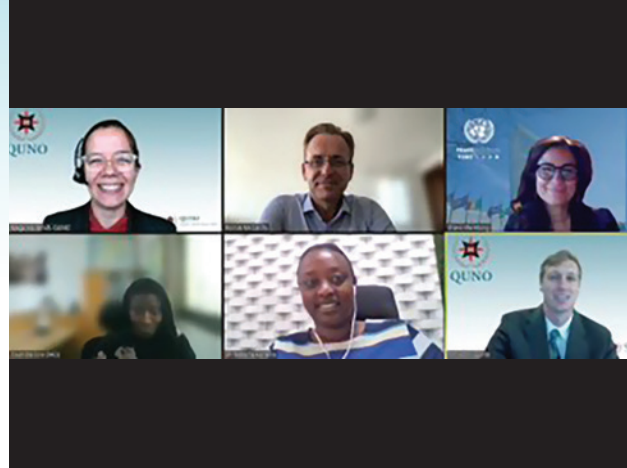
Mainstreaming prevention at the UN

The Civil Society – UN Prevention Platform, co-facilitated by QUNO New York, works with the UN to ensure that civil society is included and able to influence UN policymaking. One way the Platform carries out this work is by holding an annual discussion series that brings together UN colleagues, diplomats and civil society from around the world. This year's series focused on mainstreaming prevention at the UN and was used to help UN counterparts as they work on the Secretary-General's proposal for a New Agenda for Peace.

Following the UN's 75th anniversary, the Secretary-General released the report, Our Common Agenda. It called for inclusive, networked, and effective multilateralism to respond to humanity's most pressing challenges, with proposals to strengthen the UN to deliver on the promises in its Charter. One proposal was for the creation of a New Agenda for Peace (NA4P), which aims to better understand the drivers that

are sustaining conflict, find ways forward for effective collective security responses, and put forward meaningful steps for the UN to manage emerging risks.

The UN will work throughout 2023 to develop the NA4P and has called for civil society to provide ideas and examples that can inform the new policy. In early 2023, The Platform produced a paper, The New Agenda for Peace: An Opportunity to Advance Prevention Through Civil Society – United Nations Partnerships. This paper was based on its discussion series and submitted to UN colleagues to help inform their work. The series touched on how the UN could better support diverse actors working from the local to the international level, increase investment to prevent violent conflict, and strengthen peacebuilding. Examining UN leadership and case studies from Southeast Asia and Southern Africa, the series provided concrete ideas and highlighted best practices.



QUNO New York staff and speakers participate in virtual roundtable on climate change and peace



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Addressing climate change to build peace

While climate change is a global crisis, its effects impact countries and people differently, with developing nations bearing the brunt. Inaction or delayed responses to climate change can result in crisis and upheaval. For countries experiencing or emerging from conflict and instability the danger to peace and development is even greater when they face serious threats from climate change, whether from prolonged droughts to catastrophic rainy seasons and flooding.

QUNO, in partnership with the UN's Peacebuilding Support Office, brought together diplomats, UN colleagues and civil society for a virtual roundtable to focus on this critical and timely subject, and learn from those working to build peace by addressing climate change. Held during the annual Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development, the conversation included speakers from UN agencies working at the country level in The Gambia, Mali, and at the regional level in West Africa and the Sahel. They shared their experience leading and supporting programming in countries and

regions that are facing a range of threats such as political instability and terrorism, among others, where emergencies and conflict do not stop at the border, and where climate change and environmental degradation is extreme. Speakers talked about how peacebuilding approaches helped shape their climate change programming. For them, "peacebuilding approaches" meant a range of things like: working in partnership with communities to develop and carry out projects; taking the time to understand the strengths and abilities of local leaders to support preventive actions; and expanding their analysis to consider how issues like climate change, gender, and youth inclusion impact a country.

This roundtable was part of QUNO's larger efforts to help our UN and diplomatic colleagues address crises, such as climate change, in ways that contribute to peace and are influenced by the experiences of those working on the ground. By creating policies that are informed in this way the UN will be better able to build peace that is sustainable and responds to community needs.

Other Quaker work at the UN

Canadian Friends Service Committee

Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC) continued its role as the lead on Indigenous peoples' human rights at the United Nations. Guided by the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, we actively engage with advocacy efforts for implementation at the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII). In 2022, CFSC was honoured to participate in and support our Indigenous partners at these forums.

In 2021, Canada adopted legislation on implementing the UN Declaration. This meant that 2022 was filled with work on the

Action Plan aimed at making the promises in the legislation reality. Canada is one of few countries that has established legislation 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. Indigenous peoples and State representatives appreciate the space Friends provide for productive discussion through QUNO's support. We look forward to reconnecting with our international partners in person this year and we appreciate the warm welcome our Indigenous partners receive at Quaker House in both Geneva and New York.

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 for more information.

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