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75 Years of a Trusted Quaker Presence at the United Nations





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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, 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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New York staff, clockwise from top left: Tim Koch, Megan Schmidt, Andrew McKenna, Sarah Clarke, Kavita Desai, Cecile Adrian, Hannah Patterson and Andrew Tomlinson



QUNO Geneva staff with the QUNO committee members in Bossey, Switzerland top from left: Lindsey Fielder Cook, Florence Foster, Colm Ó Cuanacháin, Oliver Robertson, Jonathan Woolley, Robert Gibson, Annie Dickson, Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge, Joachim Monkelbaan, Susan Sprague Parachini, Marisa León Gómez Sonet, Tamara Wiher, Andrés Naranjo, Holly Spencer, Maya Street and Laurel Townhead



A message from the Directors



- Building on existing climate justice work;
- Contributing to efforts to end racism, dismantle systems of oppression, and embrace diversity, while creating more inclusive work environments within our organisations.

2021 was a time of continuity and change as we adapted to a blended work environment under Covid 19. At QUNO it has been a time of change and renewal, with two women taking leadership of the organization for the first time. Andrew Tomlinson and Jonathan Woolley retired as Directors after each serving our two offices for over ten years. We are immensely grateful for the solid foundation they laid in deepening and broadening our work at the UN and other multi-lateral bodies - with diplomats, government delegates, staff and NGO partners. We will build on this as we move the work forward.

The work we do is largely behind the scenes. The Quaker Houses in New York and Geneva host quiet diplomacy meetings where delegates engage and share perspectives on difficult issues, meeting outside in the garden and on the terrace, away from the public eye or the formality of online consultations or UN meeting rooms. QUNO has proved to be a trusted partner, facilitating constructive discussions. We provide information for colleagues and Friends to use in their social justice actions and we undertake joint initiatives on issues of common concern.

The change in leadership has brought both excitement and the opportunity to develop new ways to work together, including:

As we prepare to celebrate QUNO's 75th anniversary we feel deep gratitude for the partnership with the worldwide Quaker community, which provides us with our mandate and strategic advice through our governance bodies. The Quaker Testimonies and the tradition of speaking out against injustice and war will continue to inspire our work. We are deeply grateful for the generous financial support of so many that enables the work of both offices.

- Engaging key proposals included in the report of the UN Secretary General - Our Common Agenda - focusing on issues of human security, human rights, gender justice, economic justice, and a New Agenda for Peace;

Clockwise from top left: NY staff celebrate Andrew Tomlinson's last day as Director; Marisa León Gómez Sonet, Programme Assistant for Human Rights and Refugees, speaking at the Human Rights Council Social Forum on COVID-19; NY staff waiting in line for the Civil Society Town Hall; Festive Season with QUNO Geneva Staff; Andrés Naranjo and Lindsey Fielder Cook at COP26 in Glasgow; Joachim Monkelbaan and Andrés Naranjo at Château de Bossey for QUNC Geneva; Outgoing NY Director Andrew Tomlinson meets with new Director Sarah Clarke

Sarah Clarke
Director, QUNO New York

Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge
Director, QUNO Geneva

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.

Both outgoing and new QUNO Directors attend the Quaker Heads of Agencies meeting in London





Security Council Meets on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace

Credit: UN Photo/Loey Felipe



Megan Schmidt



Andrew Tomlinson



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Peacebuilding and the prevention of violent conflict

Two years on, the world continues to reel from the toll of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Vaccine development offers hope; however, distribution and access cast a bright light on the inequity that exists between and within countries. As the UN Secretary-General has said time and again, “in an interconnected world, none of us are safe until all of us are safe.” In addition to the health impact, globally we are seeing the multifaceted ways this crisis has affected the very fabric of societies and the long-term investment that recovery will require.

Against this backdrop the UN membership re-elected Secretary-General Guterres for his second term.

In setting his agenda through the report, Our Common Agenda, he calls for innovation to not only address the global needs of today but to ensure the UN is prepared for those of the future. The report includes two proposals that are of particular interest to QUNO’s New York office in light of our commitment to engage the UN around adopting people-centered and sustainable strategies for peace. These include setting a “New Agenda for Peace” and the establishment of an Emergency Platform to respond to complex crises. Over the coming year staff will work with our UN and Member State partners to explore efforts to support the development of these two proposals to ultimately strengthen

the UN’s peacebuilding and prevention capacities.

This past year has also been one of dynamic change for QUNO’s New York office as it experienced transitions in terms of staffing and program. While bidding farewell to old colleagues and welcoming new staff, our New York office continues to explore and develop ongoing and new areas of work under the framing of our recently adopted strategic plan.

QUNO NY’s strategic plan identified a new priority area specifically focusing on the theme of “peace and crisis,” which seeks to support UN crisis response to better impact long-term peacebuilding.



Kavita Desai



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Tim Koch

To further understand the UN landscape for this new area, QUNO staff embarked on an exciting exploratory project that included 50 conversations with UN and Member State colleagues. Interviews allowed staff to hear their perspectives and learn from their experience working in or on crisis situations and how their work supports peacebuilding efforts. From these conversations QUNO produced a policy document, Building Peace in Times of Crisis, which shares key messages and identifies six shifts that are already underway or are needed going forward to further connect crisis response with advancing longer-term peace. Looking ahead, QUNO will build upon this work to develop programming

that informs and influences UN policy and practice as it relates to peacebuilding in the midst of crisis.

In addition to exploring new areas, QUNO continued its ongoing work to uplift practitioner experience and knowledge to inform UN policy development. Notably this included the launch of the UN System-Wide Community Engagement Guidelines, a document that will support building and strengthening UN partnerships with communities throughout the world. Following a two-year process led by a UN and civil society working group, the Guidelines were released during a global virtual launch that brought together over

200 UN staff and practitioners. QUNO's Quaker UN Representative, Megan Schmidt, served as a speaker, sharing her experience as a working group member to support the development and drafting of the Guidelines.

The publication and launch of the report, Advancing Prevention Across UN Sectors and Institutions, provided a timely contribution to UN discussions surrounding the prevention of violent conflict. Co-convened by QUNO, the Civil Society-UN Prevention Platform released the report, drawing on its recent discussion series that brought together Member States, UN colleagues and civil society experts to engage on pressing

issues facing the prevention agenda. The report shares key good practices and challenges concerning multilateral leadership, transformative gender analysis, youth participation, the impacts of climate, mediation, and upstream prevention, and outlines opportunities for strengthening prevention across the UN system.

PA Cecile Adrian attending a Civil Society Town Hall



UN Representative, Megan Schmidt, presents at launch of UN Community Engagement Guidelines





QUNO hosts roundtable during 2021 Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development



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Building peace in times of crisis

In the face of increasingly complex crises, QUNO New York's Strategic Plan reaffirms the need for people-centered and sustainable strategies for peace and identifies the interface between peace and crisis as a new priority area of work. Recognizing the broad effects and disproportionate impacts of COVID-19, migration, displacement and climate change, QUNO began programming in 2021 focused on how peacebuilding tools and approaches can support crisis response.

Drawing from this new work, QUNO hosted a roundtable, *The Time is Now: Developing & Implementing Multidimensional Crisis Measures for Peace*, during the 2021 Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development. The Forum promotes opportunities for cross-cutting dialogue between humanitarian, development and peacebuilding actors from throughout the world. QUNO's roundtable built upon key areas of learning gained through ongoing research and provided space for discussion

amongst participants, drawing on their policy and programming expertise. The conversation centered around opportunities and challenges related to fostering people-centered and transformative response efforts that are better equipped to face complex crises and contribute to sustainable peace. QUNO was able to elevate key conclusions from this roundtable and our Peace and Crisis research more broadly in the recent publication, *Building Peace in Times of Crisis: A Messages Document for Policymakers and Practitioners*. We look forward to further developing this area of work in collaboration with colleagues across the UN system.



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Celebrating the International Day of Peace

In September, the international community celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the International Day of Peace. It fell at a moment when world leaders returned to the United Nations in person for the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Every year QUNO marks this day by coordinating a peacebuilding statement that is released ahead of the UN General Assembly. This statement is then shared with all Member States and with UN colleagues working on peacebuilding issues. 2021's statement brought over 200 organizations together to call on the international community to recognize that "without peace, development will falter; without justice hope will wither; and without inclusion, we will all be left behind."

As declared in the statement, "COVID-19 has shown us the fragility of our institutions and the fault lines in international cooperation, just as the need for unified action is more urgent than ever in the face of the expanding climate emergency.

In 1945, the United Nations was founded to 'promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom'. But the steady progress that has been made is now at risk, not only from the challenges we face, but also from the way we respond to them."

Together, these peacebuilding organizations called on leaders to:

- Refocus on peace, justice and inclusion, in development, in crisis response and in addressing the climate emergency
- Mainstream and step-up investment in peace
- Prioritize inclusion and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms
- Step away from securitized responses

QUNO thanks its global peacebuilding colleagues for their continued partnership in our International Day of Peace statement, and for their steadfast support in advocating for a more peaceful, just and inclusive society.



Building bridges to build forward for better

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Human rights and refugees

For the Human Rights and Refugees Programme, 2021 has been a year of trying to build forward for better. Our grounding in Quaker beliefs, discernment of concerns and commitment to connecting to our common humanity through our ways of working as well as our objectives have all been sources of strength. We have continued to work on the human rights of migrants, conscientious objection to military service and rights of children with parents in prison, with a primary focus on migration.

Our work on conscientious objection to military service included broadening and deepening connections to collaborate better with conscientious objectors and those who advocate for their rights. We co-hosted a series of webinars, including speakers from the UN human

rights system, and a networking and consultation event to inform future work. Webinar participants are already engaged in follow up activities with the human rights system. We are reminded of the value of this work by a recent Human Rights Committee judgement in a case we worked on that found violations of a conscientious objector's rights and ordered that his criminal record be expunged, his fines and court costs be repaid, and that legislative change be made to prevent future violations for others.

We began to step back from our leading role in the Child Rights Connect Working Group on children with parents in prison after over a decade. We are confident that the connections, standards, and networks fostered and fed by the Working Group are strong and sustainable and will play

a significant role in building forward. We will continue collaboration to consolidate this and make a significant next step through a UN toolkit on children with parents in prison.

The human cost of current migration governance remains heartbreakingly high. The disruption to mobility resulting from the pandemic has exacerbated this. We worked to help reinforce and use the Global Compact for Migration's implementation and review mechanisms and to support both States and others to do so too. This includes launching a series of briefing papers and engaging with GCM Champion States. Alongside this we sought to strengthen responses by the Human Rights Council to the widespread dehumanisation of migrants and resulting violence and violations.

We are pleased to see the mandate from the Council for further discussion on migrants in situations of vulnerability. This, and work towards the first edition of the International Migration Review Forum, will be the centre of our work in the first half of 2022. We will strive for these activities to play their part in building forward for better responses to this pandemic and better preparedness for future pandemics; for responses that seek to lower the human cost and uphold the dignity of all of us whatever borders we cross or why we cross them.



Interfaith prayer at COP26 in Glasgow

Photo Credit: Steven Jones, Interfaith Glasgow

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Human impacts of climate change

As we enter a third year of the global COVID 19 pandemic, we recognise many lessons for climate change. The pandemic response has shown how lives can be saved, or lost, depending on responsible political will, public and private sector support, urgent and fair preventative policy. We have learned also that behaviour change for the greater common good and protection of the most vulnerable are crucial factors as part of a comprehensive, effective and just strategy. These lessons are critical to global efforts to transform root causes driving climate change and related environmental crises.

The Human Impact of Climate Change (HICC) programme inter-weaves three areas of our advocacy work: ambitious and fair climate negotiation decisions; peer-reviewed climate science findings that support transformative action, and; protecting and

integrating human rights and Indigenous Peoples' rights in climate action.

After years of civil society advocacy and Champion State efforts, which QUNO supported, the Human Rights Council recognised a human right to a clean, sustainable, and healthy environment in October 2021. This came alongside another achievement – the establishment of a UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Climate Change.

At the climate Conference of Parties (COP 26), we worked intensively with diplomats, UN and civil society partners for the inclusion of human rights language in COP decisions, language which helps protect human rights and, in turn, creates more legitimate, transformative, effective and just climate policy.

Prior to the COP26, we held five virtual quiet diplomacy meetings, offering an off-the-record space for a diverse group of climate negotiators to talk on sensitive issues. We gave presentations and developed publications to help empower civil society engagement at the COP, and we supported efforts in Loss and Damage, the UN mechanism intended to assist developing countries that are already profoundly vulnerable to climate change.

We supported the Indigenous Peoples' Platform and Response Measures, and during the COP, we help one-on-one engagements with negotiators, sought greater support for Loss and Damage, and spoke at the Geneva Peace Week 2021, and Chatham House events on climate change, peacebuilding, and human security.

At the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), we are expert reviewers of draft reports and active observers in negotiations of Summary Reports for Policymakers. This year, the IPCC will present

its 6th Assessment Report, a collation of climate science worldwide. We will participate in all negotiations, intervening to help ensure scientific findings are clear, and not suppressed by States seeking to delay climate action. We are preparing communication materials on IPCC findings for the wider public, as IPCC reports are increasingly being used by people to advocate for more effective climate policy in their countries.

The COP26 witnessed an avoidance by major extractive economies of a commitment to phase down oil and gas production. This risks our chance to help stabilize mean global temperature rise to a safer 1.5C limit, rather than the 3.7C rise by 2100 under the current rate of the emission of greenhouse gases. We continue our work toward rapid, human rights-based and transformative climate action to protect the most vulnerable, the young and all future generations, from catastrophic environmental changes and global heating.

Discussants

Will McDermott, Project Coordinator, DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance
 Florence Foster, Representative for Peace and Disarmament, Quaker United Nations Office
 Gabriel Gomes Couto, Student Researcher, Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding
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Florence Foster, second from the left, speaks at the closing ceremony of the Geneva Peace Week in November 2021

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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, linked with human rights, social and economic justice, and political participation. In 2021, we therefore continued to highlight and strengthen the links between arms control, peacebuilding, and human rights.

As part of an ongoing project with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), much of our work has focused on supporting Special Procedures (SPs) to explore and enhance their relevance to sustaining peace. As elected independent human rights experts, SPs can also undertake country visits and engage with a diverse range of communities,

governments, and the UN both formally and informally to raise sensitive issues promptly. We also held a joint event at the Geneva Peace Week 2021 on 'Sustaining Peace and Human Rights – making it work at the country level through engaging UN Special Procedures' to raise awareness of their potential among peacebuilding actors.

We see the connections between the Peacebuilding Commission's and the Human Rights Council (HRC) as key. Indeed, as two forums that seek to address global issues – respectively from the 'Peace and Security' and 'Human Rights' pillars of the UN - there is potential for collaboration and joint learning. In a statement to the HRC's 48th session we expressed regret that such opportunities have not yet been seized.

As we continue to highlight the responsibilities of the private sector to prevent and address human rights abuses committed in business operations, we noted with concern the resistance of Member States to include references to the private sector in the bi-annual resolution on the Impact of Firearms Transfers during the HRC's 47th session. We remain concerned by the continued focus only on diverted, unregulated or illicitly traded arms as we deeply believe that the negative human rights impacts of all arms transfers should be of concern. To this end, we continue to support the UN Business and Human Rights (BHR) Working Group in their development and implementation of a guidance note that seeks to outline the relevance of the BHR Guiding Principles to the defence sector.

We contributed to the White Paper on the Future of Environmental Peacebuilding, which focused on business actors' responsibilities to consider both conflict sensitivity and human rights-based approaches in their engagement in fragile contexts. This Paper was published at the 2nd Environmental Peacebuilding Conference in February 2022, where QUNO Geneva, in collaboration with Quaker Council for European Affairs (QCEA), hosted a roundtable on securitization, human rights and COP26.

In 2022 we will continue to highlight the role of human rights in peacebuilding and the defence sector through engagement with the SPs, the BHR Working Group and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform.



A quiet diplomacy meeting on environmental goods and services in the garden of Quaker House in support of TESSD

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Sustainable and just economic systems

Our economic systems contain many of the root causes of injustice, conflict, and unsustainability. If the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us one lesson, it is about the mutual interdependence of all of us and need to update global governance so that it can tackle global crisis not only in the area of health but also on environment, security, and economic activity. One important aspect of the global economy that this programme- has focused on in 2021 is trade and its linkages to sustainable development.

In the run-up to the twelfth Ministerial Conference ('MC12') of the World Trade Organization (WTO) due in December 2021 but later postponed, there has been unprecedented attention to and progress on the topic of environmental

sustainability and trade. To support the work of more than 50 World Trade Organization (WTO) members (including the European Union, United States, and China) that rally around a platform for negotiations called the 'Trade and Environmental Sustainability Structured Discussions' (TESSD), QUNO hosted a cycle of quiet diplomacy dialogues throughout the year. These meetings were backed up by working papers that covered aspects of justice and needs of developing countries. These papers were written by QUNO staff and external experts; they received valuable feedback from negotiators and other stakeholders. The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung is our partner in this work, providing both substantive and financial support.

QUNO also participated in official TESSD meetings throughout 2021 as one of only two NGOs among six civil society observers. This was the result of our support for this initiative from its early inception and proving ourselves as a trusted partner that can facilitate constructive discussions. Beyond TESSD, we hosted meetings at the WTO Public Forum and during MC12 on 'Humanizing the WTO' and supported the work of the QUNO climate change programme at COP26 in Glasgow by influencing discourses on the role that sustainable and just economic systems can play in addressing the climate emergency and transitions to a low carbon economy.

For the longer term, we sense a need for systemic understanding of ways to

improve the resilience, inclusivity, and sustainability of economic systems. The impact of QUNO's work on this subject is essentially indirect, as it consists of gathering a wide range of views and spiritual principles for our economic systems as a proper step to working out what will be our priorities, our unique contributions and our ethical voice.

*We thank Joachim Monkelbaan for leading this work until his departure in December 2021.

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 2021 PFII and EMRIP hosted virtual sessions. 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 federal legislation on implementing the UN Declaration was finally adopted. 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. Indigenous Peoples and State representatives appreciate the space Friends provide for productive discussion through QUNO's support. CFSC wishes the outgoing QUNO NY and Geneva Directors well, and we look forward to growing our mutual work with the incoming Directors!

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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Building Peace in Times of Crisis
Megan Schmidt and Hannah Patterson
(February 2022)

Circular Economy and Trade (Working Paper No. 1 in TESSD Series)
Joachim Monkelbaan (September 2021)

Connecting short-term crisis response with long-term peace: An Infographic
(February 2022)

Conscientious Objection to Military Service and Refugee Status Determination
Najmah Ali (May 2021)

Environmental Goods and Services (Working Paper No. 2 in TESS Series)
Joachim Monkelbaan (September 2021)

Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform (Working Paper No. 3 in TESS Series)
Joachim Monkelbaan and Ronald Steenblik
(October 2021)

Government Official's Toolkit 2021
Lindsey Fielder Cook and Andrés Naranjo
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