

Decision on participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process of the Special Session on Children

Excerpt from the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children on its first organisational session (A/55/43 (Part I))

Decision 2 Participation of non-governmental organizations

The Preparatory Committee, recalling General Assembly resolution 54/93, paragraph 14 in which the Assembly recognized the important role of all relevant actors, including non-governmental organizations, in the preparatory process, including in the preparatory committee:

(a) Decides that the work of the Preparatory Committee should be open to the participation of non-governmental organizations that are accredited in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996 or are accredited with UNICEF;

(b) Also decides that, in addition, other non-governmental organizations that are not accredited either to the Economic and Social Council or to UNICEF but that have a collaborative relationship and partnership with UNICEF pursuant to its mandate to obtain from non-governmental organizations having a special interest in child and family welfare the advice and technical assistance which it may require for the implementation of its programmes,¹ will also be invited to participate in the meetings of the Preparatory Committee. A list of those non-governmental organizations should be provided to the Preparatory Committee by 31 March 2000. The non-governmental organizations on the list will be approved by the Preparatory Committee on a no-objection basis by 30 April 2000;

¹ General Assembly resolution 417 (V).