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Ref: 2008 Resumed Sessions of the Committee on NGOs (29 May-6 June 2008)

Dear Mr. Kashinath Pandita.

The application of your organization is being reviewed by the members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations during its 2008 Resumed Session from 29 May to 6 June 2008.

The Committee has requested the following clarifications:

- 1. Inline with the response of your organization on question 1, kindly clarify what action your organization took on the report of Asma Jahangir, UN special rapporteur on the freedom of religions, on her visit to Srinagar.
- 2. Please explain what you mean by the statement, "special climate of solidarity and responsibility in ECOSOC", mentioned in the summary of your application.
- 3. Kindly clarify your organizations position on the right of the people of Kashmir to self-determination in accordance with the UN GA resolution 62/144 on Universal Realisation of the right of people to self determination.
- 4. Please specify your opinion on Kashmir as a left of legacy of colonial powers/British India.
- 5. Kindly clarify how your organization ensures representation in general of major segments of the society, including minorities and in your decision making process of your organization as is required by the resolution 1996/31
- 6. Please explain how your organization ensures public participation at grass root level. What are the efforts you have made to make it a grass root level organization.

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7. Please clarify your opinion on violation of human rights by Indian forces in the disputed territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Kindly provide your response to the question(s)/clarification(s) posed above as soon as possible in order for the answers to be reviewed by the Committee before the end of the Resumed Session.

Please note that the 2008 Resumed Sessions of the NGO Committee ends on 6 June 2008

Yours sincerely,

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