



Asian - Eurasian Human Rights Forum

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 Japan

Dear Madam,

Gen. Secretary
 K.N. Pandita
 India

In reply to your letter No. 28724 of 17 December faxed to us today, January 3, 2003, I have the honor to submit the replies to questions in serial order.

EC Member
 Prof. Tatiana Shaumian
 Russia

1. We are affiliated to Geneva-based African Commission for Health and Human Rights Promoters, (CAPSDH), an African NGO, which has the ECOSOC status. Its General Secretary, Mr. Djili K Samoura is a member of our Executive Council and our General Secretary, Dr. K.N. Pandita is Incharge of CAPSDH's Asian chapter.

Secretary/Treasurer
 I.B. Bangroo
 India

2. The details of expenses of Rs. 1,46,215.00 on administration have already been depicted under each respective heads at page 3 of the audited statement of accounts already submitted to you. However, for your ready reference, we again state hereunder the details/break-up of expenses on administration:

EC Member
 Prof. Quensi Shimaji
 Japan

Salary and allowances to staff	Rs. 42,880.00
Staff welfare expenses	3,965.00
Postage expenses	1,020.00
Telephone/Fax charges	27,510.00
Rent	60,000.00
Repair and renovation	4,800.00
Refreshment	2,230.00
Sanitation and upkeep	3,750.00

EC Member-Advisor
 Arun Kaul
 India

Total Rs.1,46,215.00

EC Member PRO
 D. Alena Groua
 Bulgaria

3. Eurasia refers to the part of the world that is civilizationally spread out to both the continents, Europe and Asia. It is usually called the civilizational bridge between Europe and Asia. Taking Izmir (South of the Dardanelle in Turkey) as the convergence point, and stretching the line north-eastward to Sochi on the Black Sea to Grozny (North Caspian) across Kazakhstan to Semipalatinsk, the region south of the Urals and reaching the border line of Outer Mongolia, we have the broad civilizational region of Eurasia. Turkey, Bulgaria, Crimean region, Georgia and Kazakhstan fall in the Eurasian region.

EC Member
 Mahraj K. Kaul
 USA

4. The Forum came into existence in April 1998 by virtue of the Instrument of Trust executed by the founder - members to undertake work under broad objectives of the



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Forum. An Institution/Forum like the one we have formed needs some time to create credibility status among the public by making contacts with the broad sections of intelligentsia and by apprising them of the objectives of the Forum. Once this credibility was established, the Executive Council of the Forum decided to seek formal registration in order to give the organization a legal shape/status, and to create a proper platform to carry out its functions. As regards the effect of tax exemption on the function of the Forum, we may clarify that the tax exemption is different from the Forum's functionality and in fact the taxability of the revenues of the Forum or the tax exemption are a negligible part of the broad activities of the Forum. Whether the Forum qualifies for tax exemption or not, depends on the policy framed by the Finance Ministry of the Government year after year, which in technical language are called Budget Proposals. Therefore the tax exemption on the Forum does not interfere in any way in the discharge of the broad agenda of the Forum.

5. We did not say "50 organizations that are under consideration to be granted membership by our organization". We have said, "40 more applications for enrollment as members have been received and are under consideration." Normally before membership is granted to an individual, some formalities have to be completed and that is the reason why we said their request was under consideration.

6. We think that "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" is not the only but one of the more significant subsidiaries of the ECOSOC.

7 While building the credibility of the Forum during the years/period of establishment, we approached people, tried to bring them awareness about Human Rights under the UN Charter and explained to them its broader objectives. After satisfying themselves, desirous persons were enrolled as members depending upon the type of the membership they opted for as specified in Clause 3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Forum, which allow the Forum to enroll members as Founder Members, Ordinary Members and Patron Members. Any member to be admitted to the Forum had to fill in an application form stating therein his/her particulars. The Forum got these application forms printed in advance, and each member admitted had to pay a sum of Rs. 500.00 as cost of one application form. Amount thus received from each member was treated as sale of membership forms and was reflected in the statement of account.

8 The Executive Council for the Forum, comes into existence by virtue of provisions contained in Society Registration Act of 1860 applicable in India. The signatories to the By-laws/ Promoters comprise the Executive Council of such Association till five years from the date of incorporation. The process of election to and choosing of the new Executive Council members is repeated after every five years under law.



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9. African Commission for Health and Human Rights Promoters (CAPSDH), NGO with ECOSOC status has granted us affiliation. We are provided accreditation by this NGO whenever we want to participate in the UN Human Rights Commissions 's / Sub-Commission's sessions in Geneva. CAPSDH welcomes our participation in their human rights programs especially those related to anti-racism. The nature of our link with this NGO is the commonality of objectives in regard to promotion of human rights and relevant programs of the United Nations. Interfaith International, another NGO with ECOSOC status, has been collaborating with us in addressing various issues related to promotion and protection of human rights. The nature of our link with this NGO is that of organizing joint seminars and symposium on human rights and contributing to the promotion of understanding among communities of different faiths.

10. Under Question 7 of the Application, we have claimed 45 individual members and not 49. The number given in Question 8 computes to 39 and not 35. The explanation is that out of a total number of 45 members, 39 are professional and women members. The rest are non-professional members drawn from the civil society. To sum up the statement in Question 7 and 8, the position is as follows:
 Total members = 45 (Professionals 28, Women 11, Non- Professional 6)
 Since Question No. 8 of the Application form asks for brief profile of the organization's membership, that is why we showed 39 members under the category of professionals and women.

I hope this will satisfy the Honorable members of the Committee.

With profound regards,

Sincerely yours,

(K.N. Pandita)
 General Secretary