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(Written submission by Ms. Makasooda Shiotani, Vice President, Asian-Eurasian Human Rights Forum, to the Honorable members of the ECOSOC Committee on NGOs in session Jan 8 $\square 24$, 2003 at the UN headquarters in New York)

Your Excellencies,

I send you warm greetings of the New Year.

The application of our NGO (Asian-Eurasian Human Rights Forum) is now before you for grant of ECOSOC status.

In my capacity as the Vice President of the NGO, I take leave to submit to Your Excellencies that our organization with international profile has a good number of women human rights activists on its bodies. This has given it strong credibility and acceptability with various segments of societies we are working with. In Japan, where I am based, at least three or four NGOs have appreciated our interest in human rights and offered to be our affiliates. Two years ago, I personally organized and conducted in collaboration with other members an international seminar in New Delhi on the theme of Democracy in South Asia. We repeated the exercise twice in Geneva during the sessions of the Human Rights Commission. I have been engaged in interaction with various organizations in Japan to disseminate information on UN initiatives in promoting and protecting the human rights of all. As a senior woman office □bearer of our NGO , I feel proud to be in the forefront of serving the cause of humanity without discrimination and bias, in accordance with the program of the United Nations and the ECOISOC bodies.

I hope Your Excellencies will appreciate our organization□ mission and extend to us the ECOSOC status and in that way support our effort for stabilizing peace in the region.

I humbly request the Chief of the NGO Section, Madam Hanifa Mezoui to be kind enough to place the copies of this submission before the Excellencies for

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consideration when our case comes up for consideration. Financial constraints have prevented me from undertaking travel and stay in NY to present our case in person.

With warm regards, Makasooda Shiotani, Vice President, Asian-Eurasian Human Rights Forum, Ishikawa Ken 2, Japan 03.01.03

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