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Dear Mr. Kashinath Pandita,

Ref: 2005 Resumed Session of the Committee on NGOs (5-20 May 2005)

At its 2005 Resumed Session, the Committee on NGO's met today and reviewed the application of your organization, and the following points were raised for further clarification:

1. The General Secretary of this Organization, Dr. K.N. Pandita wrote a letter to the then Deputy Prime Minister of India, Mr. L.K. Advani in November 2003. In this letter the organization used the term 'Federating State of Jammu and Kashmir'. Can they explain how they used this term when according to the UN resolutions the term used for Kashmir is "Disputed Territory". The Organization is requested to rectify this mistake.
2. The organization has lamented about the change of demography in the population of Pandits which was originally 7% in the valley. What is its view point about the demographic changes made in the area of Jammu since 1947 till today?
3. The organization in its letter stated the radical and Wahabi ideologues in Saudi Arabia and Pakistan have sponsored the Jihadi movement world over. Can you explain and elaborate this statement?
4. Can the organization explain if they have ever raised voice on violation of human rights in European or Central Asian Countries, What is their track record on human rights violations in India?
5. Please provide the copies of your latest monthly journal.

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Kindly respond to the above mentioned questions as soon as possible so that the committee may continue to review your application. The duration of the Committee is 5-20 May 2005. Please send in your response to surm@un.org

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H. Mezoui', written over the printed name.

Hanifa Mezoui, Chief,
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