



# QUNO Review

Quaker United Nations Office

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## Who we are

The garden path behind Quaker House New York

The Quaker United Nations Office, located in Geneva and New York, works to promote peace and justice at the United Nations and other global institutions. Our work is rooted in the practices, insights and concerns of the global community of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

QUNO is supported by the American Friends Service Committee, Britain Yearly Meeting, the worldwide community of Friends and other groups and individuals. It represents Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers), an international nongovernmental organization with General Consultative Status at the UN.

We work steadily to bring Quaker peace and justice concerns to international processes, focusing on the areas of peacebuilding and armed conflict, human rights and refugees,

food and sustainability and climate change.

We strive towards international standards and practices that enable and empower peaceful social, political and economic relationships. We are committed to supporting international processes that can build a safer, sustainable and more just world.

Our work is rooted in the Quaker testimonies of peace, truth, justice, equality and simplicity. We understand peace as not only the absence of war and violence, but the need to look for what seeds of war there may be in all our social, political and economic relationships. Quakers recognize the equal worth of every person, and Quaker work strives to be an outward expression of these values, living faith through actions rather than through words.

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New York colleagues, from left: Kimberly Ai-Lin Loh, Andrew Tomlinson, Evie McCullough, Grace Ishimwe, Rachel Madenyika, Elisabeth Halliday-Quan, Megan Schmidt



Geneva colleagues, from left: Lindsey Fielder Cook, Isobel Edwards, René Lejeune, Stephen Browne, Jonathan Woolley, Susan Sprague Parachini, Laurel Townhead, Florence Foster (Not pictured: Susan Bragdon, Stephen Schenck)



Clockwise from top: Preparations for an off-the-record dinner at Quaker House Geneva; Susan Bragdon speaks during the 2017 Global Donor Platform; The Civil Society-UN Prevention Platform holds a briefing with Under-Secretary-General Menendez; Outgoing Geneva Programme Assistants and Diane Hendrick gather for a farewell photo; Lindsey Fielder Cook speaks at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; The Civil Society-UN Prevention Platform holds meeting with Gender Focal Points; Laurel Townhead briefs states on developments since The New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants

# A message from our Directors



The last year has seen significant global challenges and shifts in international politics. Nevertheless, while international attention lurches from crisis to crisis, steady progress continues to be made on multilateral efforts to address long term issues of sustainable peace, development and human rights, such as the landmark Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty.

At the UN, despite political headwinds, the new Secretary-General is finishing his first year in office having set out a powerful roadmap for reform, with a particular focus on UN approaches to peace and security, development and prevention. These reforms provide the best opportunity in many years for the UN to leverage its limited resources—which are tiny in comparison to global military spending—to work more effectively to “save succeeding generations from the scourge of war” and to “promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.”

One sign of this fresh approach is a new willingness for the UN to work with partners, including regional organizations, civil society, international financial organizations and the private sector, where appropriate. While some of these efforts are in their infancy, the exercise of better identifying the UN’s unique contribution is already creating new energy.

Changing times at the UN provide QUNO with new entry points to continue our long-term work of bringing the experience and insights of those most affected by violence, exclusion and injustice to high-level decision makers, and to ensure that non-violent, sustainable and people-based alternatives are on the table.

Thank you for your vital encouragement and support.

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**Andrew Tomlinson**  
Director, QUNO New York

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**Jonathan Woolley**  
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# How we work

## Bringing people together:

*Providing space for informal dialogue*

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QUNO often works behind the scenes, building trust by bringing together people from a range of backgrounds including diplomats, UN officials, staff of non-governmental organizations, academics, experts and practitioners. By creating space for quiet dialogue, we help shape UN and other international priorities, and we bring attention to issues that are not yet on the international agenda. The reputation and atmosphere of our Quaker Houses allows for the emergence of more reflective and inclusive responses to difficult issues; ideas which might not be heard in more formal settings. The scale of international negotiations can feel challenging, but the trusting environment we provide, informed by Quaker methods, remains key to our work.

## Engaging UN institutions:

*Building awareness and advancing key peace and justice agendas*

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The strength of QUNO's work also lies in our long-term persistence. Through perseverance, we have helped to change attitudes, create new understandings, and develop new standards. For example, our work on child soldiers led to the topic being put on the UN agenda for the first time. Through our attention to disarmament, landmines and small arms issues, we have underlined the destabilizing impact of the weapons of war. We have helped shape UN priorities for peacebuilding on the ground, upholding the value of reconciliation and dialogue across all societies. Our work on the Sustainable Development Goals led to a global and universal commitment to foster peace, justice and inclusion as a fundamental component of humanitarian and development objectives.

QUNO Summer School 2017



## Research and publications:

*Developing an evidence base and identifying good practices*

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QUNO produces an extensive range of specialist publications. We are recognized as a catalyst, partnering with others to harness their expertise and knowledge, particularly from beyond the UN system, and bringing these insights to the attention of policymakers, often providing it in a more accessible form. We have leading expertise on many areas including peacebuilding, conscientious objection to military service, and the situation of women prisoners and children of prisoners. In our work on climate justice and food security we bring attention to the human impacts, stressing the importance of equity and sustainability. For a list of our recent publications, see page 27.

## Engaging young people:

*Involving Quakers and others from around the world*

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QUNO is committed to supporting the engagement of young people in this work. Both the New York and Geneva offices host paid one-year Programme Assistant positions, providing a unique capacity-building experience for young professionals interested in multilateral policy formation. Many go on to work in the areas of human rights, disarmament, peacebuilding, development and diplomacy. In addition, every July since 1955, QUNO Geneva has hosted a Summer School, giving around twenty-five young people an opportunity to learn more about the UN and QUNO's work there.

Quaker Youth Leadership Conference visiting Quaker House New York





A meeting of a Women's Saving Circle in Burundi

## Peacebuilding and the prevention of violent conflict

The United Nations is now focused as never before on prevention and addressing the root causes of conflict and fragility. The peace commitments in the 2030 Agenda and the Sustaining Peace resolutions have set the scene for a fresh set of initiatives, including proposed reforms to make the UN's peace and security, and development architectures more effective, and for new partnerships, including sustainable engagement with civil society. While there is still a way to go, the Security Council and the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) are also starting to address the issue of better aligning crisis response to longer term peace. In our work, QUNO seeks to influence and support policy development and implementation at the UN through our programming to strengthen UN capacities

to address key drivers of violence and support change through peaceful means.

### Facilitating UN and civil society partnerships for conflict prevention

QUNO continues to serve as the co-facilitator, along with the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), of the Civil Society-UN Prevention Platform, an initiative launched to strengthen coordination and information sharing between civil society and the UN. The Platform has accomplished much in 2017. QUNO was the only civil society organization formally asked to speak at an event organized by the UN Development





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Programme-Department of Political Affairs Joint Program on Building Capacities for Conflict Prevention. The Platform also hosted the first briefing between the new Under-Secretary-General and Senior Advisor on Policy, Ms. Ana Maria Menéndez, and civil society organizations in New York.

The Platform will continue to work closely with the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, supporting and partaking in the office's efforts to deepen its engagement with civil society to support coordination and collaboration on the shared goal of preventing violent conflict.

## Supporting China's engagement in peacebuilding and prevention

In 2017, QUNO continued to bring perspectives of Chinese academics to the UN. In collaboration with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and



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the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), QUNO participated in the China-Africa Peace and Security Research Cluster Seminar, which took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The same academics then came to New York to share their research and perspectives on peace and security issues in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya,

Zimbabwe and at the African Union, as well as look at China's engagement in peace operations, regional partnerships, and the role that China's commercial interests can play in sustaining peace. QUNO anticipates continued engagement with Chinese academics through our "prevention of violent conflict program."

## Influencing policy development on peacebuilding and sustaining peace

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The Sustaining Peace resolutions called on the UN Secretary-General to report on the progress and challenges facing the UN and its membership as they seek to build sustainable peace. QUNO has carried out significant work to influence this process, including through the New York Peacebuilding Group (NYPG), a peacebuilding organization network, which QUNO facilitates. Together, NYPG worked to influence the report drafting process to ensure that attention is given to peacebuilding policy and programming that is informed by lived realities and practitioner expertise, and carried out in

partnership with civil society. Additionally, QUNO, in partnership with GPPAC, conducted a research project (discussed on page 13) that produced recommendations to support the UN Secretary-General's report. This project also produced a report that provided analysis and recommendations for the work of the UN's Peacebuilding Architecture (PBA), which includes the PBC, Peacebuilding Fund, and Peacebuilding Support Office. This report will continue to inform QUNO's work to support and strengthen the PBA as it serves as the central avenue for UN peacebuilding.

## Bringing the local voices to the UN

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An essential part of QUNO's work is to ensure that diverse voices, including those working with impacted communities, inform UN discussions and policy development to support inclusive and holistic initiatives for peacebuilding and prevention.

QUNO hosted Getry Agizah, a Kenyan Quaker, and Coordinator of the Friends Church Peace Teams/ Transforming Communities for Social Change to share her work on community level peacebuilding to transform societies in western Kenya. Getry highlighted examples of how her training in Alternatives to Violence and Healing

and Rebuilding our Communities support community healing and reconciliation. QUNO then welcomed Abel Learwellie, Executive-Director of Camp for Peace Liberia, who engaged with the UN community about his work on youth empowerment and reconciliation to support peacebuilding in Liberia. The Civil Society-UN Prevention Platform also hosted an event at Quaker House New York entitled 'Reflections on the Role of Women in the Prevention of Violent Conflict', that provided space to discuss needed changes at the local and regional levels to increase women's meaningful

participation in peace processes and conflict prevention.

QUNO will continue to support inclusive

processes within the UN to strengthen its peacebuilding and prevention work by systematically engaging with and including civil society.

## Looking forward at the UN

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There is still a long way to go in fostering better knowledge and implementation of the new peace frameworks, including by mainstreaming peacebuilding ideas among policy makers, and aligning the UN's operational systems and other actors in the field. The new peace frameworks provide us with a very broad definition of peacebuilding. A particular challenge, as partly recognized in the joint UN/World Bank Report, *Pathways for Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict*,

is to better articulate the key issues, at the heart of sustainable peace. Above all, it is imperative to push back on the rapidly declining civil society space around the world, as governments, often in the name of security, are increasingly restricting the freedom of action of local civil society actors. QUNO will continue its programming to strengthen knowledge of and action on peacebuilding and prevention, emphasizing the centrality of inclusivity, partnerships, and the need for addressing conflict drivers.

Participants at the workshop, "Chinese Perspectives on Africa's Peace and Security Challenges: Views from the Field."





A view over Gaza City, February 2017



Andrew Tomlinson



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## Collaboration for complexity: the case of the Middle East

QUNO engages with country and regional situations that are chosen in part because of their significance to our work on UN themes and processes. When involved, it is critical that we are able to work with partners with detailed knowledge of local dynamics. The Middle East is one such case, where our work on the UN dimensions of this complex regional conflict system depends on collaboration with other peacebuilding actors, including Quaker organizations.

The appointment by AFSC of a Middle East Quaker International Affairs Representative (QIAR) has enabled us to explore work on the Syrian war, considering issues including prospects for reconciliation and the part played by civil society (in a collaboration with UNDP and AFSC) and the role of external actors.

In relation to Palestine and Israel, where significant changes in long-held US positions and new initiatives by regional powers are increasing uncertainty, we work both with AFSC, including visits this year to AFSC programs in Gaza, Jerusalem and the West Bank, and the NGO Working Group on Israel Palestine at the UN.

In the face of a complex and rapidly changing situation in the region, our approach remains consistent with Friends' experience and testimonies: to seek to accompany local people towards a resolution where everyone, of whatever nation, religion, culture or gender can sustainably enjoy peace, justice and inclusion.



The Security Council considers work  
of the Peacebuilding Commission

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Megan Schmidt



Grace Ishimwe



Anna Mijnlief

## Research to inform UN policy and practice

In 2015, QUNO, in partnership with GPPAC, published *Filling the Gap*, which analyzed the UN Peacebuilding Architecture's engagement with civil society. The environment at the UN has since changed dramatically, with the adoption of the sustaining peace resolutions, the welcoming of a new Secretary-General, and a renewed focus on peacebuilding and prevention. This has showed the need to better develop inclusive peacebuilding policy based on the needs of the whole society, and that is created and implemented in partnership with civil society. Additionally, renewed energy now surrounds the PBC, with the sustaining peace resolutions reaffirming its role as the central UN body for sustainable peace.

QUNO and GPPAC implemented an exciting

project to identify what these changes have meant in practice, looking at what challenges and opportunities have arisen, and how to continue strengthening UN peacebuilding. Following desk research and interviews with over 30 diverse UN and Member State colleagues, we explored how inclusivity and partnerships are understood and practiced, and analyzed the PBC's efforts to uphold its mission and mandate. Outputs from this extensive work included submitting recommendations to inform the UN Secretary-General's Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace report, and producing a joint publication with analysis and recommendations on these topics. The project's findings will continue to inform our work to strengthen UN capacity for supporting change through peaceful, inclusive means.



Passing through the Nuremberg train station in Germany

## Human rights and refugees

Our Human Rights and Refugees programme raises up the concerns of marginalized groups, so they are better understood by policymakers, which leads to stronger international standards. Frontline organizations can use these strengthened standards as a tool to limit suffering, improve lives and challenge the root causes of injustice.

Our methods of bringing issues to the attention of the international community, building support around them, fostering dialogue and playing a bridging role between the frontline and the UN have proved successful since the founding of the UN. Our work has directly contributed to the achievement of international standards on child soldiers, women prisoners and landmines, among other issues.

Throughout 2017, QUNO worked to support the role of civil society in the process to adopt a Global Compact on Migration. The New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants in September 2016 initiated a two-year process to develop two global agreements aimed at improving the response to refugees and migrants.

Our approach is to engage with human rights mechanisms to underline our conviction that the Migration Compact should be built on existing international human rights law and aimed at improving its implementation in order to uphold dignity for all people on the move. Our work included publishing a paper on accountability mechanisms drawing on the experience of all QUNO programmes.



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We look forward to continuing to work for the adoption of an ambitious, effective and human rights based compact in 2018.

Also in 2017, the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) adopted a resolution reaffirming recognition of the right to conscientious objection to military service and asking for an additional report on the processes in place for determining if someone is a conscientious objector. Such processes can be the critical factor in whether it is possible to exercise the right to conscientious objection or not. We welcome this resolution and have begun to work with conscientious objectors and others on gathering evidence for the report so that it can provide clear advice to States on how to carry out these processes in line with human rights.

We held an in-person meeting of the Child Rights Connect Working Group on Children of Incarcerated Parents to share

good practice with States and discuss ways forward on this issue with the Committee on the Rights of the Child. This was a rare opportunity to work together in person to celebrate the progress made and strategize together on next steps.

Our other priority areas include children of parents sentenced to death, stateless people and Indigenous peoples. We saw positive developments across all of these issues in 2017 and will continue to work for the realization of their rights in the year ahead.



The 29th Session of the UPR Working Group meets at the UN in Geneva

## Peace and disarmament

To prevent a slide back into violent conflict after a carefully negotiated peace agreement or, better still, to prevent violent conflict in the first place, root causes must be addressed. Land, water and food, for instance, shape billions of people's livelihoods, but these natural resources are increasingly strained because of climate change and environmental degradation. Poorly planned environmental decision-making that excludes marginalized or vulnerable groups can contribute to a breakdown of communication, damage social relations or increase tensions that can lead to violence.

In this way, peace, security, development and human rights are inextricably linked, and building peaceful, inclusive societies requires closer collaboration among all stakeholders. Although the United Nations recognizes this

fact, a lack of communication and cooperation between its institutions has sometimes led to contradictory approaches and missed opportunities.

Our Peace and Disarmament programme focuses on encouraging a more holistic and integrated approach at the international and local level. To this end, we engage UN institutions and communities that have not traditionally seen themselves as part of peacebuilding.

In 2017, QUNO offices in Geneva and New York collaborated to link human rights and sustaining peace through the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), a UN process that reviews the human rights records of all 193 UN Member States in a five-year cycle. We brought civil society representatives from





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Brazil, Indonesia and Ukraine to Geneva to share their experiences building peace at the grassroots level with diplomats. They discussed the challenges faced by peacebuilders on the ground and explored ways in which the UPR could better support peacebuilding and violence reduction.

We also continued to explore opportunities for crosscutting approaches that better address the complex causes of injustice and violence. Through the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, of which QUNO is a founding member, we hosted events on the particular connection of economic, social and cultural rights to destructive conflict, and the relationship between natural resource management and conflict prevention.

In 2017, our joint research project with the UN's Food & Agriculture Organization and QUNO's Food & Sustainability programme explored the vital role of farmer seed systems in local peacebuilding efforts. The exchange

and access to seeds is essential for small-scale farmers and the cooperative nature of seed exchange contributes to fostering trust among communities. Destructive conflict can undermine such cooperation, endangering communities' livelihoods.

At the Committee on World Food Security in October, and again during Geneva Peace Week in November, we presented the preliminary findings from this research, which will be published in 2018. The enthusiastic participation at these events indicated broad interest in the nexus between peace, food and nutrition security, which we hope will encourage further research and dialogue at the national and global levels.

In addition to our peacebuilding work, we track disarmament and arms control issues with a particular focus on nuclear disarmament and the Arms Trade Treaty.



Farmers in Madhya Pradesh, India during the monsoon season

## Food and sustainability

Food system sustainability begins with the world's 1.5 billion small-scale farmers, who produce at least 70 percent of the food we consume. The agricultural and biological diversity they manage is fundamental to the livelihoods, health and nutrition of billions and essential to the resilience and stability of our food system.

Despite being critical to the health of people and planet, the erosion of agrobiodiversity is occurring, while small-scale farmers are being displaced by modern agricultural systems. These modern, industrial systems underpin dietary simplification, over-consumption and associated chronic diseases, use 70 percent of the world's available freshwater resources and are major drivers of water pollution and climate change.

For these reasons, small-scale farmers and agricultural biodiversity are the entry point for our food and sustainability work. They are also critical to the achievement of many of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The voice of small-scale farmers is largely absent from national and international decision-making. QUNO seeks to bring their perspectives into the conversation through our meetings, research and publications.

We work to shift the dominant discourse at the UN and other international institutions, reversing the displacement of small-scale farmers and the erosion of agricultural biodiversity.

In 2017, we were invited to an expert meeting of UN agencies about achieving



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the Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG 2) on eliminating hunger, followed by the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in New York, where QUNO delivered the only statement permitted from civil society on SDG 2.

In advance of these meetings, we hosted an off-the-record meeting at Quaker House New York, which was attended by 20 experts, including two women farmers who later shared the stage at the HLPF with the Assistant-Secretary-General. With a sense of common cause outweighing differences among the participants from industry, UN agencies and civil society, this group agreed to ten key messages to send to the HLPF and helped amplify the critical voices and perspectives of small-scale farmers.

In November, the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture established a working group to focus on the article that concerns Farmers'

Rights. As its implementation has been controversial from the beginning of the Treaty, this development is positive. QUNO has hosted several consultations and written targeted publications highlighting the importance of the rights of small-scale farmers and specific means to support them. These efforts, along with the collaborative work of other civil society organizations, contributed greatly to the creation of the working group.

By asking critical questions and bringing together different perspectives, our goal is to keep these conversations going, with the long-term objective of achieving more just and sustainable food systems.

# United Nations Climate Change Conference

Bonn, Germany



The UN climate change conference in Bonn, Germany

## Human impacts of climate change

QUNO views climate change as a peace and justice concern. We recognize that the human activities intensifying climate change are linked to other environmental crises unprecedented in our history, including ocean acidification, soil erosion, chemical pollution, biodiversity loss and species extinction.

Urgent, rights-based climate action is critical to ensure that the most vulnerable now, and all future generations, do not experience catastrophic climate change. For these reasons, QUNO works at the multilateral level, while connecting these efforts with grassroots communities.

We offer quiet diplomacy at the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to help build

communication and understanding between countries. In 2017, we held three small, off-the-record dinners with climate negotiators to discuss sensitive issues facing the negotiations. Since 2013, over 56 countries have participated in a total of 18 QUNO quiet diplomacy dinners.

At the UNFCCC negotiations, we were involved in side events focused on urgent climate action, visionary leadership for clean energy, sustainable lifestyles, and risks of geo-engineering. One outcome of these events was the publication, *A Negotiator's Toolkit: Engaging busy Ministries with concise arguments for urgent climate action*. This booklet summarizes eight arguments for urgent, rights-based climate action. Due to demand, a second edition will be published in 2018.

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As observers to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), we attended the annual conference to urge greater inclusion of climate justice perspectives and research on lifestyle and consumption patterns in their influential climate reports. With British Quakers, we held two inter-faith meetings with IPCC scientists and over 60 high-level faith representatives to discuss the latest science and to encourage sufficient research on sustainable lifestyles. We highlight risks of reliance on unproven geo-engineering technical fixes, which may address some symptoms but fail to transform the root causes of climate change, including the economic and social structures which intensify current environmental crises.

We give statements at the UN Human Rights Council on climate justice issues, promote rights-based approaches to climate action, and serve on the Advisory Committee of the Platform on Disaster

Displacement. We are exploring new work involving extraterritorial human rights obligations (ETO) in the context of climate change, and participated in the European ETO consortium conference.

We increased our involvement on climate change as a peace concern and were invited to the Planetary Security Conference in The Hague, where we highlighted peacebuilding approaches with the diplomatic and security communities.

We give talks to Quaker and other grass-roots communities to help connect local climate change efforts with international developments, and we created a web portal, [quakersandclimatechange.com](http://quakersandclimatechange.com), to document individual, community, national and international Quakers activities on climate change and sustainable livelihoods.

# Other Quaker work at the UN

## Canadian Friends Service Committee

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The Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC) continued its role as the lead on Indigenous rights for Friends at the UN, in partnership with Indigenous peoples and Quakers around the world.

2017 was an exciting year for Indigenous peoples at the UN, as the world celebrated a decade since the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was adopted by the General Assembly. CFSC's Indigenous rights work is guided by the Declaration, and over the years we have led and supported advocacy efforts towards the implementation of the Declaration. This year in Canada the govern-

ment agreed to implement the Declaration through a legislative framework, which could add pressure to other States to respect the rights affirmed in this important text.

CFSC also monitors other international forums dealing with Indigenous Peoples' rights, such as human rights treaty bodies and the Convention on Biological Diversity. When working in New York and Geneva, CFSC is supported by the QUNO offices. Indigenous Peoples and Member State representatives appreciate the space Friends provide for substantive, creative, and productive discussion.

## FWCC Representatives to the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

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Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) works for the reform of justice systems throughout the world, seeking a system of justice which promotes personal responsibility, mutual understanding and healing. FWCC representatives and QUNO staff regularly attend the UN Crime Congresses and sessions of the

United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna, meeting with and advising criminal justice professionals, government officials and delegates on issues such as restorative justice, the children of imprisoned parents and women prisoners.

## Quaker Earthcare Witness

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Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW), based in North America, is accredited to attend meetings of the UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), climate negotiations (UNFCCC) and environment agency (UNEP) based on concern for how we live on and care for the Earth. QEW's mission at the UN is to learn and report back to its constituencies on what is happening internationally and to provide educational programming at the UN in

these areas of concern. This broadens Friends' knowledge and helps Quakers discern what actions they may be led to take in a global context. QEW works with other Quaker groups, ecumenical and interfaith groups, and other civil society organizations.

*More information is available at [quakerearthcare.org](http://quakerearthcare.org)*

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## Quaker United Nations Committee Geneva

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**In 2017, members were as follows:**

**For FWCC:** Chris Allan, Charles Berahino, Gretchen Castle, Betty Pulido, Carolan Redfearn

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## Quaker United Nations Committee New York

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A view of Quaker House Geneva

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## Donations to QUNO New York

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### Online

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QUNO Staff speak to Brooklyn Friends School

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