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Who we are

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 worldwide 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.

This QUNO Review will show you some of the highlights and challenges of our work. It is updated annually. The content of this edition focuses mainly on work conducted during 2015. We invite you to contact us for further information.

Our work is rooted in the Quaker testimonies of peace, truth, justice, equality and simplicity. We understand peace as more than the absence of war and violence, acknowledging 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.

Cover: Sunrise illuminating the Great Ridge, from Mam Tor, Peak District National Park, UK

Left: The New York Peacebuilding Group meet out on the terrace in Quaker House

Geneva colleagues, from left: Susan Sprague Parachini, Diane Hendrick, Rene Lejeune, Lindsey Fielder Cook, Daniel Cullen, Mihan Borhani, Laurel Townhead, Patrick Endall, Jonathan Woolley, Stephen Schenck, Susan Bragdon

New York colleagues, clockwise from top left: Andrew Tomlinson, Hannah Larn, Rachel Madenyika, Elisabeth Halliday-Quan, Debbie Leter, Linda Kitenge, Camilla Campisi

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A message from our Directors

2015 marked the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations. Formed out of the experience of the horrors of global conflict, the organization has survived against all odds, continuing the effort to “save succeeding generations from the scourge of war” despite an ever-changing world around us, and a budget for peace that is a tiny fraction of what countries set aside for war.

The last twelve months have seen the international community take on an unprecedented number of multilateral challenges against a backdrop of increasing violence and the largest number of displaced people since the UN was founded. Where countries have been willing to seek common ground and find a way to move forward in partnership and with mutual respect, there have been significant successes, such as the agreements on climate change and the 2030 Agenda. Where countries have acted out of fear and narrow national interest, even in the face of widespread human suffering, progress has been elusive, as evidenced in the deterioration of the situation in the Middle East.

QUNO has played a significant part in a number of the larger UN processes, working with delegates and policy-makers, often behind the scenes, to keep open the space for high level policy decisions to reflect the needs of ordinary people around the world, and for highly technical negotiations among the few to connect with the peace and justice concerns of the many. At the same time, QUNO colleagues have continued to press ahead with the long term, steady work across a range of Friends’ concerns that is our hallmark.

As we reflect on the demands of a challenging year, we give thanks for your encouragement and support.

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Director, QUNO New York

Jonathan Woolley
Director, QUNO Geneva



Top: Susan Bragdon with 2015 Geneva Summer School participants; Middle: The Quaker House Geneva garden in autumn; Laurel Townhead, Lindsey Fielder Cook and David Elliott at the Human Rights Council; Bottom: Canadian Friends Service Committee staff at Quaker House in New York; Adrien Niyongabo, of Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities (HROC), with QUNO's Rachel Madenyika

Quaker House New York in winter

QUNO Summer School 2015



How we work

Bringing people together: *Providing space for informal dialogue*

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*

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. Our focus on intellectual property helped achieve the adoption of the Development Agenda within the World Intellectual Property Organization, which aims to ensure that development considerations form an integral part of that organization's work. Through our attention to disarmament, landmines and small arms issues, we have helped shape UN priorities for peacebuilding on the ground and we have upheld the value of reconciliation and dialogue across all levels of post-conflict societies.



Research and publications:
*Developing an evidence base and
 identifying good practices*

QUNO produces an extensive range of specialist publications. We are recognized as a catalyst, partnering with others to harness their expertise and knowledge and bringing existing work to the attention of policymakers. 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 economic work, we emphasise the importance of equity and sustainability in the global food system, calling for greater dialogue between small scale farmers and international decision makers. For a list of our recent publications, see page 30.

Engaging young people:
*Involving Quakers and young people
 from around the world*

Both the New York and Geneva offices host one-year Programme Assistant positions, providing a unique capacity-building experience for young professionals interested in international processes. Many go on to work in the areas of human rights, disarmament, peacebuilding, development and diplomacy. In addition, every July, QUNO Geneva hosts a Summer School, giving around twenty-five people an opportunity to learn more about QUNO and its activities at the UN. We have run our two-week summer school since 1955 and many participants have gone on to pursue careers in the UN and international affairs.



Peacebuilding and the prevention of violent conflict

UN peacebuilding and the inclusion of local perspectives

QUNO played a key role in facilitating the inclusion of a diversity of perspectives on peacebuilding in UN policy conversations in New York.

QUNO continued to facilitate the work of NGOs in New York on peacebuilding, including as part of the New York Peacebuilding Group, which in March brought eight civil society partners to meet with the high-level panels on the UN reviews on peacebuilding and peace operations. The Group also met with key member state and UN actors and worked to ensure that local perspectives and civil society input were part of high-level policy discussions in New York.

On Burundi, QUNO focused on lifting up the work of Burundian civil society, including local Quakers, on early

warning/early response to the 2015 elections, particularly following the outbreak of the political crisis in the country in April. QUNO hosted several informal, off the record meetings on Burundi at Quaker House and invited experts and local actors to share their perspectives and recommendations with a UN audience. This helped highlight the important peacebuilding and prevention work taking place in the country.

The role of the UN in preventing violent conflict

As QUNO continues its work today, in an ever-changing world of global relations, our understanding of the Peace Testimony and our witness to it continues to deepen. Friends have moved throughout history from war resistance to war relief service, from protesting for peace to educating for

Rachel Madenyika
participating in a
workshop in Beijing,
China on the role
of civil society in
peacebuilding

QUNO seeks to transform the UN's work on peacebuilding and the prevention of violent conflict towards a more holistic approach that emphasizes inclusion, dialogue, and reconciliation.

peace, from conflict mediation to conflict transformation. More so today, we are called again to broaden our testimony for a peaceful world, to labor with others not only for a peaceful end to violence, but also for the peaceful *prevention* of violence. QUNO anticipate more detailed planning over the coming months, particularly in respect of the “prevention of violent conflict” programme.

Our work on prevention will focus on extensive scoping, research and strengthening linkages with UN bodies involved in prevention with the goal of having QUNO become a resource organization on non-violent prevention. The 2015 Fellow project, *Peaceful Change by Peaceful Means*, helped QUNO refine its thinking in respect of working methods and comparative advantage. The 2016 Fellow will support this programme with a focus on prevention issues arising in the follow up to the Peace Operations Review. As further scoping continues, specific projects will be identified.

China Engagement

QUNO continued to enhance its work on China as a rising power. In collaboration with the United Nations Association of China (UNA-China), the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), and the Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum at the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) QUNO held a workshop in Beijing in 2015 which brought together scholars from the U.S. and China; local NGO workers faced with conflict situations in Africa; and policy advisors within the UN. The series of closed discussions delved into the UN Peace Operations Review and Peacebuilding Architecture Review; perspectives on UN peacekeeping and peacebuilding in Africa; reports on China's effort to integrate women into global peace and security; and emerging peace practice tools and approaches in China, Africa and the West.

QUNO was also invited as a plenary speaker at a Beijing event in July organized by the UN Association of China celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the UN.



Integrating peacebuilding and prevention approaches across the UN

In addition to these specific areas of work, QUNO engaged in broader policy debates, bringing a peacebuilding and prevention perspective to a wide range of issues across the “three pillars” of the UN – peace & security, development and human rights. For example, QUNO facilitated discussions on peacebuilding approaches to Preventing Violent Extremism, and engaged with policymakers on the role of broader social and political factors in Development, Disaster Response and Humanitarian Action.

As a member of the Steering Group of the NGO Working Group on the Security Council, QUNO promoted the inclusion of NGO perspectives at the highest levels of UN peace and security decision-making and continued to make the case for reflecting longer-term perspectives on building sustainable peace into UN mandates.

QUNO has established an annual convening under the title of “What’s next in Peacebuilding?” which brings together leading peacebuilding policy experts in order to share lessons learned, to consider collaborations, and to bring new perspectives and insights to a UN audience. In September, 2015 we also drafted and organized a statement by forty peacebuilding organizations on the International Day of Peace, which emphasized the need to prioritize local needs, understand the context, do no harm and increase resilience. (see *Facing the Challenge of Peace: A Statement by Peacebuilding Organizations*, available on the QUNO website).

Middle East

For the first time since 1997 and just the second time ever, the Security Council in July 2015 held an Arrria-formula meeting focusing specifically on the issue of Palestine. An Arrria-formula is an informal meeting of Security Council members, designed to allow for more extensive input from civil society and

New York Director Andrew Tomlinson speaks in a break-out session at the Alliance for Peacebuilding Conference

QUNO hosts a “What’s Next in Peacebuilding” meeting at Quaker House New York



others on issues before the council. Co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Malaysia and Jordan, with assistance from the Israel-Palestine NGO Working Group, the meeting, Reflections One Year Later and Charting a New Course for Gaza, featured briefings from speakers from civil society and academia, and was well attended by Council members and the UN community alike. QUNO

acted as the secretariat for the working group throughout the process, and also arranged for the publication of the speakers’ presentations, supported by AFSC.

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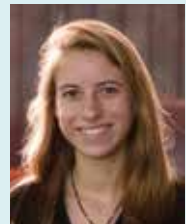
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Food and sustainability

Approaching agricultural policy with a focus on small-scale farmers helps us to better pursue our core objectives: shifting unhelpful narratives and fostering coherent policies that support, rather than undermine, sustainable food security.

Small-scale farmers produce at least half of the world's food, but their voices remain largely absent in multilateral decision-making. Because of this, we have been hosting consultations to explore how to make the current food system more inclusive. These generated the idea of an interactive tool that could improve policymaking by clarifying the relationships between different food security measures and WTO trade rules. Our third consultation in April discussed the design and content of the tool. All the consultations have involved participants from around the world, including trade negotiators, small-scale farmers and researchers.

These relationships between trade and food security measures are often ambiguous. The tool is designed as a resource for stakeholders at the national and international level – be they small-scale farmer organizations, trade negotiators or other policy makers. By making it quick and easy to identify measures relevant to particular contexts, we hope to facilitate coherent policymaking that does not compromise food security objectives. With further funding the tool will also allow users to share experience, new research and information through a moderated forum.

We now have an advanced prototype, which is being refined after demonstrations held at the WTO Public Forum and World Committee on Food Security in October. A detailed analysis, *The Relationship between Food Security Measures and WTO Trade Rules*, is available on the QUNO website.

Joe Ouko, a small-scale farmer from Kenya and participant in QUNO's consultation on small-scale farmer innovation

QUNO believes that small-scale farmers are critical to global food security, yet they are often overlooked or disadvantaged by global policy. It is vital that multilateral discussions broaden their scope to include farmers' voices.

QUNO's work also examines small-scale farmers' roles as innovators, linking this to current developments within the field of intellectual property. We remain active at the World Intellectual Property Rights Organization. In May 2015, we held our first consultation on the subject, to map out the drivers and inhibitors of small-scale farmer innovation and consider the role of international policy in creating an enabling environment for it. We have since published a literature review on farmer innovation, a policy brief, *Small-scale Farmer Innovation* on this topic, as well as *Realizing the Right to Food in an Era of Climate Change*, which highlights

farmers' crucial role as custodians and innovators in maintaining resilient food systems. Through these and other publications, we hope to make the issues more accessible and extend the discourse to a wider audience.

Elsewhere, QUNO has continued to advocate for more inclusive agricultural policymaking at the multilateral level. By listening to farmers' voices and seeking to make them heard within these forums, we are able to push for more inclusive and equitable agricultural policy.

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Human impacts of climate change

We approach climate change as a peace and justice concern, focusing on the human impact of global efforts to avoid catastrophic climate change.

At the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), we continue to offer quiet diplomacy. We bring together groups of negotiators from diverse countries in off-the-record dinners to discuss highly sensitive issues that are blocking progress, and engage one-on-one with country delegations. We encourage negotiators to speak personally and in the interests of humanity, while exploring ideas on how to move forward. Following the Conference of Parties (COP 21) in Paris in December 2015, many participating negotiators credited QUNO's quiet diplomacy over the last two-and-a-half years as playing a significant role in promoting an atmosphere of "higher purpose" in otherwise difficult negotiations.

For the COP 21, QUNO prepared four briefing papers: the history and current

challenges facing the UNFCCC; the critical role of grassroots action; questions for policy makers; and a summary of recent climate science. In June, we co-sponsored a workshop at the UNFCCC titled, Moving Beyond Conflict to Build a Shared Purpose.

The Paris Climate Change Agreement created a global framework for action that is extraordinary for its support across State parties, its improved compliance and its ambitious temperature goal. Yet the Agreement lacks legally binding targets for greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and financial support to developing countries. QUNO will therefore continue to prioritize its quiet diplomacy efforts and the need for urgent and sustained action by governments.

Throughout 2015, QUNO supported efforts at the UNFCCC to include human rights in the drafting of the climate change agreement. At the March 2015 Human Rights Council, we co-sponsored a side event with the Friedrich

The Comité de Paris: Presentation of the Draft Outcome Document at the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris (COP21)

QUNO views climate change due to human activities as a symptom of a greater challenge, how to live sustainably and justly on Earth.

Ebert Stiftung on Climate Change and Human Rights: The Way Forward and delivered an oral statement on human rights and the environment. QUNO recently published a briefing paper *Climate Change and Justice*.

As members of the Nansen Initiative Consultative Committee, all QUNO programmes offered input to the final draft of the Protection Agenda, which focuses on cross-border migration due to natural disasters, including displacement due to climate change.

We continue to support worldwide Quaker action on climate change. In September, QUNO and the Friends

Committee on National Legislation co-facilitated a conversation at Quaker House New York to support the climate advocacy movement in finding a shared voice. We continue to coordinate the *Quaker Statement on Climate Change*, the creation of a sustainability page for the Quakers in the World (QITW) website, and discussions on climate science and our ethical response. In February 2016, QUNO participated in an Expert Meeting in Norway on the communication of climate science organized by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

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Human rights and refugees

We foster dialogue to support and improve the functioning of the UN human rights system so that it can better protect the rights of all. Our current thematic work focuses on children of prisoners, children of parents sentenced to death or executed, conscientious objectors to military service, Indigenous peoples and refugees.

QUNO has worked to ensure that the rights of children of prisoners and especially those whose parents are sentenced to death or executed continue to be recognized.

A positive development in this area in 2015 was the establishment of an international network for those working with children of incarcerated parents. We have helped guide the initial steps of this network and will work with it to increase understanding of the available human rights protections.

To enable this, and to help draw attention to this issue at the UN Crime

Congress in Qatar in April 2015, we published a briefing paper on the relevant international standards. The Committee on the Rights of the Child continued to raise questions and make concluding observations relating to the rights of children of incarcerated parents in general and to pick up on the specific issue of children of parents sentenced to death or executed.

There was cause for celebration with the adoption of the Revised Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (to be known as the Nelson Mandela Rules). The revision process has brought the original rules from 1955 into line with human rights standards. We look forward to working with these new standards to improve the lives of prisoners and their children.

We continue to work with conscientious objectors and their organizations. This past year resulted in recommendations through the Universal Periodic Review process and the Human Rights

QUNO's belief in the inherent worth of every individual leads us to work for the promotion and protection of human rights for all. We focus on marginalized groups—those whose voices, experiences and rights are ignored.

Committee. The steady advancements in the recognition of the right to conscientious objection to military service led us to publish an updated overview of the international standards in January 2015.

We work to improve communication and cooperation across the UN's processes and agencies, including by making connections with QUNO's other programmes. The Human Rights Council panel discussion on human rights, climate change and the right to food provided a great opportunity for us to work together internally to harness our different and complementary areas of expertise. We continue to actively

seek opportunities to work in this way, and current cross-programme work is underway on the links between human rights and peacebuilding.

2016 will be shaped by a series of milestones: the tenth anniversary of the creation of the Human Rights Council, the sixth World Congress Against the Death Penalty and the fifth anniversary of the Committee on the Rights of the Child's Day of General Discussion on children of incarcerated parents. Each of these events presents an opportunity for reflection on progress made and also a chance to shine a light on the rights of some of the least visible.

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Peace and disarmament

Our peace and disarmament programme grows out of a long Quaker history of working for peace. QUNO works with diplomats, NGOs, United Nations staff and others in Geneva and beyond to support the creation of legal instruments, new policy and effective practice.

QUNO's peacebuilding work in 2016 aims to take advantage of the propitious moment created by the peace and security reviews of 2015 – of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture, Peace Operations and implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security – and the inclusion of Goal 16 on peaceful and inclusive societies in the Global Goals for Sustainable Development.

The recognition at a global level of the essentially interrelated roles of the UN's three pillars of peace, development and human rights, reflects QUNO's approach to cross-cutting peace work. A particular focus of the work in 2016 will be trying

to build more effective communication and collaboration between the peace and security institutions in New York and the human rights machinery and processes in Geneva. QUNO is planning a series of activities throughout the year engaging human rights and peace and security communities within and beyond the UN, which bring together the work of both Geneva and New York.

As the potential for businesses to play a constructive role in economic development, respect for human rights and the prevention of destructive conflict around investment becomes increasingly recognised, QUNO is collaborating with our colleagues in the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) in East Asia to raise awareness, and encourage the adoption of conflict sensitive approaches to business.

In November 2015, QUNO and AFSC organised successful off the record expert exchanges in Geneva between

Participatory mapping with members of the Peru Potato Park communities

QUNO recognizes that peace means more than the absence of overt violence and has fundamentally to do with social and economic justice and political participation. Where these are denied, the roots of violence can be found.

businesspeople from China and the West, academics and NGO representatives working in this area. This work will be further developed in China and Geneva during 2016.

QUNO continues to monitor developments around nuclear disarmament and the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). Geneva has been selected as the permanent seat of the ATT Secretariat and in 2016, the UN Open Ended Working Group on Taking Forward Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament Negotiations (OEWG) will bring together UN member states and civil society to attempt to revitalize nuclear disarmament efforts. QUNO is well-placed to follow developments in both processes over the coming year.

Natural resources, conflict and cooperation

A large part of our peacebuilding work focuses on cross-cutting work

around natural resources, conflict and cooperation. In light of climate change, developing equitable and peaceful management of water, land and food is increasingly urgent, and QUNO's work involves identifying good practices for policy makers, highlighting ways to prevent conflict and build peace around natural resources.

We work with international forums and processes in Geneva to support participatory and equitable natural resource management with a view to preventing destructive conflict. QUNO is attempting to break down barriers and foster a holistic approach to natural resource management that recognizes approaches that are rights-based and that prevent destructive conflict as mutually reinforcing. To this end, QUNO engages with environmental rights forums at the United Nations, as well as interacting with the human rights processes in Geneva, bringing a peacebuilding lens to these settings.



QUNO has continued to support the efforts to achieve a strong regional agreement on environmental rights in the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region, based on Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration. Our publication, *Building Peace through Principle 10*, which included good practice examples from the region, stressed the importance of such legal frameworks for equitable, peaceful and sustainable natural resource management, and was distributed to country delegates and civil society representatives involved in the

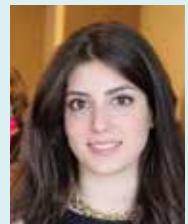
negotiations. Building on this work, QUNO is planning to organize events at the Human Rights Council to raise awareness of the Principle 10 process among the Latin American missions in Geneva and demonstrate the importance of a strong agreement in preventing destructive conflict around water, land and food in the LAC region.

Diane Hendrick speaks at a commemoration event on the Genocide in Rwanda

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Review of the UN's Peacebuilding Architecture



Over the past several years QUNO has worked on improving civil society's access to the UN's Peacebuilding Architecture (PBA), which includes the UN's Peacebuilding Commission (PBC), the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF), and the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO). QUNO engages with the PBA both in high-level policy debates in New York as well as through country specific cases, most notably Burundi, where we partner with American Friends Service Committee and other local Friends organizations.

In April 2015, QUNO and the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) published a report entitled *Filling the Gap: How civil society engagement can help the UN's Peacebuilding Architecture meet its purpose*, as a contribution to the 10 year review of the PBA. This report was based on interviews conducted in New York with UN experts, diplomats, and NGOs, as well as field research carried out by local peacebuilders in Burundi, the Central African Republic (CAR), and Liberia.

In June 2015, QUNO launched the report in New York with the three local researchers who had contributed to the report through a series of meetings at Quaker House as well as bi-lateral discussions with key actors. This gave us the opportunity to both highlight the recommendations of the report to a wide audience, and also feature the expertise and local perspectives of the three peacebuilders from Burundi, CAR, and Liberia.

Several of the recommendations from the *Filling the Gap* report were included in the final review of the PBA, which was released in July 2015. QUNO has since worked to ensure that these recommendations are being implemented and will continue to focus on enhancing the way in which the UN meaningfully involves civil society and local peacebuilders in its peacebuilding activities, in order to improve its effectiveness overall.

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Peace, development, and the sustainable development goals



After more than three years, the work of QUNO and our partners to support the inclusion of peacebuilding perspectives in the Sustainable Development Goals has been successful. The final text *Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* was approved at the Special Summit from 25 to 27 September 2015. “Peace” is named as one of the five areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet that are listed in the preamble: “We are determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence.”

Goal 16 (“Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels”), is the key goal for peace issues, but other goals and targets are equally important in this area, including Goal 10 (“Reduce inequality within and among countries”)

and others. Goal 16 addresses broad issues (violence reduction), internal drivers of violent conflict (rule of law, access to justice, corruption, accountable institutions, inclusive decision making) and external ones (illicit financial and arms flows, organized crime, global governance).

QUNO worked to reinforce the commitment of like-minded member states while shifting perspectives of the others, through bilateral conversations and targeted high-level meetings. We acted as a convener and catalyst for peacebuilding civil society organizations, and contributed to the normative arguments, including through articles, presentations and media.

It has been suggested that Goal 16 would not have survived the intergovernmental process without the active engagement of civil society. QUNO is pleased to have played its part.

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Other Quaker work at the UN

Canadian Friends Service Committee

Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC) carries out Quaker work at the UN in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, with a focus on the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

In partnership with Indigenous Peoples' organizations, CFSC actively participates at the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Geneva and the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York.

This year submissions were made on the Outcome Document from the 2014 World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, implementation of the UN Declaration, and on preventing violence against Indigenous women and girls. Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission was also a highlight, including working with the TRC and the office of the UN Secretary General to make the global linkages of this critical work.

CFSC also monitors other international forums dealing with the rights of Indigenous Peoples, 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 discussion.

More information is available at www.quakerservice.ca

CFSC partner Kenneth Deer (Indigenous World Association) prepares his statement at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, while Monica Walters-Field listens to proceedings

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

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.

FWCC was fully engaged in the process of revising the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (SMR). In 2015, FWCC participated in the preparation of new rules on the children of imprisoned parents, solitary confinement, conflict resolution, and disabilities. The United Nations General Assembly adopted the new set of SMR, called the Nelson Mandela Rules, in December 2015. FWCC will continue to be involved as the focus shifts from revising the SMR to their implementation. This work helps strengthen links between human rights and criminal justice policy by alerting human rights specialists to conditions and treatment in prisons, and reminding criminal justice experts about obligations to respect the integrity of every detained person.

Quaker Earthcare Witness

Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW), based in North America, is accredited to attend meetings of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), climate negotiations (UNFCCC) and the environment (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 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.

QEW has enabled Friends to attend UN meetings all over the world, including facilitating the attendance of QUNO staff at climate negotiations in Doha (2012) and Warsaw (2013).

In 2015, QEW followed the development of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) along with other members of civil society and participated as observers at the UNFCCC in Paris. QEW publishes reports on UN negotiations bimonthly in its newsletter, BeFriending Creation, and on its website.

More information is available at www.quakerearthcare.org



Looking forward

Recent developments guide our plans as we look forward to QUNO's work in 2016 and beyond.

First, the completion of complex multilateral negotiations on Climate Change and on the 2030 Agenda (including the Sustainable Development Goals) reinforces our belief that the patient building of understanding among diplomats and officials can help create the necessary foundation for long term international policy change.

Second, we see increasing receptiveness at the UN and beyond for approaches that cut across the disciplinary "silos" that characterize many UN agencies and government departments. QUNO's unusual structure and history help us to be at the forefront of working across traditional boundaries.

These developments underline the importance of QUNO's balanced and consultative approach that emphasizes listening, discernment, thoughtful research and linking to community needs and aspirations, even in the most complex international forums.

As we plan for a pivotal year at the UN, the first for a new Secretary General, we are also redoubling our efforts to fund our work at the present scale. The assistance provided by Quakers worldwide, and particularly by Britain Yearly Meeting and the American Friends Service Committee, anchors our long-term vision and commitment. Yet to realize QUNO's full potential we need the additional substantial support of individuals and organisations that believe in the importance of collaborative and people-based international policymaking.



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