

Point 3 - Annexure II

Behram Pastakia's inputs regarding UN programs.

UN Programs:

[a] The FEZANA UN-NGO team presented a workshop at the 52nd Commission on the Status of Women [CSW] at United Nations Headquarters on 29th February, 2008 on "*Technology and the Private Sector Bringing solutions in Financing to impoverished Communities*" with leadership provided by Afreed Mistry of Toronto, Canada.

Zoroastrians from Pakistan, Iran, India and North America helped translate the press releases for this presentation -- made available in English, French, Urdu, Spanish, Gujarati and Farsi, posted on www.fezana.org

Reports from the UN were published in *Parsiana*, *Hamazor* and *Fezana Journal* by team members.

The cover of the spring *Hamazor* magazine {issue #2, 2008} has a painting by Jeroo Roy that highlights an article written by Dolly Dastoor which speaks to the issue of empowering women and children.

[b] FEZANA's affiliation to continue its consultative status with the Economic and Social Council [ECOSOC] was submitted for quadriennial review and approved by the United Nations. The next review is slated for the year 2012.

[c] A Zoroastrian team has been put together to participate in Paris, France for the 61st annual DPI/NGO {Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organization} meeting scheduled to held from September 3rd to 5th 2008 at UNESCO headquarters. The theme this year will be on Human Rights to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [UDHR]

[d] A submission was made to the elected executive members of the World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce [WZCC] to make available to its members information on "*The Global Compact*". This is a document which deals with principles of ethics in business, and human rights in the workplace which can be voluntarily subscribed to by businesses:
<http://www.unglobalcompact.org/HowToParticipate/index.html>

[e] Information with web-links, Frequently Asked Questions and details was put together as a package and uploaded on www.zoroastrains.net under the 'Round Table' Category, to help Zoroastrian entities worldwide to seek affiliation with the United Nations.