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Dear Mr. Yehuda Meshi Zahav,

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations of the Department of Public Information (DPI) met in December to consider new applications from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for association with DPI. I am pleased to inform you that the Committee approved **ZAKA Rescue and Recovery** for association with the Department, effective immediately.

This association constitutes a commitment on the part of your organization to disseminate information and raise public awareness about the purposes and activities of the United Nations and issues of global concern. Associated NGOs are expected to focus a portion of their publications and information activities on the work of the United Nations. You are encouraged to cooperate with the United Nations Information Centres or Services in your country and with representatives of other parts of the United Nations in the area of your expertise.

You are also expected to keep the DPI/NGO Section informed of the activities you undertake and to send us relevant publications and other materials. In the case of an amendment to your organizational structure or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended documents. Also, you should inform us of all changes in your name or address or representatives to this Department.

In this regard, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that as an associated NGO, you are entitled to designate one main and one alternate representative, who will be granted United Nations photo grounds passes which are renewable annually. Please fill out and return the enclosed 2006 Accreditation Form. Please note that your representative(s) should come to the NGO Resource Centre **in person** to receive the grounds pass. The pass will give your representative(s) access to United Nations facilities and to all open meetings of the United Nations bodies, which they can attend as observers. Representatives are also invited to attend the Thursday NGO briefings organized by the Department, featuring United Nations officials, Government delegates and other experts, including NGOs.

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Please be informed that the Orientation Programme for new NGO representatives is scheduled for 22-23 February 2006. The registration form will be sent in January.

Your organization will also be listed on our Directory of NGOs associated with DPI, which is disseminated in print form and via our Web site noted below.

Your representatives are welcome to consult United Nations print, audio and video materials at the NGO Resource Centre. The NGO Section also offers an annual orientation programme for newly accredited NGO representatives. We will inform you of the dates of the next programme.

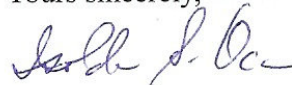
Your organization will start receiving monthly mailings of relevant United Nations materials and information on United Nations conferences, seminars, briefings and other events. These materials will be sent to your Headquarters unless you instruct us to send them elsewhere. Information on these events is also available on our Web site at: <http://www.un.org/dpi/ngosection.htm>.

I would like to inform you that association of NGOs with DPI does not constitute their incorporation into the United Nations system, nor does it entitle associated organizations or their staff to any kind of privileges, immunities or special status.

Please also note that only the United Nations can use the UN emblem. The UN emblem may not be used unless approval has been granted by the Legal Office of the UN. You may refer to your association with DPI in the following way: the name of your organization followed by a phrase such as "associated with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations". On your business cards, please refer to yourself as representative of your organization associated with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations. It would be incorrect to refer to yourself as a delegate or representative to the UN since these terms can only be used by Member States.

Again, it is my pleasure to welcome your organization among NGOs associated with DPI and to assure you that myself and the staff of the DPI/NGO Section, look forward to a productive partnership in the pursuit of our common goals.

Yours sincerely,



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