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Invitation to the Civil Society Development Forum 2011

Geneva Component

“CIVIL SOCIETY’S ESSENTIAL ROLE IN ACHIEVING EDUCATION FOR ALL”

June 29 and 30 and July 1, 2011

Ecumenical Centre, 150 Rte de Ferney, Geneva

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

1. The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) will begin its annual session in Geneva on July 4, 2011. ECOSOC now opens with an Annual Ministerial Review which this year will focus on “Implementing the internationally-agreed goals and commitments in regard to education”. Major attention will be given to achieving the relevant Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and to accelerating Education For All (EFA). It is evident that these topics are the concern of a very large number of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and that the coherent input of CSOs to ECOSOC deliberations is vital to the generation of political will and to the achievement of measurable results. Competent CSO input enhances responsible government output.
2. As in all recent years, CoNGO will play its role of fostering, encouraging, enlarging, mobilizing and channeling the presence and voice of CSOs to ECOSOC. Every NGO in Consultative Status with ECOSOC is naturally entitled to follow the session and bring its views and recommendations to governments. The CoNGO role is to assist CSOs to formulate and convey collective inputs that will have their effect on and in the decision-making processes.

3. CoNGO will therefore once more organize a Civil Society Development Forum (CSDF) immediately preceding ECOSOC. The CSDF is open to all CSOs, whether in Consultative Status or not. The overall title will be "CIVIL SOCIETY'S ESSENTIAL ROLE IN ACHIEVING EDUCATION FOR ALL".
4. An outline programme and Registration Form are attached. The programme will be updated on the CoNGO website (www.ngocongo.org) every few days.
5. YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!

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