

Memo: Sister Mary Beth Reissen

From: M. Henrita
Re: NGO Status
Date: May 17, 1992

Warm greetings from Rome!

Enclosed you will find some guidelines for your report. They are arranged according to topics with suggestions of appropriate ideas under each topic that could help flesh out the report. I hope that they will be helpful. Where information requested is already available in printed form simply send a copy of the information. I would like to stress that your research and reflections will be used in writing the proposal regarding NGO status to the general chapter and in providing information at it. Therefore, it is important that it be representative of your respective major area.

Let us try to aim for June 19, 1992 as a deadline for FAXING me your report. If this is not feasible for you we can discuss it. I would like to set up a time when we could talk about how the work is going. If you, by Friday, May 22, could FAX me some times, when we could talk during the week of May 25 -29, 1992, I would then call you. Please state the time as it is in your major area. For your information, I will be away from the generalate from May 19 – 23, 1992 and May 30 – June 14, 1992.

The generalate will be glad to reimburse you for any expenses connected with this work. We will make the arrangements for this during our telephone call.

The agenda for our telephone conversation will be:

1. Progress on the work
2. Deadline
3. Enclosed guidelines for the report
4. Financial needs
5. Bibliography/Audio-visual materials
6. Additional items that you might suggest

(Please FAX additional agenda items when you FAX the date for our telephone call.)

I continue to be grateful for your willingness to collaborate with us on this work. It may enable us to RISK IN FAITH in a radical way. May Mary, the Seat of Wisdom, be with us.

NGO Guidelines for Report

A. United Nations, A World Organization

1. Your impressions of the United Nations as a world organization.
2. The views about the United Nations that are prevalent in your respective major area.
3. The political, social, economic, cultural and religious agendas of the United Nations.
4. The correlation between the agendas of the United Nations and our mission (YAS C 4) and our ministry (YAS C 22 & 25)

B. NGO Status

1. The definition and types of NGO status.
2. The obligations of NGO status.
3. Your impressions of the positive and negative aspects of NGO status.
4. The scope of influence that NGOs can have on the agendas, policies and activities of the United Nations.
5. The possibilities for religious influence (such as spiritual presence, ecumenical collaboration, pursuit of Christian values especially justice and peace) at the United Nations.

C. NGO Organizations

1. A listing of NGO organizations in your respective major area noting their type of association with the United Nations. Which of them are religious organizations?
2. The reasons why organizations decided to become NGOs.
3. The means by which NGOs receive information and give it to the United Nations.

D. Steps to Becoming an NGO

1. The ways by which NGOs educated their members regarding NGO status and presently involve them in NGO activities. What percentage of the members are active in this? More than or less than 50%?
2. The means by which NGOs are represented at the United Nations, such as designated person, office with staff at the United Nations, proxy. It would be helpful to receive protocols and/or job descriptions from organizations for this representation.

E. Suggestions for the Proposal

1. The most important reason that you could give for making this proposal.
2. A few beliefs, ideas, hopes, etc. that could be included in the proposal

F. Questions for Reflection

We invite you to reflect on this question and to share you responses with us.

How could NGO status at the United Nations enable us,

1. To live out our charism to the poor, women and children?
2. To strengthen our global responsibility?
3. To expand our world vision?
4. TO MAKE THE CONCERNS OF THE POOR OUR OWN and TO RISK IN FAITH FOR A MORE JUST AND TRULY HUMAN WORLD?

G. Bibliography/Audio-Visual Materials

1. A brief list of books, periodicals, articles, etc., available in your respective major area, they may enable general chapter delegations to learn about the work of the United Nations.
2. One or two audio-visual aids, available in the language(s) of your major area, that may be worthwhile to have at the general chapter.

Picture of
Balloons

Thank you!
Danke!
Abrigada!
Koszonom!