

ANNEX 1:

Description of the Intervening Organisations

Amnesty International

Amnesty International aims to secure the observance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international standards throughout the world. It is a global movement of 2.8 million supporters, members and activists who campaign for internationally recognized human rights to be respected and protected. Amnesty International's mission is to undertake research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of the rights to physical and mental integrity, freedom of conscience and expression and freedom from discrimination, within the context of its work to promote all human rights. It monitors law and practices in countries throughout the world in the light of international human rights and humanitarian law and standards and works independently and impartially to promote respect for human rights, based on research and on international standards agreed by the international community. It is independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion, and does not take a position on the views of persons whose rights it seeks to protect; it is concerned solely with the impartial protection of internationally recognised human rights. Amnesty International has Special Consultative Status before the United Nations Economic and Social Council, Participatory Status with the Council of Europe, working relations with the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the African Union, and is registered as a civil society organization with the Organization of American States. Amnesty International Limited is a not-for-profit organization representing the worldwide movement. It is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales (company number 01606776) with its registered office at 1 Easton St, London, WC1X 0DW, United Kingdom.

Conscience and Peace Tax International

Conscience and Peace Tax International is incorporated as an international non-profit association in Belgium. Since 1997 it has enjoyed Special Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. The primary object of the association is, by means that conform to Belgian and international law, to obtain recognition of the right to conscientious objection to paying for armaments and war preparation and war conduct through taxes. It also gives more general support to the struggle of conscientious objectors to military service and to human rights.

Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers)

Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers) is the body which links the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) around the world. It was set up in 1937 and has its headquarters in London (United Kingdom). Since 1948 it has enjoyed Consultative Status at the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations as an international non-governmental organisation. Since 2002, this has been General Consultative Status. Since the founding of the United Nations in 1945, Quakers have shared that organisation's aims and supported its efforts to abolish war and promote peaceful resolution of conflicts, human rights, economic justice and good governance. Its work at the United Nations is primarily carried out through the Quaker United Nations Offices in Geneva and New York, and annual representation at the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna.

The International Commission of Jurists

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) is a non-governmental organisation working to advance understanding and respect for the Rule of Law as well as the protection of human rights throughout the world. It was set up in 1952 and has its headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland). It is made up of 60 eminent jurists representing different justice systems throughout the world and has 80 national sections and affiliated justice organisations. The International Commission of Jurists has consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council, the United Nations Organisation for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO), the Council of Europe and the African Union. The organisation also cooperates with various bodies of the Organisation of American States and the Inter-Parliamentary Union. The International Commission Jurists regularly intervenes before national and international courts. It has submitted amicus curiae briefs to the European Court of Human Rights in a number of cases including in the case of *Mamatkulov v Turkey*, *Boumediene v Bosnia and Herzegovina* and *Al-Saadoon v UK*.

War Resisters' International

War Resisters' International is an international non-governmental organisation with more than 80 affiliated organisations in more than 40 countries. It enjoys Special Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. War Resisters' International has been working for the right to conscientious objection to military service since its foundation in 1921. The right to conscientious objection is also the focus of many of its affiliated organisations. Its work at the United Nations has focused on the Human Rights Committee. War Resisters' International has also presented cases of conscientious objectors to the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention. War Resisters' International has published global and regional studies on the right to conscientious objection in 1967, 1990, 1998, and 2008, is maintaining a global overview on recruitment and the right to conscientious objection, in close cooperation with its affiliated organisations and other partners.