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Dear Mrs. Engo,

We would like to inform you that the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed organizational session in April 2003, decided to grant Special consultative status to the organization "African Action on AIDS".

The organization may now designate official representatives to the United Nations – to the United Nations Headquarters in New York and the United Nations offices in Geneva and Vienna. Designated representatives must pick up their passes in person at the designated site. Needless to say, the regular presence of your organization will allow your organization to implement effectively and fruitfully the provisions for this consultative relationship.

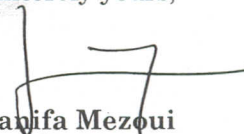
Please note, in particular, Parts II, IV, V and VII and the Council Resolution 1996/31, describing the procedures for carrying out your consultative relationship with the Council. Also, kindly note Part IX, paragraph 61c which requests that organizations in General and Special consultative status submit quadrennial reports on their activities for the four-year period in 2003-2006 to the Committee in 2007. You will be advised of the modalities for completing your report in due course. Meanwhile, we suggest that you maintain detailed records of your activities.

The United Nations issues a calendar of meetings and conferences, which can be obtained by your representatives at the United Nations sites. Every year, you will receive from this office the "Calendar of United Nations meetings open to participation by or of special interest to NGOs in consultative status". The latest copy of the calendar and other NGO-related information can also be found on the NGO Section's homepage at <http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo>.

Finally, should you wish to indicate your status with the United Nations on your letterhead, please use the following wording: "NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations". The United Nations emblem may not be used, unless expressed approval has been granted by the Legal Office of the United Nations. This is neither granted for stationery use, nor for any printed materials describing your organization.

We look forward to a productive relationship with your organization and its representatives.

Sincerely yours,



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