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RE: Reference for the Center for Conflict Resolution & Reconciliation (Shalom)

Center for Conflict Resolution & Reconciliation (Shalom) is well known to the United Nations Information Center (UNIC). The Shalom Center for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation works to end the cycle of violence in the tribal lands of Eastern Africa.

Its vision is to have a society where Peace, Social Justice and Reconciliation prevails throughout Africa, and their mission is to work for a society free of physical violence and unjust social structures in Africa, while building peaceful and reconciled communities.

Shalom promotes:

- Non-violent societal transformation
- Peace, Truth, Justice, and Mercy
- Integral human development and security
- Environmental Integrity
- Respect for local culture and traditions

The Shalom Center for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation focuses on the root cause of violence in the tribal lands of eastern Africa. It was created in 2009 in the wake of persistent widespread violence and dislocation across northern Kenya, and in the aftermath of the disputed Kenyan elections. Shalom has made a major impact on peace initiatives in this vital strategic of Africa.

Shalom was founded in 2009 by Fr. Patrick Devine, SMA, a social entrepreneur and missionary priest with 25 years of experience helping to mitigate conflict and poverty in Africa. Its work is strictly non-sectarian and closely aligned with civil society organisations. Fr. Devine serves as the organization's International Chairman, leading an international team of conflict resolution experts from various religious backgrounds and disciplines who are based in Kenya and neighboring countries.

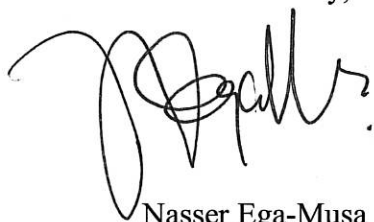
Shalom Centre for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation is supported by partner organizations and a network of visionary donors, primarily from the United States, United Kingdom and Ireland. With a budget of less than \$1M US per year and low overhead costs, Shalom leverages the donations of its supporters to maximize its work on the ground in tribal areas, particularly in the semi-arid terrains, and in the largest slum settlements in urban centres of Eastern Africa. Your donations are welcome, needed, and deeply appreciated.

Shalom benefits from the cooperation of the governments of eastern Africa that comprise the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), and its work is endorsed by the IGAD executive secretary. Shalom also partners with international and regional colleges and universities on peace-building courses, as well as religious association and councils in Africa.

Shalom makes its findings available to partners, relevant governments, ethnic representatives and United Nation and regional organizations. These partners include: IGAD (Intergovernmental Authority on Development), (HQ Djibouti, comprised of 8 countries) MoU; SCCRR US (501c3); SCCRR, Republic of Ireland, (Registered); N. Ireland, (Registered); Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice, Queen's University Belfast, (N. Ireland) MoU; Edward M. Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention, NUI Maynooth, (Republic of Ireland) MoU; AMECEA (Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa) MoU; Society of African Missions (SMA); Tanga College, Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA), Nairobi, Kenya; Trocaire (International Development Organization); Shalom Network for Conflict Transformation and Reconciliation, (Cote D'Ivoire – West Africa); SCCRR Committees; Britain, Australia; and lecturing associations, through Fr. Patrick Devine Ph.d, with Harvard Law School, The Harvard Negotiation and Mediation Clinical Program USA, March 2016; Project Common Bond (USA), Jan, 2017; College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas, Austin, TX, Oct, 2017.

We therefore, have no hesitation in recommending them for the United Nations Department of Public Information (UNDPI) accreditation, with the confidence that they will be a great asset and add value to the United Nations work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nasser Ega-Musa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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