

## Joint NGO Statement

The UN Human Rights Council 13th session (1-26 March, 2010)

Agenda Item 3: Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

### ***The World Programme for Human Rights Education From the First Phase to the Second Phase***

Thank you Mr. President,

I speak on behalf of X organisations.

This statement reflects views of NGOs expressed in discussions facilitated by the NGO Working Group on Human Rights Education and Learning of the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the UN (CoNGO) and through the global network of Human Rights Education Associates (HREA).

We welcome the launch of the second phase (2010-2014) of the World Programme focusing on “human rights education for higher education and on human rights training programmes for teachers and educators, civil servants, law enforcement officials and military personnel at all levels”.<sup>1</sup>

In this respect, we would like to draw the attention of Member States to the NGO written statement jointly submitted with 365 signatory organisations to the 10th session of the Council (A/HRC/10/NGO/112), and the NGO written statement No.93 (A/HRC/13/NGO/93) submitted to the current session under this Agenda Item.

Further, we would like to stress the following:

1. The transition from the first phase to the second phase is the first occasion of the shifting of focus and therefore a vital step for the World Programme.
2. Member States should respond to the questionnaire circulated to them by OHCHR at the end of January requesting their national reports on the implementation of the first phase by 31 March.
3. At national level, collaboration of civil society actors including NGOs with higher education and training institutions should be ensured.
4. In order to reflect the views of experienced stakeholders in drafting a plan of action for the second phase by the OHCHR, a Global Online Consultation is ongoing from 1 to 21 of March conducted by HREA and the NGO Working Group. The detailed information is available on the table outside the room, and upon request.

Thank you Mr. President.

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<sup>1</sup> A/HRC/RES/12/4, op.2.