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Pathways To Peace (PTP) is an international Peacebuilding, educational and consulting organisation. The primary mission of PTP is to contribute to the evolving mission of the United Nations by expanding the substantive expression of “Peace” and Peacebuilding, and to build a Culture of Peace by uniting and enhancing the strengths of existing organisations and programmes, locally and globally.

I. Participation in the work of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and its subsidiary bodies and major UN conferences

I.1 Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) PTP representatives have attended the CSW annually.

At CSW 51st Session, 26 February – 9 March 2007, PTP co-sponsored the panel *Envisioning a Fifth UN Women’s World Conference*. PTP representative Patricia Licunon served as Chair of Prepcoms at the 1995 Beijing Women’s Conference, and worked closely with co-chair Gloria Steinem to produce this most widely attended panel of the session.

At CSW 52nd Session, 25 February – 7 March 2008, PTP co-sponsored the panel *Millennium Development Strategies for Gender Balance*.

II. Cooperation with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies

II.1 Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organisations (DPI/NGO):

PTP has regularly attended weekly DPI/NGO briefings.

PTP co-sponsored and attended *The Spirit of the UN: Markings for the Future* on 24 October 2005, in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the UN and 100th birthday of Dag Hammarskjöld, at UN HQ in New York.

PTP has contributed to planning for the International Day of Peace (IDP) on 21 September of each year. In April 2005, Under-Secretary General Shashi Tharoor invited PTP to join the DPI Steering Group planning the 2005 observance, and took an active role in coordinating UN sectors' observance of the day, which it has maintained in the years since. PTP co-organized the workshop *Two Paths to a Culture of Peace: The International Day of Peace and Nuclear Disarmament*, on 7 September 2005 at UN HQ, with the participation of Under-Secretary-General Anwarul K. Chowdhury and UNESCO Culture Program Specialist Sarah Titchen. In August 2007, Under-Secretary General Kiyotaka Akasaka invited PTP to take part in DPI planning efforts for an IDP vigil in which 700 high school students connected via video conference with young people in Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. On 22 September 2007, UN Representative Michael Johnson appeared on CNN Global News to promote the IDP. Through its "*We the Peoples*" Initiative (WPI), PTP has submitted a report to the Secretary General annually, synthesizing the Peacebuilding activities of over 3000 organisations using IDP as their focal point.

PTP has attended the annual DPI/NGO conference in New York each year. At the 2005 conference, *Our Challenge: Voices for Peace, Partnership and Renewal*, PTP President Avon Mattison met with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs to discuss (more info). At the 2007 conference, *Climate Change: How It Impacts Us All*, PTP sponsored the workshop *Biodiversity and Climate Change: Minimizing Extinction* featuring Healy Hamilton of the California Academy of Sciences and Stuart Pimm, The Earth Institute at Columbia University.

PTP has been a strong voice in support of the creation of a UN Peoples Parliamentary Assembly. PTP co-founders Avon Mattison and Joanie Misrack attended the conference *Toward the Creation of a UN Peoples Parliamentary Assembly* on 4 June 2005 in San Francisco, and the Informal Hearings of the General Assembly in New York on 23 June 2005 to promote the assembly.

PTP co-signed a letter submitted by the NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns (CSVGC) to the Secretary General in September 2005 titled *An Appeal to the United Nations: A Call for Spiritual Empowerment*. This letter encouraged the UN to further consider spiritual dimensions in its dealings with world bodies. PTP Representative Michael Johnson attended the CSVGC *General Meeting of the Fall Season* on October 13, 2005.

PTP co-sponsored the meeting *In Observance of World Invocation Day: The Festival of Humanity and The Festival of Goodwill* at UN HQ on 9 June 2006. This event brought together speakers and musicians for an afternoon of sacred music, meditation and discussion to honor the spiritual healing encouraged by World Invocation Day.

On March 3, 2008, PTP co-signed an appeal submitted by the International Day of Peace NGO Committee to Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon encouraging him to invite religious leaders to support the IDP.

II.2 African Union Summit:

PTP representative Mussie Hailu attended the 8th African Union Summit, 22-23 January 2007 in Addis Ababa.

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