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Dear Mr.

In reply to your letter dated 19 February 2002, please be informed of the following:

- 1. The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., an NGO, had been associated with the DPI since 1992 and requested to terminate its association in 2001. the request was granted on 9 October 2001. According to the website www.watchtower.org, the organization is "a legal organization in use by Jehovah's Witnesses."**
- 2. The United Nations does not force or "trick" any NGO to be associated with DPI.**
- 3. The criteria for association for NGOs have not been changed since 1991.**

We are also attaching a copy of response from our office to inquiries about the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society.

Sincerely,

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