

To whom it may concern

Heidelberg, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

FIAN International expresses its deep concern about the proposal to suspend the consultative status of the Centre Europe - Tiers Monde (CETIM) by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations. FIAN has worked in collaboration with CETIM for more than twenty years, particularly in the field of defending the human right to food of the rural population. We have cooperated with CETIM in different activities in the fields of capacity building and advocacy work. In all these years, FIAN has always witnessed the high commitment of CETIM in promoting the UN Chart and the International Bill of Human Rights.

As human rights defenders ourselves, FIAN urges the ECOSOC to give CETIM the possibility to properly respond to the allegations raised by the Republic of Turkey and to refer CETIM's case back to the Committee on NGOs for review. Suspending the consultative status of human rights organizations on such expedite procedures and without giving the accused a fair chance to defend themselves would severely impair the work done by human rights organizations, always dealing with sensitive issues.

Please keep me informed about all measures you might take in this regard.

Yours sincerely,



Flavio Luiz Schieck Valente MD. MPH  
Secretary General  
FIAN International