

## **PROFESSOR DUPUY LETTER TRANSLATED BY CETIM**

I, the undersigned, Pierre-Marie Dupuy, Professor of international public law at the Université de Paris 2 and at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, co-director of the publication entitled “NGOs in International Law, Efficiency in Flexibility” (Edward Ekgard Publication, 2007, 281 pages) formulate the following legal opinion on the basis of the documents cited below, at the request of Europe–Third World Centre (CETIM), with which, I specify, I have not had any previous contact.

I have read attentively the 24 statements submitted by CETIM to the Commission of Human rights, the Human Rights Council and the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights from 1998 to 2010. It concerns the following written statements: E/CN.4/Sub.2/1998/NGO/19, E/CN.4/2001/NGO/182, E/CN.4/2002/NGO/91, E/CN.4/Sub.2/2002/NGO/13, A/HRC/13/NGO/18, and the oral statements made to the Commission on Human Rights 1998 (1), 1999 (1), 2002 (1), 2004 (1), 2005 (1), to the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights: 1998 (1), 1999 (1), 2000 (1), 2001 (1), 2003 (1), 2004 (1), and to the Human Rights Council, second session in 2006 (1), 7th and 9th sessions in 2008 (2), 10th, 11th and 12th sessions in 2009 (3) and 13th session 2010 (2 – one of which was in the framework of the Universal Periodic Review of Turkey, May 2010).

Not one of these documents seems to me to violate the principles set forth in resolution 1996/31 of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. In particular, not one of the statements is in disrespect of, or puts into question whatsoever, the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Turkey. On the contrary, it is because of the recognition of this sovereignty extending over the territories considered in these documents that CETIM appeals for Turkey to respect its obligations in compliance with international human rights law.

In addition, with regard to UN General Assembly resolution 60/251, it would appear that CETIM has participated in the work of the Commission and the Human Rights Council in conformity with the spirit of this resolution. It has in no way exceeded its right of freedom of expression.

Geneva, the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010

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