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Dear NGO representative,

The Fifty-Third Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD53) will be convened from 4 to 13 February 2015 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The priority theme for the 2015-2016 review and policy cycle will be **“Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world”**.

Should your organization wish to send one or more representatives to this session of the Commission, please provide the names(s) of your designated representative (s) to us by using the online registration system through the following link no later than **23 January 2015**: <http://bit.ly/register-csod53>. Log in using your assigned NGO username and password. Once logged in, click on the link titled "Click here to Designate Representatives to this Event". Once approved, you will receive a confirmation email message. You must log in again to download your Letter of Confirmation. In case you cannot use the online pre-registration system, please contact us at the following address: ngo@un.org.

Please note that the registration process is very important and helps us in facilitating access to your representatives to the United Nations buildings during the session. NGOs having representatives who hold annual group-passes are encouraged to pre-register their representatives so as to allow proper planning by recording their attendance to the session.

Arrangements for travel, daily subsistence, accommodation and visas are of the responsibility of the NGOs and their representatives.

On 3 February 2015, a day prior to the opening of the session, a Civil Society Forum will be convened at UN Headquarters. The Forum is hosted jointly by DSPD, the NGO Committee for Social Development and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. Please note that the outcome of the Forum will be presented at the first plenary meeting of the Commission, immediately following the introduction of the Priority Theme. For information and registration to attend the Civil Society Forum, please contact the NGO Committee for Social Development at: www.ngosocdev.net

Regular updates on the session will be posted at: <http://bit.ly/csod53>

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the work of the United Nations and its Commission for Social Development.

Yours sincerely,

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