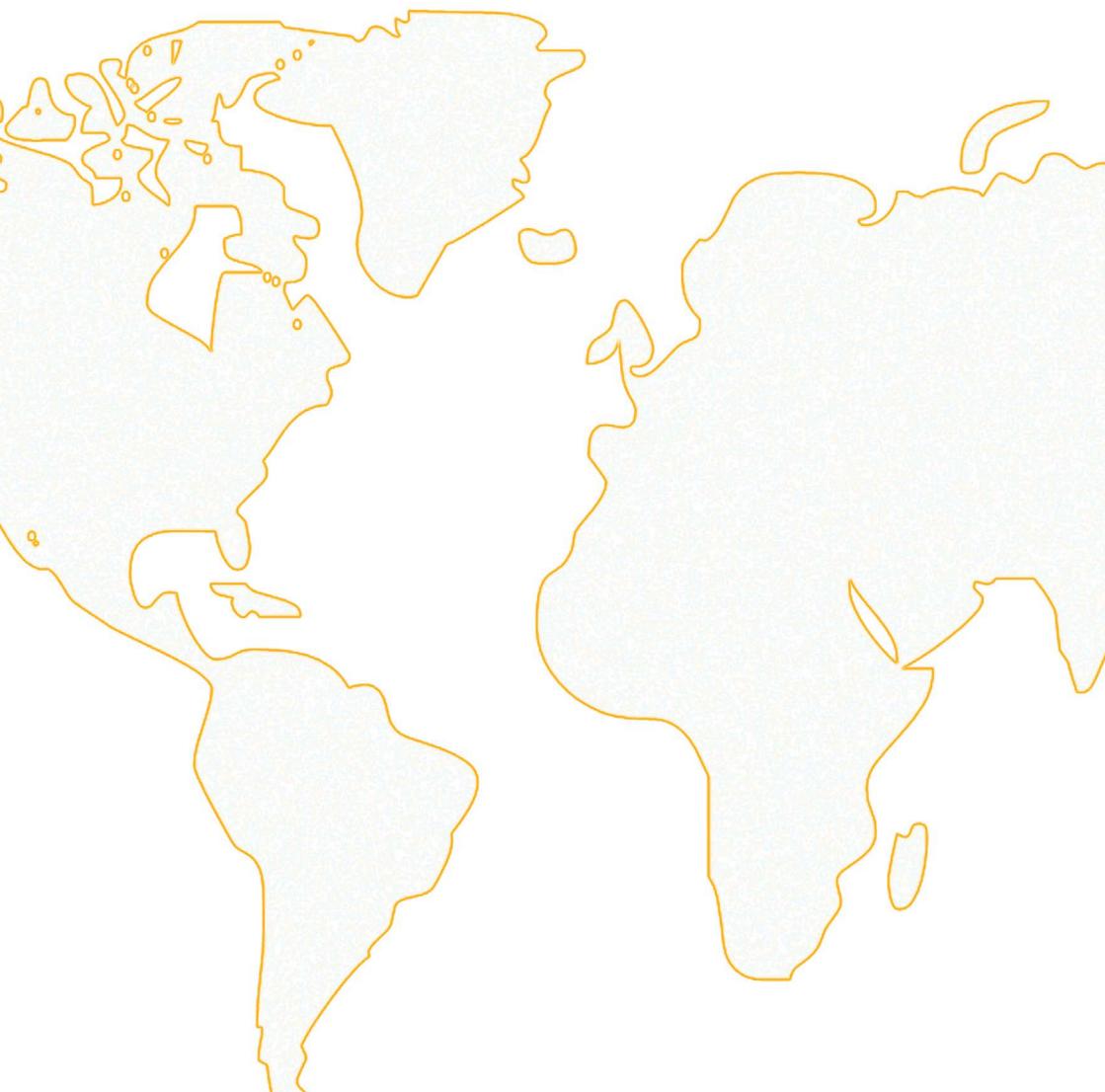




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WHO ARE WE?



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BEGINNINGS

Founded in 1991 at the Peace Palace in The Hague, UNPO is unique as an international organization in that it is built entirely by its members. Representatives of Armenia, Australian Aboriginals, Cordillera, Crimean Tatars, EaWst Turkestan, Estonia, Georgia, the Greek Minority in Albania, Iraqi Kurdistan, Latvia,

Palau, Taiwan, Tatarstan, Tibet and West Papua convened to found an organisation that would embody, promote and affirm the value of the five principles enshrined in the UNPO Covenant: non-violence, human rights, democracy and self-determination, environmental protection, and tolerance.



RAISING UNREPRESENTED VOICES

Although the aspirations of UNPO members differ greatly, they are all united by one shared condition, namely that they are not adequately represented at major international fora, such as the United Nations. As a consequence, their opportunity to participate on the international stage is significantly limited, as is their ability to access and draw upon the support of the global bodies mandated to defend their human and cultural rights, protect their environments, and mitigate the effects of conflict.

UNPO, therefore, works to address the consequences of marginalisation,

working with its members to promote their democratic causes, to provide information, and to articulate creative and nonviolent strategies for progress, above all however, UNPO works to ensure their voices are heard.

UNPO has been established to provide an international forum through which its members can become effective participants and contributors to the international community. In an increasingly interdependent world it is ever more important that those who continue to be denied their rights or remain excluded be given an opportunity to present their case.



STRUCTURE

UNPO's membership has also grown steadily from its original fifteen founders, representing today 46 members worldwide. Although the work of UNPO adapts continually to meet the challenges of its members and the nature of the international political climate, each member remains committed to respecting the principles of the UNPO Covenant.

PRESIDENCY

PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	PRESIDENCY	HONORARY PRESIDENTS
NGAWANG CHOEPHEL (TIBET)	MOHAMOUD DAAR (SOMALILAND)	IRAKLY KHINTBA PIETER MULDER ABDURAMAN EGIZ DOLKUN ISA MAYSING JANG BIRAM DAH ABEID LOGHMAN AHMED THACH THACH HUMAIRA RAHMAN	ERKIN ALPTEKIN PARIS CHANG TSERING JAMPA

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

ABKHAZIA	CORDILLERA	KHMER KROM	SOMALILAND
ACHEH	CRIMEAN TATARS	KOSOVA	SOUTH MOLUCCAS
AFRIKANER	DEGAR-MONTAGNARDS	LEZGHIN	SOUTHERN AZER
AHWAZI	EAST TURKESTAN	MAPUCHE	BAIJAN
ASSYRIA	GILGIT BALITSTAN	MORO	SOUTHERN CAMEROONS
BALOCHISTAN	HARATIN HMONG	NAGALIM	TAIWAN
BAROTSELAND	HUNGARIAN MINORITY IN	OGADEN	TALYSH
BATWA	ROMANIA	OGBONI	TIBET
CHIN	INNER MONGOLIA	OROMO	VHAVENDA
CHITTAGONG HILL	IRANIAN KURDISTAN	REHOBOTH BASTERS	WEST BALOCHISTAN
TRACTS	IRAQI KURDISTAN	SAVOY	WEST PAPUA
CIRCASSIA	IRAQI TURKMEN	SINDH	ZANZIBAR

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY



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As UNPO is based in Brussels, much of our work is with the EU. UNPO acts as a facilitator between the European institutions and its members, assisting the latter in establishing ties with MEPs, secretariats and major political groups in the European Parliament. In this regard, UNPO is an active intermediary in advocacy meetings. In tandem with MEPs, UNPO

also organises conferences and cultural events in Brussels which represent our members. UNPO furthermore acts as a consultant on issues related to its members when it comes to European Parliament hearings and resolutions. Some of our work with the European Parliament is detailed in the following pages.

PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

FREE ELECTIONS ALONE ARE NOT SUFFICIENT FOR A COUNTRY TO BECOME A TRUE DEMOCRACY; THE CULTURE OF THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND CIVIL SERVICE MUST ALSO CHANGE.

**FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION
DEVELOPMENT**

NON-VIOLENCE

RULE OF LAW

SELF DETERMINATION

HUMAN RIGHTS

EQUALITY

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

DEMOCRACY

RESPECT

LIBERTY

CONVINCED THAT THE PRINCIPLES, METHODOLOGY, AND PRACTICE OF GANDHIAN NONVIOLENCE AND NONVIOLENT CIVIL-RESISTANCE ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PURSUING AND ENFORCING BOTH COLLECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, UNPO REJECTS TERRORISM, EXTREMISM, AND VIOLENCE IN ALL ITS FORMS.

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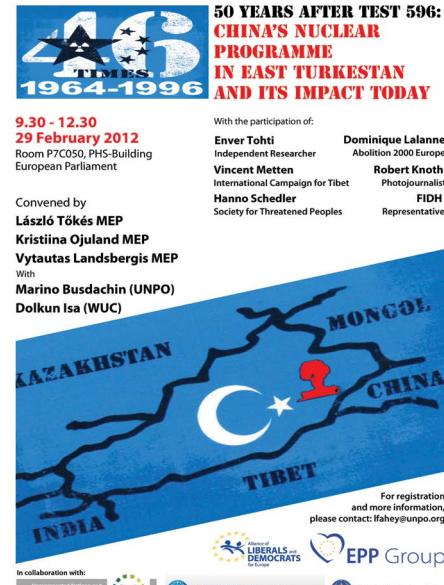
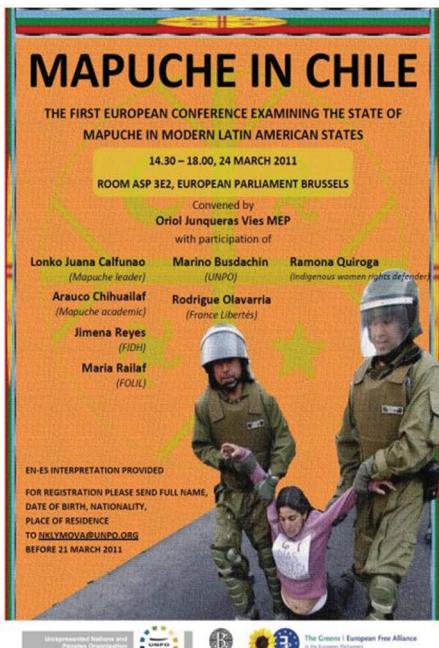
HUMAN RIGHTS ARE THOSE BASIC STANDARDS WITHOUT WHICH PEOPLE CANNOT LIVE IN DIGNITY, SUCH AS THE RIGHT TO LIFE, FREEDOM FROM TORTURE, FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, THE RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE STANDARD OF LIVING, FREEDOM OF RELIGION, THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATION IN CULTURAL AND POLITICAL LIFE AND THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

CONVINCED THAT THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND ITS NATURAL RESOURCES, IN PARTICULAR IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND RELATED SHORTAGES OF POTABLE WATER, IS LINKED TO THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF NATIONS AND PEOPLES EVERYWHERE, NECESSITATING RESPECT FOR THE ENSHRINED RIGHTS OF FREE, PRIOR, AND INFORMED CONSENT, SO AS TO GUARANTEE THEIR RIGHT TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE AND THE PROTECTION AND RESPECT FOR THEIR ANCESTRAL LANDS AND RESOURCES.

UNPO EVENTS

UNPO has arranged several cultural events aiming at raising awareness of its members' cultural heritage, traditions, history and everyday life. As a result of UNPO's efforts, marginalized groups and minorities have been able to actively participate in various UN sessions of the Human Rights Council, the UN Forum on Minority Issues, and the UN Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues. Moreover, UNPO actively takes part in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process, an initiative launched in 2008 to review the human rights records of all UN Member States. Expanding its reach to Treaty-Based Body mechanisms, UNPO has also taken part in activities related to the



Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, the Committee Against Torture, the Human Rights Committee, and the Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights. In addition, UNPO submits complaints to the Special Procedures mechanisms, such as the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders or the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention.

Thanks to these activities, over the years UNPO has intensified the relationship between marginalized groups and the UN, while stressing the importance of continuous dialogue between the two.

UNPO EVENTS



HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGNS

INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST SLAVERY

In January 2014 UNPO launched its International Campaign Against Slavery (iCAS), calling for the United Nations General Assembly to take a strong step towards the eradication of slavery by adopting a resolution and ensuring its implementation by each state.

Alongside this, the campaign aims to increase awareness about the topic of contemporary slavery: its roots, its causes, its forms, its victims, its consequences, those who fight against it and the way forward to abolish it.



BXL <3 INDIGENOUS

On the occasion of the 13th edition of the colorful and vibrant Fiesta Latina held in August 2014, UNPO implemented a new campaign entitled "BXL <3 INDIGENOUS", which was inspired by our Mapuche Member, an indigenous group from Chile and Argentina. The idea behind "BXL <3 INDIGENOUS" was simple: to interact with the general public with our specially-made new tote bags and badges, and raise awareness about the situation of the Mapuche as well as support for the activities of UNPO.



UNPO REPORTS & PUBLICATIONS

ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION REPORT



Iraqi Council of Representatives Elections
And KRG Governorate Council Elections
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UNPO MISSIONS

ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION TO ABKHAZIA

Following an invitation from the authorities of the Republic of Abkhazia to observe the early presidential elections, UNPO deployed a Limited Election Observation Mission to the largely unrecognized Black Sea state from 22 to 26 August 2014.

ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION TO IRAQ

A joint UNPO-ACE Election Observation Mission (EOM) was deployed in the city of Dohuk, the capital of the Dohuk Governorate, located in the autonomous region of Iraqi Kurdistan in northern Iraq, and carried out 30 different observations in polling stations across 18 different polling centres.

FACT-FINDING MISSION IN MAURITANIA

At the end of January 2014, UNPO conducted a 9-day visit to Mauritania to assess the practice of slavery in the country. In addition, UNPO met with civil society organizations, national institutions and government officials, as well as victims of slavery, and convened a roundtable with different relevant actors on the practice of slavery in Mauritania.

FACT-FINDING MISSION IN RWANDA

In October 2013, two UNPO delegates also participated in a mission to Rwanda to organise a workshop on Economic Empowerment and Gender Based Violence for Batwa women. Although UNPO's visit was largely focused in Kigali, however, UNPO delegates had the opportunity of gathering testimonies and interviews from members of Batwa communities in the Nyabihu District and in the township of Gifumba, Muhanga District.



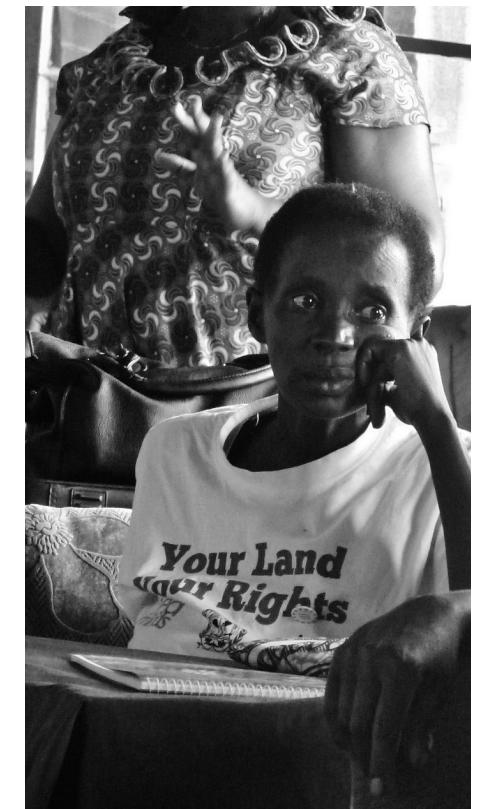
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There is so much more work to be done, and for that we need your help. UNPO receives no government funding and our vital work relies on generous donations from organisations and individuals. Individuals like you. We hope that you will choose to support UNPO and help us continue to represent some of the most marginalized and forgotten people in the world today.

You can donate using the information below, via PayPal or credit card, or by bank transfer via the UNPO website (unpo.org). It is such a simple gesture, but the help you provide will go towards making the world a fairer and more representative place.

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