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United Nations grants special consultative status to IDHEAS

Mexico City.- Last May 23rd of 2018, *I(dh)eas, Human Rights Strategic Litigation* was granted special consultative status before the United Nations, after the approval of the UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The consultative status is conferred by recommendation of the Non-Governmental Organizations Committee, which is composed of 19 member States.

The consultative status is highly relevant for the work done by I(dh)eas because it will enable our organization to have a closer interaction in the processes and discussions convened by the United Nations. More so, it allows us to have a greater capacity for advocacy, as well as a larger participation with the instruments for human rights of the UN.

In order to be eligible for this status, I(dh)eas ascertained—amongst other requirements—that our NGO has a democratic structure that maintains a representative organization. Furthermore, our accountability mechanisms have proved to be adequate, while our decision-making processes are democratic and transparent.

Being conferred the special consultative status represents an acknowledgement to the work done with regard to the legal accompaniment and strategic litigation of gross violations of human rights; particularly, for being among the pioneer organizations that litigate such cases before the United Nations' system.

Given that our organization specializes in the strategic litigation of complaints issued before a universal system, I(dh)eas highly values the importance of this acknowledgement, and is compromised with the responsibility that it entails, as it will become an additional tool to defend and protect human rights in Mexico.

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ECOSOC is one of the UN's six main organs, which was established in the Charter of the United Nations in 1946. It is responsible for coordinating and reviewing the dialogue on politics and recommendations about economic, social and environmental issues.

I(dh)eas, Human Rights Strategic Litigation is a civil organization that seeks to transform structural patterns within the normative, procedural, and behavioral levels within government institutions, through the strategic litigation of human rights' cases, as well as the documentation and legal

accompaniment of gross violation of human rights (torture, enforced disappearances and extrajudicial executions). Moreover, we work to combat impunity and protect victims and their families.

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