



## **Assyrian Aid Society Iraq - new status with the United Nations**

Application for registration of AAS\_I with United Nations for Consultative Status with the Economics and social council (ECOSOC) was lodged with the NGO branch on 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2009.

The application was prepared by a team of people among them were some committee members and some supporters of Assyrian Aid Society\_Australia (AAS\_au) in Sydney on behalf of the Assyrian Aid Society\_Iraq (AAS\_I) their heavy load in looking after the Internal Displaced Persons (IDPs) and looking after schools requirements and dormitories for housing students from remote areas, These factors in addition to daily crises caused by the turmoil in Iraq, made it pertinent that the AAS\_au lodge the application.

This team of people put the application together from data collected from AAS\_Australia and AAS\_Iraq, the application was completed and all membership and donors listed, income and costing done before submitting it to the ECOSOC NGO Branch to reach the NGO committee just in time for the Resumed meeting of May 2009.

Our application was reviewed in the resumed NGO committee meetings in May 2009, and Clarifications required were posted after the meeting which meant a delay of the outcome of our application. The NGO committee met for about 10 days in January and resumed the meeting for another 10 days in May of that year, in the four meetings from May 2009 to January 2011 they posted a total of 21 questions and in their resumed meeting of May 2011 they reviewed our application. Our last two responses to their questions must have satisfied the members of the NGO committee to recommend AAS\_I for the Special Consultative Status.

With great appreciation and respect we thank the delegates of the NGO committee for their efforts in recommending the AAS\_I for Special Consultative Status with ECOSOC,

**NGO Committee 2011-2014:**

Belgium, Bulgaria (Vice-Chair), Burundi, China, Cuba, India, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Pakistan (Vice-Chair and Rapporteur), Peru (Vice-Chair), Russian Federation, Senegal (Vice-Chair), Sudan, Turkey (Chair), United States of America and Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep.)

Now that the AAS\_I has passed the first hurdle, all chapters of Assyrian Aid Society need to plan in conjunction with AAS\_I for future, in this regards we propose an international conference for representative from all chapters of AAS to be held in Duhok on 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2012, there are reports to be organized, UN meetings to attend and so on, all chapters have to be aware of responsibilities that come with the new NGO status, as well as share the load.