

## 3D's Activities in 2006

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2006 was marked by notable developments in the areas of trade and human rights. The creation of the Human Rights Council gave cause for optimism about new impetus to the UN's work on human rights. In the WTO, the Doha work programme of trade negotiations met a serious setback in July when it became apparent that it would not finish by the end of the year.

Whilst it adapted to these new realities, the role 3D plays on trade and human rights issues remains important and unchanged. Indeed, trade negotiations continue apace in bilateral and regional fora and our expertise in relation to these negotiations is still widely relied on. And although the new Human Rights Council is a significant change in the UN human rights system, the bodies that monitor compliance with international human rights treaties remain just as essential, and 3D continues to work actively with them, as well as with Special Rapporteurs who monitor thematic human rights issues such as the right to health or to food.

More and more people worldwide are becoming aware of the importance of getting trade and related policies right. As awareness grows that policies in the area of trade, investment, intellectual property or finance can cause disproportionate harm to vulnerable groups, awareness is also rising that the ways in which these policies are being elaborated and applied is untransparent and undemocratic.

New initiatives give cause for optimism that these concerns can and will be transformed into constructive energy for improving trade and related policies. One important example is the assessment of the human rights impact of the bilateral trade negotiations between Thailand and the U.S. that the Thai National Human Rights Commission embarked on in 2006. This is the first ever human rights impact assessment of a proposed trade agreement. Let us hope that others will follow in its steps, and that prior assessment of the likely impacts of proposed trade policies becomes standard practice.

Human rights advocates need to become more involved in work on trade and related policies in order to avoid being surprised by adverse impacts once it is too late. Human rights accountability mechanisms need to be harnessed on a more regular basis to ensure accountability for economic policies. 3D is deeply committed to these objectives. As we are still the only organization that is part of

Members of 3D's Steering Committee and Director  
 from left to right: Rachel Brett, Lucy Howen, Robert Archer, Caroline Dommen.



networks concerned with trade policy, with intellectual property policies, and of human rights networks, we continue to have a unique and important role to play.

This Annual Report sets out some of the activities we carried out to this end in 2006. If you would like more information about our activities or the areas in which we work, please visit our website or contact us directly.

## → Capacity-building, Coalition-Building and Technical Expertise

One of 3D's main areas of activity is providing advice to groups and individuals working in the areas of trade, human rights or economic policy.

Our *capacity-building* activities include speaking to University groups. In 2006 these included the *Australian National University Geneva Programme* and the *Duke/Graduate Institute Program on Global Policy and Governance*. Presentations to these kinds of groups give 3D the opportunity to brief students about human rights dimensions of the trade debate.

We also participate in capacity-building activities outside the academic context, for instance we spoke at a Conference organized by the Barcelona-based organization *Justicia y Pau*, on eliminating poverty in a globalized world. This gave 3D the chance to raise awareness amongst grassroots European activists of the human rights dimension of the trade debate and how human rights can help achieve a more equitable outcome.

Our *coalition-building* activities remain central to our work. We continue to moderate the *Trade and Investment discussion group of the International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*.

In 2006 we joined two networks – the *NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)*, and *Actares*, a shareholders' group working for sustainable development. Membership in these bodies will help us join forces with others working in these areas, and help us ensure that our work on the rights of the child, and in relation to business entities is relevant and useful. The NGO Group for the CRC invited 3D's Programme Officer Davinia Ovetto to be co-convenor of its Subgroup on Health, and following 3D's input, the Subgroup decided to use trade as a cross-cutting issue when focusing on health education, health systems and access to treatment.

3D also obtained observer status in the *WIPO General Assembly*. This will help us stay at the cutting edge of debates about international intellectual property (IP) policy, and facilitate our work in favour of a pro-development and pro-human rights view of IP.

The visible part of 3D's coalition-building work is only the tip of the iceberg, because a lot of what we do is through small informal meetings, by email or phone. For instance in June, 3D facilitated a meeting between *Oxfam International* and the *Special Rapporteur on the right to health* on access to medicines. Oxfam wanted to meet with the Special Rapporteur as the organization is keen to make use of the Special Rapporteur's forthcoming report on the responsibility of non-state actors in relation to access to medicines. Oxfam also wants to participate in drafting and disseminating the access to medicines guidelines for pharmaceutical corporations.

Likewise, thanks to 3D's initiative in disseminating the findings of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to health after his visit to Peru, Oxfam included explicit human rights language in its June 2006 report on the country.

The way in which we provide *technical expertise* is often not very visible either. Some of the ways we provided expertise in 2006 included being a reviewer of an article on human rights and trade that had been submitted to the *World Trade Review*, advising a group of civil society organizations in Eastern and Southern Africa who want to use Human Rights treaties as a basis for a legal challenge to the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) negotiations, or ensuring that members of the WTO Human Rights Caucus knew about public interest concerns in the WTO's Ministerial, which resulted in several human rights groups signing up to a joint letter prepared by the *Our World is Not For Sale* network.

We also made human rights input on a *Seattle-to-Brussels (S2B)* policy report on European corporate power in trade policy, provided information on trade-related issues to UN human rights treaty body members at their request, were invited to participate in the development of a right to health impact assessment methodology, were actively involved in the *International Law Association (ILA)*'s Committee on the Legal Aspects of Sustainable Development, and participated in consultations with the African group in preparation for the *WHO Working Group on Innovation, Essential Health Research and Intellectual Property Rights*.

Thank you for your excellent letter and 3D's Annual Report 2005, which I truly enjoyed reading. Thank you, *Raul Uranga, World Association for Small and Medium Enterprises (WASME), Geneva*

About 3D's dissemination of the Special Rapporteur on the right to health's communication on Thailand:

This is great!!!! Thanks a lot for the follow up. *Sajin Prachason, Focus on the Global South (FOCUS), and FTA Watch, Thailand*

A more visible way in which we share our expertise on trade and human rights is through presentations at expert meetings, conferences and in policy arenas. In 2006 these included a presentation at the panel on a human rights framework to A2K (access to knowledge) at the *Yale Access to Knowledge Conference* in April. The new ideas put forward in this presentation have been relied on since by civil society organizations, governments and others, including in WIPO negotiations.

3D also made several presentations before the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)'s *Committee on a WIPO Development Agenda*. The presentation emphasized the distinction between human rights and IP rights, and described how human rights could support proposals for a WIPO Development Agenda. Based on these, country delegates – including those of Peru, Brazil and Uruguay – explicitly welcomed a human rights approach to the discussions and relied on human rights arguments in subsequent meetings.

Other meetings at which 3D played an active role included a Civil Society Dialogue in Brussels entitled '*A Gender Review of the Economic Partnership Agreements*,' at which 3D encouraged participants to apply the CEDAW framework to agricultural trade liberalization, and an informal private meeting on the impact of international trade on the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights. This meeting brought together members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) with a select group of experts in the area of trade and human rights, in order that the Committee take up trade-related human rights issues with States parties to the Covenant on a more systematic basis.

## → Intellectual Property and Human Rights

3D divides its work into five main programme areas: Intellectual Property (IP), Agriculture, Trade in Services, Access to Information and Participation, and General Issues surrounding Trade and Human Rights. In 2006 our main programme emphasis was in three areas: IP, Agriculture, and General Issues.



The aim of our work on IP is to show how human rights can support more equitable IP policies, and how human rights can promote accountability and coherence between trade-related IP rules, development objectives and human rights. Within our IP programme, in 2006, we focused on access to medicines, and on consistency between IP policy, development and human rights. In addition to the capacity-building, coalition-building and technical support work described above, we carried out the following activities.

### Access to medicines

We continued to publish country briefings highlighting the links between trade-related IP rules, access to medicines and the right to health. Treaty bodies rely on these to make recommendations to States about how trade-related rules must not undermine human rights. In turn, these recommendations are useful tools for civil society groups, health professionals and others working on these issues.

In January, based on the briefing 3D had published in 2005, the Committee on the Rights of the Child warned Thailand that the Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) it was negotiating should not have a negative impact on the child's right to health.

In May we published a country briefing on Morocco, and in June, an Information Note setting out the CESCR's recommendations.

Amongst others, the Committee recommended that Morocco undertake an impact assessment of trade rules on economic, social and cultureö rights.

Our country reports are useful to many different people. The WHO Department on Health and Human Rights, for instance uses and disseminates 3D's country briefings, policy briefs and information notes to all its focal points in country offices. The briefings and 3D's related 'Information Notes' – which set out treaty body recommendations based on our country briefings – are also widely disseminated by others through their networks, such as the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, and groups that are campaigning against bilateral trade agreements. More and more websites link to our country briefings and other publications, as indicated on page 6 below.

NGO delegates at the CESCR discussion on trade and ESCR: Carin Smaller of the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, and Jennifer Brant of Oxfam International.

About the Morocco country briefing:

Thanks for this, which is very interesting, and I will pass on to a contributor to a book I am editing on TRIPs-Plus and FTAs. *Dr. Lorand Bartels, University of Edinburgh*

## IP, Development and Human Rights

In 2006, 3D participated actively in discussions in the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in favour of a Development Agenda. In particular, it contributed a Policy Brief on Intellectual Property, Development and Human Rights. The purpose of this was to indicate to delegates and civil society groups how human right rules and mechanisms could support the calls for the WIPO Development Agenda. As also mentioned above, a number of delegations have indeed relied on the brief, as have civil society groups and academics.

The representative of Uruguay to WIPO, for one, urged that the organization's activities be consistent with human rights

obligations of Member States. He also made explicit reference to the Committee on the Rights of the Child's recommendation to El Salvador that States must take into account the best interests of the child when ne-

gotiating intellectual property rules, and referred to 3D's Policy Brief.

3D contributed to other leading work on IP. We participated in strategy discussions about how NGOs could provide technical assistance on IP issues to countries acceding to the WTO, and contributed a section on intellectual property, the right to food and access to seeds, to a book by the *Quaker International Affairs Programme* and *Quaker UN Office* about the Control of Food production.

Last but not least, we issued a third publication in our Policy Brief series, an analysis of the CESCR's General Comment relating to the Protection of Authors' Moral and Material Interests. This Policy Brief has proved useful to human rights advocates and IP experts in providing them with insights into the different dimensions of the relationship between IP and human rights.

### → Agriculture

In August, 3D published a country briefing focusing on how agricultural trade liberalization in Niger affects women's rights. The briefing describes how women suffer disproportionately from liberalization, particularly in agriculture.

The country briefing focuses in particular on liberalization entrenched through the European Union's planned Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with Niger.

We submitted the briefing to the *Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)*, which will assess the enjoyment of women's rights in Niger, in

About the Niger country briefing:

This is a wonderful report and I congratulate you both for the campaign idea of submitting to CEDAW and the report itself! This shows really clearly how trade and Human Rights are connected in the policy field. Thanks!!!! *Gillian Moon, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, Australia*

Thank you very much for a most important and useful contribution to our policy-making. *Thoralf Stenvold, Senior Adviser, UN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway*

About the WIPO Development Agenda Policy Brief:

de la manera más atenta, me dirijo a usted para agradecerle por le información enviada. *Ronaldo Galeano, Unidad de Instrumentos y Mecanismos Internacionales de Protección de los Derechos Humanos, Guatemala*

2007. Our hope is that the CEDAW Committee will issue recommendations on the report that can be used by groups in Niger and others working against adverse effects of EPAs. We also disseminated the Niger briefing widely through our networks, and the feedback we received proved that this new – women's rights-based – approach to scrutinizing trade policy is very useful. Indeed, it provided a new basis for some of the existing advocacy in favour of fairer trade rules, particularly amongst the networks working on the EU's EPAs, and led to many requests for our expertise in this area, including from NGO networks like Both Ends, treaty body members, gender groups, ecumenical groups and others.

## → Publications and Website

### Publications<sup>1</sup>

In addition to its Information Notes and communications by email, 3D released several important publications in 2006.

In July, in collaboration with Brazil-based *Sur – Red Universitaria de Derechos Humanos*, we published the much-awaited Latin American version of the Practical Guide, the *Guía Práctica sobre la OMC y otros Acuerdos Comerciales*. This is an updated and adapted version of 3D's Practical Guide published in 2004, and has proved highly useful for human rights advocates and others working in favour of fairer trade rules. Meanwhile, the original Practi-

<sup>1</sup> All our publications can be downloaded from our website at [www.3dthree.org/en/pages.php?IDcat=5](http://www.3dthree.org/en/pages.php?IDcat=5) Most of them are available in French or Spanish as well as English.

cal Guide continues to be used as a basis for advocacy, as a teaching tool and to devise and implement work in the area of economic, social and cultural rights. Based on this success, and to respond to demand, we also started work on a Portuguese-language and a Nepali-language version of the Guide, both to be published in 2007.

We published two Policy Briefs (presented in more detail at page 4, above): *Intellectual Property, Development and Human Rights – How Human Rights Can Support Proposals for a World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Development Agenda, and Intellectual Property and Human Rights: Is the Distinction Clear Now? An assessment of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' General Comment No. 17 (2005).*

3D released two new country briefings in 2006, the first on *Morocco: Trade-related intellectual property rights, access to medicines and human rights*, and the other on *Niger: Agricultural trade liberalization and women's rights*. (Presented in more detail at page 3 and 4 above.)

The editors of the Latin American periodical *PUENTES Entre el Comercio y el Desarrollo Sostenible*, asked 3D for an article on the treaty body recommendations on access to medicines and trade negotiations. The resulting article, entitled 'Tratados de Libre Comercio (TLC): un serio reto para America Latina y el Caribe' was published in *PUENTES* in February.

3D published a compilation of references to trade and trade-related issues in the work of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR). The compilation has proven to be a useful resource to all those interested in the intersection between trade, economics and human rights,

as it gives concrete indications of ways that human rights experts have analyzed the links.

A further indication of the relevance of our publications are the number of requests we receive each year to be able to reprint or distribute them. Amongst those who reproduced our materials for training or teaching purposes in 2006 are the Diplomacy Training

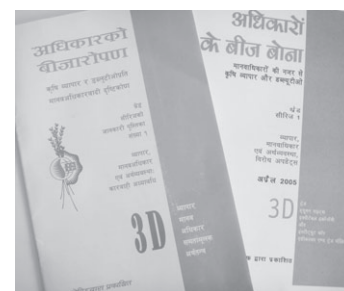
#### About the treaty body compilation:

Chère Madame, Merci pour cette excellente initiative, qui rendra de précieux services. *Prof. Giorgio Malinverni, former member of the CESCR, Switzerland*

Thanks very much. The document is very useful and it helps keep track of our concluding observations and of the reasons why we made them. Best wishes. *Maria Virginia Gomez, CESCR member, Portugal*

Congratulations on the new publication! *Vernor Muñoz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education, Costa Rica*

Programme in Asia, the World Trade Institute in Berne, and the Professor teaching a seminar on trade and social justice at *John F. Kennedy University in California*. Our publications have been reproduced in several books and periodicals, including two publications of the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India (ICFAI) University Press: the Morocco country briefing was reproduced in their book entitled *TRIPS and Global Pharmaceutical Industry – Impact on countries* and the TRIPS and Health Chapter of the Practical Guide was reprinted in *WTO Regime & Its Implications On Pharmaceutical Sector*.



The Nepali and Hindi versions of THREAD: Planting the Rights Seed, A human rights perspective on agriculture trade and the WTO.

## → Website and Database

The information we provide continues to be the mainstay of our work, so we pay particular attention not only to the quality of the publications, but to their distribution. Our website and database continue as the main tools to ensure that our work has impact on policy through reaching the right people. We work on our database in an ongoing way, updating contact information, adding new people and organizations and ensuring the database is adapted as well as possible to our distribution needs. We now have over 4000 contacts in our database, and can select those people who receive our mailings according to their preferred language, their areas of interest or their geographical location.

The number of daily hits on our website continues to increase steadily month after month, with an overall increase of about 30% of hits, downloads and page visits at the end of 2006 as compared to the end of 2005. The most consistently-popular section of our website is still the section containing glossaries, with the first chapter of the Practical Guide (in English) coming second. The other most visited sections of our website in 2006 were the El Salvador Country Brief, the Morocco Country Brief, the Policy Brief on the WIPO Development Agenda, and as of November, the Policy Brief on the CESCR's General Comment relating to the Protection of Authors' Moral and Material Interests.

The most frequent pages from which people reach 3D's website are – apart from Google – the Polaris Institute, IPRonline, Wikipedia, and France-based Répertoire PSI (Paix et Sécurité Internationales). Countries in which 3D's website visitors are mostly based are Switzerland, Germany, France, Mexico, U.S., Peru, Canada, Argentina, Australia, Morocco, Netherlands and Japan.

Some of the organizations that have added links to 3D's website from their own in 2006 are:

Globalia, sélection de sites Internet sur les questions Nord/Sud des centres de documentation d'Alliance Sud – [www.alliancesud.ch/globalia/index.php?pdf=1&c=26](http://www.alliancesud.ch/globalia/index.php?pdf=1&c=26)

Human Rights Impact Resource Centre – [www.humanrightsimpact.org/publications/complete-listing/item/pub/70](http://www.humanrightsimpact.org/publications/complete-listing/item/pub/70)

IP-Watch – [www.ip-watch.org](http://www.ip-watch.org)

Our World Is Not for Sale – [www.ourworldisnotforsale.org/showarticle.asp?search=1247](http://www.ourworldisnotforsale.org/showarticle.asp?search=1247)

Rinoceros, Bibliothèque internationale pour un monde responsable et solidaire –

[www.rinoceros.org/auteur.php3?id\\_auteur=1125](http://www.rinoceros.org/auteur.php3?id_auteur=1125)

Stop-Think-Resist EPAs – [www.stophinkresist.org](http://www.stophinkresist.org)

Third World Network – [www.twinside.org.sg](http://www.twinside.org.sg)  
Tribune des Droits Humains, Genève – [www.humanrights-geneva.info/article.php3?id\\_article=535](http://www.humanrights-geneva.info/article.php3?id_article=535)  
UNESCAP, Trade and Investment Division – [www.unescap.org/tid/tisnet/is1006.asp](http://www.unescap.org/tid/tisnet/is1006.asp)

UN FAO, Right to Food Section – [www.fao.org/righttofood/kc/l\\_credits\\_en.htm](http://www.fao.org/righttofood/kc/l_credits_en.htm)

UN International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women – [www.un-instraw.org/revista/hypermail/alltickers/en/0251.html](http://www.un-instraw.org/revista/hypermail/alltickers/en/0251.html)

## → Financial Report

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April 23rd, 2007

Auditor's Report to the General Assembly of the

#### **ASSOCIATION 3 D - TRADE – HUMAN RIGHTS – EQUITABLE ECONOMY, GENEVA**

We have audited the accounting and the financial statements of ASSOCIATION 3D THREE for the year ended at December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

The financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to examine these statements and to express an opinion based on our audit. We confirm that we meet the legal requirements of professional qualification and independence.

Our audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards promulgated by the profession which require an audit to be planned and performed in order to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

We have examined on a test basis evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We have also assessed the accounting principles used, significant estimates made and the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As per our appreciation, the accounting records and financial statements comply with the law and are in accordance with the association's statutes.

We recommend the approval of the financial statement submitted to you.

Bureau fiduciaire Zemp



Ilse Zemp, Auditor

**Enclosures:**

Balance Sheet 2006  
Income & Expense Account 2006

**3D THREE**  
**Balance Sheet**

(as of 31 December, 2006)

ASSETS	2006		2005
	CHF	CHF	
Current Assets			
Cash and Bank			
Petty Cash	241		618
Bank	61 191		9 041
Total Current/Savings		61 432	9 659
Other Current Assets			
Miscellaneous Receivables	2 038		6 499
Donor Income Receivable			8 415
Prepayments	5 063		5 133
Total Other Current Assets		7 101	20 047
Total Current Assets		68 533	29 706
Long Term Assets			
Deposits	1 623		1 623
Total Long Term Assets		1 623	1 623
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>70 156</b>	<b>31 329</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	1 783		3 319
Provision for Audit Fees	1 700		1 500
Payroll Liabilities	3 395		3 852
Other Current Liabilities	135		
Total Current Liabilities		7 013	8 671
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>7 013</b>	<b>8 671</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Project Current Account Balances			
Avina Stiftung			15 183
Ford Foundation	27 446		
J Rowntree Charitable Trust	29 896		
Loterie Romande	1 743		5 013
Unrestricted Reserve	4 058		2 462
Total Project Current Balances		63 143	22 658
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>63 143</b>	<b>22 658</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		<b>70 156</b>	<b>31 329</b>

**3D THREE**  
**Income & Expenses**  
(In Swiss Francs)  
(1 January - 31 December, 2006)

	Amnesty Inter- national	Avina Stiftung	Ford Found- ation	J. Rowntree Charitable Trust	Loterie Romande	Oxfam	Switzerland DFAE	Switzerland SDC	Unrestricted	Total
<b>Income</b>										
Governments										54 000
Trusts & Foundations		15 183	33 374	47 104			40 000	14 000		95 661
NGO	2 318					6 513				8 831
Publication Sales										0
Other					3 269				1 531	4 800
Interest									65	65
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>2 318</u>	<u>15 183</u>	<u>33 374</u>	<u>47 104</u>	<u>3 269</u>	<u>6 513</u>	<u>40 000</u>	<u>14 000</u>	<u>1 596</u>	<u>163 357</u>
<b>Expenses</b>										
Personnel	2 318		20 960	27 807		5 725	26 501	8 362		91 673
Consultants		1 475	1 355	7 693		788	7 000	750		19 061
Professional Services			300	2 033			2 500			4 833
Representation				538						538
Reports & Publications		13 678	7 330	253				3 578		24 839
Workshops & Meetings			8							48
Fixed Assets					3 087					3 087
Administration		30	3 421	8 711	182		3 911	1 310		17 565
Fundraising							48			48
Governance				69						69
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>2 318</u>	<u>15 183</u>	<u>33 374</u>	<u>47 104</u>	<u>3 269</u>	<u>6 513</u>	<u>40 000</u>	<u>14 000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>161 761</u>
<b>Allocation to Unrestricted Reserve</b>									(1 596)	(1 596)
<b>Balance</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**Members of 3D's Advisory Board**

\* denotes Steering Committee member

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 Leo Palma  
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 Peter Splinter  
 Elisabeth Tuerk  
 Mariama Williams

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Diego García Sayan  
 Mary Robinson

More information about Board members can be found at [www.3dthree.org/en/complement.php?IDcomplement=11&IDpage=12&IDcat=6](http://www.3dthree.org/en/complement.php?IDcomplement=11&IDpage=12&IDcat=6)

Rowntree Charitable Trust and the Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs for their ongoing support to core costs.

In early 2006, 3D was granted tax-exempt status by the Swiss (Geneva) authorities. In addition to making any gifts to 3D tax deductible, this is particularly welcome as it provides recognition of our public interest status ('reconnaissance d'utilité publique').

Davinia Ovet, who had been with 3D almost since the beginning, left the organization in 2006 to pursue other projects. We are grateful to her dedication and her excellent work, which helped shape the focus of the organization, and wish her the very best for the future. Magali Fabre stayed on with 3D through early 2006, bringing to completion the compilation of references to trade in the work of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Kimberley Lehmkuhl of Columbia Law School was with 3D for three months, focusing on agriculture trade policy and its effects on women in Niger. Lucie Plantevin joined 3D in August, replacing Catherine Saez as Office Manager. Carolyn Deere played a greatly-valued role as 3D's Director until March 2006 when Caroline Dommen returned from maternity leave. Stewart Jackson continued as our accountant.

3D decided not to undertake new project work in the second half of 2006. The Steering Committee, with 3D's Director, look forward to taking stock of the organization's role and activities over 3D's first four years of existence in 2007, and to decide on future priorities and direction by early 2008.

3D's Advisory Board and Steering Committee continue to play a steady and valued part in guiding and supporting 3D. Nicolas Borsinger and Peter Splinter joined the Advisory Board in early 2006, and we regretfully accepted Yash Tandon's resignation, tendered as membership of 3D's Board was not compatible with his new commitments as Director of the South Centre.

**→ Organizational Matters**

3D would like to thank all those who supported us in 2006. Particular thanks go to the Avina Stiftung and Oxfam International for funding the publication of the Guía Práctica, the Ford Foundation for its support to 3D's Outreach, Information-Provision and Technical Advice activities, the Joseph

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3D → Trade - Human Rights - Equitable Economy promotes collaboration amongst trade, development and human rights professionals, to ensure that trade rules are developed and applied in ways that promote an equitable economy.

Our Objectives are:

- To promote collaborative efforts between people working to promote an equitable economy,
- To strengthen the capacity of human rights advocates to raise their concerns with trade decision-makers,
- To encourage the use of human rights mechanisms and rules in support of efforts to promote an equitable economy, and
- To ensure accountability of all economic actors.