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## **Romani CRISS approved as NGO in Consultative Status with ECOSOC**

Within working session of the United Nations Committee on Non-Governmental Organisations which took place in New York from January 21<sup>st</sup> till January 30<sup>th</sup> 2008 and where 145 organisations' applications were analysed, Romani CRISS – Roma Center for Social Intervention and Studies was approved as NGO in Consultative Status with Economic and Social Council ( ECOSOC)

(<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2008/ecosoc6321.doc.htm>).

Romani CRISS is the first Roma organisation in Romania and the fifth in our country to be approved in the Consultative Status with ECOSOC. This fact infers communication of meetings of ECOSOC and of subsidiary bodies, as Romani CRISS may make proposals in regard to the agenda and may distribute documents. The competencies of NGOs with consultative status are available at <http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/pdf/res96-31.pdf>.

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), along with the General Assembly, Security Council, Trusteeship Council, International Court of Justice and the Secretariat, is one of the six principal organs of the United Nations. The United Nations family, however, is much larger, encompassing 15 agencies and several programmes and bodies. Established in 1945, the UN has 192 member states and the mission to maintain international peace and security; to develop friendly relations among nations; to cooperate in solving international economic, social, cultural and humanitarian problems and in promoting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; and to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in attaining these ends. On December 14<sup>th</sup> 1955, The General Assembly decided that Romania became part of UN.

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