



**Committee against Islamophobia in France**  
**Press Release**  
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**CCIF accreditation to Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)  
of the United Nations (UN)**

*The CCIF (Committee against Islamophobia in France) is pleased to inform you of its accreditation in Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations (UN). CCIF is therefore an advisory member of the UN because of its special skills in terms of Islamophobia and the importance of this matter in the Council's activities.*

Since its creation in 1945, the UN is considering a statute for non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Thus, the ECOSOC is the only main organ of the UN with a formal framework for NGO participation. Under Article 17 of the UN Charter, "the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) may take all necessary steps to consult with NGOs working on issues within its competence."

This certification requires six conditions that the CCIF has largely fulfilled:

- To be qualified to address issues of concern to the Economic and Social Council
- To have goals complying with the aims and principles of the UN Charter
- To have a real representation in its own field of activity
- To provide sufficient guarantees of accountability and representativeness in terms of structure and organization
- To be able to provide effective assistance to the Council's work

The achievement of this special consultative status marks a new stage; that of full international recognition of the work of CCIF in the fight against Islamophobia in France.

This recognition is the result of the continuous commitment of all those who participated whether within the CCIF or outside in the struggle against the scourge of Islamophobia. On behalf of all the members of the CCIF, we would like to thank them.

This recognition is the announcement that the fight against Islamophobia must and will continue. Given a seat beside the international organizations, the struggle to uphold the rights of all Muslims citizens will have more impact. Because we are wholly convinced that Muslim citizens have the right to live their faith freely and fully, with full respect for international law, the CCIF ensure to denounce whenever it is required the non-compliance of France's international commitments regarding its citizens of Muslim confession.

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