QEW's involvement in the United Nations goes back to its participation as a non-governmental organization (NGO) in the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCED or "Earth Summit") in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. Over the last few years we have increased our UN presence and are now accredited by The Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), the Department of Public Information (DPI), The UN Environmental Programme (UNEP) and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Our role at the UN includes observing and reporting back, as well as collaboration with other non-governmental organizations (NGOs), with a focus on Earthcare concerns. Observers' reports are regularly published in *BeFriending Creation*, QEW's bimonthly newsletter.