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Organizational matters

Admission of organizations as observers

Admission of observers: organizations applying for admission as observers

Note by the secretariat*

1. The admission of intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as observers at sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) is governed by Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention, which provides, inter alia, that “Any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which is qualified in matters covered by the Convention, and which has informed the secretariat of its wish to be represented at a session of the Conference of the Parties as an observer, may be so admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object.”

2. At its first session, the COP agreed that the secretariat should invite to its future sessions, and to sessions of its subsidiary bodies, all IGOs and NGOs admitted at that session and at future sessions, unless an objection was raised to any particular organization in accordance with the Convention and the draft rules of procedure being applied.¹ Consequently, all organizations admitted to previous sessions of the COP (with the exception of those which were admitted for a single session only) have been notified of the sixteenth session of the COP by the secretariat in accordance with rule 8 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, without prejudice to decisions which may be taken by the COP. Only new applicants need to undergo the procedure for admission to the session.

3. The secretariat has prepared, for consideration by the COP, a list of new applicant IGOs and NGOs that satisfy the requirements set out in the Convention, the draft rules of procedure being applied and established practice and that have expressed a wish to be represented at sessions of the COP and its subsidiary bodies as observers (see annex). The secretariat recommends that the organization Consejo Consultivo Nacional para el Desarrollo Sustentable be admitted as an observer organization at COP 16 only, and if it

* This document was submitted after the due date because the review process took longer than expected.

¹ FCCC/CP/1995/7, paragraph 22.

wishes to continue to participate in the process the organization should be advised to re-apply after COP 16.²

4. In drawing up the list, the secretariat has taken due account of the provisions of Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention and rules 7 and 8 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, as well as of the established practice, endorsed by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation,³ whereby observer NGOs are required to provide proof of competence in matters related to the Convention and to confirm their independent juridical personality and non-profit and/or tax-exempt status in a State Member of the United Nations or, of one of its specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, or in a State Party to the International Court of Justice.

5. The members of the Bureau have received the list of new applicants and have not raised any objections to the organizations listed. These organizations have been advised of their provisional admittance status on the understanding that the final authority for their admission as observers rests with the COP. The COP is invited, at the first meeting of its sixteenth session, to accord observer status to the IGOs and NGOs listed in the annex.

6. Parties to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol may wish to recall that decision 36/CMP.1, paragraph 2 (c), provides that with respect to rules 6 and 7 of the draft rules of procedure being applied:

(a) Organizations admitted as observers to previous sessions of the COP would be admitted to the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP);

(b) A single process would be used for the admission of observer organizations to sessions of the COP and of the CMP, with decisions on admission of observer organizations being taken by the COP.

² This is in accordance with past practice where umbrella organizations in countries hosting sessions of the COP and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol have been admitted as observers at those sessions only.

³ FCCC/SBI/2004/10, paragraph 100.

Annex

List of new applicant organizations for admission as observers at the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties

Intergovernmental organizations

1. Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement (BOAD), Lomé, Togo
2. Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), Lusaka, Zambia

Non-governmental organizations

1. Aarhus University (AU), Aarhus C, Denmark
2. Abibimman Foundation (AF), Tema, Ghana
3. Africa Youths International Development Foundation (AFYIDEF), Abuja, Nigeria
4. Amazon Watch, San Francisco, United States of America
5. American Intellectual Property Law Association, Inc. (AIPLA), Arlington, United States of America
6. American University (AU), Washington, D.C., United States of America
7. Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD), Chiangmai, Thailand
8. Asociación Española de la Industria Eléctrica (UNESA), Madrid, Spain
9. Asociación Interamericana Para La Defensa Del Ambiente (AIDA), Oakland, United States of America
10. BC3 Basque Centre for Climate Change - Klima Aldaketa Ikergai (BC3), Bilbao, Spain
11. Blue Green Alliance Foundation, Minneapolis, United States of America
12. Brazilian Association of Vegetable Oil Industries {Associação Brasileira das Indústrias de Óleos Vegetais}(ABIOVE), São Paulo, Brazil
13. Brazilian Pulp and Paper Association {Associação Brasileira de Celulose e Papel} (BRACELPA), São Paulo, Brazil
14. Business New Zealand Incorporated, Wellington, New Zealand
15. Center for Climate Strategies, Inc., Washington D.C., United States of America
16. Center for Progressive Reform, Inc. (CPR), Washington, D.C., United States of America
17. Centre for Policy Research (CPR), New Delhi, India
18. Centre for Social Markets (CSM), Bangalore, India
19. Centro de Transporte Sustentable de México, Asociación Civil (CTS México), México DF, Mexico
20. Clean Energy Nepal (CEN), Kathmandu, Nepal
21. Climate Analytics GmbH, Potsdam, Germany
22. Coastal Association for Social Transformation Trust (COAST Trust), Dhaka, Bangladesh
23. Confederation of European Waste-To-Energy Plants e.V. (CEWEP e.V.), Würzburg, Germany
24. Consejo Civil Mexicano para la Silvicultura Sostenible, A.C. (CCMSS), Mexico City, Mexico
25. Consejo Consultivo Nacional para el Desarrollo Sustentable (CCNDS),¹ Mexico City, Mexico
26. Consumer Associations Federation {Tüketici Dernekleri Federasyonu} (TÜDEF), Ankara, Turkey

¹ Admitted for the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties only.

27. Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Australia
28. Eco-Valley Foundation for Applied Sustainability {Öko-völgy Alapítvány az Alkalmazott Fenntarthatóságért} (Eco Valley), Somogyvámos, Hungary
29. Environment-People-Law {Ecologiya-Pravo-Ludyna} (EPL), Lviv, Ukraine
30. Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement Bwaise Facility (EMLI Bwaise Facility), Kampala, Uganda
31. European Federation of Clean Air and Environmental Protection Associations (EFCA), Delfgauw, Netherlands
32. European Small Hydropower Association (ESHA), Brussels, Belgium
33. Fairwatch Association {Fairwatch-Cooperazione e Mondialità} (FAIR), Genova, Italy
34. Free World Foundation (FWF), Accra, Ghana
35. Fundación Privada Empresa & Clima (FEC), Barcelona, Spain
36. Global Marshall Plan Foundation, Hamburg, Germany
37. Global Risk Forum GRF Davos (GRF Davos), Davos Platz, Switzerland
38. Green Asia Network (GAN), Seoul, South Korea
39. Health Care Without Harm (HCWH), Reston, United States of America
40. Hong Kong Climate Change Forum Limited (HKCCF), Hong Kong, China
41. Initiatives of Change International (IofC International), Caux, Switzerland
42. Innaxis Foundation and Research Institute {Fundación Instituto de Investigación Innaxis} Madrid, Spain
43. Interface for Cycling Expertise Foundation {Stichting Interface for Cycling Expertise} (I-CE), Utrecht, Netherlands
44. International Advertising Association, Inc. (IAA), New York, United States of America
45. International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), Hong Kong, China
46. International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
47. International Council for Adult Education {Consejo Internacional para la Educacion de las Personas Adultas} (ICAE), Montevideo, Uruguay
48. International Federation of Medical Students (IFMSA), Amsterdam, Netherlands
49. International Indian Treaty Council (IITC), San Francisco, United States of America
50. LDC Watch, Brussels, Belgium
51. Liaison Office of the European Ceramic Industry {Bureau de Liaison des Industries Ceramiques Europeennes-CERAME-UNIE} (CERAME-UNIE), Brussels, Belgium
52. National Native Title Council Ltd. (NNTL), East Perth, Australia
53. Natural Justice, Cape Town, South Africa
54. Navdanya Trust, New Delhi, India
55. New York University (NYU), New York, United States of America
56. NGO Center for Environmental Innovation (NGO CEI), Moscow, Russian Federation
57. Non-Timber Forest Products-Exchange Programme, Inc. (NTFP-EP), Quezon City, Philippines
58. Nova University of Lisbon {Universidade Nova de Lisboa} (FCSH-UNL), Lisbon, Portugal
59. One Campaign (ONE), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
60. Organisation Des Hommes Demunis Et Enfants Orphelins Pour Le Developpement (OHDEOD), Brazzaville, Congo
61. Out Stretched Hands {Associazione Mani Tese}, Milan, Italy
62. Pacific Institute of Public Policy (PiPP), Port Vila, Vanuatu
63. Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), Nairobi, Kenya
64. Private Agencies Collaborating Together, Inc. (PACT), Washington, D.C., United States of America
65. ProAct Network, Nyon, Switzerland
66. Pronatura Mexico, A.C., Mexico City, Mexico
67. Reforestamos Mexico, A.C. (RM), Mexico City, Mexico

68. Royal Institute of Technology {Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan} (KTH), Stockholm, Sweden
69. Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN), Kathmandu, Nepal
70. Solar Cookers International (SCI), Sacramento, United States of America
71. Swedish Society for Nature Conservation {Svenska Naturskyddsföreningen} (SSNC), Stockholm, Sweden
72. Technology Development Foundation of Turkey {Turkiye Teknoloji Gelistirma Vafi} (TTGV), Ankara, Turkey
73. Tenmya 21, Borj Louzir, Tunisia
74. The Canadian Chamber of Commerce {La Chambre de Commerce du Canada} (CCC), Ottawa, Canada
75. The Danish Association of Consulting Engineers {Foreningen af Rådgivende Ingeniører} (FRI), Copenhagen, Denmark
76. The Employers Association of Greenland {Grønlands Arbejdsgiverforening}, Nuuk, Greenland
77. The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), Almaty, Kazakhstan
78. The Sustainable Development Institute, Laramie, United States of America
79. Trustees of Tufts College, Somerville, United States of America
80. UK Youth Climate Coalition Limited (UKYCC), Forest Row, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
81. University of Genoa {Università di Genova} (Unige), Genoa, Italy
82. University of Lapland {Lapin Yliopisto}, Rovaniemi, Finland
83. University of Mannheim {Universität Mannheim}, Mannheim, Germany
84. University of Minnesota (UMN), Minneapolis, United States of America
85. University of Vermont (UVM), Burlington, United States of America
86. Western Australian Sustainable Energy Association, Inc. (WA SEA), Perth, Australia
87. World Bioenergy Association (WBA), Stockholm, Sweden
88. World Medical Association {Association Medicale Mondiale} (WMA), Ferney-Voltaire, France
89. Xiamen University, Xiamen, China
90. Youth Action Environmental Network Lower Saxony {JugendAktion Natur-und Umweltschutz Niedersachsen (JANUN e.V.)}, Hannover, Germany