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## Conference of the Parties

### Nineteenth session

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Item 2(e) of the provisional agenda

#### 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 “[a]ny 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.<sup>1</sup> Consequently, all organizations admitted to previous sessions of the COP (with the exception of those admitted for a single session only) have been notified of the nineteenth 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 the annex).

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

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/CP/1995/7, paragraph 22.

Implementation,<sup>2</sup> whereby IGOs and 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 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of its nineteenth 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.

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<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBI/2004/10, paragraph 100.

## Annex

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

#### Intergovernmental organizations

1. Adaptation Fund Board, Washington, D.C., United States of America
2. Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), Saint Michael, Barbados
3. Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), Seoul, Republic of Korea
4. Instituto Interamericano de Cooperación para la Agricultura (IICA), San Isidro, Costa Rica
5. Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention {Ständiges Sekretariat des Übereinkommens zum Schutz der Alpen}, Innsbruck, Austria

#### Non-governmental organizations

1. All India Women's Conference (AIWC), New Delhi, India
2. Arizona State University (ASU), Glendale, United States of America
3. Association des Scientifiques Environnementalistes pour un Développement Intégré (ASEDI), Lome, Togo
4. Association Française Pour les Nations Unies – Aix-en-Provence (AFNU-Aix), Aix-en-Provence, France
5. Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO), Washington, D.C., United States of America
6. BBC Media Action, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
7. Belgrade Open School {Beogradska otvorena škola} (BOS), Belgrade, Serbia
8. Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, San Dimas, United States of America
9. Center for American Progress (CAP), Washington, D.C., United States of America
10. Center for Global Development (CGD), Washington, D.C., United States of America
11. Center for Resource Solutions (CRS), San Francisco, United States of America
12. Climate Change Center, Seoul, Republic of Korea
13. Climate Concept Foundation, Hamburg, Germany
14. CliMates, Paris, France
15. CO<sub>2</sub>GeoNet – The European Network of Excellence on Geological Storage of CO<sub>2</sub> {CO<sub>2</sub>GeoNet Réseau d'Excellence Européen Sur le Stockage Géologique de CO<sub>2</sub>} (CO<sub>2</sub>GeoNet), Orleans, France
16. Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, Inc. {The Southern Center for Environmental Justice, Incorporated} (DSCEJ, INC), New Orleans, United States of America
17. Environmental Restoration and Conservation Agency (ERCA), Kawasaki, Japan
18. Family Health International (FHI 360), Durham, United States of America
19. Finnish NGO Platform KEPA {Kepa ry} (KEPA), Helsinki, Finland
20. Forests of the World {Verdens Skove}, Aarhus C, Denmark
21. Foundation of Taiwan Industry Service (FTIS), Taiwan, Province of China
22. Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
23. Global Alert for Defence of Youth and the Less Privileged (GADYLP), Lagos, Nigeria

24. Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA) Philippines Inc., Quezon City, Philippines
  25. Global Buildings Performance Network (GBPN), Paris, France
  26. Global Green Environmental Network (GLOGEN), Tema, Ghana
  27. HACEY's Health Initiative (HACEY), Lagos, Nigeria
  28. Hangzhou Eco-Culture Association (HZECA), Hangzhou, China
  29. Institute for Environment and Development Sustainability {Institute of Environmental and Development Sustainability} (IEDS), Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania
  30. International Environmental Communication Association (IECA), Cincinnati, United States of America
  31. iuventum e.V., Uelzen, Germany
  32. Kejibaus, Akure, Nigeria
  33. Kenya Climate Change Working Group Association (KCCWGA), Nairobi, Kenya
  34. Macalester College, Saint Paul, United States of America
  35. Michael Succow Foundation for the Protection of Nature {Michael Succow Stiftung zum Schutz der Natur} (MSF), Greifswald, Germany
  36. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Baltimore, United States of America
  37. National Youth Achievement Award Association (NYAA), Singapore
  38. Nature Code – Centre of Development & Environment {Nature Code – Zentrum für Entwicklung & Umwelt} (NC), Mattsee, Austria
  39. New Zealand Youth Delegation Incorporated (NZYD), Auckland, New Zealand
  40. P3 Foundation (P3F), Auckland, New Zealand
  41. R20 – Regions of Climate Action (R20), Versoix, Switzerland
  42. Rare, Arlington, United States of America
  43. Remote Sensing Technology Center of Japan (RESTEC), Tokyo, Japan
  44. Research and Development Centre, Nepal (RDC Nepal), Kathmandu, Nepal
  45. Réseau Français des Etudiants pour le Développement Durable (REFEDD), Paris, France
  46. Royal Society for Conservation of Nature (RSCN), Amman, Jordan
  47. St. Louis Aquacenter, Inc., St. Louis, United States of America
  48. Sustainable Environmental Development Watch (SusWatch), Nairobi, Kenya
  49. Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, United States of America
  50. United States Council for International Business {United States Council for the International Business, Incorporated} (USCIB), New York, United States of America
  51. University of Maryland (UMCP), College Park, United States of America
  52. University of Montana (UM), Missoula, United States of America
  53. University of Zurich {Universität Zürich} (UZH), Zurich, Switzerland
  54. Vasudha Foundation, New Delhi, India
  55. World Farmers' Organisation {Organizzazione Mondiale Degli Agricoltori} (WFO), Rome, Italy
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