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Admission of organizations as observers

Organizations applying for admission as observers

Note by the secretariat

1. The admission of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations 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 intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations 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 (FCCC/CP/1995/7, para. 22). Consequently, all the organizations admitted to previous sessions of the COP (with the exception of those which were admitted for a single session only) have been invited to attend the tenth session, and only new applicants need to undergo the procedure for admission to the session.
3. The secretariat has prepared a list of new applicant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have expressed a wish to be admitted to the tenth session of the COP, for consideration by the Parties at the start of the session (see annex to this document).
4. In drawing up the list, the secretariat has taken due account of the provisions of Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention and of the established practice whereby observer organizations are required to furnish proof of their non-profit and/or tax-exempt status in a State Member of the United Nations, 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 of the COP have received the list of new applicants and have not raised any objections to the organizations listed. These organizations have been advised of their “pre-admittance status” on the understanding that the final authority for their admission as observers rests with the COP. The Bureau further agreed that the Foro del Buen Ayre (FOROBA) be admitted to COP 10 only, provided that it be invited to reapply after that session, should it wish to continue to participate in the Convention process.

6. Following requests made during the twentieth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, this document is being issued earlier than in past years to provide Parties with additional time to review the list of organizations proposed for admission.

7. The COP is invited, at its first meeting, to accord observer status to the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations listed in the annex.

Annex¹**List of new applicant organizations for admission as observers at the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties****I. Intergovernmental organizations**

1. Secretaria General de la Comunidad Andina (SGCAN), Lima, Peru

II. Non-governmental organizations

1. Action for a Global Climate Community (AGCC), Chard, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
2. Aleut International Association (AIA), Anchorage, United States of America
3. Asagyam Help for the Needy (ASAHN), Accra, Ghana
4. Asociación Cubana de las Naciones Unidas (ACNU), Havana, Cuba
5. Asociación Cubana de Producción Animal (ACPA), Havana, Cuba
6. Asociación Cultural para el Desarrollo Integral (ACDI), Santa Fé, Argentina
7. Asociación Regional de Empresas de Petróleo y Gas Natural en Latinoamérica y el Caribe (ARPEL), Montevideo, Uruguay
8. Associação de Proteção a Ecossistemas Costeiros [Association for the Protection of Coastal Ecosystems] (APREC), Niterói, Brazil
9. Business Unity South Africa (BUSA), Benmore, South Africa
10. Climate Action Network Association e.V., CAN International (CAN International), Bonn, Germany
11. Climate Change Coordination Centre (C4), Astana, Kazakhstan
12. Consejo Empresario Argentino para el Desarrollo Sostenible (CEADS), Buenos Aires, Argentina
13. Earth University, San José, Costa Rica
14. Ecological Youth of Angola (JEA), Luanda, Angola
15. ETC Foundation (ETC), Leusden, Netherlands
16. European Agenda Global Climate Change, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
17. Foro del Buen Ayre² (FOROBA), Mercedes, Buenos Aires, Argentina

¹ The names of the organizations listed here are the legally recognized names, and this list has not been translated.

² Foro del Buen Ayre is recommended for admission to COP 10 only and will be invited to reapply after that session.

18. Fundación Argentina de Etoecología (FAE), Buenos Aires, Argentina
19. Fundación Ecológica Universal (FEU), Buenos Aires, Argentina
20. fundación e-ciudad (e-c), Buenos Aires, Argentina
21. Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium, Inc. (GHPC), Columbia, United States of America
22. Göteborgs Universitet, [University of Göteborg], Göteborg, Sweden
23. Gwichín Council International (GCI), Old Crow, Yukon, Canada
24. Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehra Dun, Uttaranchal, India
25. Instituto Ecoplan (Ecoplan), General Carneiro, Brazil
26. Instituto Torcuato di Tella (ITDT), Buenos Aires, Argentina
27. International Hydropower Association (IHA), Sutton, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
28. Inuit Circumpolar Conference, Inc. (ICC), Ottawa, Canada
29. Mapet International Foundation, Coral Gables, Florida, United States of America
30. National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), Tsukuba, Japan
31. Network for Promotion of Agriculture and Environmental Studies (NETPROAES), Accra, Ghana
32. New Zealand Forest Industries Council, Wellington, New Zealand
33. Nurses Across the Borders (NAB), Lagos, Nigeria
34. Sociedad Meteorológica de Cuba (SOMETCUBA), Havana, Cuba
35. Sociedade Nuclear Americana [Latin American Section of the American Nuclear Society] (LAS/ANS), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
36. The Climate Group, Weybridge, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
37. Universidad de Barcelona (UB), Instituto de Economía Pública, Barcelona, Spain
38. Université Libre de Bruxelles, Centre d'Etudes Economiques et Sociales de l'Environnement (CEESE), Brussels, Belgium
39. University Luigi Bocconi, Institute of Energy and Environment Economics and Policy (IEFE), Milan, Italy
40. University of Colorado at Boulder (CU), Boulder, Colorado, United States of America
41. Windfall Energy Project (Windfall Ecology Centre), Newmarket, Ontario, Canada
