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ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

ADMISSION OF ORGANIZATIONS AS OBSERVERS

Admission of observers: intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

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 ninth 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 ninth session of the COP, for consideration by the Parties at the start of the session (see annex to this document).

* This document has been submitted after the deadline in order to include more applicant observer organizations.

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 Bureau of the COP has considered the list of new applicants and has raised no 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.
6. The COP is invited, at its first meeting, to accord observer status to the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations listed in the annex.

Annex

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

I. INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Tokyo, Japan

II. NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. Academy for Mountain Environics (AME), Bangalore, India
2. Action Committee for the Three Global Conventions of the United Nations [Comitato di appoggio alle tre Convenzioni globali delle Nazioni Unite] (CA3C), Rome, Italy
3. Alliance Froid Climatisation Environnement (AFCE), l'Aigle, France
4. Association Tunisienne des Changements Climatiques et du Développement Durable (2C2D), Tunis, Tunisia
5. Aujourd'hui pour Demain (APD), Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo
6. Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA), Dhaka, Bangladesh
7. Both ENDS Foundation [Stichting Both ENDS] (Both ENDS), Amsterdam, Netherlands
8. California Climate Action Registry, Los Angeles, California, United States of America
9. Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL), Montreal, Quebec, Canada
10. Centre for Socio-Eco-Nomic Development [Foundation for a Centre for Socio-Eco-Nomic Development] (CSEND), Geneva, Switzerland
11. Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (CATIE), Turrialba, Costa Rica
12. Clean Air Canada, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
13. Climate Alliance Austria [Klimabündnis Österreich] (KBOE), Vienna, Austria
14. Climate Alliance Italy [Alleanza per il Clima Italia], Città di Castello, Italy
15. Climate Business Network (CBNet), Vienna, Austria
16. Climate Change Legal Foundation (CCFL), New York, New York, United States of America
17. Club UNESCO du Centre d'Action Femme et Enfant (CUCAFE), Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo

18. COBASE [Cooperativa Tecnica Scientifica di Base], Rome, Italy
19. Consumer Unities and Trust Society (CUTS), Calcutta, India
20. De Montfort University (DMU), Leicester, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
21. Earthlife Africa Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa
22. Eco-Accord, Moscow, Russian Federation
23. e-Parliament, Near Ashford, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
24. European Copper Institute (ECI), Brussels, Belgium
25. Finnish Air Pollution Prevention Society (FAPPS), Helsinki, Finland
26. Fondation Africaine (FARMAPU-INTER & CECOTRAP-RCOGL), Kigali, Rwanda
27. Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM), Milan, Italy
28. Global Environment Centre Foundation (GEC), Osaka, Japan
29. Green Markets International, Arlington, Massachusetts, United States of America
30. Groupe de Recherche pour l'Environnement et le Développement Urbain et Rural (GREDUR), Rabat-Agdal, Morocco
31. Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
32. Institute for Sustainable Energy Policies (ISEP), Tokyo, Japan
33. Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex (IDS), Brighton, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
34. INTERCOOPERATION (IC), Bern, Switzerland
35. International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA), Freiburg, Germany
36. International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
37. International Policy Network (IPN), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
38. Interuniversity Research Centre for Sustainable Development [Centro Interuniversitario di Ricerca per lo Sviluppo Sostenibile] (CIRPS), Rome, Italy

39. Joanneum Research [Joanneum Research Forschungsgesellschaft mbH], Graz, Austria
40. John Hopkins University, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Washington, D.C., United States of America
41. Kyoto Club, Rome, Italy
42. Leadership for Environment and Development International (LEAD International), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
43. Legambiente, Rome, Italy
44. LIFE – Women Develop Eco-techniques, [LIFE – Frauen entwickeln Ökotechnik e.V.], Frankfurt, Germany
45. Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers (CFMSA), Maryknoll, New York, United States of America
46. Nizhny Novgorod Innovation Energy Saving Center (NICE), Nizhny Novgorod, Russian Federation
47. North American Insulation Manufacturers Association (NAIMA), Alexandria, Virginia, United States of America
48. Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM), Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America
49. Organisation de Défense de l'Environnement au Burundi (ODEB), Bujumbura, Burundi
50. Pro-Natura USA (PNUSA), Washington, D.C., United States of America
51. Protection de l'Environnement (PROTENVIRO), Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo
52. Research Centre for Sustainable Development, Global Change and Economic Development Programme (GCED), Beijing, China
53. SouthSouthNorth (SSN), Cape Town, South Africa
54. Turku School of Economics and Business Administration, Turku, Finland
55. UK Business Council for Sustainable Energy (UKBCSE), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
56. University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR), Boulder, Colorado, United States of America
57. Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF), Bunnik, Netherlands
58. Work and Environment Association [Associazione Ambiente e Lavoro] (AMBLAV), Milan, Italy

59. World Economic Forum, Geneva, Switzerland
60. World Wind Energy Association (WWEA), Bonn, Germany
