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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 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 Conference of the Parties agreed that the secretariat should invite to future sessions of the Conference of the Parties, and 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 rules of procedure (FCCC/CP/1995/7, para. 22). Consequently, all the organizations admitted to previous sessions of the Conference of the Parties (with the exception of those which were admitted for a single session only) have been invited to attend the eighth session, and only new applicants need to undergo the procedure for admission to the Conference of the Parties.
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 eighth session of the Conference of the Parties, for consideration by the Parties at the start of the session.

* 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 non-governmental 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 Conference of the Parties has considered the list of applicants (see annex to this document) 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 Conference of the Parties.
6. The Conference of the Parties is invited, at its first plenary 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 eighth session of the Conference of the Parties

I. INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. Comité Permanent Inter-Etats de Lutte Contre la Sécheresse dans le Sahel (CILSS), Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

II. NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. American Lung Association (ALA), Washington D.C., United States of America
2. AQUADEV (AD), Brussels, Belgium
3. Arctic Athabaskan Council (AAC), Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada
4. Association des Amis de la Saoura (AAS), Bechar, Algeria
5. Association des Clubs des Amis de la Nature du Cameroon (ACAN), Douala, Cameroon
6. Association écologique pour la protection de l'environnement de la faune et la flore de la Wilaya de Bechar (AEPEFF), Bechar, Algeria
7. Climate Action Network Australia (CANA), Erskineville, New South Wales, Australia
8. Community Forestry International (CFI), Santa Barbara, California, United States of America
9. Deutsches Komitee für Katastrophenvorsorge e.V. [German Committee for Disaster Reduction] (DKKV), Bonn, Germany
10. EcoCarbon Incorporated (Ecocarbon), Perth, Western Australia, Australia
11. Energy Carbon Fund (ECF), Moscow, Russian Federation
12. Environmental Quality Protection Foundation (EQPF), Taipei, Taiwan, Province of China
13. European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE), Brussels, Belgium
14. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), New Delhi, India
15. German Emissions Trading Association [Bundesverband Emissionshandel und Klimaschutz e.V.] (BVEK), Augsburg, Germany
16. Instituto de Pesquisas Ecológicas [Institute for Ecological Research] (IPÊ), São Paulo, Brazil
17. Instituto Ecológica, Palmas, Brazil

18. International Alliance of Indigenous-Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forests (IAIP), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
19. International Center Ecosphere (Ecosphere), Mariupol, Ukraine
20. International Rivers Network (IRN), Berkeley, California, United States of America
21. Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden Corporation (KFBG), Hong Kong, China
22. Lawyers' Environmental Action Team (LEAT), Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania
23. National Carbon Sequestration Foundation (NCSF), Moscow, Russian Federation
24. Non Governmental Organization BIOS (NGO BIOS), Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
25. Responding to Climate Change (RTCC), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
26. Samata, Hyderabad, India
27. Sociedade de Pesquisa em Vida Selvagem e Educação Ambiental [Society for Wildlife Research and Environmental Education] (SPVS), Curitiba, Brazil
28. The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), New Delhi, India
29. The Carbon Trust, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
30. The Just Environment Charitable Trust (TOXICS LINK), New Delhi, India
31. The Other Media (TOM), New Delhi, India
32. Wayne State University (WSU), Detroit, Michigan, United States of America
33. Winrock International India (WII), New Delhi, India
34. Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development (WI), Morrilton, Arkansas, United States of America
