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### 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.<sup>1</sup> 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 seventeenth 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).

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,<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

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

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

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 seventeenth 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.

## Annex

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

#### Intergovernmental organizations

1. African Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group), Brussels, Belgium
2. Autorité de Développement Intégré de la Région du Liptako-Gourma (ALG), Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
3. ECOWAS Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE), Praia, Cape Verde
4. European Forest Institute (EFI), Joensuu, Finland
5. International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
6. Secretaría General Iberoamericana (SEGIB), Madrid, Spain
7. The Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (PERSGA), Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

#### Non-governmental organizations

1. Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), Pretoria, South Africa
2. Advocates for Youth, Washington, D.C., United States of America
3. African Centre for Biosafety, Johannesburg, South Africa
4. African Climate Change Research Centre (ACCREC), Dutse, Nigeria
5. African Monitor Trust (AM), Cape Town, South Africa
6. African Wildlife Foundation (AWF), Nairobi, Kenya
7. Agronomes et Vétérinaires sans Frontières (AVSF), Nogent-sur-Marne, France
8. All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), Nairobi, Kenya
9. Alternative Information and Development Centre Trust (AIDC), Cape Town, South Africa
10. American University of Beirut (AUB-IFI), Beirut, Lebanon
11. Amour Développement Environnement – Benin (ADE-Benin), Galazoue, Benin
12. An Organization for Socio-Economic Development (AOSED), Khulna, Bangladesh
13. Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC), Washington, D.C., United States of America
14. Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED), Helwan, Egypt
15. Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact Foundation (AIPP), Chiang Mai, Thailand
16. Asociación Nacional de Empresas de Agua y Saneamiento (ANEAS), Distrito Federal, Mexico
17. Association for Development and Research of Sustainable Habitats (ADaRSH), New Delhi, India
18. Avelife (Ltd), Singapore
19. Bay Area Council Foundation, San Francisco, United States of America
20. Beyond War, Portland, United States of America
21. Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
22. Business for Social Responsibility (BSR), San Francisco, United States of America
23. Ca' Foscari University, Venice {Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia} (UNIVE), Venice, Italy
24. California College of the Arts (CCA), San Francisco, United States of America

25. Canadian Environmental Network {Reseau canadien de l'environnement} (RCEN), Ottawa, Canada
26. Canadian Federation of Agriculture {La Fédération canadienne de l'agriculture} (CFA), Ottawa, Canada
27. Carbon War Room Corporation (CWR), Washington, D.C., United States of America
28. Carbonfund.org Foundation, Inc. (Carbonfund.org), Washington, D.C., United States of America
29. Center of Life Institute {Instituto Centro de Vida} (ICV), Cuiabá, Brazil
30. Centre for Environmental Impact Analysis (CEIA), Cape Coast, Ghana
31. Centre for Environmental Justice {Centre for Environmental Justice (Guarantee) Limited} (CEJ), Colombo, Sri Lanka
32. Centre for Low Carbon Futures (CLCF), York, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
33. China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO), Beijing, China
34. China Renewable Energy Society (CRES), Beijing, China
35. Chinese Renewable Energy Industry Association (CREIA), Beijing, China
36. Civicus World Alliance for Citizen Participation (CIVICUS), Johannesburg, South Africa
37. Climate and Health Limited, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
38. Climate Policy Initiative, Inc. (CPI), San Francisco, United States of America
39. ClimateWorks Foundation, San Francisco, United States of America
40. Cologne Institute for Economic Research {Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft Köln} (IW Köln), Cologne, Germany
41. Confederación Española de Organizaciones Empresariales (CEOE), Madrid, Spain
42. Conservation South Africa {Khusel'indalo South Africa} (CSO), Cape Town, South Africa
43. Consortium for the Empowerment and Development of Marginalised Communities (CEDMAC), Nairobi, Kenya
44. Derecho Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (DAR), Lima, Peru
45. Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan
46. Economic Justice Network of the Fellowship of Christian Councils of Southern Africa (EJN), Cape Town, South Africa
47. Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance (EAA), Geneva, Switzerland
48. Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), Johannesburg, South Africa
49. Energy and Climate Policy Institute for Just Transition (ECPI), Seoul, Republic of Korea
50. Energy Forum (Guarantee) Limited (EF), Kirulapone, Sri Lanka
51. Environmental Law Association (ELA), Potchefstroom, South Africa
52. Environmental Monitoring Group Trust (EMG), Cape Town, South Africa
53. Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International e.V. (FLO), Bonn, Germany
54. Faith Association of the Rehabilitation of Street Children & Orphans (FARSO), Tema, Ghana
55. Finn Church Aid Foundation {Kirkon Ulkomaanavun säätiö} (FCA), Helsinki, Finland
56. Food and Trees for Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa
57. FORES – Forum for Reforms and Entrepreneurship {FORES – Forum för Reformer och Entreprenörskap} (FORES), Stockholm, Sweden
58. Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute (FFPRI), Tsukuba, Japan
59. Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), Accra, Ghana
60. Forum for Environment (FfE), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
61. Frankfurt School of Finance & Management {Frankfurt School of Finance & Management gemeinnützige GmbH}, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

62. Fundación Desarrollo Sustentable (FDS), Mexico D.F., Mexico
63. Fundação Getulio Vargas {Fundação Getulio Vargas} (FGV), São Paulo, Brazil
64. Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute Ltd, Canberra, Australia
65. Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI), Brussels, Belgium
66. Groupe de Recherche et d'Echanges Technologiques (GRET), Nogent-sur-Marne, France
67. HEDA Resource Centre (HEDA), Lagos, Nigeria
68. Indigenous Educational Network of Turtle Island (IENTI/IEN), Bemidji, United States of America
69. Indigo Development and Change, Nieuwoudtville, South Africa
70. Institute for Agricultural and Forest Management and Certification {Instituto de Manejo e Certificação Florestal e Agrícola} (Imaflora), Piracicaba, Brazil
71. Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), Washington, D.C., United States of America
72. Institute Research for the Upliftment and Prevention of Poverty {Instituut Navorsing vir die Opheffing en Voorkoming van Armoede} (Nova Institute), Pretoria, South Africa
73. Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation {Stichting Interkerkelijke Organisatie voor Ontwikkelingssamenwerking} (ICCO), Utrecht, Netherlands
74. International Copper Association, Ltd (ICA), New York, United States of America
75. International Social Science Council (ISSC), Paris, France
76. Islands First, Inc., New York, United States of America
77. Japan Center for a Sustainable Environment and Society (JACSES), Tokyo, Japan
78. Jubilee South Asia Pacific Movement, Inc. (APMDD-JS), Quezon City, Philippines
79. Keio University, Tokyo, Japan
80. Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation {Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.} (KAS), Berlin, Germany
81. Korean Standards Association (KSA), Seoul, Republic of Korea
82. Labor/Community Strategy Center (LCSC), Los Angeles, United States of America
83. LifeMosaic, Fife, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
84. Mauritius Council for Development, Environmental Studies & Conservation (MAUDESCO), Quatre Bornes, Mauritius
85. Movement Strategy Center (MSC), Oakland, United States of America
86. National Concentrating Solar Power Association {Associazione Nazionale Energia Solare Termodinamica} (ANEST), Milan, Italy
87. National Ecological Centre of Ukraine (NECU), Kiev, Ukraine
88. New Venture Fund (NVF), Washington, D.C., United States of America
89. Nexus Carbon for Development Limited (Nexus-C4D), Singapore
90. Oil Change International (OCI), Washington, D.C., United States of America
91. Pennsylvania Environmental Resource Consortium (PERC), Camp Hill, United States of America
92. Pesticide Action Network Asia BHD (PAN AP), Penang, Malaysia
93. Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Louisville, United States of America
94. Rainforest Partnership, Austin, United States of America
95. Renmin University of China (RUC), Beijing, China
96. Resource Africa, Cambridge, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
97. Rhodes University (RU), Grahamstown, South Africa
98. Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT), Melbourne, Australia
99. Royal Society for Protection of Nature (RSPN), Thimphu, Bhutan
100. San Francisco Carbon Collaborative (SFCC), San Francisco, United States of America
101. Senegal Ecovillage Microfinance Fund (SEM FUND), Dakar, Senegal

102. Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, New Delhi, India
103. Small and Medium Scale Entrepreneurship Fundamentals Foundation (SMEFUNDS), Lagos, Nigeria
104. Society for Peoples Education and Economic Change (SPEECH), Madurai, India
105. Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries (MMS), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
106. Soham Baba Mission Foundation, Waalwijk, Netherlands
107. South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), Johannesburg, South Africa
108. South Central India Network for Development Alternatives (SCINDeA), Tamil Nadu, India
109. South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA), Durban, South Africa
110. Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU), Centurion, South Africa
111. Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute (SAFCEI), Cape Town, South Africa
112. South-South Global Assets and Technology Exchange (SS-GATE), Shanghai, China
113. Stockholm International Water Institute {Stiftelsen Stockholm International Water Institute} (SIWI), Stockholm, Sweden
114. Sustainable Energy Africa (SEA), Cape Town, South Africa
115. Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences {Sveriges Lantbruksuniversitet} (SLU), Uppsala, Sweden
116. The CARIBSAVE Partnership, Inc. (CARIBSAVE), Christ Church, Barbados
117. The Fairtrade Foundation, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
118. The Gaia Foundation, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
119. Tokyo Institute of Technology (Tokyo Tech), Tokyo, Japan
120. Udyama, Bhubaneswar, India
121. University of Bergen {Universitetet i Bergen}, Bergen, Norway
122. University of Illinois, Urbana, United States of America
123. University of Technology Malaysia {Universiti Teknologi Malaysia} (UTM), Johor, Malaysia
124. University of Texas at Austin, Austin, United States of America
125. Verified Carbon Standard Association (VCSA), Washington, D.C., United States of America
126. Village Reconstruction and Development Project (VRDP), Salem, India
127. Washington University, St. Louis, United States of America
128. Wildlands Conservation Trust, Hilton, South Africa
129. William J. Clinton Foundation, Little Rock, United States of America
130. Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), Woods Hole, United States of America
131. World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC), Montreal, Canada
132. Young Naturalist Network (YNN), Baidyabah, India
133. Zoë Environment Network (ZOI), Geneva, Switzerland