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## THE AGENCY'S RELATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

### The representation of certain organizations at regular sessions of the General Conference

Recommendation by the Board of Governors

1. The General Conference will be aware that certain non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are represented at its session each year by virtue of the fact that they have consultative status with the Agency.[1] Of the very large number of NGOs that exist throughout the world, no more than 19 have been granted such status [2], the last addition to the list having been made as long ago as 1961.

2. During the years that have since elapsed several NGOs have been formed with spheres of interest and activities that are closely related to different sectors of the work being done by the Agency, and it would accordingly seem likely to prove beneficial if steps were taken to enable those NGOs to establish working relationships with the Agency. The situation is analogous to that which as early as 1960 the Conference recognized as existing in relation to certain intergovernmental organizations with which the Agency had not established relationship agreements, but whose representation at its annual sessions it might nevertheless be in the Agency's interest to provide for. The Conference met that situation by authorizing the Board of Governors to invite such organizations to be represented at its session the following year,[3] a practice it followed annually till 1972 when it made a standing request to the Board to the same effect [4].

3. As indicated above, the Board has come to the conclusion that it would be in the Agency's interest for similar arrangements now to be introduced for NGOs that do not enjoy consultative status with the Agency, and it accordingly recommends the Conference to make such arrangements by adopting the draft resolution set forth below.

[1] Granted under the rules reproduced in document INFCIRC/14.

[2] See the list annexed hereto.

[3] By Resolution GC(IV)/RES/69.

[4] By Resolution GC(XVI)/RES/291.

THE REPRESENTATION OF CERTAIN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS  
AT REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference,

Considering it to be in the Agency's interest to provide for the representation at its regular sessions of certain non-governmental organizations which are not entitled to be so represented by virtue of having consultative status with the Agency [\*],

Requests the Board of Governors to invite those non-governmental organizations that do not have consultative status with the Agency but are concerned with developing uses of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes or with research in the nuclear sciences, which it may from year to year decide it would be in the Agency's interest to invite, to be represented by observers at regular sessions of the General Conference.

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[\*] Pursuant to paragraph 3(b) of the Rules on the Consultative Status of Non-Governmental Organizations with the Agency reproduced in document INFCIRC/14.

## ANNEX

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVING CONSULTATIVE  
STATUS WITH THE AGENCYList of 1 June 1975 [1]

The European Atomic Forum

The European Confederation of Agriculture

The International Air Transport Association

The International Cargo Handling Co-ordination Association

The International Chamber of Commerce

The International Commission on Radiological Protection

The International Commission on Radiation Units and Measurements

The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions

The International Co-operative Alliance

The International Council of Scientific Unions

The International Federation for Documentation

The International Federation of Industrial Producers of Electricity  
for Own Consumption

The International Organization for Standardization

The International Union for Inland Navigation

The International Union of Producers and Distributors of Electrical Energy

The Japan Atomic Industrial Forum, Inc.

The World Confederation of Labour

The World Energy Conference

The World Federation of United Nations Associations

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[1] Reproduced, with updatings, from document GC(V)/INF/43 which contained the list of 20 September 1961.

