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PROPOSAL FOR ADMISSION OF OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS

(Submitted by the Secretariat)

Proposal for Admitting Observer Organizations For consideration by the Panel at its 26th Session

The Panel adopted at its 25th Session in April 2006 the IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations (Hereinafter, “the Policy and Process”). Paragraph 11 of the Process requires that **“admission of observer organizations be included as a regular agenda item of Sessions of the IPCC Bureau and the Panel at the discretion of the Chair.”**

It is the first time that the Panel will consider acceptance of observer organizations. There were 56 organizations on the mailing list of IPCC Secretariat before the Panel adopted the Policy and Process, and there are 13 new applications afterwards. For those organisations that were on the IPCC mailing list and participated in IPCC Sessions in the past, the Secretariat has asked for information and confirmation of their continued interest to be an observer to Sessions of the IPCC and its Working Groups. The first letter was sent in late October 2005, as requested by the Panel at its 24th Session. A second letter was sent in early December 2006 according to the Policy and Process. In addition, the Secretariat received information from the new applicants. Based on the above information and in line with the Policy and Process, the Secretariat screened the status of all these organizations and prepared a proposal for consideration by the IPCC Bureau. The Bureau at its 36th Session on 14-15 March 2007 reviewed the proposal. The revised proposal, taking into account the comments of the IPCC Bureau, is now presented to the Panel for consideration.

This proposal contains four Tables, which list organizations that require different levels of attention of the Panel. **Table 1** is a list of 24 UN bodies and organizations and is for information only. In accordance with paragraph 4 of the Policy, the UN bodies and organizations are **“considered participating organizations of the IPCC and are not requested to submit an application or other documentation.”**

Table 2 presents a list of 28 organizations that the Panel may wish to consider and accept at this Session. The list includes 6 Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs), and 19 Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) including 3 international programmes that are sponsored by the International Council for Science (ICSU). These 25 organizations were on the mailing list of the IPCC Secretariat before the Panel adopted the Policy and Process. Afterwards the Secretariat received 3 new applications from NGOs that were found qualified for consideration. All IGOs and NGOs in this list have made their requests to become an observer of the IPCC consistent with the Policy and Process. All but two are UNFCCC observers. The two NGOs that are not observers of UNEP, WMO or UNFCCC, have proven their qualification in matters covered by the IPCC by providing supporting documents as required by paragraph 1 of the Process. Therefore, all the IGOs and NGOs on this list are in full compliance with the Policy and Process and can be recommended for acceptance by the Panel.

Table 3 is for information only. It presents a list of 8 non-response organizations. These organizations have been on the IPCC mailing list, but have not responded to the letters sent by the Secretariat in October 2005 and December 2006, requesting confirmation of their continued interest in the IPCC and its Working Group Sessions. According to paragraph 3 of the Process and suggestions from the Bureau, the Secretariat will contact them further to confirm whether they wish to continue to participate in IPCC and its Working Group Sessions, and report back to the Panel at its next session.

Table 4 is for information only. It presents a list of 9 organizations, of which 7 organizations are new applicants and 2 organizations have shown their interests. They did not meet the requirement of paragraph 2 of the Process, which requests submission of applications at least 4 months before the 26th Session of the Panel. The Secretariat will communicate with these organizations further in order to identify whether they are qualified in line with the Policy, and help them meet the respective conditions set in the Process. Qualified applications will be brought to the Panel for consideration at its next session.

The Panel is invited to accept the organizations listed in Table 2 as IPCC observer organizations.

TABLE 1 List of UN Bodies and Organizations (24, For information only)

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of FCCC	Application and response
UN				
1	Climate Change Secretariat (UNFCCC)	Y	N.A.*	
2	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	Y	Y	
3	Economic Commission for Africa	Y	Y	
4	Economic Commission for Europe	Y	Y	
5	Economic Commission for Latin America	Y	Y	E17/01/07
6	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	Y	Y	
7	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Y	Y	P25**, E**19/12/06
8	International Labour Organization (ILO)	Y	Y	P25, E06/12/06
9	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	Y	Y	P25, E13/12/06
10	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC/UNESCO)	Y	Y	P25, L**19/12/06
11	International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)	Y	Y	P25
12	International Maritime Organization	Y	Y	
13	Ozone Secretariat	Y	Y	
14	Secretariat for Biological Diversity (CBD)	Y	Y	P25, L12/12/06
15	Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP)	Y	Y	
16	United Nations Development Program (UNDP)	Y	Y	
17	United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)	Y	Y	
18	UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	Y	Y	P25
19	UN-International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR)	Y	Y	P25, E19/12/07
20	UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)	Y	Y	
21	World Bank	Y	Y	P25
22	World Tourism Organization	Y	Y	
23	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)	Y	Y	
24	World Health Organization (WHO)	Y	Y	L27/12/06

* "N.A." stands for "Not Applicable"

** "P25" refers to the letter of request firstly made before IPCC-25 in April 2006;
"L" stands for "Letter", "E" for "Email"

TABLE 2 List of Organizations Proposed to be Accepted by the Panel as Observers (28)

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of FCCC	Application and response
IGOs				
1	European Community (EC)	Y	Y*	P25
2	International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)	Y	Y	P25
3	Organization for Economic Co-operation & Development (OECD)	Y	Y	L21/01/07
4	South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	Y	Y	L17/01/07
5	The Ramsar Convention Bureau	Y	Y	L08/12/06
6	The World Conservation Union (IUCN)	Y	Y	P25, E11/12/06
NGOs				
1	CAN-Europe (Climate Action Network Europe)	Y	Y	P25, L12/12/06
2	Environmental Defense (US)	Y	Y	P25
3	GHG Associates (US)	Y		L13/02/06
4	Greenpeace	Y	Y	P25
5	International Aluminium Institute (IAI)	Y	Y	P25
6	International Chamber of Commerce	Y	Y	E15/12/06
7	International Council for Science (ICSU)	Y	Y	E08/12/06
8	International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP) **	Y	N	
9	International Human Dimensions Programme (IHDP) **	Y	N	
10	International START Secretariat **	Y	N	
11	International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)	Y	Y	P25
12	International Hydropower Association (IHA)	Y	Y	L18/02/06
13	International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA)	Y	Y	P25
14	Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) (Sweden)	Y	Y	L10/01/07
15	The World Energy Council (WEC)	Y	Y	P25
16	Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research (UK)	Y		P25, L14/12/06
17	World Business Council for Sustainable Development	Y	Y	L04/12/06
18	World Coal Institute	Y	Y	P25
19	Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC, US)	Y	Y	E07/02/07
New applications after IPCC-25				
1	Centre for International Studies, Cambridge University (UK)	Y	Y	L13/12/06
2	GreenFacts (Belgium)	Y		L14/12/06
3	WWF International (WWF)	Y	Y	L30/11/06

* Party to UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol

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TABLE 3 List of Non-response Organizations* (8. For information only)

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of FCCC	Attendance record AR4
IGOs				
1	Asian Development Bank	Y	Y	
2	International Energy Agency (IEA)	Y	Y	IPCC-19
3	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)	Y	Y	IPCC-21
NGOs				
1	Centre for Business and the Environment (US)	Y	N	
2	Climate Council (US)	Y	N	IPCC-19, 21
3	Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy	Y	Y	IPCC-23
4	Friends of the Earth International	Y	Y	
5	International Pharmaceutical Aerosol Consortium	Y	N	

* These organizations are already on the list of IPCC participating organizations, but have not been able to respond to letters from the Secretariat.

TABLE 4 List of New Applications for IPCC Observer Organizations (9. For information only)

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of FCCC	Applications
NGOs				
1	African Network for a Climate Community (ANCC)	Y	Y	L18/01/07
2	Campaign for a Hydrogen Economy (UK)	Y	Y	E12/01/07
3	Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)	Y	Y	L13/02/07
4	GERMANWATCH (Germany)	Y	Y	L21/02/07
5	International Air Transport Association (IATA)	Y	Y	L18/01/07
6	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	Y	Y	L19/02/07
7	Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST, UK)	Y	N	E27/11/06, L05/03/07
8	Literary Academy of Dalit (Nepal)*		N	E16/02/07
9	Challenge the Era Company W.L.L (CEC, Kuwait)*		N	E21/02/07

* Interest only