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## **IPCC OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS**

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(Submitted by the IPCC Secretariat)

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Progress report on the status of Observer Organizations

The Secretary received a letter from Mr Alex Tong, Vice President and General Director of Green Energy and Environment and Research Labs., Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) dated 8 September 2013, concerning a suggested update of the pending application of ITRI to become an IPCC observer organization. For the text of the letter see Annex 1 to this document.

In accordance with Rule 1.6 of the IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations, which states *inter alia* that “Applications from national organizations will be brought to the attention of the IPCC Focal Point of that IPCC Member”, the Secretariat informed the IPCC Focal Point of China concerning the proposed update of the application of ITRI for IPCC observer status.

By letter dated 30 September 2013 the Focal Point of China, Mr Zheng Guoguang, sent his reply, which is reflected in Annex 2 to this document.

In considering the application request, the Panel may recall that it had already received and discussed a similar request from ITRI, which was sent to the Secretariat by letter dated 13 March 2008, and had decided at IPCC-30 (Antalya, April 2009) to defer the accreditation of ITRI as IPCC observer organization due to the absence of consensus.



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September 8, 2013

Dear Dr. Christ,

Regarding the ITRI application to become an NGO observer at the IPCC, I wish to express my great appreciation for your support during this period. Nevertheless, if I understand correctly, the current status of the application is pending.

I would be grateful if you could submit this letter to the Panel, to complement the application introduced on 13 March 2008, in the hope that it will facilitate acceptance of our application.

I would like the IPCC to consider ITRI's request to update the application for NGO observer status under the name "Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), Chinese Taipei." As you may be aware, "Chinese Taipei" is an alternative accepted by many international organizations such as the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the International Olympic Committee for participation by Taiwanese governmental agencies/NGOs. The proposed wording follows the same protocol.

Climate change is an issue requiring the collective efforts of experts from every corner of the world. ITRI (see <http://www.itri.org.tw>) has been devoting great effort to green technology R&D activities, and has much to share with the global community. I believe that as an observer at the IPCC, ITRI could, together with other NGOs in the region, more effectively contribute its efforts for a better world.

I would greatly appreciate your speedy processing of this request. If you should require additional information about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at the following address: [alextong@itri.org.tw](mailto:alextong@itri.org.tw)

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

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**Subject:** Application of ITRI for IPCC Observer Status

Dear Dr. Renate Christ,

I would like to refer to the e-mail sent to me by Ms. Sophie Schlingemann, Legal and Liaison Officer of IPCC Secretariat on 10 September 2013, in which she informed me of the intention of the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) to update the application for IPCC's NGO observer status as "Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), Chinese Taipei" .

As the name designation of ITRI in UNFCCC is "Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), Taiwan, Province of China", I therefore insist that ITRI can only be accepted as a non-governmental observer organization of IPCC in the same name designation as that in UNFCCC.

With my best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guoguang zheng".

(ZHENG Guoguang)  
Focal Point of China for the IPCC