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**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL ON THE CHANGES IN THE
CLASSIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
ADMITTED TO THE VARIOUS TYPES OF STATUTORY RELATIONS WITH UNESCO**

OUTLINE

Source: Section V, paragraph 2, of the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), adopted by the General Conference at its 28th session (28 C/Resolution 13.42) and amended at its 31st and 34th sessions (31 C/Resolution 48 and 34 C/Resolution 59).

Purpose: This report, submitted by the Director-General in conformity with the aforementioned paragraph of the Directives, covers the changes in the classification of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) resulting from the decisions taken by the Executive Board and by the Director-General respectively, in the last two years. These decisions are recapitulated in this document, which lists, by the type of relation established, the names of the organizations concerned.

1. This report is submitted to the General Conference in accordance with Section V, paragraph 2, of the directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations, which stipulates that *"at each regular session of the General Conference the Director-General shall present a concise report on any changes that have taken place by decision of the Executive Board in the classification of international organizations admitted to the various categories of formal relations with UNESCO. This report shall also contain the list of organizations that maintain operational relations with UNESCO, together with those that have submitted requests*

for admission to the two categories of formal relations or to the category of operational relations and whose requests have not been accepted”.

2. The Director-General, in submitting this report, also takes the opportunity to inform the General Conference of the decisions that he has taken during the biennium and that have been brought to the attention of the Executive Board, concerning the admission of NGOs to operational relations (in accordance with the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with non-governmental organizations) and foundations and similar institutions to official relations with UNESCO (in accordance with the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with foundations and similar institutions, adopted by the General Conference at its 26th session and amended at its 28th and 29th sessions).

3. Accordingly, at the end of the 181st session of the Executive Board (April 2009), the number of NGOs, foundations and similar institutions admitted to the various types of statutory relations with UNESCO was as follows:

NGOs:	
formal associate relations	22
formal consultative relations	53
networks admitted to formal consultative relations	12
operational relations	233
Total	320
Foundations	19

4. During the 2008-2009 biennium, the following admissions, reclassifications and renewals were approved in conformity with the Directives:

Admission of 16 NGOs to operational relations

- Academy for Educational Development (AED)
- Art Education for the Blind/Art Beyond Sight Network (AEB)
- European Dyslexia Association (EDA)
- International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS)
- African Community of Culture (CAC)
- International Working Party for Documentation and Conservation of Buildings, Sites and Neighbourhoods of the Modern Movement (Docomomo International)
- International Multicultural Youth Council (COJEP International)
- Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS)
- World Federation of Tourist Guide Associations (WFTGA)
- Friendship Ambassadors Foundation (FAF)
- New Humanity
- Institute of International Studies in Administration of Montréal (IIEAM)/International Economic Forum of the Americas/Conference of Montreal
- International Conference Volunteers (ICVolunteers)
- Mediterranean Fine Arts Chamber
- International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists (INWES)
- Stichting eIFL.net

Admission of four NGOs to formal associate relations

- International Scientific Council for Island Development (INSULA)
- World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO)
- Union of International Associations (UIA)
- International Union of Technical Associations and Organizations (UATI)

Renewal of formal associate relations with sixteen NGOs

- International Association of Universities (IAU)
- World Association of Newspapers (WAN)
- Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS)
- International Music Council (IMC)
- International Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies (ICPHS)
- International Council on Archives (ICA)
- International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)
- International Council of Museums (ICOM)
- International Social Science Council (ISSC)
- International Council for Film, Television and Audiovisual Communication (IFTCA)
- International Council for Science (ICSU)
- International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE)
- International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
- International Federation of Journalists (IFJ)
- International Theatre Institute (ITI)
- Education International (EI)

Renewal of formal consultative relations with 46 NGOs and networks

- Agency of Francophonie Universities (AUF)
- Amnesty International (AI)
- Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC)
- Association of Asian Social Science Research Councils (AASSREC)
- Association of African Universities (AAU)
- Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)
- European University Association (EUA)
- Inter-American Press Association (IAPA)
- International Association of Broadcasting (IAB)
- International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR)
- International Association of University Presidents (IAUP)
- International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISoCaRP)
- International Reading Association (IAL)
- World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)
- World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC)
- World Islamic Call Society (WICS)
- Club of Rome (CoR)
- World Press Freedom Committee (WPFC)
- Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ)
- Community of Mediterranean Universities (CMU)
- International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC)
- World Conference of Religions for Peace (WCRP)
- Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS)
- International Council for Adult Education (ICAE)
- International Council for Traditional Music (ICTM)
- International Council of Organizations for Folklore Festivals and Folk Art (CIOFF)

- International Council of French-Speaking Radio and Television (CIRTEF)
- International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE)
- World Crafts Council (WCC)
- International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF)
- International Federation of University Women (IFUW)
- International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH)
- International PEN (PEN)
- International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP)
- World Federation of Teachers' Unions (FISE)
- Inclusion International
- International Press Institute (IPI)
- International Coordination Council of Educational Institutions Alumni (formerly Corporation)
- Catholic International Education Office (OIEC)
- International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)
- World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)
- Inter-American Organization for Higher Education (IOHE)
- Reporters without Borders – International (RSF)
- International Union of Architects (IUA)
- International Publishers Association (IPA)
- International Radio and Television University (URTI)

Renewal of official relations with six foundations and similar institutions:

- UNESCO Centre of Catalonia
- World Foundation for AIDS Research and Prevention
- Paul Gérin-Lajoie Foundation
- Foundation for UNESCO – Education for Children in Need
- Friends of Waldorf Education – Rudolf Steiner Schools
- World Monuments Fund (WMF)

5. With regard to the admission of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) and the International Union of Technical Associations and Organizations (UATI) to formal associate relations, it is recalled that, in 1994, encouraged by UNESCO, these two organizations founded the International Council of Engineering and Technology (ICET) in order to form a large umbrella NGO bringing together the whole world of engineers and technology through a federation of professional organizations dealing with these sciences. In accordance with the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with NGOs, ICET was reclassified to formal associate relations in 1996. It became apparent over the years, however, that the two founding partners still continued to maintain separate working relations with UNESCO's Natural Sciences Sector. Consequently, in view of both NGOs' long-standing and fruitful official cooperation with UNESCO and their maintenance of formal associate relations with UNESCO through ICET for 13 years, the request of both NGOs to be admitted separately to formal associate relations were supported by the Science Sector. On the recommendation of the Director-General, the Executive Board so decided at its 181st session.

6. Furthermore, in compliance with Section I, paragraph 6.2, of the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with NGOs, owing to a total lack of collaboration for a period of four years, two organizations' official relations with UNESCO were terminated automatically. The organizations are the World Futures Studies Federation (WFSF) and the International Cell Research Organization (ICRO).

7. In addition, in compliance with the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with foundations and other similar institutions, official relations were not renewed with the following seven foundations with which there had been a significant lack of cooperation, namely European

Cultural Foundation, European Foundation Centre, International Carrefour Foundation, Fondation Roi Baudoin, International Foundation for Science, Population Reference Bureau, Inc. and World Education.

8. The Secretariat has also processed an increasing number of other requests from organizations that, for various reasons, do not meet the basic requirements under the Directives for the establishment of statutory relations. This is mostly due to the scope of those NGOs' activities or their need to initiate or strengthen cooperation with UNESCO in at least one of its fields of competence, as stipulated in the Directives.

9. The Secretariat endeavours to give a speedy response to such requests, by inviting, as the case may be:

- national NGOs to contact the National Commission for UNESCO in the Member State concerned and the appropriate field unit; to consider affiliation to an international (or regional) NGO active in the same fields of competence and maintaining official relations with the Organization; to establish closer links with regional or subregional NGO networks;
- international NGOs: to apply to other relevant intergovernmental organizations concerned, especially those belonging to the United Nations system; to explore, in close cooperation with the sectoral focal point concerned, opportunities for establishing or reinforcing cooperation with at least one programme sector at UNESCO.

10. In addition to the aforementioned cases, the Secretariat receives a sizeable number of other requests from the NGO community, often by email, which are also processed, relating to various forms of interaction between UNESCO and the NGOs such as the dispatch of documentation, provision of information on meetings held by UNESCO, the likelihood of funding for NGO activities and other matters.

11. The updated directory of non-governmental organizations maintaining official relations with UNESCO reflects changes arising from the decisions reported in this document. It is also available electronically, regularly updated, on the Organization's NGO website (<http://erc.unesco.org/ong>). National members of international NGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO have recently been added to the directory.