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INCLUSION OF A NATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION
IN THE REGISTER IN CONFORMITY WITH DECISION 43 (VII)
OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development (FIELD), a national non-governmental organization, recently applied for inclusion in the Register of such bodies provided for under Board decision 43 (VII), sections III and IV.
2. After consultations with the member State concerned, the Secretary-General has included FIELD in the Register in accordance with Board decision 43 (VII).
3. Information concerning FIELD is annexed to this note.

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Annex

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND DEVELOPMENT

History

1. The Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development (FIELD) was established in the United Kingdom in 1989 as the Centre for International Environmental Law (ICIEL), an independent professional organization of lawyers committed to promoting the wider acceptance and greater effectiveness of international law in relation to the environment.

Aims and objectives

2. According to article 3.1 of its Memorandum of Association, the principal objectives of FIELD are: to contribute to the restoration and preservation of the ecological balance of the earth's biosphere and all or any of its constituent parts by promoting the development of public international law as a means of protecting the environment; to engage in, promote, assist and make grants for research in and study of, and to provide, or assist in providing, education in, and to disseminate the results of research in: (a) international environmental law; (b) any other branch of international law so far as relevant to the protection of the environment; (c) any other academic discipline so far as relevant to the protection of the environment by international law, and (d) comparative national environmental law.

Membership

3. The members of the Foundation are the subscribers to the Memorandum of Association and any other person invited by the Trustees to become a member. There are currently nine members.

Structure

4. The governing body of FIELD is composed of the Trustees, consisting of not less than five and not more than ten members. The Trustees appoint a Chairman and a Secretary, and may appoint a Vice-Chairman. The affairs of the Foundation are managed by the Trustees, who exercise all such powers of the Foundation as are not required to be exercised by the Foundation in general meeting. The Trustees may delegate all or any of their powers to any committee, the deliberations of which shall be reported regularly to the Trustees. The Foundation has a Policy and Development Committee, which, with the lawyers' and staff meetings, assists in the day-to-day management of the organization which is the responsibility of the Managing Director.

Financial resources

5. The Foundation's resources are derived from grant and fee income, including publishing and teaching fees.

Relations with other international organizations

6. FIELD maintains working relations with a large number of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, including the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Publications

7. FIELD publishes books, articles, papers, conference reports, a quarterly academic legal journal, Review of the European Community and International Environment Law (RECIEL), as well as an annual review and a newsletter, FIELD in Brief. In 1993, FIELD and publishers Earthscan established a series on international law and sustainable development.

Liaison

8. Liaison with UNCTAD will be maintained by the Managing Director, Mr. Roger Wilson.

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10. The working language of the Foundation is English.