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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

All India Association of Industries (AIAI)

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The All India Association of Industries (AIAI), a national non-governmental organization, 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 AIAI in the Register in accordance with Board decision 43 (VII).
3. Information concerning AIAI is annexed to this note.

Annex

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE ALL INDIA ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIES

History

1. AIAI was established in 1956 with the primary task of fostering trade and industrial development in India. It represents large, medium and small-scale industries which are involved in almost all the major manufacturing fields.

Aims and objectives

2. According to its Memorandum of Association, the objectives of the organization are: to promote cooperation among persons, companies, factories and firms involved in industry, trade and commerce and to foster cooperation among various sections and sectors of industry, trade and commerce; to provide a forum for debate and for collectively taking organized and concerted action and to adopt common policies to safeguard and further the interests of industry, trade and commerce. In order to achieve these objectives, AIAI organizes seminars, conferences, workshops and training programmes, as well as trade fairs.

Membership

3. Members can be firms, companies or individuals. Requests for membership are submitted to the Managing Committee for approval. AIAI comprises 939 members from all over India.

Structure

4. The Annual General Meeting of AIAI is held at least once a year to receive the Managing Committee's report, balance sheet and auditor's report for the preceding financial year; to elect members of the committee for the ensuing year; and to appoint auditors. The Managing Committee is responsible for the administration and management of the affairs of the Association.

It comprises one President, two Vice-Presidents, one Honorary General Secretary and one Honorary Treasurer, with eight committee members. The President acts as Chairman ex officio of the Committee. A quorum of members at a Managing Committee meeting is seven. The Standing Committee takes decisions on all urgent matters arising between any two meetings of the Managing Committee.

Financial resources

5. Finances are derived principally from membership dues and delegation fees for participation in the various conferences organized by AIAI.

Relations with other international organizations

6. AIAI has signed Memorandums of Understanding with several Chambers of Commerce outside India.

Publications

7. AIAI publishes an annual newsletter (*AIAI News*) for its members. It has also published a number of books, including *the India Industrial Guide, Small-scale Sector in India - Prospects and Challenges*, and *International Food Fiesta*, as well as background papers for the first and second Global India Conference.

Liaison

8. Liaison with UNCTAD will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Ms . Rupa Naik.

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10. The working languages of the Association are English and Hindi.