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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**

**Research and Information System for the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries  
(RIS)**

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. Research and Information System for the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (RIS), 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. In accordance with Board decision 43 (VII) and further to consultations with the Member State concerned, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD has included RIS in the Register.
3. Information concerning RIS is annexed to this note.

**Annex**

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON RESEARCH AND INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR THE NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (RIS)**

### *History*

1. The Research and Information System for the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (RIS) was established in 1983 as an Indian initiative to follow-up various resolutions passed at different fora of the Non-Aligned Movement. It is an institute operating as an autonomous non-profit society registered in India with an objective to conduct research on various socio-economic issues concerned with the development process of the developing countries all over the world.

### *Aims and objectives*

2. RIS promotes the concept of self-reliance among the non-aligned and other developing countries and forges a system of effective links amongst various research institutions of these countries with a view to utilizing their research capabilities. It undertakes analytical studies and disseminates factual information on diverse issues such as trade, industrialization, finance, energy, raw materials, technology transfer, education, health, etc. in order to strengthen the unified position and approach of the non-aligned and other developing countries.

### *Members*

3. RIS is a network of institutions from both India and other countries. At present, the RIS network includes 135 institutions. The RIS network also includes 60 international organizations.

### *Structure*

4. The Governing Body is the supreme decision-making authority for all administrative and research activities and consists of eminent experts in the field of social sciences. It adopts the work programme and reviews the activities of RIS. All decisions of the Governing Body are taken unanimously.

### *Financial resources*

5. RIS finances are derived from various sources, mostly from grants and contributions of donors, such as international organizations, NGOs, private sources, and Government Departments. The budget for the fiscal year 1999-2000 was Rs. 1,63,90,969.

### *Relations with other international organisations*

6. RIS does not have official relations in the form of status with any other international organizations. RIS has participated in many UN and other organizations' conferences and meetings.

*Publications*

7. RIS publishes books, occasional papers, monographs, discussion papers, and quarterly journal (RIS Digest) and a half-yearly journal (RIS Biotechnology and Development Review)

*Liaison*

8. Liaison with UNCTAD will be maintained by Dr. V.R. Panchamukhi, Director-General.

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10. The working language of RIS is English.