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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**

Centre Béninois pour le Développement des Initiatives à la Base (CBDIBA)

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The Centre Béninois pour le Développement des Initiatives à la Base (CBDIBA), a national non-governmental organization, has 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 CBDIBA in the Register.
3. Information concerning CBDIBA is annexed to this note.

Annex

Background information on the Centre Béninois pour le Développement des Initiatives à la Base (CBDIBA)

History

1. The Centre Béninois pour le Développement des Initiatives à la Base (CBDIBA), a Beninese community-development NGO, was established in 1990 by a group of rural development workers to provide guidance to women in their rural activities.

Aims and objectives

2. The principal objectives of CBDIBA are to provide appropriate training for members of farmers' organizations and to support them in their income-generating activities by incorporating them into the sustainable development process. Training is focused on promoting self-managed village savings banks and contributing to capacity-building.

Members

3. Anyone interested in the objectives promoted by the Centre may be a CBDIBA member. CBDIBA has 35 active members, all Beninese nationals. For the moment its activities are limited to the national level.

Structure

4. CBDIBA has a General Assembly, a Board of Governors, a General Secretariat, an Advisory Board and a Verification Commission. The General Assembly, which meets once a year, is the highest body. Its decisions are taken by simple majority. The Board of Governors executes the decisions of the General Assembly and oversees the NGO's proper functioning. It meets twice a year, and may hold special sessions when necessary. The function of the General Secretariat is to implement the decisions of the General Assembly and the Board of Governors. The Advisory Board advises the Board of Governors and the General Secretariat; its chairperson guarantees the integrity of the organization in all acts of civil life. The Verification Commission oversees the organization's financial management.

Financial resources

5. CBDIBA derives its resources from membership and enrolment fees paid by members, subsidies and donations from third parties, national and international bodies, and funds generated by its own activities and from legacies.

1999 - Income: CFAF 506,212,909; expenditure: CFAF 480,423,815.

2000 - Income: CFAF 461,884,406; expenditure: CFAF 474,845,135.

2001 - Income: CFAF 390,772,687; expenditure: CFAF 374,288,131.

Relations with other international organizations

6. CBDIBA currently has no relations with the specialized agencies of the United Nations. It has regular and fruitful contacts with the Pan-African Institute for Development (West Africa and the Sahel), the West Africa Rural Foundation, the Pan-African Higher Institute for Cooperative Economy, and the West African NGO network for sustainable development.

Publications

7. Annual report of activities; *Gleizogbin*, a monthly local-language magazine; *La Lumière du paysan* (quarterly); Concept report on decentralization (study carried out by members of the organization).

Liaison

8. Liaison with UNCTAD will be maintained by the Director, Mr. Patrice Lovesse.

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