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**DESIGNATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RULE 77 OF THE
BOARD'S RULES OF PROCEDURE**

**Application from the Arab non-governmental organization Network
for Development***

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

The UNCTAD secretariat has received an application from the Arab non-governmental organization (NGO) Network for Development (ANND) requesting the inclusion of that organization by the Trade and Development Board in the list provided for in rule 77 of the Board's rules of procedure.

Having reviewed the information provided, the secretariat is of the opinion that, subject to the concurrence of the Bureau of the Trade and Development Board, the Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) may be classified in the General Category under the provisions of paragraph 12(b) of Board decision 43 (VII).

The Board may wish to take action on the above-mentioned application at its fifty-fourth session.

Information on the Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) is annexed hereto.

* This document was submitted on the above-mentioned date as a result of processing delays.

Annex

Background information on Arab NGO Network for Development

History

1. The Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) was established in June 1996, with a membership of 45 network and non-governmental organizations from 12 Arab countries. The initiative for establishing ANND came from a group of Lebanese and Tunisian civil society organizations that met in 1993, during one of the preparatory meetings for the International Social Development Summit that took place in Copenhagen, in 1995.

Aims and objectives

2. ANND aims to strengthen civil society and enhance the values of democracy, human rights and sustainable development in the Arab region. It has adopted a strategy of advocacy in three main programs: democracy, development, and globalization and trade at the national and regional levels.

3. The aims and purposes of ANND are accomplished through capacity-building and networking, advocacy campaigns, media and communication strategy and through other means as its General Assembly may determine.

Membership

4. Membership of ANND shall be open to all organizations that share the objectives of ANND as set out in the ANND Status.

5. All members have the same rights, duties and privileges.

Structure

6. General Assembly: ANND is headed by the General Assembly and the Coordination Committee. The General Assembly receives new memberships and approves the financial and basic internal documents, including the annual programme documents and annual budget, and follows up on the implementation of ANND programmes. It also assigns the Executive Director, who becomes a member of the Coordination Committee. The General Assembly meets at least once every two years.

7. Coordination Committee: The Coordination Committee is elected every two years by the General Assembly, on the basis of one representative from each member country. It includes 12 elected representatives from the member countries, whose elections take into account gender representation. Coordination Committee members are not elected for more than two terms. The Coordination Committee finalizes the Network Program document and is responsible for setting a plan to mobilize the Network's resources and collaborate with various consultants and experts. The Coordination Committee often represents the Network in various local and international events.

8. The Executive Director is in charge of the Executive Office and is responsible for hiring staff for the financial and administrative work of the office. The Executive Director receives support from the members of the Coordination Committee and the General Assembly in implementing and following up on the Network's programme document.

9. The current Executive Director is Mr. Ziad Abdul Samad from Lebanon.

Financial resources

10. ANND does not collect membership contributions. It benefits from sponsorship of different international foundations such as Ford Foundation, Social Watch, Oxfam International, etc. The total secured incomes in 2006 were US\$ 424,000.

Relations with other international organizations

11. ANND has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. It is member of Social Watch, CIVICUS, Asia Pacific Research Network, and the Euro-Med NGO Platform.

Publications

12. The different publications issued by ANND include the *Report on the Summit on Social Development*, Geneva 2000; *Report on the World Forum of Globalization and Trade*, 2001; *Report on the Summit on Sustainable Development*, 2003; *The Poor and the Market*, Arabic Report, based on translation of Social Watch Report, 2003; Annual progress reports, 2003–2005.

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Working languages

15. The working languages of ANND are Arabic and English.
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