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Application from Coordination SUD (Solidarité Urgence Développement)

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

Executive Summary

The UNCTAD secretariat has received an application from Coordination SUD (Solidarité Urgence Développement) requesting the inclusion of that organization by the Trade and Development Board in the list provided for in rule 77 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board.

Having reviewed the information provided, the secretariat is of the opinion that, subject to the concurrence of the Bureau of the Board, Coordination SUD may be classified in the general category under the provisions of paragraph 12 (a) of Board decision 43 (VII).

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

Information concerning Coordination SUD is annexed to this note.

Annex

Background information on Coordination SUD (Solidarité Urgence Développement)

History

1. Coordination SUD is a non-profit association founded in 1994 that brings together some 140 French non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with a focus on humanitarian aid, development assistance, environmental protection, defending the rights of disadvantaged persons, international solidarity, education and advocacy. It also hosts the Secretariat of the International Forum of National NGO Platforms and its Facilitation Group. Coordination SUD was listed in the UNCTAD Register of National Non-Governmental Organizations after consultations with the French Government.

Aims and objectives

2. Coordination SUD aims at coordinating the activities of French NGOs in the area of emergency aid and development. It fulfils a dual mission of supporting the professionalization of French NGOs and representing their positions to public and private institutions in France, Europe and around the world. Coordination SUD informs the public about major development challenges and organizes collective advocacy activities by publishing position reports, organizing events and reaching out to French Government ministries and international organizations, while mobilizing partners in the North and in the South. Its main areas of activity are agriculture, fair trade, development assistance, humanitarian assistance, cooperation policies and capacity-building for NGOs.

3. The goal of the International Forum of National NGO Platforms, hosted by Coordination SUD, is to facilitate and promote exchange and cooperation between national platforms and regional coalitions of NGOs at the regional, interregional and international levels, through advocacy and capacity-building actions. The Forum aims to make a positive impact on poverty eradication, the reduction of inequalities and the promotion of social justice and peace in the world.

Membership

4. Coordination SUD currently has about 140 member organizations, mostly from six groups: CLONG-Volontariat (Liaison Committee for Volunteer-based NGO's); Committee for the National and International Relations of Youth and Community Education Associations, also known by its French acronym CNAJEP; Coordination d'Agenc; Research and Information Centre for Development, known as CRID; Forum of Solidarity Organizations for Migration Issues, or FORIM; and Groupe Initiatives.

5. Any French NGO that meets the following criteria is eligible for membership:

- (a) Works in the field of international solidarity in accordance with the Shared Ethics Charter of Coordination SUD;
- (b) Meets the transparency criteria of Coordination SUD;

(c) Established for at least three years before applying for membership. The final decision remains with the board of directors of Coordination SUD.

Structure

6. The headquarters of Coordination SUD are located in Paris, France.
7. Coordination SUD is managed by a board of directors consisting of at least 12 members and not more than 19 (non-renewable mandate). The board of directors achieves a quorum if at least half of the members are represented. With the exception of a vote for membership and expulsion of members, decided by a two-thirds majority, the board votes by a simple majority of directors that are present or represented. In the event of a tie, the chairman has the casting vote. The board may invite anyone who may inform its deliberations. The executive director participates in the board of directors as an adviser. Any member of the permanent staff may be invited to participate in the meetings of the board.
8. The board elects a bureau for a term of two years that includes, apart from the chairman, a maximum of five positions, including three vice-chairmen, a treasurer and a secretary. Currently, all the members of the board are of French nationality. The terms of office, except for that of chairman, are renewable only once in succession, regardless of the officers' post. The bureau is responsible for the following tasks:
 - (a) Implementing board decisions;
 - (b) Preparing board meetings;
 - (c) Monitoring compliance of administrative and managerial decisions in line with the policy guidelines decided by the board.
9. The General Assembly is composed of representatives of the active members (associations of the founding and member collectives of Coordination SUD, direct member associations and qualified individuals). Active members, except for associations of the founding and member collectives, and qualified persons have one vote each. The General Assembly votes by simple majority of voters present or of their proxies. The General Assembly is responsible for the following tasks:
 - (a) Adopting ethical and financial reports and expelling directors;
 - (b) Adopting guidelines for activities proposed by the board;
 - (c) Determining the amount of contributions.
10. The Secretariat of Coordination SUD is divided into three main units. The Advocacy Unit builds members' advocacy capacities and facilitates discussions on practices and the construction of shared positions. It monitors European development aid policy stakes and facilitates the representation of French NGOs in international debates and oversees bilateral cooperation with NGO platforms in developing countries and Europe, as well as with other civil society actors. The NGO Support Unit offers monitoring services, information dissemination, engineering training, professional clubs, support and advice, and an NGO needs observatory for the various aspects of financial, organizational and institution building. The Associative Life and Communication Unit organizes the major events in the Association's life, guides candidates for membership, welcomes new members and runs the members-only extranet.

Financial resources

11. Financing of Coordination SUD is derived from the following sources:
- Active and associate membership dues;
 - Miscellaneous contributions;
 - Grants;
 - Services and products provided by the Association;
 - Donations, investment income and any mode of financing not prohibited by laws and regulations in force.
12. The main donors of Coordination SUD are as follows:
- Ford Foundation;
 - United Nations Democracy Fund;
 - French Development Agency;
 - Fondation de France;
 - Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation for the Progress of Humankind.
13. The table below shows income and expenditure for the fiscal years 2008–2010, in euros.

<i>Income (in euros)</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>
National and international public subsidies	421 930	415 703	500 000
Employment aid	19 656	6 899	2 800
Private grants	50 000	64 000	65 000
Dedicated public recovery funds	0	5 760	86 900
Dedicated private recovery funds	0	0	7 000
Membership fees	149 431	159 074	169 016
Special contributions			5 500
Other resources	140 333	166 238	5 705
Administrative programme costs			83 363
Revenue from activities	18 377	22 724	44 280
Financial products	9 458	30 814	946
Extraordinary income	2 135	0	5 976
Total	811 320	871 211	1 026 484
<i>Expenditure (in euros)</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>
Structural expenses	551 659	620 125	751 129
Expenses on activities	217 711	148 914	217 043
At the disposal of the chairman			30 000
Grants	0	0	3 949
Administrative costs			1 272
Amortization and provisions	10 718	6 167	(42 149)
Financial expenses	0	1 453	0
Other expenses		56 218	55 705

<i>Expenditure (in euros)</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>
Special charges	1 246	2 402	0
Total	781 344	835 278	986 949
End of Year result	24 226	24 033	32 536

Relations with other international organizations

14. Coordination SUD has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Publications

15. Coordination SUD issues annual publications on the analysis of official development assistance and on the feedback of United Nations climate change summits. It also publishes the following journals and newsletters:

- (a) *Les Nouvelles de SUD*;
- (b) *Point Info Hebdomadaire*;
- (c) *Bulletin des Actualités des Financements et des Ressources*.

Liaison

16. Liaison with UNCTAD will be maintained by the Executive Director of Coordination SUD, Mr. Daniel Verger.

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Languages

18. The working languages of Coordination SUD are French, English and Spanish.