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Application from Office Africain pour le Développement et la Coopération

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

Executive Summary

The UNCTAD secretariat has received an application from the Office Africain pour le Développement et la Coopération (OFADEC) 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, OFADEC 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 OFADEC is annexed to this note.

Annex

Background information on Office Africain pour le Développement et la Coopération

History

1. OFADEC is a Senegalese non-profit organization that was created in 1976 to work on development-related issues in the Sahel region. Its areas of activity are integrated rural development, the protection and assistance of refugees and the promotion of human rights. For instance, OFADEC has helped sustain the agricultural programmes of 21 economic interest groups active in banana production in eastern Senegal.

Aims and objectives

2. OFADEC works to promote integrated sustainable development, fair trade and farmer protection in the Sahel region. Its main objectives are as follows:

- (a) Contributing to food security and income generation through integrated rural projects;
- (b) Promoting sustainable development;
- (c) Helping improve the condition of women through income-generating activities;
- (e) Protecting and assisting refugees.

3. Its activities include integrated rural development projects, the promotion of microcredits for women, education, health and sustainable development programmes, and the support and management of projects for refugees.

Membership

4. Membership of OFADEC is open to individuals and groups that undertake to respect the statutes of the Organization and agree to pay its membership dues. Individuals and groups who meet these conditions can make a request for membership in writing to the president of the Organization. The request must be ratified by the General Assembly. Membership is lost upon a member's resignation, notified to the president, or by expulsion pronounced by the Board for non-payment of membership dues or serious grounds.

Structure

5. Its headquarters are located in Dakar, Senegal. OFADEC is administered by the OFADEC General Assembly and the Board.

6. The General Assembly meetings are convened by the President once a year to decide on the annual programme of activities. One or more extraordinary meetings may also be convened at the request of the Board or the majority of the members of the Organization. The statutes can be amended only by a decision of the General Assembly. Amendments are passed by a majority vote of two thirds of its members.

7. The Board includes as a minimum a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer and a deputy treasurer. The members of the Board are elected for a one-year term renewable upon its completion. The Board is the governing body responsible for making decisions regarding the running of OFADEC and for providing oversight. It meets once a month and can be called for extraordinary meetings by the president. The president is the official representative of the Organization. He/she represents OFADEC and chairs the meetings of the Board and the General Assembly. In the president's absence, he/she is replaced by the vice-president. The secretary performs administrative duties, handles correspondence, posts notices and writes the minutes. The treasurer is in charge of keeping the books and managing the finances of the Organization. He/she ensures that membership dues are paid and operates the accounts on behalf of the Organization. In his/her absence, the treasurer is replaced by a deputy.

8. The Organization can be dissolved by the General Assembly with a majority vote of three quarters of its active members. It will also be dissolved if three quarters of its active members resign. If so, the assets of the Organization shall be vested in an organization with the same objectives.

Financial resources

9. The revenue of the Organization is to be derived from voluntary donations, subscriptions, membership dues and income generated from its properties and recreational activities. The main donor of OFADEC is the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

<i>Source of funds</i>	<i>2009 (In dollars)</i>	<i>2010 (In dollars)</i>	<i>2011 (In dollars)</i>
UNHCR	1 384 830	1 380 159	1 732 754
OFADEC	57 700	1 129	94 074
Private donors	1 500	-	-
Total	1 444 030	1 381 288	1 826 828

10. The table below shows income and expenditure for the fiscal years 2009–2011.

	<i>2009 (In dollars)</i>	<i>2010 (In dollars)</i>	<i>2011 (In dollars)</i>
Income	1 444 030	1 381 288	1 826 828
Expenditure	1 441 565	1 330 629	1 826 821
End-of-year result	2 465	50 659	7

Relations with other international organizations

11. OFADEC is an implementing partner of UNHCR.

Liaison

12. Liaison with UNCTAD will be maintained by Mr. Mamadou Ndiaye, Executive Director of OFADEC.

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Languages

14. The working languages of OFADEC are French and English.
