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Application from the “Eurasian Economic Club of Scientists” Association

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

Executive summary

The UNCTAD secretariat has received an application from the “Eurasian Economic Club of Scientists” Association requesting its inclusion 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, the Association 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-eighth executive session.

Information concerning the Association is annexed to this note.

Annex

Background information on the “Eurasian Economic Club of Scientists” Association

History

1. The “Eurasian Economic Club of Scientists” Association was established in 2008 by the President of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev. Members of the Association include academic organizations, distinguished public and political figures, economists, practitioners from 70 States and Nobel Prize laureates in economics. The extended geographical coverage of membership allows the Association to use available scientific resources effectively and to attract members of the Association as experts in various research projects.
2. A key project of the Association is the Astana Economic Forum, which has become its main platform for dialogue on global economic problems and solutions.
3. Every year the Forum brings together representatives of political and business communities, academia, the general public and the media to find solutions to problems facing Kazakhstan and the world. Key speakers of the Forum include the President and Prime Minister of Kazakhstan, Nobel Prize laureates in economics and representatives of international organizations and of business communities.
4. As the main organizer of the Forum, the Association enables the maximum involvement of the parties concerned for a dialogue between scientific and business entities to make a significant contribution to the global economy.
5. The main outcome of the Forum is the adoption of an open letter addressed to the leaders of the top 20 economies that includes recommendations to improve and develop the world economy. The Association is also engaged in research.

Aims and objectives

6. The Association aims to foster a comprehensive exchange of ideas, experience and knowledge relating to the global economic situation, promote economic-related research and attract overseas investors to Kazakhstan. The Association seeks to involve those interested in bringing innovation to Kazakhstan, facilitate economic and social projects in the country and bring together scientists, economists, practitioners, civil society and international organizations in order to address issues of economic development and promote economic and social progress in member States of the Association. Its objectives are as follows:
 - (a) To participate in the development and implementation of national and regional projects and programmes fostering economic growth and stabilizing the economic situation in member States of the Association;
 - (b) To create the conditions for an exchange of ideas, experiences and knowledge between organizations and managers at the macro and micro levels;
 - (c) To develop economic partnerships and business relationships with international organizations;
 - (d) To establish conditions for the stable development of the economies of member States of the Association in order to improve the standard of living therein;

(e) To develop comprehensive cooperation between member States in economic, trade, scientific, technological and social fields;

(f) To implement joint projects in order to find solutions to the most challenging economic problems;

(g) To provide consultative, methodological and other assistance to members of the Association in implementing their activities and to spread awareness of their work.

7. The “Eurasian Economic Club of Scientists” Association is a public non-profit organization. Members include international, scientific, academic, financial and public organizations, economists and practitioners from 90 countries. The Association is composed of the following bodies: the Supreme Body, the General Meeting of Founders, Management, the Coordinating Council and the Executive Body, which includes the president of the Association.

8. The General Meeting is convened at least once a year and no later than three months after the end of the financial year. General Meetings organized earlier are extraordinary. Extraordinary sessions of the General Meeting are convened as necessary, and at the initiative of no less than 20 per cent of members of the Association.

Membership

9. The Association boasts 39 member entities and more than 395 individual members from 90 countries.

Financial resources

10. Information on the funding sources of the Association and the Astana Economic Forum (a project of the Association with the participation of the joint stock company sovereign wealth fund Samruk-Kazyna) is as follows:

(a) In 2011, T300 million under programme RB-033 and T336.1 million from Samruk-Kazyna were allocated as sponsorship funds through the budget of the joint stock company KazMunaiGas and used to hold the fourth Astana Economic Forum;

(b) In 2012, T386 million under programme RB-033 and T474.4 million from Samruk-Kazyna were spent to cover the jubilee, the fifth Astana Economic Forum;

(c) In 2013, according to programme RB-033, T386 million were allocated to hold the sixth Astana Economic Forum, and T612.4 million were allocated by Samruk-Kazyna as sponsorship funds.

11. The table below shows the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 in thousands of tenge.

Financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2012

(In thousand tenge)

	<i>31 December 2012</i>	<i>31 December 2011</i>
Income		
Samruk-Kazyna	474 400	
KazMunaiGas		336 100
Membership, other sponsorships	60 000	32 000
Total	534 400	368 100
Expenditures		
Transportation costs for invitees to Forum events	10 600	7 500
Expenses and accommodation of paid participants	28 100	18 400
Official receptions and meals	93 155	38 470
Mass media and outreach	63 000	51 000
Servicing Forum participants	58 889	42 495
Competitions as part of the G-Global project	15 200	5 700
Technical support for the Forum	43 500	40 427
Photo-video shooting of events	8 000	7 100
Preparation of handouts	14 500	9 000
General administrative expenses	51 400	41 113
Hiring of support staff	86 635	75 263
Total	472 979	336 468
Total capital (in thousand tenge)	61 421	31 632

Note: 1 tenge equals 0.0065 dollar.

Relations with other international organizations

12. None.

Publications

13. The Association issues a periodical, the *Eurasian Economic Review*, which is registered by the Committee on Information and Archives of the Ministry of Communications and Information of Kazakhstan.

Liaison

14. Liaison with UNCTAD will be carried out by:
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Working languages

16. The working languages of the Association are Russian and English.
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