



**TDB**  
(15/93ams)

## NOTIFICATION

### Trade and Development Board Sixty-first executive session

Geneva, 24–26 June 2015

As part of the provisional agenda of the sixty-first executive session of the Trade and Development Board, the following items will be discussed:

**Item 5: Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Trade and Development Board:**

Member States are invited to consider one new application for observer status with UNCTAD (in the general category) from Save the Earth Cambodia. Background information on this organization is contained in document TD/B/EX(61)/R.1 (attached). If there are no objections from member States, this new application will be submitted to the executive session for approval.

At present, there are 220 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in status with UNCTAD: 129 in the general category and 91 in the special category in status with UNCTAD. The list of these organizations is contained in document TD/B/NGO/LIST/18 (attached).

**Item 6: Other business**

**Accreditation of civil society organizations/non-governmental organizations to UNCTAD XIV and participation of civil society in the Conference and its preparatory process:**

As per past practice for UNCTAD Conferences, civil society organizations (CSOs) that were not enjoying observer status with UNCTAD were allowed to apply for accreditation to the Conference and its preparatory process. All applications for accreditation were submitted to member States for consideration.

Also, as part of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee (IPC) of the Conference, hearings with civil society, parliamentarians and the private sector were held to allow for inputs and contributions by CSOs to the theme and sub-themes of the Conference.

Member States are invited to take a decision on:

- (a) Adopting the same arrangements for the accreditation and participation of civil society in UNCTAD XIV and its preparatory meetings:
  - If agreeable to member States, lists of names of organizations (CSOs/NGOs) that were accredited to UNCTAD XIII will be submitted to member States for

consideration. This will avoid requesting the same organizations to re-apply for accreditation for UNCTAD XIV and send all the required documents again.

- Lists of additional organizations (not enjoying observer status with UNCTAD) applying for accreditation to UNCTAD XIV will be submitted electronically to member States for approval.
- (b) As per previous practice, hearings with civil society, parliamentarians and the private sector will be convened as part of the IPC meetings. We are proposing 2 hearings prior to UNCTAD XIV (one at end of 2015 and one in early 2016). The dates will be confirmed once the IPC is established.

If the secretariat does not receive any objections from member States by close of business on 23 June 2015, the above items will be presented to the sixty-first executive session of the Trade and Development Board for its consideration and approval.

(signed)

Alessandra Vellucci  
Secretary of the Trade and Development Board

16 June 2015