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**DESIGNATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF RULE 77 OF THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE OF THE BOARD**

Application by the Exchange and Cooperation Centre for Latin America (ECCLA)

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The UNCTAD secretariat has received an application from the Exchange and Cooperation Centre for Latin America (ECCLA), requesting the inclusion of that organization by the Trade and Development Board in the list provided in rule 77 of the Board's rules of procedures
2. 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 Exchange and Cooperation Centre for Latin America (ECCLA) may be classified in the General Category under the provisions of paragraph 12 (b) of the Board decision 43 (VII).
3. The Board may wish to take action on the above-mentioned application at its twenty-sixth executive session in the light of the recommendation of the Bureau.
4. Information on the organization is annexed hereto.

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ANNEX

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION CENTRE FOR LATIN AMERICA (ECCLA)

History

1. ECCLA was established in June 1997.

Aims and objectives

2. The objectives of ECCLA are: to participate in projects and programmes of exchanges and cooperation with both public and private Latin American institutions; to promote, manage and advise individual or collective entities in all areas of international cooperation; to represent Latin American entities in European institutions and international organizations; to promote research into the spirit of international cooperation and/or trade on its own initiative or through mandates coming from institutions; to promote, support and manage projects for public or private institutions, at the domestic or international levels; to maintain a permanent centre of information concerning activities at the domestic or international levels; to organize training courses with other interested institutions

Members

3. Membership of the organization is open to individuals and companies who support the work and objectives of ECCLA. Currently, its individual and institutional members are mostly drawn from Latin America (56%), Europe (40%) and the United States of America (3.4%).

Structure

4. ECCLA has a General Assembly, which meets at least once annually. The Executive Committee consists of the President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary. The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the organization. He/she appoints all temporary or permanent committees, with the approval of the Executive Committee. Decisions are taken according to the rules of the Constitution.

Financial resources

5. ECCLA's financial resources are derived from members' contribution (30%), income from training and seminar activities (10%) and donations by diverse institutions (60%). The annual budget for the year 2000 was CHF 12,000.

Relations with other international organizations

6. ECCLA does not have official relations in the form of status with other international organizations, but has working relations with ECOSOC and other UN bodies (including UNCTAD).

Publications

7. ECCLA and its members publish periodically in various periodicals and newspapers. Publications include the International Law Series, International Economics Series, International Relations Series and International Finance Series. The full list of publications is available on www.cecal.ch.

Liaison

8. The President of ECCLA, Mr. Michel Celi Vegas, will maintain liaison with UNCTAD.

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10. The working languages of ECCLA are English, French and Spanish.