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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 International Air Cargo Association (TIACA)
Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The UNCTAD secretariat has received an application from the International Air Cargo Association, requesting the inclusion of that organization by the Trade and Development Board in the list provided for in rule 77 of the Board's rule of procedure.
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 International Air Cargo Association may be classified in the Special Category under the provisions of paragraph 12 (b) of Board decision 43 (VII), so that it may participate in the activities of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities and of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development.
3. The Board may wish to take action on the above-mentioned application at its thirty-fourth executive session in the light of the recommendation of the Bureau.
4. Information on the International Air Cargo Association is annexed hereto.

Annex

Background information on the International Air Cargo Association

History

5. The International Air Cargo Association's roots go back to 1960, when a committee of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) in the United States launched the first International Air Cargo Forum to explore the needs of the emerging air industry. The efforts of the founders centred on the need to stimulate interest in the new and growing air cargo business. They worked to develop common standards in air cargo equipment, ground handling and procedures for this emerging industry.

Aims and objectives

6. The International Air Cargo Association is a worldwide organization that serves as a catalyst to promote fair practices and positive change throughout the air logistics industry through education, communication and business development programmes. It is an umbrella organization that serves a worldwide membership including all major segments of the air cargo and logistics industry. TIACA's mission is to advance the interests of the air cargo industry and strengthen its contribution to world trade expansion. TIACA supports and assists progressive liberalization of the global market and easier, enhanced trade between developing and developed economies. TIACA advocates trade facilitation on behalf of the industry through the reduction of red tape, changes in restrictive government regulations, simplified customs procedures and modernization of air cargo rules.

Members

7. TIACA has the following four membership categories:

Trustee (90 members): companies that wish to play a major role in determining the direction of the Association. Trustees are eligible to be elected to office or to the Executive Council;

Corporate (133 members): standard membership for companies that wish to get actively and directly involved in the industry;

Associate (45 members): individual membership for students, educators and other persons interested in the air cargo industry;

Affiliate (34 members): international, national, regional, state and city air cargo non-profit organizations, universities and governmental agencies.

TIACA has a total of 302 members.

Structure

8. The Board of Directors governs the Association and is comprised of TIACA's trustee members, who represent many of the world's major organizations directly involved in the air cargo industry. They in turn elect the Executive Council for two-year terms to manage the organization's affairs and establish its policy. The Board of Directors also approves the budget and accounts and nominates the auditor. Resolutions are adopted by a majority of Directors present in person or by proxy.

9. The Executive Council directs and administers the organization, manages the committee structure and exercises executive authority over the Air Cargo Forum. It has four officers – President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary General. The Executive Council includes the immediate past president of the Association and 14 other members. A majority of the Executive Council constitutes a quorum, but the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole Council is necessary to carry a motion.

10. The General Secretariat is responsible for ongoing daily operations. TIACA accomplishes much of its work through active committees, which oversee policy and performance in several service areas. Two oversight committees – Finance and Operations – monitor the Association's overall activity.

11. The current composition of the Board (two-year terms) is as follows:

President: Ms. Dora Key (Canada)

Vice-President: Mr. Gary Bartek (United States of America)

Secretary General: Mr. Daniel Fernandez (United States of America)

Treasurer: Mr. George Johnson (United States of America)

Financial resources

12. TIACA's resources comprise membership dues and exhibitions.

	Balance sheet (US dollars)	
	2003–2004	2001–2002
Total income	2,919,502	3,114,110
Gross profit	2,919,502	3,114,110
Expenses	2,633,610	2,540,046
Net income	0285,892	0574,064

Relations with other international organizations

13. For the time being, TIACA has no relationship with other international organizations.

Publications

14. TIACA's main publications are the following: TIACA Times, Manifesto, Speech Series, Technology Trends, Global Air Commerce Review, and TIACA Membership Directory.

Liaison

15. Mr. Daniel C. Fernandez, the Secretary General, will maintain liaison with UNCTAD.

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Working language

16. The working language of TIACA is English.