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Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

Application from the All India Association of Industries

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

Executive summary

The UNCTAD secretariat has received an application from the All India Association of Industries 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 All India Association of Industries 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 sixty-fifth executive session.

Information on the All India Association of Industries is annexed to this note.



Annex

All India Association of Industries: Background information

History

1. The All India Association of Industries was established in 1956 and is based in Mumbai, India. The association is one of the leading industry associations in India that works towards the growth and development of micro, small and medium enterprises from across all sectors.
2. The Association has signed over 250 agreements on cooperation with international trade promotion bodies and chambers of commerce from over 60 countries worldwide.
3. The Association acts as a catalyst for industrial growth and investment promotion. It represents its members on various national and regional-level panels and also at financial institutions on economic, trade and fiscal issues.
4. The activities of the Association include organizing seminars, workshops, trade fairs, business meetings, trade delegations and economic and business forums, to provide information and promote domestic and international trade, investment and technology transfers through networking.

Aims and objectives

5. The objectives of the All India Association of Industries are as follows:
 - (a) To promote cooperation, relations among the companies, factories and firms involved in industry, trade and commerce, and to foster cooperation among various sections and sectors of industry, trade and commerce.
 - (b) To provide a forum for debate and for acting collectively and to adopt common policies as may be deemed necessary or expenditures to safeguard and further the interests of industry, trade and commerce, provided that the Association shall not make or support any regulation or restriction which would make the Association a trade union.
 - (c) To promote and safeguard the interests of industry, trade and commerce in all its branches by providing for exchanges of views of members and others interested in industry, trade and commerce.
 - (d) To promote, safeguard and protect various types and categories of industry, trade and commerce, including small-scale industry, and to assist them in resolving problems they may face.
 - (e) To study the legislative, executive and other actions of the union government, state government and municipal and other local authorities, affecting the industries and development of the country.
 - (f) To collect and disseminate statistical data and other information of interest to the members.
 - (g) To help build a proper image of the industrial community in the public mind by educating the public with regard to the character, scope, importance and needs of the industrial enterprises in the country.

Membership

6. The membership of the All India Association of Industries spans a wide spectrum of industries, with a direct membership of 977 company and/or industry members and 423 honorary (individual) members and over 50 affiliated regional chambers and trade

bodies. Over 70 per cent of the membership represents micro, small and medium-sized enterprises. In addition, the Association has partnerships and collaborations with regional companies and industries.

Structure

7. The governing body of the All India Association of Industries is the Managing Committee, headed by a President. All decisions are taken in consultation with the Managing Committee for the interest of its members. Office Bearers are appointed to execute decisions taken by the Managing Committee. Periodically, the Managing Committee takes decisions in consultation with and under the supervision of the President. The Managing Committee is entitled to exercise all such powers of the Association except alterations of rules and/or articles of association required to be exercised by the Association in a general meeting. Finally, the Managing Committee has power to appoint subcommittees as needed.

8. The current Managing Committee members are as follows: Mr. Vijay Kalantri, President; Mr. Amit Sarda, Vice President; Mr. Ajoykaant Ruia; Mr. SG Vaidya; Ms. Sangeeta Jain; Mr. Aditya Rassiwasia; Mr. Rajinder Miglani; Mr. Nitin Kasliwal.

9. The Association holds an annual general meeting and extraordinary general meetings, and organizes 45–50 events per year. It also supports other events organized by various chamber of commerce and government bodies.

10. The Association organizes an annual flagship event on trade and industry: the Global Economic Summit. The six summits to date are as follows: Global Economic Summit on trade and investment, 2010; Global Economic Summit and global exposition on small and medium-sized enterprises, innovation and technology, 2011; Global Economic Summit on one world perspectives from many nations, 2013; Global Economic Summit on Asia: Powering global markets – vision 2025, 2014; Global Economic Summit on enabling food for all, 2015; and Global Economic Summit: Women’s empowerment – entrepreneurship, innovation and capacity-building, 27–29 March 2017, World Trade Centre, Mumbai.

Finance

11. All India Association of Industries audited financial statement as at 31 March 2016 in United States dollars is provided in the table.

I. Equity and liabilities	
Shareholder funds	
Capital fund	15 898.82
Reserves and surplus	91 002.15
Non-current liabilities	
Long-term borrowings	3 752.34
Other long-term liabilities	3 293.69
Current liabilities	
Trade payables	6 067.21
Other current liabilities	23 947.94
Short-term provisions	8 554.15
Total	152 516.30
II. Assets	
Non-current assets	
Fixed assets	28 567.48
Non-current investments	40 359.96

Long-term loans and advances	180.11
Deferred tax assets (net)	96.24
Current assets	
Trade receivables	12 754.48
Cash and bank balances	54 610.86
Short-term loans and advances	15 375.55
Other current assets	571.62
Total	152 516.30

Publications

12. The All India Association of Industries issues quarterly press releases, such as the following:

(a) Mexico keen on strengthening trade relations with India (<http://www.aiaiindia.com/mexico-keen-on-strengthening-trade-relations-with-india/>)

(b) “Q3 GDP at 7% in line with expectations: India misses opportunity for economic acceleration” (<http://www.aiaiindia.com/q3-gdp-at-7-in-line-with-expectations-india-misses-opportunity-for-economic-acceleration/>)

13. The Association issues other documents such as the following:

(a) Biodiversity and sustainable development (<http://www.aiaiindia.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Biodiversity-and-Sustainable-Development.pdf>)

(b) Gaining from greater engagement with Indian diaspora (<http://www.aiaiindia.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Employment-and-NRI-Times.pdf>)

(c) Greening of Indian infrastructure (<http://www.aiaiindia.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Greening-of-Indian-Infrastructure.pdf>)

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Language

16. The working language of the All India Association of Industries is English.