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**Matters related to intergovernmental,  
non-governmental, governmental  
and other organizations**

## **Application from a non-governmental organization for consultative status**

### **Note by the Director-General**

The present document provides information on the Organization for International Economic Relations (OIER), a non-governmental organization applying for consultative status with UNIDO.

1. In accordance with Article 19.1 (b) of the Constitution of UNIDO and the Guidelines for the Relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (decision GC.1/Dec.41), in particular paragraph 17 of the annex thereto, information on the Organization for International Economic Relations (OIER), a non-governmental organization (NGO) seeking consultative status with UNIDO, is circulated to the members of the Board in the annex to the present document. More detailed information on the NGO is available with the Secretariat.

2. Paragraph 17 of the annex to the Guidelines stipulates that the Board shall establish appropriate procedures for reviewing applications from NGOs for consultative status. To facilitate and accelerate its work, the Board may wish to follow the practice established at previous sessions and request the Bureau of the Board to review the application of, and information on, the NGO referred to in the annex to the present document and to submit its recommendations to the Board for consideration at its current session.

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## Annex

### **Organization for International Economic Relations (OIER)**

#### **Historical background**

Founded in Vienna, Austria, in 1947 by a group of personalities from different countries, all of them committed to the idea of European integration, the organization — originally called Danube European Institute — has evolved to become a platform for the establishment and extension of economic and trade relations crossing all borders. In 1970 the International Council was founded, and in 2004, to supplement its range of activities, OIER established the United Global Academy as an innovative platform to promote the transfer of knowledge between the scientific and business communities, and governments.

#### **Statutes**

Available

#### **Structure of governing bodies and administration**

- Presidium
- International Council
- Executive Committee
- Board
- General Secretariat

#### **Activities related to the work of UNIDO**

OIER offers support in the field of international relations and economic processes and represent a key platform for establishing partnerships in particular related to industry, trade, energy and environment. OIER is well positioned to contribute to and be instrumental in developing new partnerships on behalf of the business community to interface with international institutions and organizations such as the United Nations. OIER provides assistance to its partners in identifying programmes and projects that could be of interest as well as funding sources within its network, and provides knowledge tools and expertise in business development and economic processes. The OIER Secretariat also offers public relation and media information services through its magazines Global Panorama and OIER News.

Its main strategic priority areas are:

- (a) Facilitating cooperation and seek collaborative opportunities between business and governments, NGOs and international organizations;
- (b) Developing functional instruments and mechanisms to establish public-private partnerships;
- (c) Offering expertise in and promoting the interface between existing members and new partners by enhancing strategic communication with potential

new partners, in particular in Africa, Central Asia, the Arab region, China and Latin America.

#### **Relations with the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations**

Consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) and the European Union (EU).

#### **Relations with non-governmental organizations**

Over the years, developed a cooperation with the Club of Rome, the Stanford Research Institute California as well as international economic organizations and chambers of commerce and industry in a large number of countries.

#### **Membership**

Its members are representatives of states Members or Permanent Observers to the United Nations and its affiliated organizations, as well as experts in business, finance, politics, culture and media.

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