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

Application from non-governmental organizations for consultative status

Note by the Director General

The present document provides information on the AVSI Foundation (AVSI) and the Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation (CGDC), two non-governmental organizations 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 AVSI Foundation (AVSI) and the Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation, two non-governmental organizations (NGOs) 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 NGOs is available with the Secretariat. AVSI was in consultative status with UNIDO from 1999 to 2011. It was among the 73 NGOs whose consultative status was discontinued upon the adoption of Board decision IDB.39/Dec.11.

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 NGOs 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

AVSI Foundation (AVSI)

Historical background

The AVSI Foundation is an international non-governmental organization founded in Italy in 1972.

Its mission is to support human development in developing countries. AVSI is involved in over 100 cooperation projects in 37 developing countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Arab region. Its main areas of activity include agriculture, food security and water, energy, as well as social development, reaching more than 4,000,000 direct beneficiaries.

Statutes

Available

Structure of governing bodies and administration

- Board of Founders
- Board of Participating Members
- Board of Directors
- President, Vice-President, Secretary-General, Board of Auditors

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

Common thematic priorities are poverty reduction through productive activities, and environment and energy.

In order to promote inclusive development, AVSI is strengthening its activities in programme areas such as:

- Poverty reduction through income-generating activities;
- Vocational training and youth employment;
- Agribusiness and sustainable development;
- Energy access and efficiency in poor contexts;
- Community development in cooperation with the private sector.

AVSI pursues networking activities and alliances, especially with universities and research centres as well as with actors of the private sector. It participates in initiatives such as the United Nations Global Compact.

Relations with the United Nations, other IGOs and NGOs

AVSI holds consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), is an accredited participant of the United Nations Global Compact and is recognized on the International Labour Organization (ILO) Special List of NGOs.

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Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation (CGDC)**Historical background**

CGDC was founded in 2009 as a non-governmental, non-profit organization that encourages stability and environmental and economic development on the basis of transparency and mutual trust.

Mission

Sustainable development through dialogue.

Statutes

Available

Structure of governing bodies and administration

President
Secretary General and Head of Administration
Vice Presidents (three)

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

CGDC is prepared to actively support UNIDO principles and programmes by facilitating direct contacts with supporters of its mission, including competent authorities, heads of State, government officials and key business executives in the following areas:

- Poverty reduction;
- Trade capacity-building;
- Environment and energy.

Relations with the United Nations, other IGOs and NGOs

CGDC is a member of and cooperates actively with the Clinton Global Initiative. Although a newly founded NGO, CGDC has also established

relationships with the Special Olympics, Milestone GRP and has signed a memorandum of cooperation with the Assembly of the People of Kazakhstan.

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