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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 China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC), 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 China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC), 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.

For reasons of economy, this document has not been printed. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to meetings.
Annex

China Chamber of International Commerce (C COIC)

Historical background

Approved by the State Council, the China Chamber of International Commerce (C COIC) was established in 1988. It is affiliated with the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade. Fiscally fully independent, its annual revenue in 2015 was generated from its services, such as legal consulting, and the organization of conventions, exhibitions, business delegations and training.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

• Board of Directors;
• Secretariat consisting of the departments of General Affairs; Membership; Cooperation and Development; and Convention and Exhibition.

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

CCOIC is a business organization representing China’s enterprises at large in all sectors, industry associations, and local chambers of commerce engaged in international commercial activities in China. CCOIC is a leader in promoting eco- friendly industrial development and advancing inclusive economic development in the country. It aims at boosting economic and trade cooperation between China and other countries in the world; helping the Chinese business community make its interests heard among international organizations and governments, both at the national and international level; setting and promoting international trade rules; and advocating corporate social responsibility among enterprises.

CCOIC endeavours to provide better services to its member companies to help them enhance their overseas business cooperation and take part in the setting of global commercial rules. It encourages its members to fulfill their social responsibilities; promote sustainable development; and support their business cooperation with developing and least developed countries worldwide. In particular, it is looking to better mobilize its member companies to participate in, and advance economic transition and industrialization of developing countries, and to contribute to the sustainable development of industries.

Relations with the United Nations, other IGOs and NGOs

CCOIC works closely with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). It led the establishment of the China National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce, ICC China, in 1994, which formally joined the ICC on behalf of the Chinese business community.
Membership
CCOIC has 59,000 member companies and 21 representative offices around the world.

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