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ORGANIZATION OF WORK, INCLUDING  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES

Accreditation of non-governmental organizations  
for participation in the Conference

Note by the Secretariat

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 48/188 of 21 December 1993, invited relevant non-governmental organizations to the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction and established a Preparatory Committee to meet in March 1994 to review organizational and substantive preparations for the Conference.
2. In its decision 7 (see A/CONF.172/PC/3 and Corr.1-3, annex I), the Preparatory Committee adopted procedures for participation of non-governmental organizations in the World Conference and its preparatory process.
3. The Preparatory Committee decided that non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council wishing to attend should be accredited for participation. Others wishing to be accredited would need to apply to the secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.
4. On 11 May 1994, the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee took note of the request for participation by eight non-governmental organizations in consultative status.<sup>1</sup> It decided to accredit 18

<sup>1</sup> Caritas Internationalis; Indian Institute for Non-Aligned Studies; International Astronautical Federation; International Council of Scientific Unions; Islamic African Relief Agency; Permanent International Association of Road Congresses; Society for International Development; and World Federation of Engineering Organizations.

other non-governmental organizations that had demonstrated a relevance to the activities related to the Conference.<sup>2</sup>

5. Inasmuch as some organizations had failed to submit the related documents on time, it was agreed that the Conference might wish to consider the requests for participation by those additional non-governmental organizations. The purpose of this document is to provide the Conference with the secretariat's recommendation for accrediting these organizations. The following 15 organizations have fulfilled the requirements and established their relevance to the work of the Conference:

Asociacion Nacional de Centros de Investigacion  
y Promocion del Desarrollo  
Association for Disaster Prevention Research  
Association for Non-Governmental Organizations  
Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha, Bangladesh  
Citizens' Disaster Response Center  
Environmental Monitoring Society  
Intermediate Technology Development Group  
Jordan Red Crescent  
Mediterranean Burns Club  
Resource Exploration for Local Employment and  
Society Enhancement  
Service Civil International  
Society for Community Development and for the  
Protection of the Environment  
Uganda Women Tree Planting Movement  
World Association for Disaster and Emergency  
Medicine  
World Wide Fund for Nature

6. Accordingly, the secretariat recommends their accreditation.

7. In addition, the following five organizations, in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, have indicated their desire to participate in the Conference and will be added to the list of NGO participants:

Friends of the Earth  
International Federation of Red Cross and Red  
Crescent Societies  
International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics  
Union of International Technical Associations  
and Organizations  
World Federation of United Nations Associations

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<sup>2</sup> Aide au Sahel; Association of Icelandic Rescue Teams; Botswana Christian Council; Centro de Estudios y Prevencion de Desastres; Confederacion Colombiana de Organismos no Gubernamentales; Children's Television Workshop; China Association of Disaster Prevention; Egyptian Society for Earthquake Engineering; Environmental Development Action in the Third World; Foundation for Public Interest; INTERACTION - American Council for Voluntary International Action; INTER-ASSIST - Foundation for International Assistance; International Society of Bangladesh; Joint Assistance Center; Red Cross Society of China; Red Cross Society of Japan; Servizio Volontariato Protezione Civile; and Volunteers in Technical Assistance.