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DESIGNATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL  
ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF RULE 77 OF THE  
RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE BOARD

Application by the Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The UNCTAD secretariat has received an application from the Director General of the Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano (FFLA), requesting the inclusion of that organization by the Trade and Development Board in the list provided for in rule 77 of the Board's rules of procedure.
2. Having reviewed the information provided, the secretariat is of the opinion that, subject to the concurrence of the Bureau of the Trade and Development Board, FFLA may be classified in the Special Category under the provision of paragraph 12 (b) of Board decision 43 (VII).
3. The Board may wish to take action on the above-mentioned application at its current session in the light of the recommendation of the Bureau.
4. Some information regarding FFLA is annexed hereto.

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Annex

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE FUNDACION FUTURO LATINAMERICANO

History

1. The Foundation is a non-profit organization which was established on 1 November 1993 in conformity with the laws of Ecuador. Its headquarters are in Quito and it plans to open offices or representations in other countries of the region as necessary.

Aims and objectives

2. According to article 6 of its Statutes, the aims of FFLA are, inter alia, to:

- (a) analyse, with Latin American leaders, development models for the region by identifying impediments to sustainable development, reorienting attitudes, behavioural patterns and individual and corporate habits with a view to achieving sustainable development;
- (b) encourage sustainable development policies, plans, programmes, projects and action affecting development in the region;
- (c) foster public discussion, national and international dialogue and coordination of activities among the various sectors affecting or affected by environmental and development problems as a means to seeking peaceful solutions for the achievement of sustainable development;
- (d) conduct and promote various research and study projects aimed at properly defining the problems of the environment, development and sustainability in the various countries of the region;

(e) conduct scientific research and technical studies on development processes direct and factors influencing these processes and possible solutions; (f) organize international consultations, training and cooperation in designing programmes and projects relating to sustainable development policies; (g) publish studies and documents on sustainable development policies; (h) develop and produce teaching materials for dissemination at national and international levels; (i) administrate financial resources and assets.

#### Members

3. FFLA has 20 members and associate members in the following countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

#### Structure

4. FFLA is governed by an International Governing Board, comprising all members, which is responsible inter alia for: appointing the Executive President and the Director General; revising the Foundation's Articles of Association; defining and directing the Foundation's general policies and activities. The Chairman of the International Governing Board is elected from among its members for a term of three years. The Executive President is elected for a term of three years and is responsible inter alia for: monitoring the implementation of the decisions of the International Governing Board; preparing the annual, short-, medium- and long-term working plans, progress reports, and budget for the approval of the International Governing Board; obtaining contributions and financial resources for the Foundation; acting as the Foundation's legal representative; applying

and ensuring the application of the Articles of Association; approving draft plans and programmes proposed by the Director-General; conducting a yearly audit; ensuring administrative coordination of the Foundation's objectives; engaging all technical and administrative staff. The Director General, elected by the International Governing Board for a term of three years, provides support to the Executive President in his duties and manages the bodies created for the purposes of planning, evaluation, supervision, technical reference and research information.

#### Financial resources

5. FFLA's financial resources are derived from public, private, national and international organizations.

#### Relations with other international organizations

6. FFLA maintains working relations with organizations dealing with sustainable development in countries in Central and Latin America.

#### Publications

7. FFLA publishes or co-participates in publications related to its activities. It is currently working on the publication of source books which draw from the region's experience in conflict management for sustainable development.

Liaison

8. Liaison with UNCTAD will be maintained by the Director General of the Foundation, Mr. Ricardo Meléndez Ortiz.

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9. The working languages of FFLA are English and Spanish.