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**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF
DANGEROUS GOODS AND ON THE GLOBALLY
HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

**Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized
System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

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**REQUESTS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS
(NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs))**

Request by the International Paint and Printing Ink Council (IPPIC)

Note by the secretariat

1. Reference is made to document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/2, paras. 1. to 6.
2. The secretariat has received from IPPIC the attached letter requesting consultative status with the Sub-Committee, which the Sub-Committee may wish to consider.
3. IPPIC has also submitted an official request for consultative status (category II) with the Economic and Social Council. Excerpts of the related documentation are attached hereto.



International Paint & Printing Ink Council

Asian Paint Industry
Council (APIC)

2001-06-06

Australian Paint
Manufacturers
Federation (APMF)

Mr Olivier Kervella
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Canadian Paint and
Coatings Association
(CPCA)

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European Council of
the Paint, Printing Ink
and Artists Colours
Industry (CEPE)

Japan Paint
Manufacturers
Association (JPMA)

Dear Mr Kervella:

Mexican Paint and
Printing Ink
Manufacturers
Association
(ANAFAPYT)

This letter serves to introduce Paul Keymolen of the Conseil Européen de l'Industrie des Peintures, des Encres d'Imprimerie et des Couleurs d'Art (European Council of the Paint, Printing Ink, and Artists' Colours Industry; known as CEPE) which is a member of our organization, the International Paint and Printing Ink Council, known as IPPIC.

National Association
of Printing Ink
Manufacturers (NAPIM)

IPPIC has recently applied to the UN DESA for non-governmental organization (NGO) special consultative status. IPPIC's application is complete and awaiting review at the NGO Committee's July 2001 meeting, where we anticipate a favorable decision and eventual approval.

National Paint and
Coatings Association
(NPCA)

As the Secretariat for IPPIC, we have asked Mr. Keymolen and CEPE for their assistance in pursuing consultative status for IPPIC before the UN Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals. We understand that establishing consultative status will enable IPPIC's participation at the upcoming meeting of the Sub-Committee on the GHS currently scheduled for July 9 to 11 in Geneva. If it meets with the Committee's approval, Mr. Keymolen will serve as IPPIC's representative.

IPPIC believes it is important for the Committee to grant consultative status to our global organization as it can provide unique, product-specific information on the transport of hazardous paint and printing ink products that could not be provided from any other source. Because IPPIC is a global organization with strong ties to paint and printing ink associations throughout the world, our communication and information dissemination capabilities can facilitate Committee outreach.

In keeping with the Committee's requirements for consultative status, we are also enclosing the detailed background information provided to DESA in the recent IPPIC application for consultative status. IPPIC believes that the information provided meets the intent of your recent communication on consultative status {ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/2 April 30, 2001} and as outlined in Paragraph 44 of ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31.

Should you have any questions about the enclosed IPPIC information please feel free to contact our offices in Washington, DC or the CEPE offices in Brussels.

Your consideration of consultative status is appreciated, and we look forward to the opportunity to participate in the upcoming subcommittee meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen R. Sides". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" being more prominent than the last name "Sides".

Stephen R. Sides
Secretariat
IPPIC

Enclosure

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APPLICATION FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS

PART II: QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name of Organization (please provide translation in English or French):

International Paint and Printing Ink Council (IPPIC)

Indicate the type of status for which you are applying (pursuant to Part III of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31):

IPPIC is applying for **Special** status.

2. Headquarters address (include postal/telephone/fax/email as appropriate):

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3. Date of registration/incorporation (this date should match the document provided under Part I (B)). Pursuant to paragraph 61(h) of resolution 1996/31, "an organization must justify that it has been in existence for at least 2 years as if the date of receipt of the application by the Secretariat".

Neither registration nor incorporation is a legal requirement in the United States for an organization of this nature. IPPIC has been in continuous existence since its organizational meeting was held on August 19-20, 1992 (copy of approved minutes from organizational meeting are provided).

4. In accordance with para. 8 of Council resolution 1996/31, state whether your organization is an international or national organization:

IPPIC is an international organization consisting of a variety of national trade associations representing the paint and printing ink industries.

5. Purpose and activities of your organization:

a. Indicate in half a page the general aims of your organization as they relate to the work of ECOSOC and which appear in its constitution/by-laws.

The approved bylaws of IPPIC set forth the following aims: to facilitate an exchange of views among member associations and act as a forum within which members may develop coordinated strategies on global issues affecting the paint and printing ink industries; to ensure that the paint and printing ink industry is represented on key issues with international implications and to act as the focal point for monitoring and communicating on such issues; to develop recommendations and analyses on selected issues of common interest to the participating organizations; to serve as a forum for open dialogue and exchange between the participating organizations on issues of common interest; to serve as technical expert in presenting the views of the international paint and printing ink industry to intergovernmental agencies, such as the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations (UN) and other UN offices, as well as other international private organizations, such as the International Standards Organization (ISO) on issues involving the paint and printing ink industries, including commenting on agenda items, attending and participating in meetings and its various subsidiary bodies, special sessions of the General Assembly, and other meetings of intergovernmental bodies as appropriate; to promote the development and implementation of the principles and practices of the Coatings Care®

health, safety, and environmental management system by paint and printing ink industry associations and their constituent member companies on a worldwide basis.

b. List in general terms in half a page the ways in which your organization carries out those aims (e.g., conferences, projects, etc.).

IPPIC meets as a body semi-annually on a rotating basis and shares (electronically), on a quarterly basis, issue management status reports. Member organizations consult with each other on a regular basis when not in attendance at this twice-yearly conference. Formal IPPIC meetings provide member organizations with a means of monitoring and exchanging views concerning national and international developments, including those taking place under UN auspices, which affect industry and prepare industry's response to those issues. Many, if not most, of those issues involve activities of ECOSOC and its subordinate agencies. Additionally, one of IPPIC's primary projects is the Coatings Care[®] health, safety, and environmental management system. Coatings Care[®] is a joint IPPIC initiative intended to help the paint and printing ink industries worldwide meet their health, safety and environmental management responsibilities to their workforce and their communities. Participating IPPIC members have committed to pursue a common set of Management Practices that provide both the framework and the tools to effectively address health, safety and environmental regulations, integrate critical management information, and support organizational planning and operations. Coatings Care[®] development is reviewed both at the semi-annual IPPIC assembly, but also through an IPPIC Coatings Care[®]/Industry Stewardship Coordinating Committee. This committee of experts meets under IPPIC auspices on a semiannual basis to oversee and harmonize development and implementation of the Coatings Care[®] program internationally. As a result of these and other IPPIC activities, the organization is uniquely qualified to advise ECOSOC on issues that affect the paint and printing ink industry.

6. Structure and decision-making process of your organization:

a. Describe the decision-making process of the organization including each policy-making or administrative body (e.g., general conference, executive board, etc.), stating how often they meet, their composition, and their chief powers and functions.

IPPIC seeks to develop, approve and subsequently advocate consensus positions that best represent the views of the industry as a whole. These positions are ordinarily fashioned during the periodic meetings of the IPPIC through discussion and, if necessary, a vote. Individual IPPIC members are encouraged to submit issues affecting the paint and printing ink industries regionally or globally that may be appropriate for consideration by the IPPIC. In addition, the IPPIC has established committees and working groups to address issues that may be placed before it. These committees and working groups may be comprised of industry representatives and/or association staff from one or more IPPIC member associations. IPPIC procedural rules also enable decision making to occur outside regular periodic meetings of the IPPIC through telephonic or on-line (Internet) conferences arranged for the purpose of reaching such a decision. IPPIC bylaws currently provide that in the event the organization is granted consultative status with the ECOSOC to represent the views and interests of the paint and printing ink industries before the United Nations, meetings, conferences, and periodic reports must be scheduled so as to meet any time limits or other procedural requirements attendant thereto. IPPIC, through its bylaws, has committed to appoint workgroups and committees, circulate draft testimony, position papers and other documents, and impose deadlines for members to submit comments and/or vote to approve or disapprove proposed actions in a timely manner.

b. Describe the relationship, other than financial, of your organization with any government with respect to its management, as well as to the orientation of its activities.

No such relationship currently exists.

7. Geographical membership:

List the number of members by country and continent and indicate whether they are associations and/or individuals. Indicate the total number of members. (All documents must adhere to the United Nations terminology with respect to territories and countries).

1. Australian Paint Manufacturers' Federation, Association [Australia]
2. Asian Paint Industry Council, Association [Asia]
3. Canadian Paint and Coatings Association, Association [Canada, North America]
4. European Council of Paint, Printing Ink and Artists' Colours Industry, Association [Europe]
5. Japan Paint Manufacturers Association, Association [Japan, Asia]
6. Mexican Paint and Printing Ink Manufacturers Association, Association [Mexico, North America]
7. National Association of Printing Ink Manufacturers, Association [United States of America, North America]
8. National Paint and Coatings Association, Association [United States of America, North America]
9. Brazilian Paint and Coatings Association, Association [Brazil, South America] – pending status

8. Provide a brief profile of your organization's membership (e.g. profession, women, older persons, etc.) and indicate if there are any restrictions on membership.

Membership in IPPIC is currently limited to national, regional, or international associations representing the paint and/or printing ink industries.

9. List your current officers, including senior members of your executive staff, indicating their nationalities in brackets after their names. Please indicate if any government officials are on the staff of your organization. Also indicate if officers are elected on a geographical basis.

Neville Petersen, President of IPPIC [Europe]

10. In addition to the financial information attached, please summarize the income, including sources of the funding, and expenditures for the current year.

a. Details of total income and sources of funds (all in USD):

- Membership dues
- Governments
- Intergovernmental organizations
- Other NGOs
- Contracts
- Other sources (please specify)

The funds required for IPPIC operations are borne by their member associations through voluntary contributions for operational funds (including administrative costs and staffing of the IPPIC Secretariat), and for hosting and/or attending the regular meetings of IPPIC and its functional committees. IPPIC does not derive income from any other source, including governments and other NGO's.

[Details not reproduced by the secretariat]

11. In the past 5 years, has the organization received any contributions, in money or in kind, from a government or from an intergovernmental source either directly or indirectly? If so, please give details of the amounts, dates received, and indicate for what purposes the funding or in-kind contributions were used.

IPPIC has not received any contribution, in money or in kind, from a government or intergovernmental source, either directly or indirectly, during the past five years.

12. Indicate which areas of substantive UN concern you have contributed or intend to contribute to and in which UN body you have participated or intend to participate. (Refer to Parts IV and V of resolution 1996/31).

a. Past and current activities:

IPPIC members routinely share information and views concerning matters within their area of competence (i.e., paint and printing ink manufacturing and use), including issues under consideration by the relevant organizations, bodies and specialized agencies of the United Nations system; in addition, IPPIC has focused on the continued development of its Coatings Care® health, safety, and environmental management systems, conducting much of that work through its Coatings Care®/Industry Stewardship Coordinating Committee. This working committee was formed to enable paint and printing ink manufacturers to both share information regarding industry stewardship programs and implement the Coatings Care® health, safety, and environmental management systems (in some situations, some constituent IPPIC members or affiliates may have chosen to implement other similar programs, such as Responsible Care®). The membership of the Coatings Care®/Industry Stewardship Coordinating Committee consists of interested paint and/or printing ink associations (including several non-member organizations who are represented on IPPIC through a regional association) who are actively implementing Coatings Care® or other similar programs (e.g., Responsible Care®). IPPIC members participating in this committee have agreed to share information, resources and experiences with other participating associations in order to facilitate the uniform application and implementation of Coatings Care®. IPPIC members have agreed to fund, when necessary and appropriate, the development of shared implementation resources that will facilitate use of stewardship programs on a global basis.

b. Planned activities (if granted status):

IPPIC plans to engage itself in the work of ECOSOC and other relevant international, regional, subregional and national organizations (such as the UNEP, DPI, ILO and the Sustainability offices of the UN) in matters in which the paint and printing ink industries have special expertise or experience upon which the Council may wish to draw, specifically those involving safer use of chemicals in product manufacturing and use, waste minimization and pollution prevention, product stewardship, hazard communication, worker health and safety, product precautionary labeling, etc. An example of such an issue is the work regarding harmonized hazard communication currently taking place under the umbrella of the (ILO) International Labor Organization. Another clear example of IPPIC's value as an NGO is the work currently being undertaken by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on the use and environmental fate of marine antifouling paints.

13. Name of any publications (magazines, newsletters, books, etc.), in all languages published, that your organization may produce, indicating how often they appear and the geographical distribution.

IPPIC currently maintains an internet web site (www.paint.org/ippic) which publishes for the use of paint and printing ink manufacturers and members of the public information concerning the Coatings Care® program and other common or international issues, as well as links to the individual internet web sites maintained by the constituent IPPIC members, where other information about the issues facing the paint and printing ink industries, as well as individual member publications, reside. IPPIC members also undertake a quarterly analysis of regulatory and legislative topics actively being managed by member associations and publish an electronic summary of these issues. In addition, the IPPIC has developed a CD-ROM, which contains various Coatings Care® and other informational documents from participating associations.
