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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 International Gas Union (IGU), 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 International Gas Union (IGU), 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.

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Annex

International Gas Union (IGU)

Historical background

IGU is a non-profit organization established in 1931 in Vevey, Switzerland, with the Secretariat currently located in Oslo, Norway. Its mission is to advocate gas as an integral part of a sustainable global energy system and to promote the political, technical and economic progress of the gas industry. Its member associations and corporations of the gas industry represent over 95 per cent of the global gas market.

IGU encourages international trade in gas by supporting non-discriminatory policies and sound contracting principles and practices, promoting the development of technologies, which add to the environmental benefits of gas and further enhance safe production, distribution and utilization of gas.

Statutes

Available

Structure of governing bodies and administration

- Council
- Executive Committee
- Management Team
- Coordination Committee
- Secretariat
- Programme and working committees, and task forces

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Supporting activities related to enhanced energy access, thus helping to develop the energy business in developing countries;

(b) Encouraging and promoting the development of clean technology, renewable energy applications and other activities;

(c) Facilitating the global transfer of technology and know-how;

(d) Promoting research and development towards new and better technologies.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

IGU cooperates with the World Bank and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Relations with NGOs

International affiliate organizations, such as Energy Delta Institute, Gas Infrastructure Europe (GIE), Gas Technology Institute (GTI), Groupe International des Importateurs de Gaz Naturel Liquéfié (GIIGNL), NGV Global (IANGV), International Pipeline and Offshore Contractors Association (IPLOCA), Marcogaz: Technical Association of the European Natural Gas Industry, Russian National Gas-Vehicle Association (NGVRUS), Pipeline Research Council International, Inc., and The European Gas Research Group (GERG).

Membership

At present, 117 members worldwide: 79 Charter members (mainly national associations) and 38 associate members (mainly private sector companies).

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