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THE PURPOSES OF RULE 77 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE BOARD

Application by Development Innovations and Networks (IRED)

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The Secretary-General of UNCTAD has received from the Secretary General of Development Innovations and Networks (IRED), a letter dated 25 January 1993 requesting the inclusion of this association 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, Development Innovations and Networks may be classified in the Special Category under the provisions of paragraph 12 (b) of Board decision 43 (VII).
3. Some information regarding IRED is provided in the attached annex.

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Annex

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENT INNOVATIONS AND NETWORKS

Background

1. IRED was established on 8 September 1980 on the joint initiative of a number of heads of non-governmental organizations in Africa, Asia and Europe, including the Pan African Institute for Development, the Marga Institute and the Asian Institute for Rural Development. Latin America joined the association in 1984.

Aims and objectives

2. IRED's objectives are:

- (i) To find out or instigate, anywhere in the world, innovative initiatives likely to contribute to self-reliant development at the local, regional and national levels;
- (ii) To assist such initiatives in establishing mutual relations, on different continents and at various levels;
- (iii) To support or create networks facilitating communication between and joint action by "local development initiatives";
- (iv) To assist such local development initiatives and networks, in particular through supplying: financial resources, consultations and technical advice, organization and management;
- (v) To support and encourage the setting up or promotion of self-reliant development zones, giving priority to existing ones, in order to study development as a whole;
- (vi) To facilitate the establishment of new forms of international cooperation between industrialized and poor countries and among the latter;
- (vii) In general, to support and promote, directly or indirectly, any initiative responding to the needs of underprivileged local populations and helping them to take part in decision-making and to organize themselves as they wish.

Membership

3. Membership is open to all individuals. Every candidature must be supported by two persons already belonging to the association. As at 18 January 1993, IRED had 209 members drawn from the following countries: Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Pakistan,

Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Structure

4. IRED's organs are the following: the Community of Members (CM), which includes persons admitted to membership of the association by the General Assembly of Delegates (GAD). Every four years the CM elects the 15 delegates forming the GAD, taking account of equitable geographical and sectorial distribution; the General Assembly of Delegates (GAD), which is the supreme authority of the association, adopts and amends its Articles and makes all decisions concerning its policy and administration. The GAD administers the association and creates working and reflection groups relating to its themes and activities. It may also create any centre, institute, project, etc. required to carry out the objectives of the association; the Executive Committee, which is the administrative body of the association. It is composed of five members elected by the GAD from its own membership and is competent for the current implementation of the GAD's decisions and for the administration of the association in between GAD sessions; the General Secretariat, which is permanently responsible for the guidance, management and coordination of the association's affairs and is headed by a Secretary General, assisted by two Assistant Secretaries General; and the regional support services, which are based in Latin America, Asia, Africa, Europe and North America.

Financial resources

5. The association's resources are constituted by members' subscriptions; such gifts and contributions from public or private sources whose objectives are compatible with those of the association; fees received in payment of contractual services rendered to outsiders; and interest or profit accruing from the association's capital and property.

Relations with other international organizations

6. IRED has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (category II) and with UNESCO (category C); it has been cooperating with the United Nations and its specialized agencies for a number of years.

Publications

7. The association publishes a variety of books, reports on exchanges and seminars, papers, studies, and a quarterly liaison bulletin in English, French and Spanish.

Liaison

8. Liaison with the UNCTAD secretariat will be ensured by Mr. Fernand Vincent, Secretary General of IRED. He may be replaced by Mr. Marcel Furic.

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10. IRED'S working languages are English, French and Spanish.
