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

Application by Environmental Development Action
in the Third World (ENDA)

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The Secretary-General of UNCTAD has received a letter dated 19 January 1993 from the Chairman of Environmental Development Action in the Third World (ENDA) 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, Environment Development Action in the Third World may be classified in the Special Category under the provision of paragraph 12 (b) of Board decision 43 (VII).
3. Some information regarding ENDA is annexed hereto.

<p>This document is at this stage intended for the information of States members of UNCTAD and its distribution is, therefore, restricted to their exclusive use. It is proposed to de-restrict the document in due course.</p>

Annex

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT ACTION IN THE THIRD WORLD

History

1. Environmental Development Action in the Third World (ENDA) has been operating as an environment training programme since 1972, some time before the Stockholm Conference on the Environment; it then constituted project No. 2 of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in conjunction with the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA), before becoming an association in November 1977. In June 1978 ENDA became a non-profit-making international association following the signature of a foundation agreement with the Republic of Senegal.

Aims and objectives

2. ENDA's purposes are to carry out research, take action and provide teaching and training so as to contribute to the promotion of the fight against poverty, and to grass-roots development and culture, environmental development, the dissemination of combined technologies, and the design of development alternatives in the countries of the third world. In its work ENDA maintains close links between research, training, communication, field work and the involvement of the local population.

ENDA seeks to achieve its aims by all appropriate means, including support for research, meetings and seminars, publications, communication activities, and development field work at the grass-roots level. ENDA supports the activities of the United Nations, especially those of UNEP, UNICEF and UNESCO, as well as the activities of all institutions and agencies working for the independence and development of the third world.

Membership

3. ENDA is composed of active members, who have to be sponsored by two active members and approved by the Board of Directors. It also has associate members sponsored by a regional or national ENDA delegation. ENDA currently has members in the following countries: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ecuador, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Kenya, Lebanon, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uruguay, Zaire and Zimbabwe.

Structure

4. ENDA has the following organs: The General Assembly, which meets at least once every three years and adopts or amends the statutes by a two-thirds majority of the votes and the rules of procedure by an absolute majority. It elects the Board of Directors for a three-year term. It approves the work programme and takes decisions on any other matter submitted to it.

The Board of Directors, which consists of 5 to 11 members, is responsible for administering the organization. The Board is vested with the widest possible powers for carrying out and authorizing any action which is not the prerogative of the General Assembly or delegated to the Standing Executive Bureau. It determines the rules of procedure and examines and endorses and monitors the implementation of ENDA's overall programme. It sets the amount of the contributions of active and associate members and oversees the management of the organization. It consists of a Chairman, one or two Vice-Chairmen and an Executive Secretary who jointly constitute the Standing Executive Bureau. The Board of Directors also appoints the three members of the Monitoring Committee, which is responsible for the preparation of substantiated opinions on the administrative and financial operations of ENDA and for submitting policy proposals on such matters.

The Standing Executive Bureau meets on the initiative of one of its members and discharges responsibilities delegated by the Board of Directors. In consultation at all times with the other members of the Standing Executive Bureau, the Executive Secretary prepares and implements the overall programme. He drafts the records of the meetings of the General Assembly, the Board of Governors and the Standing Executive Bureau, which are signed by the Chairman and adopted at the next meeting of the organ concerned.

Financial resources

5. ENDA's resources consist of the contributions of its members and grants or subsidies from United Nations agencies, Governments and non-profit-making institutions or associations.

Relations with other international organizations

6. ENDA has consultative status with UNEP and UNICEF and is a member of the UNICEF NGO Committee.

Publications

7. ENDA publishes many periodicals, documents, technological leaflets and articles and is a partner in several co-publications with UNESCO, UNICEF and ILO.

Liaison

8. Liaison with the UNCTAD secretariat will be maintained by Mr. Youba Sokona, Energy/Technology/Environment Coordinator, Mali.

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10. ENDA's working languages are Arabic, English, French and Spanish.
