

Distr.
RESTRICTED

TD/B/40(1)/R.1/Add.6
4 August 1993

Original: ENGLISH

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Fortieth session
First part
Geneva, 20 September 1993
Item 11 (g) of the provisional agenda

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

Application by the Public Services International

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The UNCTAD secretariat has received an application dated 23 June 1993 from the General Secretary of the Public Services International (PSI), 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, PSI 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 PSI 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 for their exclusive use. It is proposed to de-restrict the document in due course.</p>
--

Annex

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON PUBLIC SERVICES INTERNATIONAL

History

1. The international secretariat was established in 1907 at the first International Conference of Workers in Public Services, held in Stuttgart, under the auspices of the Association of German Municipal and State Workers. In 1925, the name was changed to The International Federation of Employees in Public Services. In 1935, the International was merged with the International Federation of Civil Servants to become the International Federation of Unions of Employees in Public and Civil Services and thus formed the basis of the present PSI. In 1940, during the German occupation of Paris, the secretariat closed and all documents were destroyed. It was re-established in 1945 and, in 1958, the present name Public Services International was adopted.

Aims and objectives

2. The aims and objectives of Public Services International are inter alia to: promote mutual cooperation and assistance among affiliated organizations; represent and defend the interests of public service employees before international authorities; ensure universal freedom of association of public servants and of their organizations to participate by means of free negotiation in the establishment of working conditions; assist in the establishment, maintenance and development of organizations of public servants; develop and implement trade union education and training programmes.

Members

3. To be eligible for membership of PSI, members must be organizations of employees in national, regional and local government authorities; undertakings engaged in the production and supply of gas, electricity and water; health and social services; public institutions providing educational, cultural and recreational services; and other bodies controlled by a public authority where conditions of service are analogous to those prevailing in the public employments stated above; organizations of employees of international agencies established by associations of States or Government authorities. PSI today represents over 14 million workers from 137 unions in 102 countries and territories.

Structure

4. PSI is governed by a Congress which meets in ordinary session every four years and is responsible inter alia for: reporting on the activities of PSI; financial reporting; and electing the President, General Secretary, Executive Committee and members' auditors. The Executive Committee governs PSI between sessions of Congress. It is made up of the President and titular members from specified geographical constituencies. It meets at least twice a year and is convened by the General Secretary in agreement with the President. The Committee elects six Vice-Presidents. A Vice-President's Committee, consisting of the President and the Vice-Presidents, undertakes such work as may be delegated to it by the Executive Committee. The General Secretary

conducts the day-to-day business of PSI in accordance with the decisions of Congress and the Executive Committee. Between two Congresses, the Executive Committee holds Regional Committees on the basis of at least one conference in each region. Regional Committees institute debate for the mutual information of participants regarding selected aspects of their organizations' activities with a view to taking decisions on common action within the region. Advisory Committees dealing with women, energy and water, health and social services and new technology have been established by the Executive Committee in order to assist it.

Financial resources

5. PSI's financial resources are derived from membership fees.

Relations with other international organizations

6. PSI has official NGO status with the International Labour Office (ILO), and it is seeking official status with the World Health Organization (WHO) with which it maintains working relations, as well as with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). PSI maintains working relations with the European Economic Community (EEC) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Publications

7. PSI publishes a general newsletter 10 times a year and a publication entitled "Focus" which features longer articles on the proceedings of conferences or the results of studies, and which appears on average on a yearly basis, as well as other publications at irregular intervals, and a four-yearly Report of Activities.

Liaison

8. Liaison with UNCTAD will be maintained by the General Secretary, Mr. Hans Engelberts and his Assistant, Mr. Mike Waghorne.

Address

9. Public Services International (PSI)

Postal address:
B.P. 472
CH-1215 Geneva
Switzerland

Registered legal address:
PSI c/o Mr. J.-B. Waeber
8 rue Winkelried
CH-1201 Geneva
Switzerland
Tel: (41 22) 732 21 22
FAX: (41 22) 732 21 41

Headquarters:

45 avenue Voltaire

01210 Ferney-Voltaire

France

Telephone: (33 50) 40 64 64

FAX: (33 50) 40 73 20

Telex: PSI 380559 F

E-Mail: GE02:PSI

10. The working languages of PSI are English, French, Spanish, German and Swedish.
