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

Application by the Association of World Council of Churches-related  
Development Organisations in Europe

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The UNCTAD secretariat has received an application from the General Secretary of the Association of World Council of Churches-related Development Organisations in Europe (APRODEV) 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, APRODEV may be classified in the general category under the provision of paragraph 12 (a) 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 APRODEV is annexed.

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## Annex

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE ASSOCIATION OF WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES-RELATED DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATIONS IN EUROPE (APRODEV)

#### History

1. European protestant development organizations decided in 1989 to form an association in order to improve cooperation between the World Council of Churches (WCC) related development agencies in Europe. The Association of World Council of Churches-related Development Organisations in Europe (APRODEV), formerly the Association of Protestant Development Organisations in Europe, was founded in 1990.

#### Aims and objectives

2. APRODEV was founded in order to prepare for the new reality of the European Community; to be of influence, wherever possible and appropriate, in the European Commission's decision-making process on developmental issues; and to share information and coordinate the work of its members in their relations within Europe. The main objective of the members is to combat world poverty through funding in the South and development education and advocacy in the North.

#### Membership

3. Membership is open to World Council of Churches-related European agencies dealing with third world development issues. APRODEV currently has 14 members and two observers in the following countries: Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom.

#### Structure

4. The governing body of APRODEV is the Member meeting which meets at least once a year. The member agencies represent their sponsoring churches through a Board of nominees which appoints specialist committees for different regions of the world; a Steering Committee of three member organizations elected for three years for advice and harmonization of action in between the member meetings; the Office of the Association which acts as its secretariat and which facilitates and supports information and communication among members and towards the European Commission, the European Parliament and other European institutions.

#### Financial resources

5. The resources of APRODEV are derived from the subscriptions of its members.

#### Relations with other organizations

6. APRODEV is a member of the NGO Working Group on the World Bank.

Publications

7. Member organizations of APRODEV, rather than the Association, publish materials.

Liaison

8. Liaison with UNCTAD will be maintained by the Head of Policy at Christian Aid, Mr. Peter Madden.

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10. The working language of the Association is English.

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