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

Application by the International Chromium Development Association
(ICDA)

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The UNCTAD secretariat has received an application from the General Secretary of the International Chromium Development Association (ICDA) 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, ICDA 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 ICDA is annexed.

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Annex

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL CHROMIUM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

History

1. The Association was founded in France in 1984 as the Chrome Association. In 1990, it merged with the Johannesburg-based Chromium Centre to become the International Chromium Development Association.

Aims and objectives

2. According to article 2 of its by-laws, the main object of the Association is to foster and encourage the growth and development of the world-wide use of chromium in all its forms by means of communications, industry forums, and specific research and development projects. Subsidiary to the main object are: to communicate frequently and participate with individuals and organizations who can influence the use of chromium; to collect, evaluate and transfer information which has a bearing on the future of the chromium industry; to provide a regular forum for members with a common purpose that is removed from competitive routines; to create, encourage, support and undertake research and development intended to protect and increase the use of chromium; to establish and maintain effective operations that will demonstrate high standards of efficiency and probity among its members; to conduct all other activities directly or indirectly related to the above object, notably with a view to procuring resources necessary to promote the Association's aims and object, provided always that they shall not place in jeopardy the status of the Association.

Membership

3. Membership comprises ordinary and associate members. The Association has 41 ordinary members in : Albania, Belgium, Brazil, Croatia, Finland, France, Germany, India, Kazakstan, Madagascar, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Zimbabwe; and 29 associate members in : Austria, Belgium, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Pakistan, South Africa, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America.

Structure

4. The governing body of the Association is the General Assembly, constituted by all ordinary members of the Association. The General Assembly holds an ordinary annual meeting each year and may also hold extraordinary meetings. The Council, consisting of representatives of a minimum of seven and a maximum of fifteen members for a term of two years, is responsible for the management of the Association. The President and Deputy President are elected from elected

members of the Council and also serve as President and Deputy President of the General Assembly. The Council appoints a committee with responsibility for research and development activities. The execution and the administration of the activities of the Association are entrusted to staff officials who are paid employees of the Association appointed by the Council.

Financial resources

5. The resources of the Association are derived from the membership fees. The fee for ordinary members is FF 32,220 and for associate members FF 26,800.

Relations with other organizations

6. The Association cooperates regularly with the Nickel Development Institute, the International Molybdenum Association, the International Manganese Institute and all the stainless steel development associations worldwide. It also has contacts with all international regulatory bodies: European Union, International Agency for Research on Cancer, and World Health Organization.

Publications

7. The Association publishes a quarterly publication, News Bulletin, an annual publication, Statistical Bulletin, the Chromium Industry Directory (October 1996) and the Chromium File, Articles 1 and 2 on health and safety issues.

Liaison

8. Liaison with UNCTAD will be maintained by the General Secretary, Mrs. Marie-Solange Pollard.

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10. The working language of the Association is English.