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Arrangements for accreditation and participation in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups

The General Assembly decides on the following arrangements for accreditation and participation in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups:

1. The major groups that are currently in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council as non-governmental organizations (including those on the roster through the list of the Commission on Sustainable Development), as well as those that were accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, must inform the secretariat and register to participate. Accredited non-governmental organizations need not register for each preparatory committee meeting separately.
2. Those non-governmental organizations and other major groups currently not in consultative status but wishing to attend and contribute to the Conference may apply to the secretariat for that purpose. The application requires the submission of the following information:
 - (a) Name of the organization and pertinent contact information, including address and main contact;
 - (b) Purpose of the organization;
 - (c) Programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the subject of the Conference indicating in which country or countries they are carried out;



(d) Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international level;

(e) Copies of annual or other reports of the organization, with financial statements and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions;

(f) A list of the members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality (for international organizations);

(g) A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution;

(h) A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization;

(i) A completed pre-registration form prepared by the Conference secretariat.

3. The deadline for submitting accreditation applications is four months before the start of the Conference. Applications should be submitted to the secretariat. The secretariat, with support from the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service and other relevant United Nations entities, as appropriate, will review the relevance of the work of the applicants on the basis of their background and involvement in sustainable development issues, particularly in the process of follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development. If the evaluation shows, on the basis of the information provided, that the applicant organization is competent and its activities relevant to the work of the Conference, the secretariat will make recommendations to the General Assembly for its decision on the accreditation of those non-governmental organizations and other major groups. In cases where such recommendation is not made, the secretariat will make available to the General Assembly the reasons for not doing so and will submit its recommendations at the same time.
