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**Information from non-governmental organizations that had been
granted permanent observer status with the Committee regarding any progress
made in obtaining consultative status with
the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**

Note by the Secretariat

At its thirty-third session, in 1990, the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space agreed that, in the future, non-governmental organizations which request observer status with the Committee should have consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and should, as part of their programmes, be concerned with matters falling within the competence of the Committee (see A/45/20, para 137).

At its fifty-first session, in 2008, the Committee agreed that non-governmental organizations that had been granted permanent observer status with the Committee should inform the Committee of any progress made in obtaining consultative status with the ECOSOC (see A/63/20, para 313).

In fulfilling that request, the Office has reviewed the ECOSOC database of NGOs that have consultative status with this organization (<http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/>) and invited non-governmental organizations that had been granted permanent observer status with the Committee to provide the information, requested by the Committee. A table, containing both information from ECOSOC NGO database and from permanent observers, was made available to the Committee in document A/AC.105/2009/CRP.11.

The present document contains the updated information, received by the Secretariat from ECOSOG NGO database as well as from some permanent observers to the Committee.

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Annex

Information from non-governmental organizations that had been granted permanent observer status with the Committee regarding any progress made in obtaining consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

No.	Name of organization	Year since becoming an observer with the Committee	ECOSOC status ¹ in 2009 and 2010 (data is taken from ECOSOC's web page "Consultative Status with ECOSOC and other accreditations" http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/)	ECOSOC status, as communicated by NGO to OOSA
1.	African Organization of Cartography and Remote Sensing (AOCRS)	2007	2009 – No entries 2010 – No entries	2009: Were in contact with the Office. No concrete information was provided.
2.	Association of Space Explorers (ASE)	1993	2009 – No entries 2010 – CSD Roster Status ²	2009: Reply received. Confirmed the intention to apply.
3.	Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS)	2002	2009 – No entries 2010 – No entries	2009: Were in contact with the Office. No concrete information was provided.
4.	Committee on Space Research (COSPAR)	1962	ECOSOC A1 - Roster Consultative Status (application year – no entry)	The information from the ECOSOC NGO database was clear.
5.	European Space Policy Institute (ESPI)	2005	2009 – No entries 2010 – <i>Entry found.</i> <i>Status: this organization is not in consultative status with ECOSOC</i>	2009: Reply received. Confirmed the intention to apply. 2010: Confirmed consultative status.
6.	European Association for the International Space Year (EURISY)	2001	2009 – <i>Entry found.</i> <i>Status: this organization is not in consultative status with ECOSOC</i> 2010 – no changes	2009: Reply received. Confirmed the intention to apply.
7.	International Academy of Astronautics (IAA)	1995	ECOSOC Special Consultative Status (application year - 1996)	The information from the ECOSOC NGO database was clear.

8.	International Astronautical Federation (IAF)	1976	ECOSOC Special Consultative Status (application year - 1964)	The information from the ECOSOC NGO database was clear.
9.	International Astronomical Union (IAU)	1995	2009 – <i>Entry found.</i> <i>Status: this organization is not in consultative status with ECOSOC</i> 2010 – no changes	2009: Reply received. Confirmed the intention to apply.
10.	International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)	2003	ECOSOC General Consultative Status (application year - 1995)	The information from the ECOSOC NGO database was clear.
11.	International Institute of Space Law (IISL)	2008	2009 – No entries 2010 – <i>Entry found.</i> <i>Status: this organization is not in consultative status with ECOSOC</i>	2009: Reply received. IISL is in the process of applying in accordance with all established procedures.
12.	International Law Association (ILA)	1990	ECOSOC Special Consultative Status (application year - 1947)	The information from the ECOSOC NGO database was clear.
13.	International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS)	1990	ECOSOC A1 - Roster Consultative Status (application year – no entry)	The information from the ECOSOC NGO database was clear.
14.	International Space University (ISU)	1997	2009 – <i>Entry found.</i> <i>Status: this organization is not in consultative status with ECOSOC</i> 2010 – no changes	2009: No reply.
15.	National Space Society (NSS)	2001	ECOSOC Special Consultative Status (application year - 1995)	The information from the ECOSOC NGO database was clear.
16.	Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water (SIPW)	2008	2009 – No entries 2010 – No entries	2009: Reply received. All necessary documents were prepared for submission to ECOSOC.
17.	Secure World Foundation (SWF)	2008	2009 – <i>Entry found.</i> <i>Status: this organization is not in consultative status with ECOSOC</i> 2010 – no changes	2009 and 2010: Reply received. SWF has applied to ECOSOC; application was being processed within ECOSOC.

18.	Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC)	2001	ECOSOC A1 - Roster Consultative Status (application year - 2005)	The information from the ECOSOC NGO database was clear.
19.	The Planetary Society (TPS)	1996	ECOSOC Special Consultative Status (application year - 1991)	2009: Reply received. Information contained in ECOSOC web database is correct.
20.	World Space Week Association (WSWA)	2002	2009 – No entries 2010 – <i>Entry found.</i> <i>Status: this organization is not in consultative status with ECOSOC</i>	2009: Reply received. Informed that WSWA sent a letter of intent in 2002. Expressed they commitment to finalize the process.

¹ General, Special and Roster status:

There are three categories of status: General consultative status, Special consultative status and Roster status.

General consultative status is reserved for large international NGOs whose area of work covers most of the issues on the agenda of ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies. These tend to be fairly large, established international NGOs with a broad geographical reach.

Special consultative status is granted to NGOs which have a special competence in, and are concerned specifically with, only a few of the fields of activity covered by the ECOSOC. These NGOs tend to be smaller and more recently established.

Organizations that apply for consultative status but do not fit in any of the other categories are usually included in the Roster. These NGOs tend to have a rather narrow and/or technical focus. NGOs that have formal status with other UN bodies or specialized agencies (FAO, ILO, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNIDO, WHO and others), can be included on the ECOSOC Roster. The roster lists NGOs that ECOSOC or the UN Secretary-General considers can make "occasional and useful contributions to the work of the Council or its subsidiary bodies."

SOURCE: <http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/> (Consultative Status with ECOSOC/Introduction to Consultative Status)

² In 1992, under an ad hoc arrangement, out of the 1,378 NGOs that were accredited to the UNCED conference in Rio de Janeiro, a list of 539 organizations without ECOSOC status was drawn up for placement on the CSD Roster, expressly to enable them to attend meetings and participate subsequently in the work of the CSD without necessarily obtaining ECOSOC status (ECOSOC decision 1993/220).

By ECOSOC decision 1996/302 of 26 July 1996, it was decided that the 539 NGOs without ECOSOC status that had been placed on the CSD Roster for the purpose of the work of the CSD, would be accorded expedited consideration to obtain ECOSOC consultative status at the Roster Level, only upon completion of a simple request form submitted to the Committee on NGOs if they wished to expand their participation in the work of the Council.

In 2001, the Committee on NGOs amended the earlier 1996 provision by EOCOSC decision 2001/295 which stipulated that organizations wishing to establish a relationship with ECOSOC would have to go through the same application process as all other organizations requesting consultative status, with the sole provision that the Committee on NGOs would still undertake consideration of those applications as expeditiously as possible. No new organizations have been added to the CSD Roster since its creation.

SOURCE: http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd/dsd_faqs_mg.shtml#MGQ4 (United Nations of Economic and Social Affairs, Division for Sustainable Development; Frequently Asked Questions)