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**Matters related to intergovernmental,  
non-governmental, governmental  
and other organizations**

## **Applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status**

### **Note by the Director-General**

#### **Addendum**

Provides information on the Latin American Organization of Intermediate Governments (OLAGI), a non-governmental organization applying for consultative status with UNIDO.

1. In accordance with Article 19.1 (b) of the Constitution of UNIDO and the Guidelines for the Relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (decision GC.1/Dec.41), in particular paragraph 17 of the annex thereto, information on the Latin American Organization of Intermediate Governments (OLAGI), a non-governmental organization (NGO) seeking consultative status with UNIDO, is circulated to the members of the Board in the annex to the present document. More detailed information on the NGO is available with the Secretariat.

2. Paragraph 17 of the annex to the Guidelines stipulates that the Board shall establish appropriate procedures for reviewing applications from NGOs for consultative status. To facilitate and accelerate its work, the Board may wish to follow the practice established at previous sessions and request the Bureau of the Board to review the application of, and information on, the NGO referred to in the annex to the present document and to submit its recommendations to the Board for consideration at its current session.

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## **Annex**

### **Latin American Organization of Intermediate Governments (OLAGI)**

#### **Historical background**

The Latin American Organization of Intermediate Governments (OLAGI) was established in the first Latin American Summit of Governors, Mayors, Prefects and Regional Presidents, which took place in the City of Guayaquil, Province of Guayas, Republic of Ecuador, from 5 to 7 December 2004. At this event OLAGI approved the By-Laws, elected the officials of the organization and established the City of Quito, Metropolitan District of the Republic of Ecuador as its domicile. It furthermore established social, economic and public development as its main objective.

#### **Statutes**

Available.

#### **Structure of governing bodies and administration**

- General Assembly
- Management Council
- General Secretariat
- Executive Secretariat

#### **Activities related to the work of UNIDO**

OLAGI is responsible for the promotion, coordination, cooperation and exchange of institutional experiences at the intermediate level of government in Latin American and Caribbean countries. It constitutes a forum of intermediate governments that facilitates communication, coordinated action and transfer of knowledge and experience, in order to ensure that those associated with it contribute to the development of the Millennium Development Goals. The mandates and priorities of OLAGI, in line with the principles and objectives of the United Nations, are to protect development and integration, and in particular reduce poverty.

It is running various projects aiming at:

- (a) achieving economic and social development by developing mechanisms of participation, communication and information of intermediate governments in order to strengthen management capabilities of development in subnational territories;
- (b) identifying and recording experiences of intermediate governments' associations with the private sector or other levels of government and the private sector for financing and building infrastructure works needed for the development of the region;

(c) strengthening skills at the level of intermediate governments, national and regional associations organizations in order to improve the governability and compliance with the Millennium Development Goals.

**Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs**

Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC).

**Relations with NGOs**

n/a.

**Membership**

Over 150 representatives of intermediate governments of 14 Latin American and Caribbean countries.

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