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

Application from a non-governmental organization for consultative status

Note by the Director-General

The present document provides information on ISEKI-Food¹ Association (IFA), 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 ISEKI-Food Association (IFA), 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

¹ ISEKI-Food: Integrating Food Science and Engineering Knowledge Into the Food Chain.

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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.

Annex

ISEKI-Food Association (IFA)

Historical background

IFA is a non-profit organization established in 2005 in Vienna, Austria, by university institutions, research institutes, companies and associations related to food to build a leading network for all stakeholders in the food supply chain with regard to education, legislation and communication.

IFA is aiming to promote a network of universities, research institutions and companies in the food chain, work towards quality assurance of food studies, promote synergies between research, education/teaching and industry, develop a virtual community of experts in the field of food, stimulate the development of common projects and cooperate in the implementation of quality criteria in the food chain.

Statutes

Available

Structure of governing bodies and administration

- General Assembly
- Board
- General Secretariat
- Advisory Committee
- Team leaders and national representatives

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Building local links between universities, research institutions, organizations and companies in the food supply chain in various countries;

(b) Organizing and developing projects and training programmes;

(c) Providing information about research from databases of experts and stakeholders;

(d) Promoting and facilitating knowledge and technology transfer and carrying out studies on selected topics.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

IFA is currently participating in two European Union projects in the area of food processing industry and food science and technology.

Relations with NGOs

N/A.

Membership

At present, 134 individual and 17 company members coming from 29 European and 19 non-European countries.

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