

Extract from the FAO Basic Texts, Vol.II Section M: FAO Policy concerning relations with International Non-Governmental Organizations

General Arrangements

5.- The Organization established relationships with certain international non-governmental organizations in order to secure their advice and to associate them effectively with the work of the Organization.

Organizations eligible for consultative status

6.- in order to be eligible for consultative status, an international non-governmental organization shall:

- a) be international in its structure and scope of activity, **be sufficiently representative** of the field of interest in which it operates, and be of a **recognized standing that renders its views on policy a matter of great interest to governments and to FAO**;
- b) be concerned with matters covering a substantial portion of FAO's field of activity;
- c) have aims and purposes in conformity with the general principles embodied in the Constitution of FAO;
- d) have a permanent directing body, authorized representatives and systematic procedures and machinery for communicating with its membership in various countries.

Organizations eligible for specialized consultative status

7.- In order to be eligible for specialized consultative status, an international non-governmental organization shall:

- a. be international in its structure and scope of activity, and representative of the **specialized field of interest in which it operates**;
- b. be concerned with matters covering **a particular portion** of FAO's field of activity;
- c. have aims and purposes in conformity with the general principles embodied in the Constitution of FAO;
- d. have a permanent directing body, authorized representatives and systematic procedures and machinery for communicating with its membership in various countries.

Organizations eligible for liaison status

8. In order to be eligible for liaison status an international non-governmental organization shall:

- a) be international in its structure and scope of activity and be **sufficiently** representative of the field of interest in which it operates;
- b) be concerned with matters covering **a portion** of FAO's field of activity and **be in a position to give practical assistance in that field**;
- c) have aims and purposes in conformity with the general principles embodied in the Constitution of FAO;
- d) have a permanent directing body authorized representatives and systematic procedures and machinery for communicating with its membership in various countries.
