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Accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the World Summit on Sustainable Development

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its decision 2001/PC/3, the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development made the following provisions for accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups:

“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) and that wish to attend and contribute to the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its preparatory committee meetings must inform the Secretariat and register to participate. Accredited non-governmental organizations need not register for each preparatory committee meeting separately.

“Those non-governmental organizations and other major groups currently not in consultative status but wishing to attend and contribute to the World Summit and its preparatory process may apply to the Secretariat for that purpose.”¹

2. In the same decision, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee requested non-governmental organizations and other major groups to send their applications, together with the required supplementary materials, not later than four

* E/CN.17/2002/PC.2/1.

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/56/19)*, chap. VIII, sect. B.



weeks before the start of each preparatory committee meeting. It requested the Summit secretariat, with the support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service, to “review the relevance of the work of the applicants on the basis of their background and involvement in sustainable development issues, particularly in the follow-up process to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development”. The decision indicated that if the evaluation showed, on the basis of the information provided, that the applicant organization was competent and its activities directly relevant to the work of the Summit, the secretariat would recommend it to the preparatory committee for accreditation.¹

3. The Summit secretariat has received and evaluated the completed applications received by 2 January 2002, the deadline by which applications had to be submitted in order to be reviewed at the second session of the preparatory committee. The annex to this note contains the list of non-governmental organizations and other major groups that are recommended by the secretariat for accreditation at this stage.