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## **Annex to the Rules of Procedure of the IGC on the status of observer**

### 1. Scope

This Annex regulates issues concerned with the status of observer in the Inter-Governmental Commission as defined by the Rules of Procedure, and constitutes an integral part thereto.

### 2. Granting of the observer status

The following procedure shall be followed:

- 2.1 an application for observership should be sent to the Permanent Secretariat at least six (6) months prior to the IGC Meeting;
- 2.2 the General Secretary shall immediately distribute the application to the Parties to the Basic Agreement for comments;
- 2.3 the issue of granting the observer status for each individual application should be included in the agenda as a separate point to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- 2.4 Decision should be taken by the Intergovernmental Commission at its earliest possible meeting.

### 3. Eligibility

The IGC may decide to grant the observer status to the states and international organizations, which meet the following criteria:

- 3.1 willingness to accept the purposes and principles of the Basic Agreement;
- 3.2 readiness of the state or international organization in question to contribute substantially to the objectives of the Basic Agreement set in the Article 3 thereof and in conformity with the rights and obligations of the present Annex;
- 3.3 capability of contributing with technical or equivalent expertise

### 4. Rights and Obligations

The states and international organizations enjoying observer status shall have a right:

- 4.1 to appoint a permanent representative in the IGC TRACECA;
- 4.2 to assign its representatives to participate in open sessions of the regular IGC Meetings;
- 4.3 to assign its representatives to participate at the meetings of Working Groups, upon invitation of the IGC TRACECA;
- 4.4 to receive non-restricted documentation prepared for the IGC and WG Meetings;
- 4.5 to submit written statements on items of the agenda of the meeting concerned;
- 4.6 to present verbal statements pertinent to the subject matter at the discretions of the Chairman of the meeting concerned, but not a right to vote.
- 4.7 to become a user of TRACECA database on preferential terms, agreed with the PS in each individual case

The observer status shall impose an obligation:

- 4.8 to recognize the basic purposes of the IGC TRACECA;
- 4.9 to respect any specific requirements agreed by the IGC TRACECA, related to the agenda and participation of the states or international organizations at the meeting of the WG or IGC TRACECA

## 5. Duration

The observer status is a subject of reconfirmation after two (2) years. The observers will be invited to report on their activities and participation at WGs and IGC TRACECA meetings within this period to the PS IGC TRACECA and to reiterate their intention to renew the observer status three (3) months before the two-year period expires.

The observer status shall be renewed unless otherwise agreed by the IGC TRACECA.

## 6. Termination

The IGC may decide to terminate the observer status in case of inconsistency with criteria adopted for granting an observer status or with purposes and objectives of the IGC TRACECA.