



Toward an NGO Granted Consultative Status with IMO

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Intl. NGO acting at IMO

- Any international NGO may be granted consultative status with IMO by the Council with the approval of the Assembly.
- There are qualifications.
- Subject NGO takes responsibilities, while IMO confers privileges.

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IMO has provided “Rules Governing Relationship with Non-governmental International Organizations”, “Guidelines for the Granting of Consultative Status” and “Application Procedure” for NGOs seeking consultative status with IMO.



Qualifications: 1



- For **granting** of consultative status,
 - The NGO should have no access to IMO through another NGO, i.e., should be “**non**-member of existing NGO at IMO”.
 - The NGO should lead to no duplication or conflict with rival NGOs.
 - The NGO should be truly international (Having sufficient No. of countries covering **more than one** geographical region), active and effective within its field of competence.

Qualifications: 2



- For **granting** of consultative status,
 - The NGO should demonstrate considerable expertise as well as the capacity to make **significant contribution** to the work of IMO.
 - The NGO should have permanent headquarters, governing body and executive officer.
 - The NGO should grant reciprocal privileges to IMO.



Qualifications: 3



- For **maintaining** consultative status,
 - Without **significant contribution** since the last periodic review made by the Council, consultative status may be withdrawn or suspended.
 - Attendance at IMO meetings
 - Participation in the work of IMO meetings
 - No. and type of **documentation** submitted by the NGO
 - **Information** provided by the NGO
 - Holding meetings or conferences worth attending for IMO



Privileges



- The right to receive the provisional agenda of IMO meetings
- The right to submit written statements on items of the agenda of IMO meetings
- The right to be represented by (normally) one observer at IMO meetings
- The right to receive texts of resolutions adopted, recommendations and appropriate supporting documents





Privileges



- Any NGO granted consultative status with IMO has no voting rights.
- The NGO, however, may speak on any item of the agenda of special interest not through member State(s) or other NGO(s) but **directly**.
- The NGO may be consulted by member State(s) and/or other NGO(s) on any issues in advance of official appearance at IMO meetings.



Thank you for your attention.

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