

XIII. OBSERVERS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

Rule 69 Alt

1. A Stakeholders¹ (EU) Engagement Policy is [to be] (EU) established by decision of UNEA of UNEP to facilitate the participation of the civil society in its sessions. [In order to be accredited,] (EU) non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders seeking observer status with UNEA and its subsidiary organs must be accredited according to the following criteria [:and procedure] as set out in the [UNEP Stakeholder Engagement policy] Rules of Procedure. [Stakeholders accredited with ECOSOC [and/or MEAs having equivalent accreditation criteria,] (Russia, USA) and which can provide sufficient proof of such accreditation will receive UNEP accreditation upon request (EU)] (Brazil):
 - a. [legally constituted as] (EU) a not-for-profit entity in a given country;
 - b. constituted for more than 2 years;
 - c. Have a [track record and](EU) proven interest in environmental issues
 - d. Have national and/or international scope of activities.

[e Stakeholders accredited with ECOSOC will receive UNEP accreditation. (Brazil)]
2. The term of accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders is of 6 years, renewable for additional terms [according to the procedure herein (EU)]²
3. Alt.) The Secretariat shall prepare a list of new non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders seeking accreditation; a consultation process, upon request, between the concerned member-states and the secretariat regarding the fulfillment of the accreditation criteria shall take place for one month after the OECPR concludes its meeting and before the next session of the assembly.

3 bis.) After the expiration of the aforementioned consultation period, the secretariat shall submit to the assembly for adoption at the beginning of its

¹ Definition of stakeholder as per para. 10 of the policy and reference the HLPF resolution. (EU)

² G77 will provide a text on the procedure to clarify this para.

session, the list of Non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders which fulfill the criteria mentioned in paragraph 1 above.

3 ALT. The Secretariat of UNEP shall prepare, before every regular session of the UNEA of UNEP, a list of non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders accredited which meet the above mentioned criteria for information to the Assembly. (EU)

4. During the Sessions of the UNEA of UNEP, while retaining its intergovernmental character, the representatives of non-governmental organizations/relevant stakeholders shall be allowed:
 - (a) To attend all official [public] (EU) meetings of the Assembly [and its subsidiary organs (EU)] (Russia);
 - (b) To have [timely (EU)] access to all official information and documents;³
 - (c) To intervene in official [public] (EU) meetings;
 - (d) To submit documents and present written and oral contributions;
 - (e) To make recommendations [to the Assembly] (G77, EU);
 - (f) To organize side events and round tables, in cooperation with Member States and the Secretariat.

³ Official information – reference to access to information policy