

## ASSOCIATION CRITERIA

- The NGO must support and respect the principles of the Charter of the United Nations;
- The NGO must be of recognized national or international standing;
- The NGO should operate solely on a not-for-profit basis and have tax-exempt status;
- The NGO must have the commitment and the means to conduct effective information programmes with its constituents and to a broader audience about UN activities by publishing newsletters, bulletins and pamphlets; organizing conferences, seminars and round tables; or enlisting the attention of the media;
- The NGO should preferably have a satisfactory record of collaboration with UN Information Centres/Services or other parts of the UN System prior to association;
- Please note that in cases where the NGO has no record of collaboration but the DPI Committee on NGOs approves its applications, it will have a provisional association status of two years until which it can establish a partnership with the relevant UNICs/UNISs or UN system organization;
- The NGO should provide an audited annual financial statement, indicated in US currency, and conducted by a qualified, independent accountant;
- The NGO should have statutes/bylaws providing for a transparent process of taking decisions, elections of officers and members of the Board of Directors;
- The NGO should have an established record of continuity of work for a minimum of three years and should show promise of sustained activity in the future.