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- Some positive and negative trends	4.2.2.(a)	4.2.2.(a)	4.2.2.(a)	4.2.2.(a)
- Selected subjects	4.2.2.(b)	4.2.2.(b)	4.2.2.(b)	4.2.2.(b)
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Foundation dates of international organizations by type	5.1.1.	5.1.1.	5.1.1.	5.1.1.
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	2007	2006	2005	2004
Foundation dates of international organizations: 1900-1999 by year	5.1.2.(a)	5.1.2.(a)	5.1.2.(a)	-
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Distribution of budgets of international organizations	6.1.2.(a)	6.1.2.(a)	6.1.2.(a)	6.1.2.(a)
Frequency of distribution of budgets of international organizations	6.1.2.(b)	6.1.2.(b)	6.1.2.(b)	6.1.2.(b)
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6.2. Chronological				
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- Academic background	6.2.2.(a-c)	6.2.2.(a-c)	6.2.2.(a-c)	6.2.2.(a-c)
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- All organizations (whether IGO or NGO)	-	-	-	-
- Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs)	-	-	-	-
- International nongovernmental organizations (NGOs)	-	-	-	-
Top 10 languages used by international organizations				
- All organizations (whether IGO or NGO)	7.1.3.(a)	7.1.3.(a)	7.1.3.(a)	7.1.3.(a)
- Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs)	7.1.3.(b)	7.1.3.(b)	7.1.3.(b)	7.1.3.(b)
- International nongovernmental organizations (NGOs)	7.1.3.(c)	7.1.3.(c)	7.1.3.(c)	7.1.3.(c)
Number of languages used by international organizations	7.1.4.	7.1.4.	7.1.4.	7.1.4.
- All organizations (whether IGO or NGO)	-	-	-	-
- Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs)	-	-	-	-
- International nongovernmental organizations (NGOs)	-	-	-	-
Languages spoken by leading people in international organizations	7.1.5.(a-d)	7.1.5.(a-d)	7.1.5.(a-d)	7.2.2.(a-d)
7.2. Chronological				
Major languages used by international organizations of Cluster I: 1993-present				
- All organizations (whether IGO or NGO)	-	-	-	-
- Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs)	-	-	-	-
- International nongovernmental organizations (NGOs)	-	-	-	-

	2007	2006	2005	2004
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SECTION 8. ORGANIZATIONS: PUBLICATIONS

8.1. Current (2006)

Number of publications of international organizations by type	8.1.1.	8.1.1.	8.1.1.	8.1.1.
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8.2. Chronological

Number of publications of international organizations by type	8.2.1.	8.2.1.	8.2.1.	8.2.1.
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International non-governmental organizations and the UN	-	-	-	-
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Problem feedback loop analysis	9.2.1.	9.2.1.	9.2.1.	9.2.1.
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Growth in link types of global strategies	-	-	9.3.2.(b)	9.3.2.(b)

Reminder.... other tools

All these publications are also available online. For further information please refer to <http://www.uia.org/>

VOLUME 1A AND 1B: ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTIONS

Descriptions of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, covering every field of human activity. Listed in alphabetic order of title.

Contents of descriptions: Descriptions, varying in length from several lines to several pages, include: organization names in all relevant languages; principal and secondary addresses; main activities and programmes; personnel and finances; technical and regional commissions; history, goals, structure; inter-organizational links; languages used; membership by country.

Cross-references: Integrated into the alphabetic sequence of descriptions are cross-references to related organizations. Access is possible via organization names in English, French and other working languages and via all initials or abbreviations in various languages.

VOLUME 2: COUNTRY DIRECTORY OF SECRETARIATS AND MEMBERSHIP – Geographical index to organizations

- Organizations classified by country of secretariat(s)
- Organizations classified by countries of location of membership
- Statistics by country and city

Volume 2 of this Yearbook, *International Organization Participation*, can be used to locate international organizations by country of secretariat or membership.

Each organization is listed with its complete address under the country or countries in which it has established a main secretariat. Countries and territories included in Volume 2 are listed in the index of this volume.

VOLUME 3: SUBJECT DIRECTORY AND INDEX – Classified subject index to organizations

- Organizations classified by subject concerns
- Organizations classified by regional concerns
- Organizations classified by type
- Statistics by subject
- Index (with introductory comments):
- subject keywords in all available languages
- keywords from organization names in English and French

Volume 3 of this Yearbook, *Global Action Networks*, groups organizations into over 2,000 general and detailed subject categories which can be used as an index to entries in Volume 1. Each organization is listed with its complete address.

VOLUME 4: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES

- Bibliography of studies on international non-profit organizations
- Organization publications (previously published as an appendix in Volume 1)
- Encyclopedia bibliographies, drawn from 7 sectional bibliographies in the *Encyclopedia of World Problems and Human Potential*
- Indexes

Volume 4 of the Yearbook, *International Organization Bibliography and Resources*, includes major and periodical publications of international organizations, together with bibliographic information on research on NGOs and from the *Encyclopedia of World Problems and Human Potential*.

VOLUME 6: WHO'S WHO IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

As of this edition the Yearbook includes, in a new 6th volume, updated biographies of over 20,000 individuals currently active in international organizations.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS CALENDAR – Meeting index to organizations

The *International Congress Calendar* (quarterly) lists future international meetings (up to the year 2018) with details of place, date, subject and organizer, including complete address, and cross-referencing the Yearbook where possible. Geographical and chronological listings. Index by subject.

CD-ROM – YEARBOOK / ANNUAIRE PLUS: *International Organizations and Biographies / des organisations internationales et biographies*
An enriched, multi-lingual version of Volumes 1 to 6 of the *Yearbook of International Organizations*.

HISTORICAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTS

- *Annuaire de la Vie Internationale*. Editions 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908-9, 1910-11, totalling 4,741 pages
- *Code des Voeux Internationaux* (Classification of resolutions of international organizations) Edition 1923, 940 pages

Rappel.... autres outils

Tous ces publications sont également disponible 'en ligne'. Pour plus d'informations, veuillez consulter la page web: <http://www.uia.org/organizations/ybonline.php>

VOLUME 1A ET 1B: DESCRIPTIONS DES ORGANISATIONS

Descriptions des organisations intergouvernementales et non-gouvernementales qui couvrent tous les domaines d'activités. Présentation par ordre alphabétique des titres.

Contenu des descriptions: Les descriptions, dont la longueur varie de quelques lignes à quelques pages, contiennent les éléments suivants: titres de l'organisation dans toutes les langues appropriées; adresse principale et adresses secondaires; principales activités et programmes; personnel et finances; commissions régionales et techniques; historique, buts, structure; liens avec d'autres organisations; langues utilisées; membrariat par pays.

Références croisées: Des références croisées à des organisations apparentées sont intégrées dans la séquence alphabétique des descriptions. L'accès à ces organisations est possible via les titres d'organisations en anglais, français et autres langues de travail, ainsi que via leurs initiales ou abréviations dans diverses langues.

VOLUME 2: REPERTOIRE GEOGRAPHIQUE DES SECRETARIATS ET DES MEMBRES – Index géographique

- Organisations classées selon le pays siège de leur secrétariat
- Organisations classées selon les pays de leurs membres
- Statistiques: par pays et par ville

Le Volume 2 de cet Annuaire, *International Organization Participation*, peut-être utilisé pour localiser des organisations internationales par pays de secrétariat ou de membrariat. Chaque organisation est reprise avec son adresse complète. Les pays et territoires répertoriés dans le Volume 2 sont repris dans l'index du présent volume.

VOLUME 3: REPERTOIRE THÉMATIQUE ET INDEX – Index thématique

- Organisations classées par sujet
- Organisations classées par région
- Organisations classées par catégorie
- Statistiques par sujet.
- Index (avec commentaires introductifs):
- mots clés (dans toutes les langues de travail)
- mots clés dans le nom des organisations (français et anglais)

Le Volume 3 de cet Annuaire, *Global Action Networks*, regroupe les organisations internationales en plus de 2,000 catégories de sujets. Ces catégories, générales ou spécifiques, peuvent être utilisées comme index aux notices du Volume 1. Chaque organisation est reprise avec son adresse complète.

VOLUME 4: BIBLIOGRAPHIE ET RESSOURCES DES ORGANISATIONS INTERNATIONALES

- Bibliographie des études sur les organisations internationales sans but lucratif
- Publications des organisations (auparavant une annexe au Volume 1)
- Bibliographies de l'Encyclopédie, extraites de 7 sections de *l'Encyclopedia of World Problems and Human Potential*
- Index

Le Volume 4 de cet Annuaire, *International Organization Bibliography and Resources*, regroupe les publications principales et périodiques des organisations internationales, de même qu'une information bibliographique sur des études réalisées sur les ONG et une information extraite de *l'Encyclopedia of World Problems and Human Potential*.

VOLUME 6: WHO'S WHO IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Cette édition du *Yearbook* inclue, dans un nouveau 6^{ème} volume, les biographies mises à jour de plus de 20.000 personnalités actives au sein d'organisations internationales.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS CALENDAR – Index des réunions

L'International Congress Calendar (trimestriel) recense les futures réunions internationales (jusqu'à 2018), mentionnant le lieu, la date, le sujet, l'organisateur, l'adresse complète et, dans la mesure du possible, le renvoi à l'Annuaire. Listes géographique et chronologique. Index thématique.

CD-ROM – YEARBOOK / ANNUAIRE PLUS: *International Organizations and Biographies / organisations internationales et biographies*
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Comments on this edition

The publication of this specialized volume in the *Yearbook of International Organizations* series, included for the first time in 2001, is in response to the many enquiries the editors receive for statistical information on international organizational activity.

The volume is also a response to the needs of many for new ways of thinking about the complexity of international organization networks – and the networks of problems with which they deal, and the networks of strategies advocated in that process.

The editors, the Union of International Associations (UIA), are faced with a major challenge: how to enable people to obtain greater insight into complex networks of relationships amongst international organizations, world problems, strategies in response to them, human development and human values. The challenge is to compensate for the natural tendency to rely on focused information on urgent issues by enabling people to work with contextual information and configurations of related issues and responses to them.

Since the 1970s the UIA has been exploring the visualization of international organization relationships (see Part B in this volume) and the possibility of some form of *Atlas of International Relationships*. Investigation of the latter was supported for a time by the publisher of this Yearbook and by UNESCO in the early 1990s but has only become feasible with recent software and hardware developments.

The main features of this volume are:

Information from Volumes 1-4 of this Yearbook series: As from the 37th edition, all tables previously included as appendices in the Volumes 1B, 2, 3 and 4 now appear in this Volume 5. Volumes 1 to 4 include

only tabular statistical summaries of the entries actually printed in those volumes.

Historical data and analyses: In addition to all the statistical tables formerly or currently included in Volumes 1 to 4, this volume contains extensive historical statistical summaries and presentations of statistical data, drawing on past editions of the Yearbook series.

Meetings of international organizations: This volume also includes statistical data from the international meetings database for meetings of international organizations as published in the *International Congress Calendar*.

Preoccupations of international organizations: The statistics in this Volume 5 include data drawn from the profiles of problems and strategies – and the extensive network of relationships among them and between them and international organizations. This data is held in a companion series, the *Encyclopedia of World Problems and Human Potential* (available online at <http://www.uia.org/encyclopedia/home.php>).

Graphics: The statistical data are also shown in standard graphical formats (pie charts, graphs, bar charts, etc.) and are accompanied by commentary on criteria, methodology and interpretation, including possible shortcomings and biases in the data and their analysis.

Visualizations and patterns: Representations of non-quantitative relationships and patterns between organizations, problems and strategies are provided, in some editions, in the form of: network (spring) maps, concept (decision) maps, organization charts, etc. Online variants in colour of many of these may also be accessed from the web URLs referenced on individual presentations.

Notes to the user

To find the description of an organization in the Yearbook:

- **If you know the name or abbreviation of the organization:**

Locate the organization in the alphabetic sequence in Volume 1. All names in all official languages and abbreviations are included in the alphabetic sequence. Note that the alphabetic sequence does not take account of prepositions or articles.

You may find the name in the form of a cross-reference to the sequence number where the description is given. The sequence number follows the alphabetic order.

- **If you know keywords in the name of the organization:**

Consult the index in Volume 3. It will refer you to the sequence number of the description in Volume 1.

- **If you know the field in which the organization is active (eg its aims or activities):**

Consult the classified list of organizations by subject in Volume 3. It will refer you to the the sequence number of the description in Volume 1.

- **If you know where the organization is located, or where it has members:**

Consult the listing of organizations by country in Volume 2. This will refer you to the sequence number of the description in Volume 1.

- **If you know the name of the principal officer of the organization:**

Consult the officer's biographical description in Volume 6. This will refer you to the sequence number of the description in Volume 1.

- **If you know the name of another organization that has a formal relationship with the one you want:**

The description of the other organization in Volume 1 will refer you to the sequence number of the description of the organization you want in Volume 1.

Notes pour l'utilisateur

Pour trouver la notice descriptive d'une organisation:

- **A partir du nom (ou de son abréviation):**

Consultez d'abord la séquence alphabétique du volume 1. Les noms et abréviations y sont repris dans toutes les langues officielles.

Vous constaterez que la séquence alphabétique ne tient pas compte des prépositions et articles.

Le nom que vous recherchez peut vous renvoyer à un numéro de séquence sous lequel est reprise la notice descriptive de l'organisation. La numérotation suit l'ordre alphabétique.

- **A partir d'un mot clé:**

Consultez l'index dans le volume 3 qui renvoie au numéro de séquence de la notice descriptive dans le volume 1.

- **A partir d'un sujet ou d'une matière spécifique:**

Consultez la liste classifiée par sujet dans le volume 3. Cette liste renvoie au numéro de séquence de la notice descriptive du volume 1.

- **A partir d'un pays:**

Consultez la liste par pays de secrétariat et de membrariat dans le volume 2. Cette liste renvoie au numéro de séquence de la notice descriptive du volume 1.

- **Si vous connaissez le nom du responsable principal de l'organisation:**

Consultez la description biographique du responsable dans le Volume 6. Celle-ci vous dirigera vers le numéro de séquence de la description dans le Volume 1.

- **A partir d'une organisation en relations officielles avec celle que vous cherchez:**

La description de la première dans le volume 1 vous donnera le numéro de notice de la deuxième dans ce même volume 1.

Codes used

Letter codes in upper case

Organizations are coded by type, indicated by a single upper case letter. In brief, these type codes have the following significance:

- A = federations of international organizations
- B = universal membership organizations
- C = intercontinental membership organizations
- D = limited or regionally defined membership organizations
- E = organizations emanating from places, persons or other bodies
- F = organizations having a special form, including foundations, funds
- G = internationally-oriented national organizations
- H = inactive or dissolved international organizations
- J = recently reported or proposed international organizations
- K = subsidiary and internal bodies
- N = national organizations
- R = religious orders, fraternities and secular institutes
- S = autonomous conference series
- T = multilateral treaties and agreements
- U = currently inactive non-conventional bodies

For further information, see the Appendix: "Types of organization".

Letter codes in lower case

The type code may be qualified by a letter code printed in lower case. These codes have the following significance:

- b = bilateral
- c = conference series
- d = dissolved, dormant
- e = commercial enterprise
- f = foundation, fund
- j = research institute
- n = has become national
- p = proposed body
- s = information suspect
- v = individual membership only
- x = no recent information received
- y = international organization membership

Codes utilisés

Codes alphabétiques: lettres majuscules

Les organisations sont codifiées par catégorie à l'aide d'une lettre majuscule. Voici leur signification:

- A = fédérations d'organisations internationales
- B = organisations à membrariat universel
- C = organisations à membrariat intercontinental
- D = organisations à membrariat limité ou régional
- E = organisations émanantes de lieux, de personnes ou d'autres organes
- F = organisations ayant une forme particulière, y compris fondations, fonds
- G = organisations nationales à orientation internationale
- H = organisations internationales dissoutes et inactives
- J = organisations internationales récemment rapportées ou proposées
- K = organes subsidiaires et internes
- N = organisations nationales
- R = ordres religieux, fraternités et instituts séculaires
- S = séries de conférences autonomes
- T = traités et accords multilatéraux
- U = organes non-conventionnels momentanément inactifs

Voir aussi l'Annexe: "Types d'organisation".

Codes alphabétiques: lettres minuscules

Le code de la catégorie peut être qualifié par une ou deux lettres minuscules. Voici leur signification:

- b = bilatérale
- c = série de conférences
- d = inactive, dissoute
- e = entreprise commerciale
- f = fondation
- j = institut de recherche
- n = devenue nationale
- p = organisation en projet
- s = information suspecte
- v = membres individuels seulement
- x = aucune information récente
- y = ayant comme membres des organisations internationales

Abbreviations used

Organization forms

NGO non-governmental organization
IGO intergovernmental organization

Names of countries

The names of countries given in each entry or in the index may not be the complete official names of those countries as abridged names are used to simplify consultation. In a few cases, such as in the description of an organization's history, it has been considered appropriate to leave the old form of a country's name.

Note

It is not the intention of the editors to take a position with regard to the political or diplomatic implications of geographical names or continental groupings used.

The geographical names used in this publication are chosen for the sake of brevity and common usage. Wherever possible, the country (or territory) name preferred by the organization concerned is used, providing this is possible within the limits of standardization required for mailing or statistical purposes. It is important to note that some organizations insist on the inclusion of territories on the same basis as countries, or on the inclusion of countries or territories that are not recognized by other organizations.

Political changes over the years may lead to some questions in an organization's description. Briefly: countries referred to in an organization's description retain their old form when referring to a date prior to the change – for example, towns referred to in events prior to 1991 still retain their country as German DR (Democratic Republic) or Germany FR (Federal Republic), while subsequent dates refer simply to Germany.

Abréviations utilisées

Formes d'organisation

NGO Organisation non-gouvernementale
IGO Organisation intergouvernementale

Noms de pays

Les noms des pays apparaissant dans chaque notice ou dans l'index ne correspondent pas toujours exactement à l'appellation officielle de ces pays. Des abréviations ont été utilisées pour faciliter la lecture. Dans quelques cas, par exemple dans la partie historique, il a été jugé préférable de conserver l'ancien nom du pays cité.

Note

Il n'entre pas dans les intentions des éditeurs de prendre position au regard des implications politiques ou diplomatiques résultant du choix et de l'utilisation des noms géographiques ou de groupements continentaux.

Le choix des noms géographiques – pays ou territoires – dans cet ouvrage est fait en fonction de leur brièveté et de l'usage commun. Dans la mesure du possible, c'est le nom tel qu'adopté par l'organisation qui est retenu, mais seulement dans les limites d'une normalisation nécessaire pour les services postaux ou les statistiques. Il est important de rappeler que certaines organisations insistent sur l'inclusion de territoires au même titre que les pays ou sur l'inclusion de pays et de territoires qui ne sont pas reconnus comme tels par d'autres organisations.

Les changements politiques au cours des années peuvent poser de questions pour la description des organisations. En résumé: les pays mentionnés dans la description d'une organisation ont gardé leur ancienne appellation dans le cas où l'on se réfère à une date antérieure au changement – par exemple, la section "Events", qui concerne le passé, conserve la vérité historique de la division de l'Allemagne d'avant 1991. Dans les adresses, les pays sont mentionnés sous leur nouveau nom.

Warning

Coverage

The Yearbook attempts to cover all “international organizations”, according to a broad range of criteria. It therefore includes many bodies that may be perceived as not being fully international, or as not being organizations as such, or as not being of sufficient significance to merit inclusion. Such bodies are nevertheless included, so as to enable users to make their own evaluation in the light of their own criteria. See the Appendix “Types of organization” for further information.

Sources

The descriptions of organizations in this Yearbook are based on information received from a variety of sources. Priority is normally given to information received from the organizations themselves, and every effort is made by the editors to check this information against other sources (periodicals, official documents, media, etc.). Organizations may over time change their purpose or characteristics. The editors therefore use information from a variety of sources to present the most appropriate static picture of what is essentially a dynamic situation. See the Appendix “Editorial problems” for further information.

Reliability of sources

Because an organization’s view of itself has been given priority, and because secondary sources confirming this view are not always available or reliable, the editors cannot take responsibility for any resulting inaccuracies in the information presented. The editors apologize for any inconvenience this might cause the user. See the Appendix “Editorial problems” for further information.

Censorship

Users should be aware that the editors are subject to pressure from some international bodies to suppress certain categories of information. In most cases, the editors resist these pressures; in some cases, the entry is reworded to respect the concern of the body in question. No entries have been eliminated as a result of such pressure. See the Appendix “Editorial problems” for further information.

Evaluation

The final evaluation of the information presented here must be left to the users of this volume. See the Appendices “Contents of organization descriptions”, “Types of organization” and “Editorial problems and policies” for further information.

Avertissement

Contenu

L’objectif du *Yearbook of International Organizations* est de couvrir tous les types d’organisations internationales, à partir d’un large éventail de critères. On peut donc y trouver des organismes qui, selon certaines définitions plus étroites, n’y auraient pas place – pas assez “internationaux” par exemple, ou pas une “vrai” organisation, ou d’importance trop réduite. Voir aussi Annexe: “Types of organization”.

Sources

La description des organisations telle qu’elle est présentée dans ce Yearbook est basée sur un ensemble de sources différentes. Priorité est normalement donnée à l’information reçue des organisations elles-mêmes, et en même temps tous les efforts sont faits par la rédaction pour contrôler cette information à l’aide d’autres sources (périodiques, documents officiels, médias, etc). Il peut arriver, qu’au cours des années, des organisations modifient leurs objectifs ou changent leurs caractéristiques. Les rédacteurs du *Yearbook* recueillent des informations auprès de multiples sources afin de présenter de façon appropriée, mais inévitablement statique, la physionomie d’une situation essentiellement dynamique. Voir aussi Annexe: “Editorial problems”.

Fiabilité des sources

Quoiqu’il en soit, l’évaluation finale de l’information présentée incombe à l’utilisateur qui l’établira à la lumière de ses critères personnels. La rédaction décline toute responsabilité pour les inexactitudes qui se glisseraient dans l’information présentée et s’excuse des inconvénients qui pourraient en découler pour l’utilisateur. Voir aussi Annexe: “Editorial problems”.

Censure

Peut-être est-ce le lieu de rappeler ici que, en ce qui concerne certaines catégories d’information, la rédaction du Yearbook est l’objet de pressions de la part d’organisations qui en demandent la suppression. Dans la plupart des cas, la rédaction du Yearbook résiste à de telles pressions. Sinon, mention est faite de la préoccupation de l’organisation concernée. Aucune notice n’a été éliminée du fait d’une quelconque pression. Voir aussi Annexe: “Editorial problems”.

Evaluation

L’évaluation finale de l’information présentée dans ce volume est laissée aux utilisateurs. Voir aussi les Annexes “Contenu des notices descriptives”, “Types d’organisation” et “Politique rédactionnelle”.

