



AFFILIATE MEMBER CHARTER

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I. Status:

Affiliate membership status may be granted to:

Category 1: Governmental and non-governmental organizations, associations, foundations, academic and scientific institutes whose activities relate closely to the mandate of the ICDO;

Category 2: Private commercial or industrial companies whose activities relate closely to the mandate of the ICDO;

The Category 1 should be officially listed in the relevant national register.

The Category 2 should be officially listed in the national trade register.

Categories 1 and 2 hereinafter referred to as “candidates”.

II. Principles & Objectives

1. An important goal of the ICDO is to promote and facilitate exchanges between Member States and Affiliate Members on civil protection matters in order to develop the capacities of national civil protection services in the field of the protection of population and property from natural and manmade disasters.

2. Affiliate membership is open to all parties included under Art. 1 (Status) above, who accept the principles contained in the present Charter, in the ICDO Constitution and Internal Regulations, and in the Resolutions and Decisions of ICDO’s governing bodies.

III. Rights & Obligations:

A. *The ICDO:*

1. Shall ensure that the Affiliate Member is kept informed about the activities of the Organisation;

2. Shall promote the activities of the Affiliate Member within ICDO’s institutional network and facilitate Member interaction to encourage and provide support for cooperation agreements and initiatives;



3. Shall invite the Affiliate Member to participate in the General Assembly and other ICDO activities within the framework of the plan of cooperation, with the *proviso* that the Affiliate Member should cover the cost of its own participation;
4. Shall display the logo of the Affiliate Member on its official communication platforms.

B. The Affiliate Member:

1. Shall actively support the mission and goals of the ICDO;
2. Shall sign a joint plan of cooperation with the ICDO defining the nature and scope of their future cooperation;
3. Shall submit reconfirmation of their organizational statutes and revised plan of cooperation, no later than one month before each session of the General Assembly;
4. Shall display the logo of the ICDO on its official communication platforms;
5. Shall provide administrative, technical and/or financial support to the ICDO within the agreed plan of cooperation;
6. Shall cover the cost of its own participation at the ICDO General Assembly and any other activity.

IV. Admission Procedure:

The status of Affiliate Member is granted according to the following procedure:

1. The candidate shall send a request to the ICDO Permanent Secretariat, along with the following:
 - a) Official documentation describing the candidate's organization, mission and activities;
 - b) A proposed plan of cooperation with the ICDO;
 - c) A copy of the registration in the relevant national register.
2. The ICDO Permanent Secretariat shall examine the candidature and assess its relevance towards achieving mutual objectives. The Permanent Secretariat shall then send the present Charter and governing documents for the consideration of the candidate.
3. If the candidature is approved, the ICDO Permanent Secretariat shall submit the request and proposed plan of cooperation to the ICDO Executive Council for information and adoption and to the General Assembly for approval.



V. Amendments and Termination:

1. Amendments to the present Charter shall come into force upon adoption by the ICDO Executive Council and approval by the ICDO General Assembly.
2. If the Affiliate Member fails to respect the Affiliate Member Charter, the ICDO Permanent Secretariat may exercise the right to withdraw the status of Affiliate Member. The Affiliate Member may request its withdrawal at any time.
3. The General Assembly shall review the list of Affiliate Members at each of its sessions and revise the list in accordance with its decisions in this regard.

VI. Transitional provision:

1. **Current Affiliate Members of the ICDO are asked to reconfirm their Affiliate Member status by signing the enclosed Oath before the 31st of December 2016.**
2. **If point 1 of part VI is not fulfilled, the Affiliate Membership will be withdrawn.**