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## **Request for Accreditation to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) As Observer**

### **OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE - C/OED/2025/65**

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#### **Addressee**

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Secretary of the IPCC

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Excellency,

The Executive Director of the DMUN Foundation, on behalf of the Secretariat and Members of the DMUN Foundation, presents its compliments to the Secretary of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and has the honor to refer to the following information requested for circulation by Ms. Lily Y. YangLiu, Deputy Executive Director for Advocacy and Research of the DMUN Foundation.

In reference to the *IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations*, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Members of the DMUN Foundation respectfully requested the accreditation of the international non-governmental organization “DMUN Foundation” as an Observer organization to the Panel.

The DMUN Foundation is an international non-governmental organization founded in 2021. With a broad individual and organizational membership that represents the interests of over 26,000 young people across 161 states and territories, the Foundation is the largest INGO dedicated for children and youth engagement in multilateral and intergovernmental bodies and processes.



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In particular to the objectives and relevancy of the Foundation to the Panel, the Foundation possesses a distinctive and unique ability to conduct public outreach to the youth demographic regarding the IPCC, but also our distinct ability to collect valuable inputs and suggestions from the children, youth, and youth organization sectors, representing such crucial voices inside the United Nations and its Convention Bodies.

The Foundation would like to note that its Membership includes many experts of “lived experience”, including children and youth victims of climate change, young professionals with expertise in nexus industries and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements, and young representatives of academia and research institutions that address climate change.

We also note that precedents of children and youth-focused and -led organizations being admitted as Observers to the Panel exist, such as Children and Youth International (Major Group for Children and Youth).

Noting these precedents, we believe it to be apt that the Secretariat of the IPCC forwards our application for consideration by the Panel at its upcoming session.

We also note that The Foundation has multiple precedents in facilitating and advocating for youth participation inside the United Nations and its Convention Bodies, with a focus on the environment. The Foundation has received Observer Status from the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the United Nations Convention on Biodiversity (UNCBD), the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), the UNODC Convention on Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

The Foundation also holds observer status at the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), allowing the Foundation to submit its application for Observer status without additional documentation, by virtue of its existing status in the UNEP.

In these intergovernmental bodies the Foundation has collected valuable youth opinions through independent consultations and joint statement writing sessions and has even nominated multiple youth representatives to represent youth voices through the Foundation’s observer status.

In recent years, multilateral environmental agreements (such as the BRS Conventions and UNFCCC) has markedly raised its commitment to strengthen engagement of and partnership



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with children and youth, respecting their agency and the value they add to multilateral environmental decision-making (e.g., Youth2030, UN Youth Office, and the Our Common Agenda Policy Brief on Meaningful Youth Engagement in Policymaking and Decision-making Processes).

We emphasize that participation is one of the four core principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). Consistent with the CRC, children's rights to be heard, their views considered and given due weight must be a basic tenet of all civil society engagement mechanisms in multilateral bodies, not willfully excluded.

Looking beyond children and youth merely as a vulnerable population group, young people's views and voices are ambition-raisers in multilateral processes, bringing new perspectives, knowledge and innovative solutions to the work of the Panel.

The Executive Director, on behalf of the Secretariat and Members of the DMUN Foundation, avails itself of this opportunity to renew the Secretary and the Secretariat of the assurances of its highest consideration.

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