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Conditions for Non-Government Observers at NASCO Meetings

The conditions governing attendance at NASCO meetings are as follows:

1. the Secretary, in consultation with the President, shall decide whether the objectives of the organization applying are compatible with those of NASCO;
2. the non-government organization shall apply not less than 15 days before the meeting of the Council;
3. no more than two representatives of the non-government organization shall be allowed to attend the meeting;
4. the representatives of the non-government organization shall not be permitted to make any statements of any kind at the meetings except, at the discretion of the President, during the Opening Session and at sessions that are defined "Special Sessions" by the Council. In addition, one joint five-minute statement may be made by non-government organizations at the Opening Session of each Commission meeting;
5. the non-government organization shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Secretary that it has, as an organization, a legitimate interest in the proceedings;
6. the non-government organization shall comply with any other conditions imposed by the Council or by the Secretary;
7. non-adherence to these conditions by a non-government organization may lead to the suspension of that organization's observer status by the Council for one or more meetings;
8. observer status shall apply to all plenary sessions of the Council and Commissions, whether they be at the Annual Meeting or at inter-sessional meetings. Observer status shall not apply to meetings of NASCO's Working Groups or Committees.