

**INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
REQUESTING "OBSERVER STATUS"**

(a) Official name of the organization in different languages (with initials).

Médecins Sans Frontières International (MSF)

(b) Full postal address, telephone, fax and Email, as well as telex and website addresses as appropriate

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(c) Aims and subject fields (mandate) of the organization and methods of operation (Enclose charter, constitution, by-laws, rules of procedures, etc.); Date of establishment

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is an international, independent, medical humanitarian organisation that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural disasters and exclusion from healthcare. MSF offers assistance to people based on need, irrespective of race, religion, gender or political affiliation. Its actions are guided by medical ethics and the principles of neutrality and impartiality.

MSF was founded in Paris, France in 1971. Today, MSF is a worldwide movement of 24 associations, bound together as MSF International, based in Switzerland.

Its principles are described in the organisation's [founding charter \(click to read the Charter\)](#). It is a non-profit, self-governed organisation.

(d) Member organizations (name and address of each national affiliate, method of affiliation, giving number of members where possible, and names of principal officers. If the organization has individual members, please indicate approximate number in each country. If the organization is of a federal nature and has International Non-Governmental Organizations as members, please indicate whether any of those members already enjoy observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission)

MSF is present in more than 70 countries.

Main contact point for Codex alimentarius:

- Odile Caron, Food Quality Assurance Coordinator, MSF International Office, based in MSF UK, London, United Kingdom

- Myriam Henkens, MD, MPH- International Medical Coordinator – MSF international Office based in Brussels – Belgium

(e) Structure (assembly or conference; council or other form of governing body; type of general secretariat; commissions on special topics, etc.)

The International Board (IB) is the board of MSF International. It acts on behalf of and is accountable to the International General Assembly (IGA). As the highest associative governance body of MSF, the Assembly delegates duties to the Board, as defined in the Statutes of the association.

The highest authority of MSF International, the annual MSF International General Assembly (IGA) is made up of representatives of the 24 associations as well as of the individual membership, and the International President. The International President is elected by the IGA, and is currently Dr Joanne Liu.

For its interventions in more than 70 countries, MSF is organized around 5 operational centres, based respectively in Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Geneva and Barcelona.

(f) Indication of source of funding (e.g. membership contributions, direct funding, external contributions, or grants)

Based on the MSF International Activity Report 2013, around 5 million individual donors around the world provide some 89 per cent of our funding. This helps to ensure operational independence and flexibility. The remaining funds come from governments and international organisations.

(g) Meetings (indicate frequency and average attendance; send report of previous meeting, including any resolutions passed) that are concerned with matters covering all or part of the Commission's field of activity

(h) Relations with other international organizations:

- UN and its organs (indicate consultative status or other relationship, if any).
- Other international organizations (document substantive activities).

Médecins Sans Frontières International (MSF) is part of the 202 nongovernmental organizations in official relations with WHO, reflecting decisions of EB136, January 2015 (<http://www.who.int/civilsociety/relation/NGOs-in-Official-Relations-with-WHO.pdf>, page 9)

(i) Expected contribution to the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

See (j)

(j) Past activities on behalf of, or in relation to, the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

Odile Caron is nominally part of the EWG on the Draft Annexes for the Code of Hygienic Practice for Low-Moisture Foods /CCFH47/.

Odile Caron participated in the two meetings organized by WHO and FAO in December 2012, and in December 2014:

- Microbial safety of ready-to-use lipid-based therapeutic and supplementary foods, technical meeting,

in FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy from 11 to 14 December 2012.

· Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee Meeting on the Microbial Safety of Lipid-based Ready-To-Use Foods for MAM and SAM, in FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy, from 08 to 11 December 2014

Odile Caron actively prepared these two meetings. She notably organized a Food Safety meeting, inviting 60 persons, on the 24th October 2014, in Paris to prepare the second joint FAO/WHO expert meeting. FAO and WHO participated in this meeting.

Reference to the lipid based Ready-to-Use foods is made in the recently completed Annexes for the Code of Hygienic Practice for Low-Moisture Foods (CX/FH). The development of annexes to this document includes consideration of microbiological criteria discussed during these two meetings.

(k) Area of activity in which participation as an observer is requested (Commission and/or Subsidiary Bodies). If more than one organization with similar interests is requesting observer status in any field of activity, such organizations will be encouraged to form themselves into a federation or association for the purpose of participation. If the formation of such a single organization is not feasible, the application should explain why this is so.

CCFH Codex Committee on Food Hygiene, Session 47, Boston, Massachusetts, USA (9-11 November 2015).

It was agreed that Odile Caron would represent UNICEF/WFP/USAID/MSF for this session.

(l) Previous applications for observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission, including those made by a member organization of the applicant organization. If successful, please indicate why and when observer status was terminated. If unsuccessful, please indicate the reasons you were given.

none

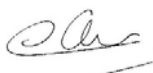
(m) Language of correspondence (English, French or Spanish) in which documentation should be sent to the International Non-Governmental Organization.

English or French

(n) Name, Function and address of the person providing the information

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(o) Signature and date



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