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To CoNGO member organizations:


It is with pleasure that I submit to CoNGO Members Draft No. 3 of this "Compendium of Principles for NGO Good Practice (2021)" on which a Board-appointed Working Group and then the full CoNGO Board has been consulting for the past year, in response to requests from member NGOs.

Originally called a "Code of NGO Good Practice", the document has evolved into a compendium of principles that are elaborated under four main headings: Independence of NGOs; Independence vis-à-vis the United Nations; Cooperation among NGOs; and, Personal responsibility and standards.

As the introduction to the text states, "It is a guidance document drawn from experience over the years in relationships among and within NGOs" and of course "is not a Rules Book, still less to imply sanctions".

The Compendium will be submitted to the forthcoming CoNGO General Assembly (November 29, 30 and December 1) for possible adoption and subsequent dissemination. The draft (No.4) that will go to the General Assembly will take into account any commentary received from CoNGO Members. Please send your comments NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 7 to the Working Group Chair, Cyril Ritchie (firstvp@ngocongo.org), with a copy to me (president@ngocongo.org).

Thank you very much in advance.


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