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INFORMATION ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
APPLYING FOR OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH WHO¹

1. Name of Organization

World Federation of the Deaf
Fédération mondiale des Sourds

2. Address of Headquarters

via Val Trompia 108, Rome, Italy

3. Addresses of all Branch or Regional Headquarters

- (a) M. Juan Luis Marroquin, Calle Lazo 3, Madrid (Spain)
- (b) M. Ole Munk Plum, 17 Brohusgade, Copenhagen (Denmark)
- (c) M. Bans Gopal Nigam, 2144 Bazar Sita Ram, Delhi (India)
- (d) M. Stanislas Sila-Nowicki, um. Karpia 3m 129, Warsaw (Poland)

4. Membership

The medico-audiological, social, psychological, etc. sections have been working since 1950.

(a) Total number of persons

34 affiliated organizations.²

(b) Do these persons pay directly or are the subscriptions paid by affiliated organizations?

Subscriptions are paid by the organizations.

¹ As provided by the applicant on 9 December 1957

- (c) List affiliated organizations, giving their country, and the total number of persons belonging to each

List of organizations: attached.¹

- (d) Note various types of membership, such as associate members, with numbers and pertinent facts

Not applicable

5. General purposes of the Organization

To be concerned with the fate of all the deaf in the world; to propagate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations by promoting their application equally to the deaf; to procure and promote the exchange of technical personnel specialized in assistance to and education of the deaf; to defend the rights of the deaf; to develop and promote their occupational readaptation; to collect and procure information concerning education, assistance and legislation relating to the deaf.

The aims of the medico-audiological section may be summarized as follows: the promotion and co-ordination of all research and arrangements for the prevention of deafness in its various forms; the application of efficient treatment with early and technically appropriate assistance when the first signs of deafness occur; the social rehabilitation, through the employment of the technical means available, of those who are affected by deafness and their guidance in re-education. These aims may be achieved through simple guidance: on the one hand, by the promotion and co-ordination of all scientific research in this field, and on the other hand by ensuring that everything possible is really done for the benefit of the persons concerned.

6. What is the (a) primary function of the Organization and (b) secondary functions?

- (a) Primary functions

All the functions mentioned must be regarded as essential and harmoniously interdependent.

- (b) Secondary functions

Not applicable.

¹ Annex I

7. (a) Does the Organization advocate any special health measures or procedures?

All methods that are appropriate for the prevention and treatment of deafness or, when it has reached an advanced stage, for overcoming its consequences, as in the case of deaf-mutes, through re-education. Early diagnosis is of fundamental importance in every case.

(b) Has the Organization any special reservation as to treatment or health procedures? If so, what are these?

In principle, the rejection of all purely empirical initiatives and their replacement by everything that modern research has proved sound.

8. Can officially designated representatives speak authoritatively for the membership on matters concerned with the stated purposes of the Organization?

Yes, when authorized by the Bureau, except in the case of functions already entrusted, by the annexed Statute, to the President and Secretary-General.

9. Specific interest with reference to the work of the World Health Organization

The medical and social programme adopted by the WFO, including the implementation of the legislative provisions, comes within the functions (Chapter II, Article 2) of the World Health Organization.

10. Officers. (Names and positions held, including the chief executive officer or secretary and other principal administrative officials. What is the total number of paid office personnel? Please distinguish between those with the international organization and those with the national or local groups attached thereto.)

President: M. Dragoljub Vukotic
Secretary-General: Dr Cesare Magarotto

Members of the Bureau: M. Ole Munk Plum
(a) Vice-Presidents: M. Vittorio Ieralla
M. Bans Gopal Nigam
M. Paul Sutiagin

(b) Members: Mlle Suzanne Lavaud
M. Chin Chen
M. Max Härdtner
M. J. L. Marroquin
M. St. Sila-Nowicki

The offices of our senior officials are purely honorary. They receive no payment.

11. Structure

(a) Policy-making bodies such as Conference, Governing Body, Executive Committee

Bureau composed as follows:

- One president
- One secretary-general
- Four vice-presidents
- Five members

(b) Frequency of meetings, with date of the last meeting of each

Meetings of the Bureau: Once a year.

Last meeting: 1 to 6 September 1957, in Rome..

General Assembly: Every four years. Composed of two representatives from each member country and the members of the Bureau. Countries already represented on the Bureau are entitled to only one delegate.

Last General Assembly: 1 to 6 September 1957, in Rome.

World Congress: Every four years

Last World Congress: August 1955, in Zagreb, Yugoslavia

Scientific Section: Last meeting took place from 1 to 7 September 1957, in Rome.

(c) Voting procedure

The General Assembly represents the Federation juridically and extra-juridically and names the Bureau which is composed as follows:

1 President, 4 Vice-Presidents, 1 Secretary-General and 5 members.

The members of the Bureau, with the exception of the Secretary-General, must belong to different nationalities. They are elected for a period of four years by the General Assembly.

Elections, as a rule, take place by secret ballots.

In the election each member country is entitled to the same number of votes. All the organs of the WFD must work in the spirit of the Federation's Statute and their activity must develop on an international basis.

(d) Affiliation with other organizations, including international organizations

1. ONU: Consultative status since 1956 (Register)
2. ILO
3. Conference of Consultative Non-Governmental Organizations, Geneva
4. International Society for the Welfare of Cripples (ISWC), New York
5. Conference of the World Organizations interested in the Handicapped (CWOIH), New York

6. Union of International Associations, Brussels
7. Our Federation maintains relations with UNESCO

12. Finances (annual budget and sources of income, noting portion received from membership dues)

Sources of income

Grants from governments, subscriptions of member countries, donations.

The annual subscription for each affiliated organization is \$60.¹

13. History (date when founded, principal historical developments)

The World Federation of the Deaf was founded in 1951 in Rome, at the first World Congress of Deaf-Mutes. The Statute was definitely adopted at the meeting of national delegates in 1953 in Brussels. The WFD was at first called "The World Federation of the Deaf-Mutes", but this name was subsequently changed to "World Federation of the Deaf", at the meeting in Brussels in 1953, at the request of English-speaking countries. Following on amendments to the federal Statute at the General Assembly in Zagreb (1955), the General Committee was abolished.

14. Activities (a statement of the most important work accomplished)

Documentation Centre:

Commissions in the following fields: audiology and medical rehabilitation, educational and occupational rehabilitation, social protection, psychology, means of communication of the deaf (language of "mimic" gestures), arts.

Congresses, meetings, general assemblies

Six up to 1954.

Second World Congress of the Deaf, August 1955, Zagreb (Yugoslavia)

Meeting of Scientific Commission, August 1955, Zagreb

Meeting of the Bureau of WFD, August 1955, Zagreb

General Assembly of WFD, August 1955, Zagreb

Meeting of the Bureau of WFD, August 1956, Paris

General Assembly of WFD, September 1957, Rome

Meeting of the Bureau of WFD, September 1957, Rome

International Studies Conference on the Problems of Deafness, September 1957, Rome

¹ The financial statements are held by the Secretariat.

Organization of the International Exhibition of the Art of Deaf-Mutes,
from 1 to 30 September 1957, Exhibition Palace, Rome
Meeting of the Bureau of WFD, April 1958, Brussels
In the programme: Third World Congress of the Deaf, towards the end of
August or the beginning of September 1959, in Berlin

15. Publications

Periodical: "The voice of the silence", quarterly review in French and English.

Other publications:

Volume of the Official Records of the First World Congress of the Deaf,
1951, Rome

Volume of the Official Records of the Second World Congress of the Deaf,
1955, Zagreb

Reports of the different commissions, meetings of the Bureau and general
assemblies

"The Problems of the deaf in the world" (information pamphlet - published in
1955)

"Assistance to deaf-mutes", published in 1957

"Situation of special schools", published in 1957

In preparation:

Volume of Official Records (in French, English and Italian) of the International
Studies Conference on the Problems of Deafness

Minutes of the General Assembly of WFD and of the Meeting of the Bureau of
WFD which took place in Rome in September 1957

16. Documentation

(a) 3 copies of the Statute of WFD

(b) 1 copy of each of the last three Annual Reports

Various publications.¹

¹ For full list see Annex II

ANNEX I

LIST OF MEMBERS

<u>South Africa</u>	"The South African National Council for the Deaf", P.O. Box 3343, Johannesburg
<u>West Germany</u>	"Deutscher Gehoerlosen-Bund", Hans-Thoma Strasse 10, Frankfurt-am-Main.
<u>America (USA)</u>	"National Association of the Deaf" (NAD), Shattuck Avenue 2495, Berkeley, California
<u>England</u>	"British Deaf and Dum Association", 21 Queen Street, Paisley, Scotland
<u>Argentina</u>	"Asociacion de Sordomudos de Ayuda Mutua", Masa 1480, Buenos Aires
<u>Austria</u>	"Verband der Gehoerlosen und Taubstummen in Oesterreich", Kaisergasse 23/II, Linz/Donau
<u>Australia</u>	"Federation of the Australian Catholic Deaf", Victoria
<u>Belgium</u>	"Fédération nationale des Sourds-Muets de Belgique", avenue Georges Henri 278, Woluwe St. Lambert, Brussels
<u>Brazil</u>	"Associacao dos Surdos Mudos", Do Estado de Sao Paulo, rua Sao Joaquim No 571 - Sala 2, Sao Paulo
<u>Bulgaria</u>	"Union des Sourds en Bulgarie", 23 rue Lavele, Sofia
<u>Chile</u>	"Asociacion de Sordomudos de Chili", Casilla 3046, Santiago
<u>China</u>	"The China Welfare Association for the Deaf", 8 Hsila Hutung, Pa Mien Tsao, Peking
<u>Denmark</u>	"Danske Doves Landsforbund", 17 Brohusgade, Copenhagen
<u>Spain</u>	"Federacion Nacional de Sociedades de Sordomudos", Calle de Lazo 3, Madrid
<u>Finland</u>	"Suomen Kuurojen Liitto r.y.", Elisabetsg 27 E 10, Helsingfors. Helsinki
<u>France</u>	"Comité national de Coordination des Sociétés Silencieuses de France et d'Outre-Mer", 20 rue Thérèse, Paris 1er
<u>Greece</u>	"Union Deaf's of Greece", 21 rue Dionisio Aeropagita, Athens

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<u>Hungary</u>	"Sikstok és Nagyothallok Szovetsega", 21 Utca, Budapest VI
<u>India</u>	"All India Federation of the Deaf", 2144 Sita Ram Bazar, Delhi
<u>Iran</u>	"Fédération Iranienne des Sourds-Muets", rue Sabbah 21, Teheran
<u>Israel</u>	"The Association of the Deaf and Mute in Israel", Hellen Keller Home, Yad-Elihau 5d. Yad Labania, Tel Aviv
<u>Italy</u>	"Ente Nazionale per la Protezione e l'Assistenza ai Sordomuti" (ENS), 108 via val Trompia, Rome
<u>Mexico</u>	"Federacion Mutualista de Sordomudos de la Republica Mexicana", puente de Alvarado 20, Altos 4, Mexico D.F.
<u>Norway</u>	"Norske Doves Landsforbund", 17 Möllenenlsveien, Bergen
<u>Poland</u>	"Polski Zwissek Gluchich Zarnad Groiny", al. Gen. Swiercserwskiego 149, Warsaw
<u>Romania</u>	"Asociatia Surdo-Mutilor Din Republica Populara Romana", Str. Italiana 3, Bucharest
<u>Sweden</u>	"Sveroges Dovas Riksforbund", Fach 141, Borlange
<u>Switzerland</u>	"Société Romande pour le Bien des Sourds-Muets", 4 Grand-Chêne, Lausanne
<u>Czechoslovakia</u>	"SVAZ - Ceskoslov Invalidu SCSI", Cyrilomatedsiske Num. 12, Prague X
<u>Turkey</u>	"Turkije Sagir Oilsiz Korler Tesanut Cemiyeti", Genel Merkezi, Istanbul
<u>Uruguay</u>	"Asociacion de Sordomudos del Uruguay", Calle Valdense No. 3674-3683, Montevideo
<u>USSR</u>	"Centralnoje pravlenije Wserossijakogo Obezeiestva", Gluchenistih Nl. 25 Oktjabrja dom 4-5, Moscow K 12
<u>Venezuela</u>	"Asociacion de Sordomudes de Caracas", Edificio "Ateca", Calle el Comercio, Caracas
<u>Yugoslavia</u>	"Savez Gluvih Jugoslavije", Centralni Odber, Marsala, Tita 6/1, Belgrade

The admission of members of the following countries is under consideration:

New Zealand
 Netherlands
 Peru
 Dominican Republic

ANNEX II

LIST OF THE DOCUMENTATION RECEIVED FROM THE WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF

1. Statute of the WFD (French and English)
2. Financial situation, 1 July 1954 - 30 June 1955 (French)
3. Bilan du 1 juillet 1955 - 30 juin 1956 (French)
4. Financial situation, 1 July 1956 - 30 June 1957 (French and English)
5. Quotas paid by the members up to 1 September 1957 (French and English),
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Documents of the General Assembly, September 1957, Rome

6. Proposals relative to the celebration by the WFD and its member associations of the tenth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Man, AG/57/3 (French and English)
7. Report by the Bureau on its activities, AG/57/4 (French and English)
8. Proposal for improving the work of the WFD in under-developed countries, AG/57/5 (French and English)
9. Report by the Secretary-General of the World Federation of the Deaf to the meeting of the Bureau of the WFD - VI session, B/57/4 (French and English)
10. Treasurer's Report and balance from 1 July 1956 to 30 June 1957 (French and English)

Other Documentation

11. Second World Congress of the Deaf (Zagreb, Yugoslavia) (Book)
12. Convegno Internazionale di Studi Sui Problemi della Sordità (Booklet, Italian), Scientific information
13. El Sordomudo Y Las Profesiones (Booklet, Italian), Scientific information
14. L'Assistenza Ai Sordomuti (Booklet, Italian), Scientific information
15. Situazione della "Scuola Speciale" (Booklet, Italian), Scientific information
16. The voice of the silence, April 1957 (Periodical) (French and English)
17. The voice of the silence, August-December 1957 (Periodical) (French and English)