1. **Name of organization**

Groupement International des Associations Nationales de Fabricants de Pesticides
("GIFAP" in short)

2. **Address of headquarters**

Square Marie-Louise, 49
B-1040-Brussels
Belgium

3. **Addresses of all branch or regional headquarters**

None

4. **Membership**

   (a) **Total number of members**

   GIFAP does not accept individual memberships. Presently 11 National Associations are members.

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

   Dues are paid by the member National Associations.

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1 As provided by the applicant on 27 September 1972.
(c) List of affiliated organizations

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(d) Types of membership

According to its constitution, GIFAP has only full members (National Associations), all enjoying the same rights and obligations.

5. General purposes of the organization

According to its constitution (art.1), GIFAP is an international association with a scientific purpose, under the laws of Belgium.
Regarding its objects and purposes, article 2 of its constitution states the following:

"GIFAP is organized and operates as a non-profit association having the following objects and purposes:

(a) To promote uniformity in the national regulations concerning the distribution, labelling and use of pesticides by serving as a liaison agency between the National Associations and the International Public Organizations such as the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) under the United Nations Organization (NOTE 1)

(b) To study the problems related to the regulations on the shipment and distribution applicable to international commerce of pesticides.

(c) To engage in scientific, legal, technical or statistical studies on international exchange of pesticides and on their consumption.

(d) To take such lawful actions as may be proper to promote on the international plan the rational use of pesticides, and to take such other actions as may be necessary or desirable to accomplish these objectives provided, however, that the foregoing enumeration of specific powers shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the powers of GIFAP, except that it is not an object, purpose or function of GIFAP, nor shall it have the power to effect any type of cooperation between its members which may violate in spirit or effect the laws to which any member association is subject, or to attempt to influence any member association in any cooperative activity which may violate such laws. (NOTE 2)"

6. (A) **Primary function of the organization**

It is evident from the foregoing that the primary function of GIFAP consists of insuring the liaison between the whole of the Pesticides Industry and the International Organizations dealing with pesticides. For this purpose, GIFAP disposes of various specialized Working Groups and Committees. These study the questions submitted to them and provide GIFAP with the data needed to define the policy of the Pesticides Industry as a whole.

(B) **Secondary functions**

Exchange of information between the member National Associations and their affiliated companies.

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**NOTE 1**

GIFAP acts as a liaison agency with the FAO and enjoys a consultative status with the Council of Europe. It has regular relations with the Commission of the Codex Alimentarius (more particularly with the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues), with the European Communities, the European and Mediterranean Organization for Plant Protection (EPPO), the Collaborative International Pesticides Analysis Council (CIPAC). More recently, it entered into relations with the UN Secretariat for the preparation of the Conference on the Environment, which resulted in it being officially represented at this Conference. According to circumstances and needs, GIFAP corresponds or collaborates with other governmental or non-governmental organizations.

**NOTE 2**

These restrictions concern in particular the anti-trust laws in force in various countries. IT HAS TO BE EMPHASIZED ALSO THAT GIFAP IN NO WAY DEALS WITH COMMERCIAL MATTERS.
Distribution of informative documents to the member National Associations and to their affiliated companies.

Organizing of the General Assembly, Working Groups and Committees meetings. Preparing and distribution of the minutes.

Carrying out of the tasks resulting from the decisions of the General Assembly and the work of the Working Groups and Committees.

7. (A) Does the organization advocate any special health measures or procedures?

Improving of national and international regulations, informing of the general public and vocational training of pesticide handlers and users in order to promote the rational and safe use of pesticides.

(B) Has the organization any special reservations as to treatment or health procedures?

None.

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

The Secretary General is entitled to speak for all the members in so far as he can rely on the positions taken earlier by the General Assembly.

In some special cases, GIFAP is represented by its President accompanied generally by the Secretary General.

When very specialized questions are being treated, e.g. toxicology or analytical chemistry - one or several competent experts are appointed to represent GIFAP. If he considers it useful, the Secretary General accompanies them.

9. What specific interest does the organization have with reference to the work of the World Health Organization?

Toxicological studies relating to pesticides

Division of Food Additives

Working Group of Experts on Pesticide Residues

Setting up of international standards (tolerances) concerning the level of pesticides on and in foodstuffs

Commission of the Codex Alimentarius

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues

Problems relating to the use of pesticides in the Public Health field

Division of Biology and Vector Control

Specifications

Pesticides Data Sheets

Application Techniques
Regulations for pesticide transport

(Collaboration with IMCO, UN-ECOSOC, etc.)

10. Officers

Extract from the GIFAP Constitution

"Art. 5, §1st. Directors

In between the meetings of the General Assembly and within the framework of the decisions taken by the General Assembly, GIFAP shall be administered by a Board of Directors composed of three members (Note 1) elected by the General Assembly, respectively as President, Vice President and Treasurer, for a period of two fiscal years. The Directors shall be elected from among the representatives composing the delegations at the General Assembly. The retiring Directors shall be reeligible. The Board of Directors must at all times have at least one member of Belgian nationality."

NOTE 1: The number of Directors will most probably be increased to five during the next meeting of the General Assembly.

At present the Directors are:

**PRESIDENT**

Mr J. BORDUGE
(France)
Director General of the Pharmaceutical Division, Rhône-Poulenc, S.A.
Honorary President of the Chambre Syndicale de la Phytopharmacie et de la Protection des Plantes.

**VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr N. E. WILLIAMS
(Great Britain)
Director General of the Agricultural Division, Burt, Boulton and Haywood Ltd.,
Past Chairman, British Agrochemicals Association.

**TREASURER**

Mr L. STAINIER
(Belgium)
Managing-Director, S.A. Protex -
Chairman of the Belgian Association Phytophar.

The Secretariat General is operated by Mr Y. DEMARET.

The staff payed directly by GIFAP is limited to the Secretary General and to three Secretaries.

GIFAP permanently disposes of some 80 collaborators (Doctors in medicine, Veterinary Doctors, Chemists, Biologists, Ecologists, Agronomists, Lawyers and Economists) delegated by the Member National Associations to the Working Groups and Committees. In some cases these regular collaborators are representing GIFAP (see item 8, last paragraph).

This organization is swift and flexible at the same time: the Secretariat General, an autonomous unit possessing speedy communication means (telephone, telex, printing machines) can, at any moment, call upon qualified specialists, thus enabling it to cope with all possible situations.
Art. 5, §2. Duties of the President

The President shall preside at the meetings of the General Assembly. He shall determine the time and place of General Assembly meetings with the advice of the members. He shall be responsible for the management of GIFAP and the operation of the General Secretariat towards the General Assembly.

Art. 5, §3. Duties of the Vice President

The Vice President shall preside at meetings of the General Assembly in the absence of the President and shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned to him by the President or by the General Assembly.

Art. 5, §4. Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer, jointly with the President, shall prepare a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year. He shall prepare the financial report related to the past fiscal year.

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Art. 6, §2.

The General Secretariat in collaboration with the President and the Chairmen of the Working Groups and Committees, shall be responsible for the daily operation of the Association.

11. Structure

(A) 1. Policy-making body

Extracts from the GIFAP Constitution

"General Assembly

Art. 4, §1st. Powers:

The General Assembly has full powers to achieve the objects and purposes of GIFAP, subject to the authority vested in the Directors in Art. 5 and in the Secretariat General in Article 6.

Art. 4, §2. Members:

Each member National Association of GIFAP shall appoint a delegation composed of no more than two representatives who represent it officially at the General Assembly, provided, however, that if any nation is represented within GIFAP by more than one association, the delegation shall be designated jointly by the two or more associations representing such nation. The designation of the delegates to the General Assembly shall be made to the General Secretariat. Any such designations may be changed at any time. Each delegate to the General Assembly shall receive notices of all General Assembly meetings and of the agenda and working papers to be considered at such meetings."
2. Working groups and committees

**Working Group I**
- Standardization of Legislation; Public Health;
  Technical and Scientific Matters

*Committees subordinated to Working Group I:*
- Technical Committee (Chemistry, Specifications)
- Committee on Toxicology
- Agricultural Committee
- Residue Committee

**Working Group II**
- Economic Problems

**Working Group III**
- Information, Education, External Relations

**Working Group IV**
- Transport Problems. There are also some Ad Hoc
  (non permanent) Committees e.g. the 2,4,5-T and
  related compounds Committee

Specialized teams (3 to 4 members) are ensuring the liaison with certain Organizations,
e.g. FAO (Specifications), Codex Alimentarius, European Communities, etc...

Occasional or permanent observers are instructed to represent GIFAP at Conferences,
Congresses, Symposiums, etc...

(B) 1. Frequency of General Assembly meetings

*Extract of the GIFAP Constitution*

"Art. 4, §4. Meetings

(a) Ordinary Meetings:

The General Assembly meets twice a year: the annual General Assembly in the
Fall, and the semi-annual General Assembly in the Spring. The ordinary General
Assembly meets validly under the chairmanship of the President of GIFAP, at such
time and place as designated by him after consulting the members.

The election of Directors, when required, and the adoption of a budget shall
constitute an order of business of the annual General Assembly. The financial
report relating to the past year shall be approved during the General Assembly
in the Spring.

(b) Extraordinary Meetings

Extraordinary meetings may be called by the President of GIFAP at the request
of two or more members, except that an extraordinary meeting may not be called
for a date less than 60 days prior to a regular scheduled meeting of the members,
except with the unanimous consent of all members. Any request for an extraordinary
meeting shall state the items to be considered".

In 1972, the General Assembly will have met three times:

January the 24th (London) Special meeting
April the 28th (Nice)
October the 20th (Rome)
(B) 2. Frequency of meetings of the other units

Each of the permanent Working Groups and Committees meets, according to its needs, one to four times a year, totalling 12 to 15 meetings. This number increases every year as a result of the constant development of the international activities relating to pesticides.

The Ad Hoc Committees and specialized teams meet independently of the Working Groups and Committees according to their needs.

(C) 1. Voting procedure - General Assembly

Extract from the GIFAP Constitution

"Art. 3, §2. Admission of New Members:

Any national association of pesticide producers may be admitted to membership provided his candidature secures the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members present or represented and voting thereon at the meeting of the General Assembly.

Art. 3, §4. Suspensions and Exclusions:

A member may be suspended or excluded in case of gross fault. Any infraction of the present constitution, of regulations and practices complying with the law and duly adopted by the Association as well as any activity detrimental to the interests of the Association are considered to be gross fault justifying such suspension or exclusion.

The suspension or the exclusion shall be declared by the General Assembly upon a majority vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the GIFAP, after that the member in question has had the right to present its defence.

Art. 4, §2.

Copy of the notices, agendas and working papers shall be addressed to the official seat of each member association. Each member national association shall be entitled to one vote. One delegation may represent one or more other members.

Art. 4, §3. Voting

Unanimous vote of all members shall be required for adopting any policy or regulatory matters, for adopting a budget or assessing dues, or for transferring the office of the Secretariat; provided however, that if members have received not less than 30 days' notice of the proposal to act on such matters at the meeting it may be adopted by the unanimous vote of all the members present or represented and voting thereon. An affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths of all members shall be required to adopt all other matters: provided, however, that if members have received not less than 30 day's notice of the proposal to act on such matter at the meeting such matter may be adopted by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of all members present or represented and voting thereon.
Art. 5, §1st. Directors

Nominations shall be made at the meeting of the General Assembly. After the nominations are closed, the election, at the request of any member, shall be by secret ballot and in such case each candidate must obtain a majority of at least three-fourths of the votes.

AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER AND DISSOLUTION

Art. 10, §1st. Amendments

This Charter may be amended by the unanimous consent of all members present or represented and voting at a duly called meeting of the General Assembly following notice sent at least 30 days in advance along with the text of the proposed amendment to the Charter. Any proposal of amendment to the Charter must emanate from the Board of Directors or from a member of GIFAP. The amendment to the Charter shall only enter into effect after approval by Royal Decree and after compliance with the publicity requirements of article 3 of the Belgian law of October 25th, 1919.

Art. 10, §2. Dissolution and Liquidation

Any proposal of dissolution or liquidation of GIFAP must emanate from the Board of Directors or from a member of GIFAP. Any proposal of dissolution or liquidation must be made known to the members of the General Assembly at least 30 days before the meeting. The dissolution and the liquidation of GIFAP are decided by unanimous vote of the members present or represented and voting at the meeting of the General Assembly, and the General Assembly shall settle the modalities thereof, and among other things, the use of the assets of the Association.

(C) 2. Voting procedure - Working Groups and Committees

The Working Groups and Committees generally do not vote. Their conclusions and/or proposals are submitted to the General Assembly.

(D) Affiliation with other organizations

GIFAP is affiliated with the Union of International Associations.

12. Finances

Financial resources : result solely from the dues payed by the members.

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13. History

After some exploratory negotiations, the GROUPMENT EUROPEEN DES ASSOCIATIONS NATIONALES DE FABRICANTS DE PESTICIDES was founded in 1960. It gathered the National Associations of eight countries: Austria, Belgium, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands and Switzerland.

One of the first activities of the founders consisted of summarizing the policy of the European Pesticides Industry on the problems relating to Pesticides in a general document, entitled "MEMORANDUM ON THE STANDARDIZATION OF REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE SALE AND USE OF AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES" better known under the name of "GEFAP DOCUMENT 605". This Declaration of Principles was widely distributed within the International Organizations and the National Administrations.
It was on this basis that were built the relations with the International Organizations dealing with pesticides. In 1966, the National Agricultural Chemicals of Washington, D.C. expressed the wish to join the organization.

This was done in 1967 and it was decided on this occasion that the organization henceforth would be called "GROUPEMENT INTERNATIONAL DES ASSOCIATIONS NATIONALES DE FABRICANTS DE PESTICIDES" OR GIFAP.

GIFAP was recognized as a non profit International Association and with scientific purpose by a Royal Decree of March the 5th, 1968.

In 1968, the number of national members increased to ten with the joining of the Canadian Agricultural Chemicals Association. This number finally increased to eleven in 1969 with the joining of the Society of Agricultural Chemical Industry (Japan).

In 1971, the GIFAP Working Groups and Committees were asked to elaborate a series of specialized "TECHNICAL MEMORANDA" which replaced the "Document 605" of 1961.

Meanwhile, GIFAP carried on and broadened the action on international level, started by GIFAP. At present, relations - both official and informal - are maintained with more and more international government and non-government organizations dealing with pesticides. In 1967, its Secretariat General employed two people full time; today four people are employed full time and modern machinery is being used, permitting wide scope activities.

Finally, the GIFAP members have decided recently to strengthen its technical and scientific potential by employing a greater number of specialists of all branches.

With its eleven national members, GIFAP represents almost all the producers of active ingredients used in pesticides of the Western World. It is open however to the National Associations of those countries basing their Pesticide Industry mainly on import. Thus negotiations are under way with various National Associations and, in particular, with the Scandinavian National Associations (Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden).

Therefore GIFAP is an organization which is constantly expanding its means of action as well as its representativity.

14. Activities

GIFAP's activities are extensively described underneath in items 5, 6.a, 6.b, 8, 11.a.2, 11.b.1., 11.b.2 and 13.

GIFAP is mainly the contact point of the Pesticides Industry with the international organizations. The companies affiliated with it through their National Associations evidently keep their freedom of action on commercial level and in the field of research, but GIFAP is a convenient platform allowing the Industry to coordinate its views in various fields - particularly scientific, technical, public health and legal - and it dispenses its good offices in order to facilitate the exchanges between the international organizations and the Pesticides Industry as a whole.

15. Publications

GIFAP, as a rule, does not act as a news agency outside of its members, their affiliated companies and the international organizations it is in contact with. Therefore it does not produce any regular publication.
Its General Assembly already considered creating an Information Bulletin. It gave up the idea however, for the near future anyway, since the GIFAP members and their affiliates are constantly being informed of GIFAP activities through the reports, minutes and circulars distributed by the Secretariat General.

In anticipation of the United Nations Conference on the Environment (Stockholme, June, 1972) some of the most important companies affiliated with GIFAP have published a brochure under the auspices of the FAO and the UNDP. The English version has been distributed in more than thirty countries (25,000 copies). The French, Spanish, German and Russian versions will be released very shortly.

The enclosed series of documents\(^1\) shows a sample of the work of the Secretariat General and the constant flow of exchange it generates.

16. **Documentation**

(A) Constitution

(B) Annual Reports

The member National Associations and collaborators of GIFAP receive every year several hundreds of information papers, keeping them informed day by day of GIFAP work and thus the need for annual reports has not been felt yet. From time to time, according to the needs or at the request of the General Assembly, the Secretary General draws up special reports summarizing the situation in certain fields.

\(^1\) Held by the Secretariat