List of International Organizations Approved for Detail and Transfer of Federal Employees

A Federal agency may detail or transfer an employee to any organization that the Department of State has designated as an international organization (see the list below). An employee normally may not be detailed or transferred for more than 5 cumulative years. However, if requested by the head of the agency and approved by the Department of State, a detail or transfer may be extended for up to an additional 3 years. (Requests for extensions should be directed to the address at the end of this document.) Each employee who transfers is entitled to be reemployed (as provided in 5 CFR 352 Subpart C) in his or her former position or one of like status within 30 days of his or her application for reemployment.

The list below does not determine whether an entity is an international organization for the purpose of other statutes or regulations. It will be updated periodically as new organizations are added or deleted.

Organizational Categories
- United Nations Organizations
- Specialized Agencies of the United Nations and Related Organizations
- International Financial Institutions
- Inter-American Organizations
- Other Regional Organizations
- Other International Organizations

United Nations (UN Secretariat, Organs and their Subsidiary Bodies and Special Programs)
- United Nations Secretariat (UN)
- UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)
- UN Center for Human Settlements (UNCHS)
- UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
• UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)
• UN Development Program (UNDP)
• UN Environmental Program (UNEP)
• UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
• UN International Training and Research Center (UNITAR)
• UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
• UN Population Fund (UNFPA)
• UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)
• UN University (UNU)
• UN Volunteers (UNV)
• International Court of Justice (ICJ)
• International Civil Service Commission (ICSC)
• International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
• International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)
• International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)
• Joint UN Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
• World Food Program (WFP)

Note:

Because the United Nations qualifies as an international organization in which the United States Government participates within the meaning of Public Law 89-554 as amended, organs and special programs of the United Nations usually qualify under the statute as well. The above list, therefore, is meant to be illustrative, not exhaustive. Questions as to whether other organs or special programs of the United Nations not on the above list qualify under the statute should be addressed to the Department of State at the following address: EmploymentUN@state.gov.

Specialized Agencies of the United Nations and Related Organizations

• Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
• International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)
• International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
• International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
• International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
• International Labor Organization (ILO)
• International Maritime Organization (IMO)
International Organizations

- International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Universal Postal Union (UPU)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

International Financial Institutions

- Bank for International Settlements (BIS)
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- North American Development Bank (NADB)
- UN Regional Development Banks
  - African Development Bank
  - Asian Development Bank
  - European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
  - Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- World Bank Group
  - International Bank for Reconstruction & Development (IBRD)
  - International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
  - International Finance Corporation (IFC)
  - Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)

Inter-American Organizations

- Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC)
- Inter-American Center of Tax Administrators (CIAT)
- Inter-American Indian Institute (IAII)
- Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA)
- Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI)
- Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)
- Organization of American States (OAS)
- Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
- Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH)
- Pan American Railway Congress Association (ACPF) (Argentina)
- Postal Union of the Americas, Spain and Portugal (PUASP)

Other Regional Organizations
• Asia Pacific Energy Research Center (APERC)
• Colombo Plan Council
• Great Lakes Fisheries Commission (GLFC)
• International Energy Agency (IEA)
• North Atlantic Assembly (NAA)
• North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
• Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA)
• Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
• South Pacific Commission (SPC)

Other International Organizations

• Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
• Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)
• Commission for Labor Cooperation
• Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)
• Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)
• Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
• COPAS-SARSAT (Search and Rescue Satellite System)
• Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)
• The Global Fund (to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria) (TGF)
• The Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCOPIL)
• International Agreement on the Maintenance of Certain Lights in the Red Sea
• International Bureau for the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)
• International Bureau for the Protection of Industrial Property
• International Bureau for the Publication of Customs Tariffs
• International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM)
• International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)
• International Center for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)
• International Coffee Organization (ICO)
• International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
• International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC)
• International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
• International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)
• International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)
• International Development Law Institute (IDLI)
• International Energy Forum Secretariat (IEFS)
• International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC)
• International Grains Council (IGC)
• International Human Frontier Science Program Organization (HFSP)
• International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)
• International Institute for Cotton
• International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)
• International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)
• International Organization for Legal Metrology (OIML)
• International Organization for Migration (IOM)
• International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI)
• International Plant Genetics Resources Institute (IPGRI)
• International Rubber Study Group (IRSG)
• International Science and Technology Center (ISTC)
• International Seed Testing Association (ISTA)
• International Service for National Agriculture Research (ISNAR)
• International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)
• International Union of Credit and Investment Insurers (Berne Union)
• International Whaling Commission (IWC)
• Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
• Iran-United States Claims Tribunal
• Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO)
• Multinational Force and Observers (MFO)
• North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)
• North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC)
• Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)
• Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
• Pacific Aviation Safety Office (PASO)
• Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses (PIANC)
• Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)
• Science and Technology Center in Ukraine (STCU)
• Sierra Leone Special Court
• World Customs Organization (WCO)
• The World Heritage Fund
• World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)
• World Trade Organization (WTO)
NOTES:

The preceding list contains the names of a number of small and highly specialized international bodies which may not maintain large secretariats and are not expected to require the full-time services of Federal personnel. They have been included on the list because they may request the short-term detail of a Federal employee.

While the U.S. Government participates in other international organizations not listed here, the degree of participation may not be enough to warrant designating the organization as an international organization for the purpose of details and transfers. The Department of State will consider the status of such organizations under the detail and transfer statutory provisions on a case-by-case basis when requested to do so by Federal agencies.

This list does not include the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO). Although it qualifies as an international organization, assignments of Federal personnel are coordinated by the Department of State and are made under statutory authority other than Public Law 85-795.

Requests by Federal agencies for information on adding an organization to the present list should be addressed to EmploymentUN@state.gov or the following:

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