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Confederation of Fire Protection Association International (CFPA-I) Granted Roster Consultative Status to United Nations Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC) NGO Branch.

At the ECOSOC Substantive Session, July 2010, the group adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) to grant Roster Consultative Status to CFPA-I. The consultative status is governed by the United Nations Charter and related resolutions of ECOSOC and allows CFPA-I to actively engage with the ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies as well as the United Nations Secretariat, programs and agencies.

CFPA-I Chair Benoit Clair expressed his appreciate for the work of the Executive Committee and Administrator offering, *“thanks to their hard work and determination, we will be able to work with other nations to promote fire safety worldwide. We look forward to being a resource to the United Nations and provide information to this new network of organizations.”*

The Confederation of Fire Protection Associations-International (CFPA-I), is a body of 25 leading fire protection organizations from around the world that have joined forces to collectively direct their resources at reducing the global fire problem and increasing life safety. By sharing experience, research, technical know-how, and fire statistics, the group aims to maximize the effectiveness of fire prevention and protection and foster improved international fire safety codes and standards. The CFPA-I meets every three years at which time many of the more challenging global fire problems are debated. These sessions provide an opportunity to share advanced research and developments that have taken place in specific problem areas. Significant advances have been made in recent years in fire safety and the CFPA-I have provided an exceptional forum to disseminate this knowledge. The next meeting will be held in Boston, MA USA, June 2011.

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