

# Proposal 1: To join Conscience and Peace Tax International (CPTI)

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Submitted by CPTI via Eleanor Forman. [Background: NWTRCC has been a regular attendee at CPTI conferences.]

## **About CPTI**

Conscience and Peace Tax International (CPTI) was founded in Hondarribia, Spain, on September 17, 1994. It was incorporated as an international non-profit association in Belgium by Royal Decree of March 20, 1996. CPTI was granted 'special consultative status' with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the UN in July 1999.

The aim of the association is to obtain recognition of the right to conscientious objection to paying for armaments and war preparation and war conduct through taxes. It does this by means that conform to English and international law. The association may also support conscientious objectors and work towards the recognition of human rights generally. In furtherance of these objects the association lobbies international organizations, such as the United Nations and other international organisations, in order to obtain and/or improve legal and other instruments, which may be national and international legislation, conventions, resolutions, directives, declarations, etc. The association publicizes efforts to obtain recognition of the right. It facilitates coordination of similar activities of national movements at the international level.

**Application Process from the CPTI website:** <https://www.cpti.ws/howyoucanhelp.html>

We welcome applications for membership of the General Assembly from legally established associations (NGOs) that are active in the field of taxation in respect of human rights, the abolition of war, nonviolent conflict resolution, and conscientious objection.

Your membership in CPTI does not mean that your association becomes a "branch" of CPTI. Your organization designates its representative for each General Assembly (not necessarily the same person, although some continuity is recommended).

If your association is a legal entity, constituted in accordance with the laws of your country, you can send your membership application to CPTI in the same way as mentioned above for individual members. Just add the following information: your Web site address and proof of your legal status (registration number, government recognition, or the like).

If your association is not a legal entity, a person who is a member of your association could apply for personal membership in CPTI.

**Note from Eleanor:**

During a CPTI meeting, I corrected the impression that the Board of CPTI had that NWTRCC was already a member organization. I read the pertinent contents of your email to the Board of CPTI, and they think you are mistaken as to what it takes, having a fundamental misunderstanding of the requirements to join. You are a nongovernmental organization, just not a UN-recognized one. None of the member groups are UN-recognized, just CPTI. The other Board members assure me that NWTRCC can be a member (and told me that NWTRCC was in the past), and they would very much like you to become one again.

Here is the relevant paragraph from CPTI's Articles of Association:

**MEMBERS**

7 (1) The subscribers to the memorandum are the first members of the Charity.

(2) Membership is open to other individuals or organisations who:

(a) apply to the Charity in the form required by the Directors; and

(b) are approved by the Directors.

(3) (a) The Directors may only refuse an application for membership if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of the Charity to refuse the application.