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## Atlanta Committee on International Relations to become arm of the Atlanta Development Authority

**ATLANTA** – The Atlanta Advisory Committee on International Relations (ACIR) will soon be an arm of the Atlanta Development Authority (ADA). (*Legislative Reference No. 09-R-0369*)

The City Council is engaging the services of the ADA to manage and implement the activities and programs of the ACIR.

The purpose of the Advisory Committee on International Relations is to facilitate a more meaningful dialogue between various international groups and the city's elected officials and to facilitate and coordinate the functions of the organizations serving the international community.

The ACIR works in concert with government agencies, nonprofit organizations and private industries to generate and promote new international trade and cultural opportunities for private and public businesses, academic institutions and individuals based in the City of Atlanta. It also works to increase Atlanta's visibility in the international arena and increase and support international economic development initiatives resulting in more employment and tax revenues for the City of Atlanta.

City Councilman and ACIR chair Jim Maddox in June led a delegation of business and civic leaders in June to Ningbo, China as part of an international trade mission.

The delegation represented Atlanta at various events including the 2009 China International Consumer Goods Fair and the Zhejiang Investment and Trade Symposium.

"Fostering international understanding and relationships and promoting international trade and economic development have long been a goal and aspiration of the City of Atlanta," said Maddox. "This decision brings the international trade and economic development arms of the city under one roof."