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Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

Note by the Secretary-General*

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to refer to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session, in compliance with of its resolution 56/226 of 24 December 2001, the report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002). The report, which contains the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, is issued under the symbol A/CONF.199/20.

2. The Secretary-General also wishes to inform the Assembly that work is under way for the preparation of a report containing proposals on the programme of work and practical modalities of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development with a view to facilitating consideration of those matters by the Commission at its next session, as provided for in chapter X of the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

* This note was prepared to transmit the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, which was convened in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 26 August to 4 September 2002. Its submission was delayed to allow sufficient time for the preparation of the report of the Summit.