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秘书长的报告

1. 根据可持续发展委员会第一届会议作出的决定,大约有60个政府和组织向第二届会议提供了有关它们为执行《21世纪议程》¹所进行的活动的资料。虽然委员会赞赏秘书处进行的分析,但是,它还是决定必须简化今后提出报告的准则。因此,1994年8月,秘书处向所有有关成员国和组织发送关于向1995年委员会第三届会议提交国家资料的简化准则。

2. 截至1995年3月1日止,有16个发展中国家、15个发达国家、一个经济转型期国家和欧洲联盟已自愿向秘书处提交了资料,共计33份报告。今年,虽然对该准则提出了几项书面评论,但是,大部分非正式评论都是正面的。

3. 本报告有双重目的。第一,它以书面形式摘要说明所审查的部门性问题及结果,并以表格形式提供关于在国家一级协调《21世纪议程》行动的资料(附件一)。第二,本报告以矩阵形式列出每一部门章节的主要方面问题,包括关于部门供资、能力和主要团体参与的资料(附件二)。为了技术理由和为了反映尽可能多的成员国所提供的资料,这些部门性矩阵将会在委员会第三届会议开始时作为背景文件

分发。里面的图表应可让大家对各国活动和问题得到一种视觉印象。还提供非正式背景文件,是一份国家协调机制和接触指南,以1994年搞的数据库为基础。

4. 各政府提交的资料大部分都很详细,使委员会获得丰富的数据,秘书处希望将这些数据放进有系统地保持的数据库里,今后将继续扩大这个数据库。各国提交的完整报告里可以找到更精确的资料。虽然1995年准则要求所提供的资料比1994年精确些,但是许多答复还是根据估计数,而不是根据统计上准确的数据。

一、 对提交的报告的评论

5. 由于收集到的数据太多,收集、分析和提出数据的过程错综复杂,因此必须进一步使收集数据和提出结果的办法标准化和简化。在这方面,关于可持续发展指标的工作非常重要,它不仅与委员会有关,而且还与联合国其他组织、计划署和布雷顿森林机构有关。委员会第三届会议似宜把各附件视为国家一级的趋势指标。

6. 秘书处收到的报告太少,不能得出全球结论。虽然大多数发达国家和若干拉丁美洲国家提出了报告,但是其他地区提出的报告数量很少。不过,在许多情况下,所收到的资料非常详细,可以清楚地知道报告国正在做什么和问题所在。

7. 机构任务管理人把这些报告的资料用于提交委员会第三届会议的部门性和跨部门文件里。但是,令人遗憾的是,截止日期过了还没有收到任何其他报告,因此,部门性和跨部门文件只反映极少数国家提交的数据。

8. 如上所述,编制载列部门性资料的矩阵,其目的是迅速提供一个视觉图像。这些矩阵主要是根据向委员会第三届会议提供的资料编制。但是,1994年,有几个国家对《21世纪议程》提交了本国的修订本或综合报告,其中与1995年审查有关的资料都列入矩阵里。若干政府在1995年报告里提供的资料非常具体。从一些报告里,马上可以清楚地看出它们是由最直接有关部门编写的,里面提供了非常详细的资料。秘书处认为,一般说来,1994年提交的资料比较难用数量表示。

二、 跨部门问题

9. 国家报告所载资料已列入跨部门报告里。本报告附件一对关键的协调机制、它们的成员或组成以及授权任务等情况提供了最新摘要说明。最重要的国家一级后续行动也列在里面。截至1995年3月止,收到了74个国家提交的关于国家协调和结构的资料。很明显,它们处理了许多立法和组织事项,以便通过可持续发展战略、计划和立法来解决与《21世纪议程》有关的问题。若干国家指出,《21世纪议程》的结构使得它们很难报告供资情况,因为一般用来报告发展援助的准则(经济合作与发展组织(经合发组织)的发展援助委员会制定的准则)不是很容易就可转换过来。若干发展中国家的报告认为,援助组织和计划署之间的协调努力可以加强。这些部门性矩阵还反映有关主要团体参与国家过程的情况。国家报告所提供的资料不是经常详细说明这类参与情况,不过,总的来说,主要团体都有参与协商,或至少给予机会提出评论和投入。

三、 1995年部门性问题摘要和调查结果

第 10 章. 统筹规划和管理陆地资源的方法

10. 这一章是1995年审查的其他陆地章节的“总括”。它的唯一方案领域涉及重组,必要时加强决策结构,包括现有的政策、规划和管理程序。它不涉及规划和管理业务方面的问题,这些问题在其后的部门性方案内讨论。这一章的矩阵反映其具体性质。若干国家报告说,它们已充分处理陆地资源的整合问题,但是大多数国家似乎还在审查过程中。有几个发展中国家缺乏能力和缺少资金或显示出能力和资金之间有差距。

11. 联邦政府如美利坚合众国、加拿大和德国都在报告中指出,它们有困难提供有关已经下放到州和社区一级的行动的资料。

第 11 章. 制止砍伐森林

12. 在就第11章提出报告的国家中,有八个国家把制止砍伐森林列为极高国家优先项目。在这些国家中,五个是工业化国家。七个国家把这个问题列为低优先项目。在把这一章列为高优先项目的若干国家中,砍伐森林不是国家关心的问题。除了三个国家外,所有国家似乎都有国家计划和战略来处理这个部门的问题,而且这些计划都结合到更广泛的国家计划里。自从1992年6月召开联合国环境与发展会议以来,几乎所有国家都审查了它们的计划和战略,除了一个国家外,所有国家的有关团体都参与了这个过程。发展中国家在不同程度上都报告说,它们在供资和能力方面都有困难。一些工业化国家也指出供资困难,主要是由于普遍的经济衰退、紧缩和精简所造成。这些因素是否对砍伐森林有影响,还很难确定。

13. 在发展中国家中,农业侵占在本部门所关心的问题里占第一位,有些国家将木材采运、城市侵占和薪材需求列为严重问题。工业化国家作为一个整体报告说,林业部门严重问题很少,只有一个国家除外,它面对空气污染、城市侵占以及自然因素等问题。

14. 森林在国民经济中发挥重要作用的若干发达国家和少数几个发展中国家提交了报告和附件,质量都非常好。

第 12 章. 防沙治旱

15. 荒漠化对于提出报告的发达国家来说不是一个问题,但美利坚合众国除外,据报其土地大约有百分之37可以说是沙漠或容易荒漠化的地区。美国在这个部门里没有一项具体战略,其报告指出在能力方面有一些限制。

16. 九个发展中国家提供了详细的资料和查明其最为关切的问题。它们报告说在能力和供资方面遇到一些问题,因此,对土壤和土地退化的监测工作很差。关于影响到荒漠化的诸因素中,报告里最常提到的是放牧和薪材需求。

17. 大多数国家似乎让当地社区团体参与国家规划过程。智利、土耳其和乌干达把荒漠化问题列为国家高优先或极高优先项目。纳米比亚说其土地有百分之85为沙漠所盖。截至1995年3月1日止,100个国家和欧洲联盟签署了《联合国防沙治旱公约》,在提出报告的发展中国家中,几乎所有都签署了这项《公约》。

第 13 章. 可持续的山区发展

18. 三个工业化国家和11个发展中国家讨论了第13章(六个国家讨论得极其详细)。瑞士百分之77是山区,正在制定国家立法。瑞士和日本将山区列为极高国家优先项目。瑞士报告说在供资和国家能力方面有一些困难。日本、瑞士和法国认为土壤侵蚀、洪水、山崩和雪崩是严重的问题。

19. 在发展中国家中,智利、哥伦比亚、古巴、厄瓜多尔、马来西亚、土耳其和坦桑尼亚联合共和国认为可持续山区发展是高优先和极高优先项目。其中哥伦比亚、古巴和坦桑尼亚联合共和国制定了法律来处理山区发展问题,这些法律都是具体的森林法律或森林法律的一部分。哥伦比亚和坦桑尼亚联合共和国报告说供资和能力都有困难,实际监测工作很差。其他发展中国家的实际监测工作也很差。土壤侵蚀、洪水、山崩、雪崩和地震被列为是严重问题,但是数量化数据很少。

第 14 章. 促进可持续的农业和农村发展

20. 大部分国家报告说它们认为可持续农业和农村发展是极高优先项目。

21. 所有发达国家似乎都有精心制定的可持续农业和农村发展综合战略和计划。欧洲联盟成员经常提及共同农业政策。所有发达国家都全面地讨论了这一章的各个方案领域。

22. 大多数发展中国家还有国家计划、立法和战略,但是各方案的执行率很低。莫桑比克和乌干达反映说在能力和执行方面有困难。

第 15 章. 养护生物多样性

23. 除了一个国家外,所有国家都将养护生物多样性列为高优先或极高优先项目。大多数国家已批准了《生物多样性公约》。有关国家能力和供资情况的资料很少,也许是因为在国家范围来说,生物多样性经常是在其他章节中讨论。

24. 最常提到的影响生物多样性养护的问题是生境破坏,其次是过份捕捉。

25. 截至1995年3月1日止,共有114个成员国批准了《生物多样性公约》。

五、 将来向委员会提出的报告

26. 根据委员会第二届会议作出的决定,对于1996年拟审查的《21世纪议程》各章,秘书处将在本届会议结束时向各成员国提供第四届会议(1966年)的准则。

注

¹ 《联合国环境与发展会议的报告,1992年6月3日至14日,里约热内卢》第1卷,《会议通过的决议》(联合国出版物,出售品编号:E.93.I.8和更正),第一号决议,附件二。

NATIONAL LEVEL COORDINATION OF AGENDA 21 ACTIONS

COUNTRY	Key National Coordination Mechanism(s) for Agenda 21	Membership/Composition/Modus Operandi	Mandate/Role	Important National Post-Rio Actions
ALGERIA ('94)	- Commission Nationale d'Environnement et de Développement Durable (National Commission for E and SD), attached to the Ministry of Universities and Scientific Research which is part of the Ministry of Environment (Jan. 94). - Conseil Economique et Social (Economic and Social Council) comprising a Land Management and Environment Commission (Oct. 93). - Within the Agency for the Promotion of Investments, a facility (guiche) has been established (Oct. 93).	Intersectoral commission composed of ministries, 15 representatives of ecological associations, representatives from agencies in charge of E protection, and personalities in the E field (Jan. 94).	- To analyse and evaluate the results and impact of progress in the intra and interregional balances as well as in the decentralization on the improvement of lifestyles of population and E (Oct. 93). - This facility will examine, among others, that investment conditions respect the protection of the E.	- In November 1992, the Presidents of Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Tunisia and the King of Morocco signed the Charter of the Maghreb on E. This Charter defines a strategy and measures to protect the E. in a sustainable way in the Maghreb. - Several decrees have been passed in the water, climate and toxic wastes sectors.
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA ('94)	Ministry of Economic Development.			

Commonly used abbreviations:

E = Environment (al)

SD = Sustainable Development

NB: This table is not all-inclusive. It contains only key mechanisms and activities.

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AUSTRALIA ('94)	- Intergovernmental Committee on Ecologically Sustainable Development (ICESD). - Ministerial Councils. Ministers also meet with a range of non-government groups to discuss cross-sectoral and sectoral issues. - NGO Consultative Forum.	- Political body. The ICESD was established by agreement of the Commonwealth State/Territory and local governments, all of which are members. It provides a forum to monitor and review the implementation of the National Strategy for Ecologically Sustainable Development (NSED), Agenda 21, the National Greenhouse Response Strategy and of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Environment (IGAE). - All jurisdictions cooperate through a peak Council of First Ministers called the Council of Australian Governments (COAG). - The COAG is comprised of the Prime Minister and the Premiers and Chief Ministers of the States and Territories. - The Forum comprises the three Federal Government Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs, Environment, and Development Cooperation, the Ambassador for the Environment and representatives of 17 major NGOs or councils. The NGO members include representatives of conservation and development groups, business, trade unions, professional organizations, women, youth and indigenous people.	- The Government completed in 1992 the National Strategy for Ecologically Sustainable Development (NSED) and the Greenhouse Response Strategy which: - Seeks out key principles and objectives as well as specific actions to be implemented by all sectors to move towards ecologically SD. - Their goals accord with many of the objectives and activities of Agenda 21. - There is a range of Ministerial Councils dealing with particular Ministerial responsibilities (planning, forestry, fisheries, etc.). - The Ministerial Councils often deal with issues which are common to, or overlap with, the responsibilities of other Ministerial Councils and they cooperate to develop national and whole-of-Government views in such situations.	- A domestic Intergovernmental Agreement on the Environment (IGAE) between the Federal State/Territory and local government defines, among others: - The roles, responsibilities and interests of all levels of government in relation to the environment. - It establishes an approach to environmental policy-making and programme implementation which recognizes the need for effective integration of economic and environmental considerations in decision-making processes. - The Federal Government established the NGO Consultative Forum on International Environmental Issues. - A wide range of other mechanisms to consult NGOs on domestic policy formulation have been established in relation to specific issues.

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AUSTRIA ('94)	• Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs. • Federal Ministry of Environment, Youth and Family Affairs • Federal Chancellery. • National UNCED Commission.	• List of Federal Ministries involved: Foreign Affairs, Environment, Youth and Family Affairs, Federal Chancellery, Science and Research, Finance, Interior, Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Forestry, Women's Affairs, Labour and Social Affairs, Defence, Justice, Education and the Arts, Relations and Administrative Reform, Health, Sports and Consumer Protection, Public Economy and Transport. • Federal Environment Agency. • Para-statal bodies, institutions, academic and private sectors: Trade Union Federation, Chamber of Labour, Association of Industrialists, Federal Economic Chamber, Conference of the Presidents of the Austrian Chambers of Agriculture, representatives of the academic community.	• To prepare the follow-up of UNCED.	• Preparation of the Austrian National Environment Plan aiming to implement long-term planning in Austrian environmental policy through a global strategic approach including all relevant agents. • Adoption of specific legislative measures for implementation of several instruments (e.g. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal) and adoption of mechanisms (e.g. prior informed consent). • Review of specific measures under the principle of sustainability (e.g. eco-labelling, non-discriminatory timber labelling from all sources). • Specific actions oriented towards major groups (e.g. women, NGOs).
BAHRAIN, STATE OF ('94)	• Environmental Protection Committee (EPC) and its Secretariat.	• Members: - Ministries of Health; Commerce and Agriculture; Finance and National Economy; Development and Industry; Information; Education; Water Resources Dept.; - Central Municipal Council; - Bahrain Centre for Studies and Research (BCSR). • Other listed as involved are: - Major companies; - Bahrain University; - Arabian Gulf University; - Professional societies; - Women's societies and clubs.		

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BELGIUM ('94)	National Council for Sustainable Development (established October 1993).	- Chairman: His Royal Highness Prince Philippe. - Ministers: Prime Minister and 19 Ministers, including the Ministers of Communications and Infrastructure, Economic Affairs and Finance, Science Policy, Science Institutions and Infrastructure, Pensions, etc. - Representatives of energy producers, science circles and NGOs.	- The objectives of the National Council for Sustainable Development are to: - Issue opinions on any measure related to sustainable development that is taken or envisaged by the federal authorities within the scope of their competence, including implementation of the fifth Community programme of action on the environment, Agenda 21, the international conventions on climate change and biodiversity, and any future convention on sustainable development; - Provide a forum for discussion of the content of and modalities for implementing the above-mentioned measures; - Propose studies on any subject related to sustainable development; - Promote the widest possible participation of public and private bodies and of ordinary citizens in the realization of these objectives.	New amended articles of the Constitution and Special Law of 5.5.93 and 16.7.93 on international relations as they affect regional and federal responsibilities on water, waste, forests, etc.

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BENIN ('94)	Ministry of the Environment, Housing and Urban Development pending creation of a National Committee for Sustainable Development as provided for in the Cabinet meeting held on 29.9.93.	- Proposed membership of Committee to be chaired by the Minister of Environment, Housing and Urban Development: - Ministry of Rural Development - Ministry of Planning and Economic Recovery - Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation - Ministry of Education - Ministry of Health - Ministry of Finance - Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs - Ministry of Culture and Communications - NGOs (environmentalist groups, development associations, women's associations)	- To promote sustainable development through: - Information, education and communication at all levels - Integration of the environmental dimension in development projects - Preparation of national Agenda 21 action plan - Elaboration of national regulations on principal environmental problems - Ratification and implementation of regional and international conventions in the field of the environment.	- National seminar on strategy for the follow-up of outcomes of UNCED (9-13 August 1993) - Establishment in August 1993 of a Committee to prepare a national Agenda 21 action plan based on the environmental action plan - Adoption in June 1993 of the environmental action plan (EAP, launched in April 1992 before the Rio Summit) - Signature on 21 March 1994 at Noordwijk (Netherlands) of an agreement between Benin and the Netherlands on sustainable development
BHUTAN ('94)	National Environment Commission.	- Ministries and agencies involved: - Ministry of Agriculture; - Department of Forestry; - Bhutan Trust Fund; - Nature Conservation Division; - Royal Society for Protection of Nature; - National Women's Association of Bhutan.		
BOLIVIA ('94)	- Ministry for Sustainable Development and Environment (Decree No. 23660, 12 Oct. 93). - The Secretariat for Planning, along with the Secretariat for Natural Resources and Environment, are the entities of the Ministry for SD and E which coordinate the follow-up of Agenda 21.	- Consolidation of activities through specialized under-secretariats of Development Strategies, Land Management, Natural Resources, etc. - The different Ministries: Human Development, Economic Development, SD and E will work together in the implementation of UNCED recommendations.	- The Ministry is in the process of designing a Strategy for Sustainable Development. - The different themes of Agenda 21 are interdisciplinary and require intersectoral coordination.	- Establishment of a new governmental structure for SD and E. - In the process of designing a Strategy for Sustainable Development.

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BURKINA FASO ('95)	● Permanent Secretariat of the National Action Plan for the Environment (PANE)	● Ministerial Committee on PANE Follow-up (CMS) ● Interministerial Committee for Technical Coordination (CICT) ● Permanent Secretariat of PANE	● Its role is to ensure: - Political support for the national action plan; - Mobilization of funds; - Integration of environmental concerns into social and economic development priorities. ● It is responsible for: - Ensuring technical coordination of operations and ongoing evaluation; - Coordinating activities; - Ensuring execution of projects by public and private institutions; - Giving opinions on environmental impact assessments; - Submitting a half-yearly report. ● Responsibilities for day-to-day promotion of the national action plan include: - Initiating, promoting and supporting the implementation of PANE; - Ensuring compatibility between development programmes and the need to preserve the environment and its resources; - Observing the guidelines established by CICT and CMS; - Preparing periodic reports on the progress made in implementing PANE to CICT and CMS. ● All 12 ministries participate in coordination meetings through members of CICT and analysis and planning departments at the central level. NGOs are represented in these coordination meetings mainly by delegates from their groups.	● The National Action Plan for the Environment (PANE) represents the national strategy in the field of the environment and sustainable development. This policy, which was adopted in 1991 and reviewed in 1993 specifically to include the relevant conclusions of the Rio Conference, constitutes Burkina Faso's national Agenda 21.

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CAMEROON ('95)	● National Advisory Commission on the Environment and Sustainable Development	● Chaired by the Prime Minister or Minister of the Environment; ● A representative of the Prime Minister's Office and a representative of: - the environment and forests; land management; agriculture; industrial and commercial development; animal husbandry; fisheries and animal industries; defence; education; higher education, etc. - the National Assembly; - the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines of Cameroon; - the Chamber of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Forests; - religious faiths, including the Catholic Church, Protestant churches and Islam; - NGO representatives concerned with issues relating to the environment and sustainable development. ● the National Commission is comprised of the following bodies: - Expert committees; - Provincial commissions; - A permanent secretariat headed by the Director in charge of environmental affairs in the Ministry of the Environment, in collaboration with the competent official or officials in the Office of the Prime Minister.	● Includes: - Preparing the draft agenda of the National Advisory Commission; - Preparing the questions to be submitted for its consideration; - Ensuring the follow-up of its recommendations; - Ensuring the coordination of activities related to the implementation of Agenda 21; - Preparing the summary records of meetings and the reports on the implementation of proposals and recommendations.	
CANADA ('94)	● Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME). ● Round Tables on Environment and the Economy. ● Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Intl. Trade and Dept. of Environment.	● Concerned citizens and agencies.	● A forum used to develop common post-UNCED plans.	● The Green Plan, the Government's policy framework and action plan for SD has since 1990 funded many activities and now supports Canada's commitment to Agenda 21.

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CHILE ('94)	- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Department of Environment). - Comision Nacional del Medio Ambiente (CONAMA). (Commission for Environment)	CONAMA: Council of Directors chaired by the Minister Secretary-General of the Presidency and with the participation of several Ministries. It has an Executive Director.	- CONAMA: - To propose environmental policies; - To coordinate environmental issues; - To manage systems of environmental impact.	- Legal establishment of CONAMA. - Environmental Law.
CHINA, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ('94)	- State Council (Chinese Cabinet). - The State Planning Commission. - The State Science and Technology Commission.	52 Ministries/Commissions under the State Council. - Management Centre.	- To formulate and implement "China's Agenda 21" and to ensure SD. - Focal point.	- Govt. organized the Ministries and Commissions (see column 2 to the left). - Draft Agenda 21 completed late 1993. - High-level round table to be held July 1994. - The new Management Centre (see column 2 to the left) acts as Secretariat. - China's Agenda 21 was approved by the State Council on 25 March 1994.
COLOMBIA ('94)	Ministry of Environment, 1993.	- Government: Minister of Environment along with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. - National Department of Planning.	In charge of the national environmental policy, of renewable resources and ensures the adoption of plans, programmes and projects to guarantee the fulfilment of the rights and tasks of the society in relation with the environment and national patrimony of the nation.	- The Development Plan entitled "Peaceful Revolution" (1990-1994) is the first development plan to include E aspects. - The Constitution (1991) links environment and social and economic development. - Law 99 creates (1993): - the Ministry of Environment; - E management throughout the country.
COMMONWEALTH ('94)	The biennial Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHGOM).	- Senior officials meet in alternate years between CHGOMs. - The Ministerial-level Commonwealth Consultative Group on the E. - Other mechanisms include Ministerial, specialized workshops and seminars, etc.	- To give high-level attention to E and SD issues. - To widen international dialogue and cooperation on E and SD.	- The Ministerial-level group on E met "in the wings of" the 1993 CSD session and is supporting primarily small States, e.g. small islands with their conference, etc. - It plans to meet again in 1994 at the same occasion.

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COMOROS ('94)	• Interministerial Advisory Committee on the Environment (CICE)	• Composed of: - 20 members; - Ministries of Rural Development, Fisheries and Environment; Public Health; Tourism and Transport; Education; Equipment, Energy, Urban Planning and Housing; Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; the Interior; Islamic Affairs; Planning; Environment. - National Centre for Documentation and Scientific Research; National Police; - National Committee for NGO Coordination; "ULANGA" Nature Association.	• Its role is to improve coordination between government action in the field of the environment and cooperation among the main national actors involved in managing the environment, and to assist the legitimate authorities in the discharge of their national or international responsibilities by issuing opinions on all environment programmes or plans.	

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COSTA RICA ('95)	• National System for Sustainable Development	• Council for Sustainable Development (CADES) coordinated by: - the President of the Republic or his representative; - Ministries of Natural Resources, Energy and Mines; Public Works and Transport; Science and Technology; the Costa Rican Institute of Tourism; - Invitees: Ministry of Rural Development; Costa Rican Petroleum Refinery; Costa Rican Institute of Electricity; Costa Rican Institute of Aqueducts and Sewerage Systems; National Insurance Institute. • National Council for Sustainable Development (CONADES), coordinated by: - the President of the Republic or his representative; - 7 representatives of the Government - 14 representatives of civil society: 7 NGO representatives (1 for each province) 3 private business sector representatives appointed by the Union of Chambers of Commerce 1 representative from the cooperative sector 2 from State universities that are members of the National Council of University Rectors 1 from the National Academy of Sciences • Consultative Technical Commissions • Executive Secretariat of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy (MIDEPLAN)	• National Government coordinating body • National joint coordinating body in which both Government and civil society participate	• Executive Decree No. 23671 - MIRENEN-MIDEPLAN, of 23 September 1994 created the National System for Sustainable Development (SINADES) as the main organ for coordination and discussion of policies and actions aimed at achieving sustainable development in the country.

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CUBA ('94)	• The National Commission for the Protection of the Environment and the Rational Use of Natural Resources is attached to the Council of Ministers of the Republic. It has an Executive Secretariat with technical expertise.	• The Executive Secretariat is composed of the Heads of 23 organs of the Central Administration of the State. • Provinces and Municipal Commissions for the Protection of the E are presided by a member of the Government.	• Executes the National System for the Protection of the Environment and monitors its implementation by national sectoral agencies.	Environmental activities started before Rio. Following key relevant instruments: • The National System for the Protection of the Environment. • Act No. 33/81 "Protection of the Environment and Rational Use of Natural Resources" was adopted in the 1970s and subsequently amended. • In Dec. 1992, the Parliament amended art. 27 of the Constitution to integrate the environment and economic and social development stating: - The State protects the environment and the natural resources. - Citizens must contribute to the protection of water, conservation of soils, flora and fauna; Also approved: - The National Programme for E and D is Cuba's Agenda 21. - 14 provincial programmes. - National studies on biodiversity, climate change, etc.
CZECH REPUBLIC ('94)	• Ministry of Environment (1989). • The Focal Point for Coordination of follow-up activities of Agenda 21 is the Czech Environmental Institute.	• Supported by specialized organizations and coordinated by the Agency of the Environment. • Supporting Ministries include Ministry of Health and Ministry of Agriculture. • Charles University and at least 2 NGOs.		
DENMARK ('94)	• Parliament • The Ministries. • Statutory powers for planning and protection of Nature and the environment are to a great extent decentralized to 47 counties and 277 municipal councils.	• Each Ministry is responsible for the assessments it presents to Parliament. • Environmental and business NGOs as well as regional and local authorities are represented in advisory councils and executive boards of appeal set up as part of the system of governance.	• Environmental assessments were made statutory in all legislative work. • Counties and municipal councils have the executive, administrative and supervisory functions in most areas of responsibility.	• Policy report on environmental initiatives (1992): - To safeguard and improve human health, well-being and quality of life. - To protect man and nature against the negative impacts of resource exploitation, production and consumption. - To preserve a richly varied nature. - To ensure qualified Danish involvement in international cooperation on environmental issues.

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ECUADOR ('94)	Environmental Advisory Commission (Decree No. 1107, 22 Sept. 93).	- The Environmental Advisory Commission is composed of: - The General Secretary for Planning or his/her delegate. - The Minister for Agriculture and/or his/her delegate; the Ministers of Energy and Mining; National Defence; Foreign Affairs and/or their delegates. - Representatives of the production sectors for the Coastal Region and the Galapagos, the High-Lands and the Orient Region. - A representative of the Environment NGOs.	- The Commission ensures/promotes: - National strategies on E to be approved by the President of the Republic. - Participation of different sectors and institutions to fulfil the Ministerial and Interministerial Agreements. - National guidelines on E including administrative and legal aspects. - Participation of the private sector and of the community on E issues. - Coordination and evaluation of the implementation of the programmes undertaken by UNAMA (National Unit for Environment), etc.	National Plan for Development entitled "Agenda for Development - the Government Action Plan 1993-1996", which formulates policies to deal with "Deterioration of E and Mismanagement of Natural Resources".
EGYPT ('94)	The Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA).	Authorities and leverages necessary for implementation of the law and its regulations. EEAA has the authority to appoint legal deputies among its staff.	- To implement the National Environmental Action Plan (World Bank and donor community, 1992). - Among the priority actions currently being undertaken are: - Preparation of governorate environmental action plans; - Implementation of priority projects with potentials for replications in other areas in Egypt.	- A draft National Agenda 21 has been recently prepared. It sets the roles of the different government agencies within the framework of the Rio Earth Summit providing strategies and avoiding overlap of responsibilities. - Environmental Units are established in sectoral ministries and at the local government level coordinating with the national body (the EEAA).
ESTONIA ('94)	- Ministry of Environment. - Established by MOE: - the National Council of Sustainable Development; - the Joint Council of Nature Societies on Sustainable Development.	- Ministry reorganized to take over responsibilities for national organizations: - The Institute of Sea Research was established; - Besides the Forest Department and the Fisheries Department, the Land Department has now been included. - Committees for the Conventions on Climate Change and Biological Diversity have been set up within the Ministry of E.		- The Ministry of E has prepared a draft law of SD (early 1994) covering: - Main principles of SD; - The organization of the government to develop master plans for the most important branches of economy (e.g. energy, transport, agriculture); - Responsibilities of government and local authorities <u>vis-à-vis</u> physical planning in regions.

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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ('94) (EUROPEAN UNION)	• The Council. • Joint Environment and Development Working Group of the Council of Ministers. • European Environment Agency (soon to be operational). • a General Consultative Forum. • an Implementation Network. • an Environmental Policy Review Group.	• Qualified majority (instead of unanimity) has become the rule in many cases for the adoption by the Council, in cooperation with the European Parliament, of environmental measures. • Several joint meetings (e.g. of Environment and Energy, Environment and Development and Environment and Transport Ministers) have been held. • The Commission and existing competent bodies in the member States. • Representatives of enterprise, consumers, unions and professional organizations, NGOs, and local and regional authorities. • Representatives concerned with exchange of information. • Representatives at Director-General level.	• The central objective of Community policy-making is "sustainable growth respecting the environment"; reinforcing the constitutional basis for EC's E policy and related policies (e.g. public health) introducing fundamental changes in decision-making. • It focuses on 5 key economic sectors (industry, energy, transport, agriculture and tourism); and gives priority to 6 different fields of action. • It examines UNCED follow-up related issues. • Goal is to provide EC and Member States with information at a European level, enabling measures to protect the E, to assess the results and ensure proper public information about E. • Practical implementation and development of common approaches at practical level. • Develop mutual understanding and exchange of views on environment policy and measures.	• The Treaty on European Union, 1/11/93. • The Fifth Environmental Action Programme "Towards Sustainability", the main principles of which were endorsed by the Council in December 1992 is the EC's main vehicles for implementing the objectives of Agenda 21 and to follow up UNCED. • Progress achieved in integrating E protection requirements into EC's Structural Funds.

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FINLAND ('94)	• National Commission on Sustainable Development (est. June 1993).	• Chair: The Prime Minister • Vice-chairmen: Minister of the Environment and Minister for Foreign Affairs • The Executive Committee consists of the above-mentioned, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Transport and Communication, and the Secretary-General • The Commission has 51 members (including the Executive Committee) representing the Parliament, ministries, governmental agencies, governmental research institutions, regional and local authorities, academic sector, business sector and producers, interest groups representing different sectors of society, NGOs and mass media.	• To promote and encourage discussion, information and public awareness of SD. • Implementation of SD in accordance with Rio decisions. • Advises on international cooperation to promote SD, in particular within the United Nations and CSD.	• The objective of the Government is to promote the well-being of the citizens through SD based on shared responsibility and equality within and between generations. The Government also aims at strengthening the participation in solving global problems. The Government presented these goals to the Parliament in its report "Charting Finland's Future Options" (Oct. 1993).

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FRANCE ('94)	• Interministerial Committee on the Environment (CIEN). • French Commission on Sustainable Development. • Council for the Rights of Future Generations.	• Prime Minister or, by delegation, the Minister of the Environment; • Ministries of Social Affairs, Health and Urban Affairs, the Interior and Land Development, Justice, Defence, Foreign Affairs, Education, the Economy, etc. • In addition to its Chairman, the Commission on Sustainable Development consists of 14 members from different sectors of society, who are chosen for their competence. They are appointed for a three-year renewable term by an act of the Prime Minister; • NGOs. • Chaired by Commander Cousteau and comprising nine persons representing a wide range of disciplines.	• CIEN is responsible for: - Defining, promoting and coordinating the Government's policy in the area of the environment and prevention of major technological and natural risks; - Adopting programmes of action on the integration of environmental concerns into State policies. It ensures, in particular, that the actions of each Ministry are consistent with the Government policies; - Deciding on the utilization of funds from the Quality of Life Intervention Fund. • The Sustainable Development Commission is responsible for: - Establishing the main lines of a lasting development policy; - Submitting to Government recommendations aimed at promoting those guidelines and approaches within the framework of the objectives set at UNCED. • It is, inter alia: - A forum for analysis and recommendations whose independence is guaranteed by the quality and reputation of its members. - The Council considers questions related to the integration of environmental concerns into public policy and their consistency with the objectives set at the Rio Conference.	• Several actions (as reflected in the left columns) to maintain the momentum of Rio. • Several meetings and forums arranged.

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GEORGIA ('94)	• Working Group on Sustainable Development. • Commission on Environment Protection and Natural Resources	• Chairman, Commission on Environment Protection and Natural Resources. • Other ministries and agencies involved: - Ministries of Health Care; Social Security, Labour and Employment; Environment Protection; Trade; Finances; Economy; Foreign Affairs. - Committees of Science and Technology; Foreign Economic Relations. • Also invited: academic, private and NGO organizations.	• The Working Group on Sustainable Development is authorized by the Government to prepare a reply and propose suggestions on Sustainable Development Concept of Georgia.	
GERMANY ('94)	• The Federal Government. • The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) • The Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).	• The Federal Chancellor and all Federal Ministries.	• The Federal Government (Bundesregierung) consists of the Federal Chancellor and the Federal Ministers. The Federal Chancellor determines the general policy guidelines. Within the limits set by these guidelines the Federal Ministers conduct the affairs of the departments on their own responsibility in close coordination with other Federal Ministers involved. The BMU and the BMZ are jointly in charge of coordination of the Rio follow-up, particularly the implementation of Agenda 21.	• Report "1994 Environment Report - Policies for Sustainable, Environmentally Sound Development" (spring 1994) will depict implementation of the results of UNCED. • NGO "Forum for Environment and Development", to which representatives of associations active in both of these areas belong. It is supported by the Government.

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HUNGARY ('94)	Commission on Sustainable Development (est. May 1993).	Chair: Minister of Environment.	- Interdepartmental coordination of UNCED follow-up. - Evaluates all significant sectoral development plans. - Harmonizes conflicting projections and gives priority to environmental protection. - Plans to address sectoral and cross-sectoral fields in accordance with UNCSD. - Presently evaluating the possible creation of a national framework mechanism of cooperation between Government, Parliament, research institutions, NGOs and the media.	- Government resolution of 2 April 1993 covering: - National programme; - International cooperation; - Principal priorities of SD in R and D programmes and education. - Law of E impact studies. - Gasoline tax use to finance a Special Environmental Fund.
ICELAND ('94)	- The Government. - Interministerial contact group on E affairs (1992). - Inter-ministerial coordination group for the participation in the CSD (1993) (Ministries for Environment, Foreign Affairs, Fisheries).	- A Coordination Committee, chaired by the Secretary-General of the Ministry for the Environment, coordinates the work of 7 task forces with broad-based participation of: - Legislative Assembly; - Government administration; - Local authorities; - Interest groups. - NGOs. - The task forces cover: - Fisheries; agriculture; energy harnessing and industry; transport and tourism; regional development; waste management; environmental education.	- There is a long tradition of consulting relevant interests and NGOs. - The necessary institutional mechanisms for SD are available. - The primary task is to improve working and coordination of existing group. - One aim is to establish a National Environmental Assembly to exchange views of Government, scholars, interest groups, NGOs and political organizations. - Creation of similar assemblies at local levels	- The Government adopted the first national E strategy "Towards Sustainable Development" (Feb. 1993). - Act on E Impact Assessment (1993). - Act on the Obligation of the Govt. to provide the Public with information on E Affairs (1993). - Revision of legislation covering pollution control, nature conservation and physical planning. - Preparation of new Act highlighting key principles of the Rio Declaration on E and D.
INDIA ('94)	- Ministry of Environment and Forests. - The State Governments have established their own Departments of Environment.		It has wide ranging responsibilities as the apex body within the Government responsible for the subject of environment, forests and wildlife.	The National Conservation Strategy and Policy Statement on Environment and Development (June 1992) provides the basis for integration and internalization of environmental considerations in the policies and programmes of different sectors.

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IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF ('95)	Iranian National Committee for Sustainable Development (INCSDD), affiliated with the Environmental High Council (EHC)	- Ministries of Jihad-e-Sazandegi, Oil, Energy, Agriculture, Industry, Science and Higher Education, Foreign Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, Plan and Budget Organization, and Department of the Environment. - Sub-Committees: GEF, Biodiversity Conservation Convention, Climate Change Convention.	Subcommittees work on the related subjects from technical points of view and present the results to the National Committee for final decision, and finally all approvals are submitted to the Environmental High Council (EHC).	
IRELAND ('94)	Coordination by Department of the Environment and Department of Foreign Affairs.	Other departments, bodies and NGOs.		
ITALY ('94)	- The Parliament. - The Interministerial Committee for Economic Planning (CIPE).	- Political body. - All ministries.	- Ratifies international conventions. - The CIPE approved in Dec. 1993, the National Plan for SD for Implementation of Agenda 21. The Plan constitutes Italy's response to its international commitments to achieve progress towards integrating environmental protection issues in the process of defining policies. - The CIPE decision provides for the creation of an interministerial committee to monitor progress in the Plan's implementation, coordinate the collection of data on operational projects, and prepare an annual status report on Agenda 21 objectives.	The National Plan for Sustainable Development in Implementation of Agenda 21 is the first programme linking the nation's economic targets to environmental quality factors in pursuit of sustainable development.
	- Ministry of the Environment. - Commission for the Global Environment.			

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JAPAN ('94)	● Central Environment Council. ● Council of Ministers for Global Environment Conservation.	● Council members are appointed by the Prime Minister from the academic community or those having expertise or experience in the area of environmental conservation (including scientists, businessmen, NGO members, etc.). ● Members of relevant ministries and agencies (director-general level) assist the Council. ● Chairperson: Prime Minister and other designated Ministers concerned with global environmental conservation.	● To study and discuss basic matters with regard to environmental conservation in response to the consultation by the Prime Minister. ● To study and discuss important matters with regard to environmental conservation. ● To promote effective and comprehensive measures for global environmental conservation by ensuring close contact between relevant ministries and agencies.	● Environmental issues rest on two laws: - The Basic Act for Environmental Pollution Control (1967), and - The Nature Conservation Act (1972). ● The Basic Environment Act of November 1993 promotes wide-ranging measures regarding E conservation in a comprehensive well-planned manner and promotes international activities.
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF ('94)	● The Government. ● The Ministerial Committee for the Global Environment.	● Chaired by the Prime Minister.	● The Committee sets policy targets and draws concrete action plans within the realistic time-frame for follow-up measures to UNCED, as recommended in Agenda 21.	● The Government established the Comprehensive Measures for Global Environmental Conservation which: - Identifies policies, programmes and projects for the effective implementation of Agenda 21; - Includes plans and goals for domestic environmental improvement, through application of economic instruments based on the polluter pays principle. ● The Government is giving priority to the establishment of legal and institutional framework: - Several laws have been passed and some, including the Basic Environmental Policy Act, are in the process of revision. ● Since December 1993, more than 150 NGOs have been actively carrying out research, campaigns and other social activities to promote E conservation across the nation. ● News media coverage on E issues has dramatically increased. ● The Federation of Korean Industries came forward with the Business People's E Declaration in May 1992.

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KUWAIT (^{'95})	General Department of Technical Cooperation in Ministry of Planning in cooperation with the Environment Protection Council	- All governmental bodies members of the Environment Protection Council: - Ministries of Planning, Health, Electricity and Water, Public Works, Oil, Information, Commerce and Industries, Social Affairs and Labour, Education, Communication, Interior, Municipality, General Department for Shuaiba Area Authority. - Chairperson: Minister of Health - Public Authority for Agriculture and Fisheries; Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research; Kuwait University - Environment Protection Society.	Coordination, follow-up and evaluation of all activities between Government of Kuwait and all specialized agencies and organizations, including activities related to sustainable development and environment.	
MALAWI (^{'94})	Department of Research and Environmental Affairs.	- Other Ministries and agencies involved: - Treasury; - Ministries of Justice; Trade and Industry; - Departments of Economic Planning and Development; Forestry; Meteorology; National Parks and Wildlife. - Council for NGOs.		
MALAYSIA (^{'94})	- National Development Council expanded in August 92 to include Ministers responsible for environment and conservation. - MEXCOE consisting of Federal and State ministers responsible for E affairs, meets regularly.	- Chair: Prime Minister. - Committees coordinate national activities related to international conventions. - The Government "promotes the involvement and consultation of major groups including NGOs".	- Oversee Agenda 21 implementation. - Committees oversee work on conventions on: - Biodiversity; climate change; Montreal Protocol; Basel Convention; Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES); - International Tropical Timber Agreement (ITTA); safety of life at sea conventions.	- The Sixth Malaysia Plan (1991-95) and the Second Outline Perspective Plan (OPP2) (1991-2000) as well as the New National Development Policy and Sectoral Policies provide the basis for national action. Efforts are being undertaken to integrate existing policy objectives into a National Environmental Policy (NEP) to enhance E and foster SD. - Emerging issues which may require new legislation have been examined by an E Law Review Committee.

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MARSHALL ISLANDS ('94)	• Cabinet.	• Chaired by the President.	• A draft Cabinet paper suggests that the President create a task force to review the suggested criteria for considering all new development projects and propose a national strategy for SD. • Participants in this initial process recommend that the President begin this process by holding seminars on SD for his Cabinet, government officials and private citizens.	
MEXICO ('94)	• Secretaria de Desarrollo Social (SEDESOL). (Ministry for Social Development)	• SEDESOL is the intersectoral coordination mechanism along with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The various ministries involved in the different chapters of Agenda 21 participate in this mechanism.	• To evaluate the implementation of Agenda 21. • To prepare reports related to Agenda 21.	• Publication and distribution to citizens of Agenda 21. • Ratification of conventions on climate change and biodiversity. • Preparation of national reports on the state of the environment. • The National Institute for Ecology is undertaking a study on eco-labelling of chemical products. • General ecological land management for sustainable land use. • Studies of the National System for the Protection of Natural Resources and the establishment of biological belts in specific areas. • Environmental educational projects for technicians in high schools. • Programme for social policy "Programme for 100 Cities" for SD. • Purification and rationalization programmes on freshwater use at the national level as part of the National Water Act (2.12.92). • The new General Education Act (1993) includes the curriculum reform for primary education to integrate environment and development.

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MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF ('95)	• Presidential Committee for Environment and Development, Department of Health Services	• Composition: - Secretary of Health Services (Chairperson); - Secretary of External Affairs (member); - Secretary of Resources and Development (member); - Secretary of Education (member); - Special Assistant to the President for National Planning (member). • Ministries/agencies involved: - Departments of External Affairs; Resources and Development; Health Services; Education; and Office of Planning and Statistics. • College of Micronesia • NGOs: - Micronesian Island Conservation (MIC) - Micronesian Seminar - Micronesian Women's Caucus - The Nature Conservancy	• Serves as a special advisory committee to the President on sustainable development matters.	
MOLDOVA ('95)				• The National Environmental Action Programme is under preparation and the presentation of the first version is scheduled for January-February 1995. One of the provisions of this programme is the establishment of a National Council on Sustainable Development subordinate to the President of the Republic of Moldova and a Division on Sustainable Development in the Government. • A non-governmental Association on Ecological Management and Sustainable Development was created in 1994 and has begun to function.

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MONGOLIA ('95)	• National Committee on Sustainable Development • Sustainable Development Network	• Ministries for nature and environment; national development board (planning organization), ministry of agriculture and food; education and science. • Institute of water problems, of land management, research institute of hydrometeorology and some related research institutes of Academy of Science and private companies. • Several NGOs such as Mongolian women's federation; Mongolian association on conservation of Nature and Environment; Mongolian Chamber of Commerce. All above-mentioned organizations are included in the Network whose role is to coordinate all activities related to sustainable development, including Agenda 21 issues.		
MOROCCO ('94)	• Office of the Under-Secretary of State for Environmental Protection. • National Council on the Environment (CNE), 1980: - National Commission on Sustainable Development; - National Committee for the Prevention of Natural Disasters; - National Committee to Combat Desertification. • Higher Council on Water and Climate.	• Under the auspices of His Majesty the King. It comprises representatives of all those who play a part in the management of water resources (administrations, users, local communities, industries, etc.).	• Responsible for coordinating internal efforts of the many departments concerned with protecting the environment. • Defines the broad guidelines of national water policies.	• In order to strengthen the actions of these structures, an appropriate legal framework was necessary. The establishment, under the auspices of CNE, of a legal committee has become the cornerstone of this objective. The Committee has thus been charged with the updating and harmonizing of existing legal and regulatory texts with a view to standardizing the legal framework for environmental protection.

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MYANMAR ('94)	National Commission for Environmental Affairs (NCEA) is the focal point and coordinating agency.	- The NCEA is assisted by the: - Committee for Tree Planting; - Committee for Monitoring; - Committee for Efficient Use of Energy; - Committee for Public Information.	- Currently formulating a comprehensive national environmental policy and strategy for Myanmar. - Planning environmental GRID database.	- New Forest law. - Nationwide afforestation campaign. - Poverty alleviation programmes and development of border areas. - Existing environmental laws are being reviewed.
NAMIBIA ('95)	Directorate of Environmental Affairs of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism.	- Different Ministries participate: - Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Rural Development; Trade and Industry; Land, Resettlement and Rehabilitation; - Wildlife Society; - Earth Life of Namibia; - Namibia Business Forum on the Environment; - Pharmaceutical Association of Namibia; - University of Namibia; - NGOs: - Integrated Rural Development and Conservation; - Naye Naye Foundation.	- The Directorate of Environmental Affairs is responsible for: - Environmental Planning; - Environmental Protection; and - Environmental Conservation both within the Ministry and at the national level. The main objectives of the Directorate are to: - Promote sustainable development; - Protect biotic diversity; - Maintain ecological life-support systems; - Democratize environmental management; - Educate the Namibian public to environmental issues; - Promote the training of Namibians in the field of environmental management.	Creation of the new Directorate of Environmental Affairs within the Ministry of Environment and Tourism to take on broad environmental responsibility.

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NETHERLANDS ('95)	• A formal coordination mechanism for SD does not exist. Closer to this is the drafting process of the National Environmental Policy Plan (NEPP).	• Prior to publication of the NEPP intensive discussions are held with all those concerned, both within and outside government. The NEPP is signed by the Minister of Housing, Spatial Planning and Environment, the Minister of Economic Affairs, the Minister of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries, the Minister of Transport, Public Works and Water Management and the Minister for Development Cooperation. • A large number of NGOs from all major groups are involved in many of these coordination mechanisms.	• The NEPP is the equivalent of a national strategy on sustainable development.	• The first National Environment Policy Plan (NEPP), 1989-1990. • The Second National Environment Policy Plan (Dec. 1993, adopted by Parliament, Mar. 1994) promotes sustainable consumption production patterns based on Agenda 21. • Government has translated Agenda 21 for wide distribution. • A study of Dutch international policy and its compatibility with UNCED discussed in Parliament, 1993. • NEPP 2 provides a picture of economic and financial consequences of environmental policy and impact on environmental space. • Green Structure Plan. • Transport Structure Plan. • Multi-Year Programme on Infrastructure and Transport. • Third policy Document on water management. • Nature Policy Plan. • Follow-up document on energy savings, etc.
NEW ZEALAND ('94)	• Central and local Government. • Interdepartmental Committee.	• Ministries and Departments involved: - Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Trade; for the Environment; Forestry; Agriculture and Fisheries; Commerce; Research, Science and Technology; Maori Development, etc.; - Departments of Conservation; Health. • Also involved: Crown Research Institutes and informal consultations with NGOs.	• Analysis of domestic policies and practices carried out by 30 government departments. Most of the policies are consistent with Agenda 21. Further action in some areas is being undertaken to achieve the objectives of the recent institutional and legislative reforms.	• The Strategy for the follow-up to UNCED acknowledges that the Government plays a pivotal role as a facilitator and catalyst in encouraging ownership of Agenda 21 by all stakeholders. The primary aims of this Strategy are to: - Promote understanding of, commitment to, and ownership of the outcomes of UNCED, particularly Agenda 21, amongst all stakeholders. - Foster the development of partnerships between the major stakeholders in order to implement Agenda 21. - Promote an integrated and coordinated response to the recommendations in Agenda 21 by the Government, as well as in the NGO sector.

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NIGER (⁹⁵)	• National Committee for UNCED Follow-up (COMNAT)	• Coordinator, representative of the Ministry of Water Resources and the Environment, Department of the Environment, appointed full time; • One representative from each of the following departments/ministries: - Department of Water Resources, Rural Engineering, Fauna and Fisheries; - Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation; Public Health; Mining and Energy; Agriculture and Animal Husbandry; Social Development, Population and the Advancement of Women; Finance and Planning; Trade and Transport; Equipment, Housing and Land Development. • Natural Resources Management Unit; • NGOs; • Rural Code Secretariat; • Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control.	• COMNAT is responsible for: - Preparing national Agenda 21 dossiers of Niger's priorities in the field of the environment and development; - Serving as a focal point and liaison for the negotiation of the International Convention to Combat Desertification; - Coordinating all post-UNCED activities; - Preparing dossiers for signature and the ratification of conventions and protocols; - Helping to promote awareness and to disseminate information to the public on matters pertaining to the environment and sustainable development.	• COMNAT will shortly be given responsibility for elaborating, implementing and following up the National Framework Programme on the Environment and Sustainable Development. This framework programme will define policies and strategies and will identify the thematic or sectoral subprogrammes for sustainable development. • COMNAT will be expanded to include several representatives of civil society and academic and research institutions.

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NORWAY ('94)	- Two coordinating bodies for the implementation of Agenda 21: - The Committee for Sustainable Development, and - The Committee for International Environmental Questions.	- Chaired by the Prime Minister. Members: Prime Minister and the Ministers of: Environment, Transport and Communications, Industry and Energy, the N. Society for Conservation of Nature, N. Confederation of Trade Unions, Confederation of N. Business and Industry and N. Association of Local Authorities. - Chaired by the Minister of Environment: Members: Prime Minister's Office and the Ministries of: Foreign Affairs, Environment, Petroleum and Energy, Transport and Communications, Finance, Fisheries, Agriculture, and the same organizations as above as well as the Research Council of Norway and N. Forum for Environment and Development.	- To discuss matters of common interest concerning environment policy. - This Committee is supervising the follow-up of Agenda 21, with special focus on the national implementation.	Norway's environmental legislation has been significantly strengthened since the establishment of the Ministry of Environment. Many of the acts have been amended several times to keep abreast with changing environmental problems.
PAKISTAN ('94)	- Cabinet level implementation committee for National Conservation Strategy (NCS). - The NCS Section of the Environment and Urban Affairs Division (EUAD) acts as Secretariat.	- Supporting technical institutions. - A new independent Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) policy analysis. - Pakistan E Protection Agency (PEPA). - Local institutions: NGOs and other voluntary bodies. - Journalists' Resource Centre for the E (JRC). 5 other established research institutes.	- To conduct technical and policy analysis. - To help with communications strategy for public awareness.	The national conservation strategy is a strategy for sustainable development arrived at through a process of partnership between many groups, organizations and individuals inside and outside Government.

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PERU ('95)	- National Council on the Environment (CONAM), Act of 16 December 1994 - National Commissions on: Biological Diversity, Climate Change and the Ozone Layer, Desertification, World Environment Fund, Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas, Sustainable Development, Toxic Wastes and Environmental Health. - Working groups on sustainable mountain development and a working group on sustainable development.	- Comprises government, regional, local and private sector representatives. - An environmental network exists in Peru made up of NGOs which actively participate in the work of the national commissions responsible for sustainable development and the various environment-related issues. - The National Commissions are made up of representatives from the Government, private and NGO sectors. - Both groups are made up of representatives of the Government, private and NGO sectors.	- Principal national policy-setting body in the field of the environment. - These national commissions formulate Peru's policies with due regard for the corresponding chapters of Agenda 21. - The National Commission on Climate Change and the Ozone Layer is implementing a programme on the ozone layer and designing retrofitting projects. - Responsible for the elaboration of a national programme on sustainable development of the Andes in Peru and the preparation of the National Report for the Commission on Sustainable Development, respectively.	

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POLAND ('94)	● Parliament. ● National Commission for Ecodevelopment (being formed).	● High governmental level. ● NGO participation.	● The document "Ecological Policy of the Country" accepted by the Parliament sets out: - The principles of ecodevelopment and the ways in which the economy of the State may be reconstructed to ensure that these principles are realized; - The organization of environmental protection and of the systems of authority and responsibility; - Priorities for protection of the environment in the short, medium and long terms; - The tools of ecological policy; - The policy directions for international cooperation.	● The "National Commission for Ecodevelopment": - Is to be a forum which will rule upon, and coordinate, undertakings at government level. - It will consider the implementation of policy in the industrial, energy, transport, agricultural, spatial, communal, privatization and health sectors as well as programmes for development and restructuring, and the realization of international obligations whilst taking into account the principles of ecodevelopment.
PHILIPPINES ('94)	● Philippine Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD).	● The PCSD is composed of representatives of 16 line agencies of the Government and 7 members from the non-governmental communities. The Secretary of Social Economic Planning and Director-General of the Countries National Planning Agency - The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) serves as Chairperson. The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) serves as Vice-Chairperson. ● The Council is supported by 4 Committees which correspond to the four major sections of Agenda 21: - The Committee on Social and Economic Dimensions; - The Committee on the Conservation and Management of Resources for Development; - The Committee on strengthening the role of major groups; - The Committee on the means of implementation. ● The Council Secretariat.	● The PCSD has the following mandates among others: - To review and ensure the implementation of national commitments to SD principles made at the UNCED; - To establish guidelines and mechanisms to concretize and operationalize the SD principles embodied in the Rio Declaration, UNCED, National Conservation Strategy, and the Philippine Agenda 21, and to incorporate them in the medium-term Philippine Development Plan at both the national and local levels; - Provide direction in the form of policy reforms, programmes and new legislation to address continuing and emergent issues and to chart future actions related to E and D. ● Provides technical and administrative support to the Council on all matters related to E and SD.	● Among the initiatives undertaken by the Council are: - Incorporation of the principles of Agenda 21 into the development plans and budgets at the national, regional, and local levels; - Measures in support of the move for clean air; - Formulation of the Philippine strategy for biological diversity conservation; - Role of local NGOs/peoples' organizations and lead entities in the implementation of NGO/PO-initiated projects in the Philippines; - Ratification of the Basel Convention.

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PORTUGAL ('94)	The Government created a project team (1992).	Participation of all ministries, organizations and bodies of the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources.	- The project team submitted the following reports which were approved by the Government: - Strategic Summary: the most relevant aspects for acting on the conclusions of the Earth Summit in Portugal; - Thematic Analysis: proposals for acting on the conclusions of the Earth Summit in Portugal, organized according to actions and measures for each thematic area; - Programme Analysis: restatement of the proposals contained in the thematic analysis, organized according to actions and measures, constituting a preliminary planning framework for the main participants; - Report on the Public Debate: public attitudes and proposals regarding the Rio Conference.	The Fifth Environmental Programme of the European Communities in singling out five "target sectors" in which such integration should begin straight away, those being industry, energy, transport, agriculture and tourism.
SENEGAL ('95)	National Commission on Sustainable Development	- The Commission is composed of three subcommittees: for policy guidance; for follow-up to the Rio Conference; and for project review. It is chaired by the Ministry of Foreign and Overseas Senegalese Affairs. The secretariat is provided by the Higher Council on the Environment and Natural Resources. - Approximately 20 ministers make up the Commission. - The academic community, the private sector and NGOs also participate.	Develop and coordinate the implementation of and follow-up to Agenda 21.	
SLOVAK REPUBLIC ('94)	- The National Committee for Sustainable Development. - For external liaison: Department of International Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.	- Ministries and agencies involved: - Ministries of E; Agriculture; Education and Science; - Universities and research institutes; - NGOs.		

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SPAIN ('94)	● A National Commission chaired by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Secretariat of E and Housing was in charge of the preparations for UNCED and continues its work. Interministerial coordinating functions handled by the same bodies. Other institutions are: ● The Interministerial Commission of Intl. Coop. (1986); ● The Development Assistance Fund Administration; ● The Interministerial Climate Commission (1992); ● The Advisory Council for the E.	● Different ministerial departments are responsible for environmental issues. ● Ministry of Foreign Affairs including all Ministries dealing with international cooperation. ● Ministry of Commerce and Tourism and related interested ministries. ● It is integrated by all ministerial departments dealing with climate matters. ● Promotes participation of organizations representing social interests and high-level officials.	● Secretariat of the State for E functions include: - Design of National E Strategy for SD and rational use of natural resources. - Sectoral coordination of E policy. ● Elaborates the annual plan of international cooperation. ● Sets criteria to grant credits to developing countries. ● Elaborates the national climate plan. ● Elaborates policies addressing SD.	● Preparation of a National Environmental Plan which includes four lines of action: - Reduction of major factors of environmental degradation; - Integration of environment in other State policies; - Coordination on land management; - International cooperation and participation in the development of regional and global environmental policies.
SRI LANKA ('94)	● A Central Environment Authority (1981). ● Ministry for Environment (1990).	● Other supporting institutional mechanisms: - Land-use Planning Unit in the Ministry of Lands (Coast Development Laws, Development Authority, Forestry Laws);	● The Ministry is trying to find a trade-off between E needs and concerns.	● The Government has passed EIA regulations for projects to conform to E standards. ● Rules and Regulations for National Environmental Impact Assessment.

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SUDAN ('95)	Higher Council for Environment and Natural Resources	- Chaired by the Prime Minister and with the participation of different ministries (Agriculture, Natural Resources and Animal Wealth; Irrigation and Water Resources; Health; Education and Scientific Research; Industry and Commerce; Energy and Mining; Justice; Culture and Information; Director-General of Public Investment Corporation - Chairman of the Chamber of Industry; private sector.	- It drafts general policies: - First, natural resources inventories and development to ensure the appropriate management of the resources and their conservation and sustainable use; - Second, environmental conservation in coordination with the appropriate authorities in the states; - And among others: - Coordinates the work of the Council Branches; - Periodically reviews legislation related to natural resources and the environment; - Encourages support and coordinates scientific research in all fields of the environment and natural resources.	
SWEDEN ('94)	- The Government. - The Ministry for the Environment and Natural Resources. - Governmental authorities. - Local authorities.	- Political body. - A government department responsible for implementation of SD. - Departments and other authorities. - Local communities and citizens.	- To implement sustainable development throughout society. - The whole society is responsible for SD.	- Rio decisions have been reviewed and commented upon by 165 different bodies/authorities at all levels of society. - A detailed 230-page Government strategy covering all aspects of Agenda 21 was submitted to Parliament (9 Dec.1993) by the Prime Minister and the Environment and Natural Resources Ministers following the above consultations. - The Government intends to review key environment-related legislation during 1994. - Close cooperation within the European Community context and globally with CSD.

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SWITZERLAND ('94)	• Federal Council • Interdepartmental Committee for the Follow-up of Rio, established by the Federal Council, March 1993. • Department of Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance, and • Federal Office for the Environment, Forests and Landscape.	• Composed of officials in charge of UNCED portfolio from the private sector who will nominate 2 or 3 representatives from each individual sector; other representatives from the private sector. • To date, 8 working groups have been formed to study specific aspects of UNCED follow-up. They are composed of representatives of the Federal administration and private sector, NGOs active in cooperation and development or environmental protection, commerce, industry and scientific milieux.	• To coordinate sectoral policies in the areas set up in Agenda 21. • Multidisciplinary aiming at sectoral integration and coherent policies. • Analysis of Agenda 21 and its implications for Switzerland. • Both Offices have undertaken an analysis of their policies, programmes and activities relating to Agenda 21. The Federal Office for the Environment publishes a report on the State of the Environment, the changes occurred and the Swiss policy on the environment.	• Federal Environmental Protection Act, January 1985, is being reviewed and will take into account the recommendations of UNCED. • A Swiss Plan of Action for Sustainable Development will be submitted by the Federal Council to Parliament in 1994. This Plan will reflect the Council's intentions regarding specific measures envisaged by Switzerland by the year 2000 in response to Agenda 21.
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ('94)	Environment Division Ministry of Planning and Development			

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TUNISIA (⁹⁴)	- National Commission for Sustainable Development (CNDD), by Decree No. 93-206 of 11 October 1993. - Ministry of Environment and Land Management, created in 1993.	- Government: Prime Minister, 11 ministers, representatives from Chamber of Deputies. - Major groups: professional organizations, National Union for Women and some NGOs. - A technical committee, headed by the Minister for Environment and Land Management, assembles high-level officials responsible for environmental questions in each department and sectors. - CNDD Secretariat is headed by the Minister for Environment and Land Management through the Agency for Environmental Protection.	- To elaborate and implement strategy and action plan for sustainable development, the objective being to balance economic and social development with a rational use of natural resources and people in the environment. - To ensure the integration of environmental questions into various policies, strategies and plans dealing with sectoral development, etc. - To address such issues as rights of future generations, consumption patterns, food security, natural resources management, energy, self-reliance, desertification, etc. - Establishes/coordinates programmes implemented by central organs and ministries such as "the National Water Purification Office and ministries dealing with agriculture, national economy, human settlements, etc.	
UGANDA (⁹⁴)	- National Environment Action Plan. - Ministry of Water, Energy, Minerals and Environment Protection.	- There is no national umbrella institution to coordinate Agenda 21 implementation. - The following sectoral ministries are involved: - Land, Housing and Urban Development; - Natural Resources; Trade and Industry; Health; - Finance and Economic Planning; Information; - Women in Development; Local Government; - Education, Agriculture, etc.		- Policies passed since June 1992 include: - National Shelter Strategy (1992). - Decentralization of Service and Planning. - The Investment Code. - National Strategy for Children (1993), and - White paper on education. - Some 6 other policies are under preparation and some pre-UNCED policies have been assessed and found to be in line with Agenda 21.

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UNITED KINGDOM ('94)	Under the UK Strategy: Government agencies: • High-level Advisory Panel. • UK Round Table. • Citizens' E Initiative. • Department of the Environment. • Foreign and Commonwealth Office. • Overseas Development Administration. • Department of Trade and Industry. • Department of Health. • Department of Transport. • Ministry of Agriculture. • Other Ministries.	• Panel of experts. • Sectoral representatives and groups. • National Committee.	• To advise the Government on strategic issues. • To discuss SD with Ministers. • To "take the message to citizens".	• The UK post-Rio strategy looks 20 years ahead at current trends and emerging problems.
URUGUAY ('94)	• Ministry of Housing, Land Management and Environment.		• Developing a multidisciplinary commission on the theme "Evaluations of Environmental Impact Assessment".	
UNITED STATES ('94)	• President's Council on Sustainable Development (PCSD) (est. June 1993 by Executive Order). • Government agencies.	• The 25-member council is a partnership of high-ranking representatives from industry, government, environmental, labour and civil rights organizations. • Co-chairs: - The Vice-President and Corporate Director; - The Dow Chemical Company; and the President, World Resources Institute; - The Council has an Executive Director.	• Serves as Advisory Council to the President. • PCSD examines the critical issues in SD and recommends new national policies. • Six main task forces address the central issues identified (see right column).	• PCSD has identified four central issues for SD in the USA: - Sustainable communities - Energy and transportation - Natural resources management protection - Eco-efficiency • 3 cross-cutting issues - Population and consumption - Education - Tools to stimulate SD.

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VENEZUELA ('94)	Ministry for Environment and Natural Resources.	Government, Ministry for Environment and Natural Resources along with the President of the Republic and the Council of Ministers.	- Executes programmes related to the different areas of Agenda 21. - Establishes policy guidelines contained in several laws, in particular the: - Environmental Act (1976). - Land Management Act (1983). - Environmental Crime Act (1992).	- Integral management of freshwater resources. - Land management plans. - National Plan for Protected Areas.
ZAIRE ('95)	Executive Secretariat of the Interministerial Coordinating Committee (CIC) of the Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Tourism.	- The CIC is composed of: - Chairman: the Secretary-General for the Environment and Nature Conservation; - First Vice-Chairman: President-Delegate of the Zairian Institute of Nature Conservation; - Second Vice-Chairman: President-Delegate of the Zairian Office of Radio and Television; - Representatives of the various ministries; - The private sector; - NGOs.	- The mandate of the Executive Secretary of CIC is to: - Organize and implement, in cooperation with the heads of the ministries concerned, all activities to formulate a national policy for the strategic management of the environment, in response to Agenda 21 adopted at the 1992 UNCED. - Provide secretariat services for CIC. - Serve as a focal point for the follow-up and implementation of the decisions and recommendations of UNCED.	- Establishment of the Executive Secretariat of the Interministerial Committee for Coordination of the Follow-up and Implementation of the Decisions of UNCED 1992. - This structure also serves as the National Committee on Sustainable Development (CNDD) in accordance with Decree No. 055/CAB/MIN/MECNT/94 of 1 April 1994.

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Annex II

SECTORAL MATRICES

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CHAPTER 10: INTEGRATED APPROACH TO THE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF LAND RESOURCES

Country	Integrated policy development	Integrated policy instruments	Integrated planning systems	Integrated management systems	Awareness raising	Public participation	Strengthen information systems	National capacity	National funding
AUSTRIA									
BAHAMAS									
BELGIUM									
BOLIVIA	?								
CANADA									
CHILE								?	?
CHINA (94)									
COLOMBIA								?	
CUBA								?	
DENMARK									
ECUADOR									
FINLAND									
FRANCE									
GERMANY									
HUNGARY		?	?						
ICELAND									
IRELAND (94) 1/									
JAPAN									
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF									
MALAYSIA									
MOZAMBIQUE									
National priority given by the country for the chapter				Status indicators					
NA for this chapter	Very High				Situation favourable and/or improving (can also mean 'yes')				
"	High				Indicates possible problems/constraints exist/addressed in part				
"	Medium				Problems/constraints (can also mean 'no')				
"	Low			?	Not clear from information provided				
	No information available / provided			NA	Not applicable/not relevant				
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NAMIBIA									
NETHERLANDS									
NEW ZEALAND 2/									
NORWAY								?	?
PAKISTAN									
PHILIPPINES								?	?
PORTUGAL (94)				?	?		?		
SRI LANKA (94)									
SWEDEN									
SWITZERLAND						?	?	?	?
TUNISIA									
TURKEY									
UGANDA									
UNITED KINGDOM									
UNITED STATES		?		?	?				
URUGUAY									
EUROPEAN UNION					?		?		

(94) Indicates data from 1994 report to CSD.

1/ "Green 2000" (Ireland).

2/ New Zealand reported only on chapter 11 (Forests).

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CHAPTER 11: COMBATING DEFORESTATION

National Priority for the sector	Country	National Plan/ Strategy for sector	Sectoral Plan/ Strategy (being) revised Post-Rio	Sector integrated in national plan	Relevant Major Groups involved	National funding situation	National capacity situation	Sectoral Concerns							
								Logging	Urban encroachment	Air pollution	Acidification	Agricultural encroachment	Need for fuel wood	Natural causes	Other
	AUSTRIA		NA												
	BAHAMAS		NA												
	BELGIUM														
	BOLIVIA														
	CANADA														
	CHILE 1/														
?	CHINA (94)			?											
	COLOMBIA														
	CUBA														
	DENMARK 2/			?											
	ECUADOR														
	FINLAND														
	FRANCE						?								
	GERMANY														
	HUNGARY			?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	ICELAND		NA												
	JAPAN		?												
	KOREA, REP. OF 3/														

National priority given by the country for the chapter		Status indicators	
Very High			Situation favourable and/or improving (can also mean 'yes')
High			Indicates possible problems/constraints exist/addressed in part
Medium			Problems/constraints (can also mean 'no')
Low		?	Not clear from information provided
No information available / provided		NA	Not applicable/not relevant

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								Logging	Urban encroach- ment	Air pollution	Acidifica- tion	Agricul- tural encroach- ment	Need for fuel wood	Natural causes	Other
	MALAYSIA														
	MEXICO (94)														
	MOZAMBIQUE			?								?			
	NAMIBIA														
	NETHERLANDS														
	NEW ZEALAND														
	NORWAY														
	PAKISTAN		NA												
	PHILIPPINES						?								
	PORTUGAL (94)														
	SRI LANKA (94)														
	SWEDEN														
	SWITZERLAND														
	TANZANIA 4/ (94)														
	TUNISIA														
	TURKEY														
	UGANDA				?										
	UNITED KINGDOM					?									
	UNITED STATES 5/					?		5/							
	URUGUAY		NA		?										
	EUROPEAN UNION	NA	NA	NA	?	NA	NA								

(94) Indicates data from 1994 report to CSD.

1/ Most forests are privately owned. The report is not clear about what forests are covered.

2/ Very high national priority to implementation of sustainable forest management (Denmark).

3/ From "Environmental Protection in Korea, 1994".

4/ Population growth is a primary factor in desertification. One quarter of Tanzania is "seriously threatened by land degradation", (Population, Environment and Development in Tanzania, 1993, p. 41). Information also based on recommendations from national workshop for Agenda 21 held in 1993.

5/ The United States does not keep statistics on the above items. In addition, there is a great opportunity for misinterpreting the questions which makes these difficult to respond to. For example, the urbanization of American society has caused a gain in forest cover. The degree of damage caused by air pollution or acidification is open to question among scientists. In the United States, we now believe fire should not be associated with "forest damage," at least from a biological point of view.

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CHAPTER 12: COMBATING DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT

National priority for the sector	Desert areas identified % of total land	Country	National plan/Strategy for sector	Sectoral Plan/Strategy (being) revised Post-Rio	Desertification convention signed	Desertification issues integrated in national plan	Relevant local community groups involved	National funding situation	National capacity situation	Sectoral Concerns					
										Meteo and Hydro monitoring status	Soil and Land degradation monitoring status	Fuel Wood demand	Grazing	Improper farming/land use	Natural causes
NA	NA	AUSTRIA													
		BAHAMAS													
NA	NA	BELGIUM													
	50%	BOLIVIA													
		CANADA													
	82%	CHILE 1/													
		CHINA (94)													
	1 5%	COLOMBIA 2/													
	15%	CUBA													
NA	NA	DENMARK													
		ECUADOR						?			?		?		
NA	NA	FINLAND													
NA	NA	FRANCE													
NA	NA	GERMANY													
		HUNGARY 3/													
NA	NA	ICELAND													
NA	NA	JAPAN													

National priority given by the country for the chapter		Status indicators	
	Very high		Situation favourable and/or improving (can also mean 'yes')
	High		Indicates possible problems/constraints exist/addressed in part
	Medium		Problems/constraints (can also mean 'no')
	Low	?	Not clear from information provided
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										Meteo and Hydro monitoring status	Soil and Land degradation monitoring status	Fuel Wood demand	Grazing	Improper farming/land use	Natural causes
NA	NA	KOREA, REPUBLIC OF													
NA	NA	MALAYSIA													
		MOZAMBIQUE													
	85%	NAMIBIA													
NA	NA	NETHERLANDS													
NA	NA	NORWAY													
	15%	PAKISTAN													
NA	NA	PHILIPPINES													
		PORTUGAL (94)													
NA	NA	SWEDEN													
NA	NA	SWITZERLAND													
	25%	TANZANIA 4/ (94)													
	15%	TURKEY 5/													
	25%	UGANDA													
NA	NA	UNITED KINGDOM													
	37%	UNITED STATES 6/													
		URUGUAY													
		EUROPEAN UNION													

(94) Indicates data from 1994 report to CSD.

1/ Desertification is given "low" priority - it should be "very high" (Chile).

2/ Government has consulted with civil society - report reflects both sides not always agreeing (Colombia).

3/ "Hungary is situated in a climatic zone predisposed to drought"....., "devastating droughts occurred very seldom". Long term climate trends seem to indicate increasing droughts (Hungary).

4/ Population growth is a primary factor in desertification. One quarter of Tanzania is "seriously threatened by land degradation". (Population, Environment and Development in Tanzania, 1993, p. 41). Information also based on recommendations from national workshop for Agenda 21 held in 1993 (Tanzania).

5/ Some 375,000 Km² are described as areas in danger of desertification (Turkey).

6/ Area susceptible to desertification (1982, 37%; 1992, 37%) (USA).

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CHAPTER 13: SUSTAINABLE MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT

National Priority for the sector	Mountain areas identified % of total land area	Country	National plan/ Strategy for sector	Sectoral plan/ Strategy/ Legisla- tion (being) revised Post-Rio	Sustain- able mountain develop- ment integrated in national plan	Relevant local community groups involved	National funding situation	National capacity situation	Water- shed issues with interna- tional impact	Regional coopera- tion on water- shed manage- ment	Sectoral Concerns				
											Meteo monitor- ing	Hydro monitor- ing	Physical monitor- ing	Soil erosion	Flooding/ Avalanches/ Landslides/ Earth- quakes
	67%	AUSTRIA													
NA	NA	BAHAMAS													
NA	NA	BELGIUM													
	?	BOLIVIA													
		CANADA							?						
	75%	CHILE													
	66%	CHINA (eq 1/													
	37%	COLOMBIA 2/													
	16%	CUBA													
NA	NA	DENMARK													
	100%	ECUADOR													
NA	NA	FINLAND													
	20%	FRANCE													
	3%	GERMANY													
NA	NA	HUNGARY													
	50%	ICELAND				NA			NA	NA					NA
		JAPAN 3/													
National priority given by the country for the chapter								Status indicators							
	Very high								Situation favourable and/or improving (can also mean 'yes')						
	High								Indicates possible problems/constraints exist/addressed in part						
	Medium								Problems/constraints (can also mean 'no')						
	Low							?	Not clear from information provided						
	No information available / provided							NA	Not applicable/not relevant						
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CHAPTER 13: SUSTAINABLE MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT

National Priority for the sector	Mountain areas identified, % of total land area	Country	National plan/ Strategy for sector	Sectoral plan/ Strategy/ Legislation (being) revised Post-Rio	Sustainable mountain development integrated in national plan	Relevant local community groups involved	National funding situation	National capacity situation	Water-shed issues with international impact	Regional cooperation on watershed management	Sectoral Concerns				
											Meteo monitoring	Hydro monitoring	Physical monitoring	Soil erosion	Flooding/ Avalanches/ Landslides/ Earthquakes
		KOREA, REPUBLIC OF				?									
	10%	MALAYSIA							NA	NA					
		MOZAMBIQUE ^{4/}													
NA	NA	NAMIBIA													
NA	NA	NETHERLANDS													
		NORWAY ^{5/}												NA	NA
		PAKISTAN ^{3/}													
NA	NA	PHILIPPINES													
NA	NA	SWEDEN													
	77%	SWITZERLAND													
NA	NA	TANZANIA ⁽⁹⁴⁾													
		TURKEY													
		UGANDA													
NA	NA	UNITED KINGDOM													
		UNITED STATES													
NA	NA	URUGUAY													
		EUROPEAN UNION													

94) Indicates data from 1994 report to CSD.

1/ Two thirds of China's territory consists of hills and mountains. China's Agenda 21 does not specifically address chapter 13.

2/ Colombia has consulted widely with universities and NGOs - hence the report often reflects diverse opinions.

3/ Legislation covered under Forestry and/or other legislation (Japan, Pakistan).

4/ No national priority (Mozambique).

5/ Mountain systems not used as a frame of reference as such in the management of ecosystems. (Norway)

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CHAPTER 14: PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

National Priority for the sector	Country	National Plan/ Strategy for sector	National Plan/ Strategy (being) revised Post-Rio	Sector integrated in national plan	Relevant Major Groups involved	National funding situation	National capacity situation	% of programme Areas Addressed					National SARD policy	Statistics provided
								0	25	50	75	100		
	AUSTRIA													
	BAHAMAS		?	?	?	?								
	BELGIUM													
	BOLIVIA	?	?	?		?	?							
	CANADA													
	CHILE		NA			?	?							
	CHINA		?		?	?	?							
	COLOMBIA						?							
?	CUBA		?	?	?	?	?							
	DENMARK ^{1/}													
?	ECUADOR	?	?	?										
	FINLAND													
	FRANCE ^{2/}				?	?	?							
	GERMANY ^{3/}													
	HUNGARY		?	?	?	?	?							
	ICELAND													
	IRELAND ^{4/} (94)													
	ITALY ^{4/} (94)													
	JAPAN ^{5/}													

National priority given by the country for the chapter		Status indicators	
Very high			Situation favourable and/or improving (can also mean 'yes')
High			Indicates possible problems/constraints exist/addressed in part
Medium			Problems/constraints (can also mean 'no')
Low		?	Not clear from information provided
No information available / provided		NA	Not applicable/not relevant

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								0	25	50	75	100		
	KOREA, REPUBLIC OF													
	MALAYSIA ^{6/}													
	MOZAMBIQUE			NA										
	NAMIBIA													
	NETHERLANDS		NA											
	NORWAY													
	PAKISTAN													
	PHILIPPINES													
?	SRI LANKA (94)		?	?	?	?	?							
	SWEDEN		NA											
	SWITZERLAND				?									
	TANZANIA (94)			?	?	?	?							
	TURKEY													
	UGANDA													
	UNITED KINGDOM ^{4/}													
	UNITED STATES ^{7/}													
	URUGUAY		NA	NA		?	?							
	EUROPEAN UNION ^{4/}					NA	NA							

(94) Indicates data from 1994 report to CSD

1/ All programme areas addressed (or NA) (Denmark)

2/ Chapter programme areas implemented or being implemented

3/ Guidelines not entirely suitable to situation in Germany. Most issues have been completed/addressed at least in part.

4/ European Union Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)

5/ National priority described as "important" (Japan)

6/ See chapter 10 chart (Malaysia)

7/ Most of the programmes are addressed but information provided does not match Agenda 21 structure. Farm bill of 1990 (USA).

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CHAPTER 15: CONSERVATION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

National Priority for the sector	Country	National Plan/ Strategy or legislation for sector	Baseline survey done	Sectoral Plan/ Strategy/ legislation (being revised Post-Rio)	Biodiversity convention ratified	Biodiversity integrated into national plan	Relevant local community groups involved	National funding situation	National capacity situation	Access to biotechnology through international cooperation	Sectoral Concerns				
											Habitat destruction	Pollution	Over harvesting	Inappropriate introduction of foreign species	Other
	AUSTRIA														
	BAHAMAS	?													
	BELGIUM 1/						?								
	BOLIVIA	?													
	CANADA 2/														
	CHILE	?					?								
?	CHINA (94)		?						?						
	COLOMBIA 3/														
	CUBA						?		?						
	DENMARK														
	ECUADOR			?											
	FINLAND														
	FRANCE														
	GERMANY														
?	HUNGARY 4/										4/	4/	4/	4/	
	ICELAND														
	INDIA 5/														
	IRELAND (94)														
	JAPAN	?		?											
	KOREA, REPUBLIC OF														

National priority given by the country for the chapter		Status indicators	
	Very high		Situation favourable and/or improving (can also mean 'yes')
	High		Indicates possible problems/constraints exist/addressed in part
	Medium		Problems/constraints (can also mean 'no')
	Low	?	Not clear from information provided
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											Habitat destruction	Pollution	Over harvesting	Inappropriate introduction of foreign species	Other
	MALAYSIA														
	MOZAMBIQUE														
	NAMIBIA													?	
	NETHERLANDS			NA											
	NORWAY														
	PAKISTAN						?		?	?					
	PHILIPPINES 6/						?								
	PORTUGAL (94)														
	SWEDEN			NA											
	SWITZERLAND			NA						NA					
	TANZANIA 7/ (94)														
?	TUNISIA														
	TURKEY		?						?						
	UGANDA														
	UNITED KINGDOM 8/														
	UNITED STATES 8/														
	URUGUAY														
	EUROPEAN UNION 9/		NA	NA				NA	NA						

(94) Indicates data from 1994 report to CSD.

1/ "Important" sector (Belgium).

2/ In Canada, management of Biological Diversity is primarily a provincial government responsibility. The Federal Government, Industries, and NGOs are also actively involved.

3/ Colombia has consulted widely with civil society and the report reflects differing opinions.

4/ Serious for some species (Hungary).

5/ Based on Conservation of Biological Diversity in India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, 1994.

6/ "As a result of increasing resource demand by increasing human population, as exacerbated by inequitable distribution of resources, many ecosystems are currently under stress because of over-exploitation of the renewable and non-renewable resources. ... the majority of the general public still remains reluctant to adopt policies that reduce excessive resource utilization ... and resources are also viewed as free goods which can be depleted at will." (Philippines).

7/ Population growth is a primary factor in desertification. One quarter of Tanzania is "seriously threatened by land degradation", (Population, Environment and Development in Tanzania, 1993, p. 41). Information also based on recommendations from national workshop for Agenda 21 held in 1993 (Tanzania).

8/ No comprehensive baseline survey exists but a number of separate existing surveys can be used (UK, USA).

9/ The Fifth Environment Action Programme covers biodiversity as do other Conventions and Directives. The European Union is party to the Biodiversity Convention

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