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CROSS-SECTORAL ISSUES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO  
THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF SUSTAINABILITY

Note verbale dated 8 April 1996 from the Permanent Mission of  
the United States of America to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretariat of the United Nations

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/112 on support for the Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) Program, the Government of the United States of America is pleased to submit to the secretariat responsible for the Commission on Sustainable Development within the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development a report on the implementation of the GLOBE Program (see annex).

In its first year of operation, the GLOBE Program has over 30 partner countries involving thousands of students world wide in environmental science and education. We would appreciate the assistance of the United Nations Secretariat in distributing the report to the members of the Commission on Sustainable Development for their consideration at the fourth session of the Commission.

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One hundred seventeen countries have expressed interest in GLOBE;  
32 countries have signed agreements and joined the Program

Africa (22)

Benin\*  
 Botswana  
 Cape Verde  
 Chad\*  
 Côte d'Ivoire  
 Eritrea  
 Ethiopia  
 Gambia  
 Ghana  
 Guinea  
 Kenya  
 Mali  
 Mauritania  
 Namibia  
 Nigeria  
 Senegal\*  
 South Africa  
 Tanzania, United  
 Republic of  
 Togo  
 Uganda  
 Zambia  
 Zimbabwe

Asia and the  
Pacific (22)

Australia\*  
 Bangladesh  
 Brunei Darussalam  
 China\*  
 Hong Kong  
 India  
 Indonesia  
 Japan\*  
 Korea, Republic of\*  
 Lao People's Democratic  
 Republic  
 Malaysia  
 Marshall Islands  
 Micronesia (Federated  
 States of)  
 Mongolia  
 Nepal  
 New Zealand  
 Pakistan  
 Papua New Guinea  
 Philippines  
 Sri Lanka  
 Taiwan Province of China  
 Thailand

Central and South  
America (19)

Argentina\*  
 Bahamas  
 Barbados  
 Bolivia\*  
 Brazil  
 Chile  
 Costa Rica  
 Dominican Republic  
 Ecuador  
 El Salvador\*  
 Guatemala  
 Honduras  
 Nicaragua  
 Panama  
 Peru  
 Suriname  
 Trinidad and Tobago  
 Uruguay\*  
 Venezuela

Middle East and North  
Africa (10)

Egypt\*  
 Israel\*  
 Jordan  
 Kuwait  
 Morocco\*  
 Oman  
 Syrian Arab Republic  
 Tunisia\*  
 United Arab Emirates  
 Yemen

North America (2)

Canada  
 Mexico

Europe (42)

Armenia  
 Austria\*  
 Azerbaijan  
 Belarus  
 Belgium\*  
 Bulgaria  
 Croatia\*  
 Cyprus  
 Czech Republic\*  
 Denmark  
 Estonia  
 Finland\*  
 France  
 Georgia  
 Germany\*  
 Greece\*  
 Hungary  
 Iceland  
 Ireland\*  
 Italy  
 Kazakhstan\*  
 Kyrgyzstan\*  
 Latvia  
 Lithuania  
 Luxembourg  
 Moldova\*  
 Netherlands\*  
 Norway\*  
 Poland  
 Portugal  
 Romania\*  
 Russian Federation\*  
 Slovakia  
 Slovenia  
 Spain  
 Sweden\*  
 Switzerland  
 Tajikistan  
 Turkey\*  
 Ukraine  
 United Kingdom of Great  
 Britain and Northern  
 Ireland  
 Uzbekistan

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\* Signed GLOBE Agreement (revised 27 March 1996).