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

Letter dated 28 February 1996 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations
and the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Observer Mission
of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Netherlands and the Permanent Observer Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations have the honour to transmit to you the report of the International Expert Meeting on the Assessment of technological Needs for Sustainability (see annex),** which was held in Scheveningen, Netherlands, from 5 to 7 February 1996. The meeting was jointly organized and sponsored by the Governments of the Netherlands and Switzerland.

The objective of the initiative undertaken by the Netherlands and Switzerland is to facilitate dialogue and exchange experiences regarding national needs assessment as a supporting tool for the improved utilization of environmentally sound technologies in the transition towards sustainable development, in particular in developing countries and in countries in economic transition.

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** The annex is being circulated in the language of submission only.

We would be grateful if you could make arrangements to circulate the attached report as an official document of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its fourth session.

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Annex