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IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 21

Note verbale dated 18 February 1997 from the Permanent
Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations has the honour to transmit the Chairman's Summary of the Fourth Expert Group Meeting on Financial Issues of Agenda 21** held at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Santiago, Chile, 8-10 January 1997, under the co-sponsorship of the Government of Chile and the Kingdom of the Netherlands in cooperation with ECLAC, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the United Nations Secretariat.

This was the fourth in a series of expert group meetings which were held in Kuala Lumpur, 2-4 February 1994, Glen Cove, New York, United States of America, 15-17 February 1995, and Manila, 6-8 February 1996. The purpose was to discuss current financing mechanisms for implementing Agenda 21 and to make recommendations for action to be submitted to the inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group of the Commission, to be convened 24 February-7 March 1997, and to the Commission itself at its fifth session to be held 7-25 April 1997.

It would be greatly appreciated if arrangements could be made to circulate the attached Chairman's Summary as an official document of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its fifth session under an appropriate agenda item.

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