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in the implementation of Agenda 21 and the other outcomes
of the United Nations Conference on Environment and
Development, as well as of the Programme for the further
implementation of Agenda 21**

**Letter dated 14 December 2001 from the Permanent
Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General**

Permit me to inform you about the second meeting of the Global Forum on Sustainable Energy, held in Austria from 28 to 30 November 2001.

The Global Forum on Sustainable Energy is a platform for multi-stakeholder dialogue on issues pertinent to energy for sustainable development. It grew out of the outreach efforts of the World Energy Assessment, and is envisaged to orchestrate a series of dialogues that will facilitate decision-making on policy issues in the appropriate forums. The first and second meetings of the Forum were dedicated to rural energy because of the urgent need to address the question of bringing modern energy services to the more than two billion people currently without access to modern energy.

It is gratefully acknowledged that funding for the second meeting of the Forum was provided by the Government of Austria, the City of Vienna, the Government of Norway, the Lead-Foundation, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

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Please find enclosed:

- (a) The executive summary of the second meeting of the Forum (see annex I);
- (b) The report of the second meeting of the Forum (see annex II).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the second session of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

(Signed) Gerhard **Pfanzelter**
Ambassador