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CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AT THE NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL LEVELS, INCLUDING AN EXAMINATION OF SECTORAL AND
CROSS-SECTORAL LINKAGES

Note verbale dated 5 February 1997 from the Permanent
Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations has the honour to transmit the final report of the International Workshop on Integrated Application of Sustainable Forest Management Practices** held in Kochi, Japan, from 22 to 25 November 1996.

The Workshop was co-sponsored by the Governments of Japan, Canada, Malaysia and Mexico, in partnership with the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations and the International Tropical Timber Organization and with the assistance of the Kochi Prefectural Government. The Workshop was attended by 155 participants from 36 countries from every region of the world, and from several intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

The Workshop focused on sustainable forest management practices at the field level, in order to distil lessons and experience which might provide some insight to the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests of the Commission for Sustainable Development when it formulates recommendations at its fourth session, which will be held from 11 to 21 February 1997.

In this connection, it would be appreciated if the Secretary-General would make arrangements to circulate the attached report as an official document of the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests. In addition to the English version, the French version is attached hereto.

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** The report is circulated in the languages of submission only.

