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SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE

Activities of the relevant organs, organizations and  
bodies of the United Nations system in the field of  
new and renewable sources of energy

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, at its second session, adopted decision 7 (II) concerning preparatory work for the Conference. <sup>1/</sup> In subparagraph (e) of that decision, the Preparatory Committee recommended that "all the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations should submit comprehensive reports on their activities in the field of new and renewable sources of energy, including the provision of technical assistance to developing countries, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/148 of 20 December 1978, in time for the third session of the Preparatory Committee". This recommendation was subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session in resolution 35/204 of 16 December 1980.
2. The request for comprehensive reports was discussed at an interagency meeting held at Geneva in October 1980. While recognizing that a great deal of information was already available, *inter alia*, through the cross-organizational programme analyses and the report submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session (A/35/531) the meeting agreed that agencies, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system should view the request for comprehensive reports as an additional opportunity to provide information to Governments on the full range of their current and planned activities in the field of new and renewable sources of energy.
3. The reports submitted by the relevant organs, organizations and bodies in response to the above-mentioned request are reproduced in addenda to this document, in the languages in which they were submitted. The comprehensive reports of the regional commissions, referred to in subparagraph (f) of decision 7 (II), are reproduced separately.

<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 43 (A/35/43), Part Two, chap. VII, sect. B.

4. The following organs, organizations and bodies are providing reports:

United Nations

Department of International Economic and Social Affairs

Department of Technical Co-operation for Development

Centre for Science and Technology for Development

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

United Nations Industrial Development Organization

United Nations Environment Programme

United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT)

United Nations Children's Fund

United Nations Development Programme

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

United Nations University

Specialized agencies

International Labour Organisation (ILO)

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

World Bank

World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

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