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The Director - General

6 October 1992

Dear Secretary General.

It is a pleasure for me to submit herewith the report of the ACC Task Force on Environment and Development. At its meeting in Rome on 5 October 1992 the Task Force discussed and approved Part One, the Executive Summary, noting also the full report contained in Part Two.

In addition, to facilitate the discussion of the report by the ACC, the Task Force has agreed on a draft ACC decision and on a draft statement which it proposes that the ACC address to the General Assembly. Both of these texts are included here along with the report. In view of the short time remaining before the ACC will meet, I am taking the liberty of copying this letter, the report and the draft texts to all ACC members and participants.

In order to fulfil its mandate of preparing for the ACC's discussion of UN system follow-up to UNCED, the Task Force, after consultation amongst its members and on the basis of guidance provided in Chapter 38 of Agenda 21, decided to address the following points:

- Principles and guidelines for the division of labour, within the UN System, for the implementation of Agenda 21;
- Arrangements for cooperation and coordination through the ACC and its subsidiary machinery;
- Enhanced cooperation of UN System organizations with the financing institutions and mechanisms involved in UNCED follow-up;
- UN System reporting to the new Sustainable Development Commission.

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His Excellency
Boutros Boutros-Ghali
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York

The Task Force has examined the points listed above, cognizant of the short time available to it and of the breadth and complexity of the issues involved. It recognized that an in-depth analysis of UN System programmes vis-à-vis Agenda 21 and of cooperation/coordination arrangements will be required before a specific division of labour and detailed proposals for cooperation and coordination arrangements can be made. Consideration of parallel processes, as yet incomplete, to review inter-agency and intergovernmental coordination machinery will also be required.

For this reason, the Task Force has recommended the establishment of a process and a machinery to advance the work which it has initiated. The process responds to the need for further analysis to underpin more detailed proposals. The machinery proposed follows intergovernmental guidance provided in Agenda 21. The ACC is recognized as the high-level inter-agency coordination mechanism for policy decision-making. The functions of relevant subsidiary machinery and other inter-agency coordination arrangements would be to ensure complementarity and synergy in the implementation of the programme areas of Agenda 21 at technical, working level. In order to enhance ACC decision-making, reporting to intergovernmental bodies and the effectiveness of inter-agency arrangements, the Task Force has recommended the establishment of an Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development.

The Task Force was aware of the drawbacks of adding a new mechanism to an already large number of coordinating bodies, but was convinced, nevertheless, that the proposed streamlining of the existing inter-agency machinery would off-set this additionality.

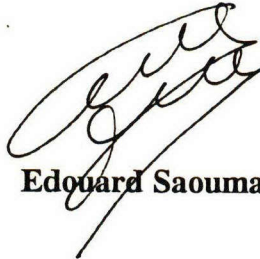
The Task Force was greatly assisted by a Sub-Committee chaired by Mr. P.J. Mahler, my Special Adviser and FAO Assistant Director-General for Environment and Sustainable Development. The Task Force has asked me to communicate to you, and to our colleagues in ACC, its appreciation of Mr. Mahler's excellent chairmanship and of the hard work of the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee held three meetings and requested inputs from its members, as well as from all ACC members and participants not members of the Task Force. These inputs were taken fully into consideration by the Sub-Committee during its discussions and have been utilized in the preparation of its draft report. Further information was obtained by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee from certain non-member organizations which he visited, at their invitation. I wish to place on record my appreciation for the cooperation and helpful inputs provided by all these sister organizations, which were an essential contribution to the work of the Task Force.

In submitting this report to you, Mr. Secretary-General, I wish to thank you for the trust you have placed in me by asking me to chair the ACC Task Force on Environment and Development. It has been a privilege to serve the United Nations System in this capacity. Also, I wish to share with you my appreciation for the contributions of my colleagues who have served with me as members of the Task Force, and for the spirit of cooperation and good will which prevailed at the Task Force and Sub-Committee meetings.

I and Task Force members look forward to discussing our findings and recommendations with you and ACC colleagues during the forthcoming ACC session.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edouard Saouma', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

Edouard Saouma

ACC Task Force on Environment and Development

5 October 1992

Draft ACC Decision

(submitted with the Report of the Task Force to the ACC
at its Second Regular Session of 1992)

1. In noting the report of the ACC Task Force on Environment and Development and approving its Executive Summary, the ACC decided to establish an Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development (IACSD), with the following terms of reference:

Under the aegis of the ACC, to identify major policy issues relating to the follow-up of UNCED by the UN system and advise the ACC on ways and means of addressing them so as to ensure effective cooperation and coordination of the UN system in the implementation of Agenda 21. To this effect the IACSD would:

a) in the light of the guidance and instructions received from the ACC, examine information regarding the implementation of Agenda 21 provided by the UN system organizations, relevant subsidiary bodies of the ACC and non-ACC coordinating bodies, and identify for ACC overall policy issues, major gaps and constraints affecting UN system cooperation in the UNCED follow-up;

b) formulate, for consideration and decision by the ACC, recommendations to enhance the effectiveness of cooperation and coordination within the UN system in the implementation of Agenda 21;

c) on the basis of a) and b) above, prepare brief reports identifying issues and making recommendations on overall policy and coordination, for

decision by the ACC; these reports should be prepared in such a way as to provide a basis for subsequent reports of the ACC to the relevant intergovernmental bodies (as required by paragraph 38.17 of Agenda 21);

d) perform other tasks as required by the ACC including, where appropriate, monitoring follow-up of relevant ACC decisions.

2. The ACC further decided:

- to ask the IACSD to meet before the April 1993 session of the ACC and, with the help of the secretariat support structure, to launch a process utilizing inter-agency consultations to assist ACC to:

i) streamline the inter-agency coordinating machinery;

ii) allocate and share responsibilities for implementation of Agenda 21 by the UN system;

iii) monitor new and additional financing requirements of the UN system organizations related to Agenda 21, taking into account the decisions of their governing bodies; and

iv) assess new and existing reporting requirements related to implementation of Agenda 21, and make recommendations for their streamlining;

- to request the IACSD, in implementing this decision, to take into account further details given in the report of the Task Force and to report on progress to the ACC at its next session in April 1993;

- to designate a core membership of the IACSD, which would, however, remain open to all ACC members/participants interested in specific issues placed on its

agenda, and to specify that participation would be at the level of [Executive Heads][senior officials]

- to establish the principle of rotation in the chairmanship of the IACSD, and to designate the chairperson of the IACSD from its membership;

- to designate as the secretariat support structure the one proposed for the CSD; and

- to place a standing item relating to UN system follow-up to UNCED on its agenda.

ACC Task Force on Environment and Development

5 October 1992

Draft ACC Statement to the General Assembly

(submitted with the Report of the Task Force to the ACC
at its Second Regular Session of 1992)

The Administrative Committee on Coordination decided to address the following statement to the General Assembly for its consideration during its deliberations on the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development:

1. The ACC is mindful that meeting the unprecedented and daunting challenges involved in achieving sustainable development will require special efforts from the entire international community. It recognizes that only the UN system is able to provide the appropriate global framework for action at international, regional, national and local levels. It further recognizes that implementation of Agenda 21 means tackling complex inter-sectoral problems; this will require greater coherence at inter-governmental and inter-agency levels, and a better interface between them as well as with non-governmental organizations.
2. The ACC is also mindful that its consideration of UN system follow-up to UNCED is taking place within a context in which parallel developments, as yet incomplete, leave a number of unknowns. These developments include: (i) the ACC's own review of its subsidiary machinery; (ii) the proposals of the Secretary-General on organizational arrangements for the CSD, its secretarial support structure, and the high-level advisory body, to be considered by the General Assembly at its 47th session; (iii) the views of the General Assembly on UNCED, in particular the institutional and financing arrangements it proposed; and (iv) the restructuring of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields. Taking the above into account and as a contribution to discussion on UNCED follow-up, the ACC offers below its views on various issues identified in Agenda 21 for the UN system.

Principles and guidelines for the allocation and sharing of responsibilities within the UN system for the implementation of Agenda 21

3. The ACC underlines that the overall goal in examining an allocation and sharing of responsibilities is to optimize the UN system's contribution to the implementation of Agenda 21, through enhancing opportunities for cooperation, filling gaps and avoiding duplication of effort. ACC recommends that an allocation and sharing of responsibilities should evolve from a process based on an analysis of on-going and planned activities of UN system organizations vis-a-vis Agenda 21 programme areas: areas covered by on-going activities, areas where there could be duplication, areas where there are gaps and areas where activities could be joined in such a way as to create greater synergy. Areas where a large number of organizations are involved would require inter-agency consultations and, where appropriate joint programming. This could be facilitated through existing mechanisms or *ad hoc* consultations. These *ad hoc* consultations should be called either by the lead agency concerned with the subject area or, where no clear lead agency exists, by the CSD secretariat support structure.

Enhanced cooperation between the multilateral funding institutions and other UN system organizations

4. The ACC notes that Agenda 21 highlights the need for improved cooperation between financing institutions and other UN organizations. The ACC views the rationale for enhanced cooperation as not merely to link executing and funding agencies, but also to integrate different capacities and experience available within the UN system for the benefit of member nations. To achieve this, ACC recommends that substantial consultation and exchange of information be undertaken, particularly at country and programme levels. While for the former the role of the Resident Coordinator should be supported, the latter would be important particularly for the new financing mechanisms such as the Global Environment Facility and UNDP's Capacity 21; UN Specialized Agencies should be increasingly involved as cooperating and executing agencies in these mechanisms.

Financial requirements

5. The ACC notes the recognition, in Agenda 21, that "financial resources are also required for strengthening the capacity of UN institutions for the implementation of Agenda 21" and that "the provision of new and additional financial resources should be both adequate and predictable". It further notes that it will be up to the secretariats and governing bodies of UN system organizations to assess their respective additional financial requirements related to implementation of Agenda 21.

6. The ACC urges that, taking into account these assessments of requirements, zero-growth budgetary policies be relaxed in order to enable the relevant parts of the UN system to play their full role in the implementation of Agenda 21. Similarly, the timely and full payment of contributions and all arrears would enable organizations to re-establish their full programme delivery capacities.

7. At the same time, the ACC stresses the imperative need to provide supplementary resources to relevant UN system organizations. For, while all organizations are committed to implementing the recommendations of UNCED to the extent possible within existing resources, the provision of additional funds will be a *conditio sine qua non* for their full and effective response to the new demands generated by Agenda 21 (including those for inter-agency coordination and cooperation). The ACC also strongly supports the replenishment of the GEF in 1993 and the financing of UNDP's Capacity 21, as both would provide resources for the implementation of parts of Agenda 21.

Arrangements for cooperation and coordination

8. The ACC is taking steps to ensure effective cooperation and coordination in UN system follow-up to UNCED. It notes that the complexity and enormity of the challenges involved, as well as the scarcity of resources available to tackle them, require maximization of opportunities for streamlining the use of expertise and resources, in order to achieve greater synergy, value added, integration and cost-effectiveness from UN system activities.

The Committee stresses that coordination is not an end in itself but a means to achieve these benefits.

The coordination machinery

9. The ACC recalls that Agenda 21 suggested that consideration be given "to establishing a special task force, sub-committee or sustainable development board" to assist it in fulfilling its high-level coordinating role for the UN System. The ACC recognizes that indeed solid analytical work will be needed to underpin the ACC's action in this regard. It considers that none of the existing inter-agency mechanisms has the requisite functions, experience and capabilities to provide this. Accordingly, the ACC has decided to streamline and improve the functioning of the existing ACC subsidiary machinery. It has further decided to establish an Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development (IACSD), which will form part of a three-tier machinery to coordinate the UN System's follow-up to UNCED.

10. The machinery will comprise:

(i) the ACC itself, as indicated in Agenda 21, which will be the high-level inter-agency coordination mechanism for policy decision-making;

(ii) the streamlined existing ACC subsidiary machinery and other inter-agency coordination arrangements, which will ensure complementarity and synergy in the implementation of programme areas of Agenda 21, at technical, working level;

(iii) the new Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development, which will constitute the intermediate level between coordination of technical work and ACC decision-making in the substantive area of sustainable development, with a view to enhancing ACC decision-making, reporting to intergovernmental bodies and the effectiveness of relevant inter-agency coordination arrangements.

11. The Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development will have participation at the level of (Executive Heads) (senior officials) from a core number of ACC members and

participants. The ACC has requested the Committee to meet before ACC's First Regular Session of 1993, with a view to launching a process of inter-agency consultations for UNCED follow-up, aiming to assist the ACC in (i) streamlining the coordinating machinery, (ii) allocating and sharing responsibilities for Agenda 21 implementation by the UN system, (iii) monitoring new and additional financing requirements of UN system organizations related to Agenda 21, taking into account the decisions of their governing bodies, and (iv) assessing new and existing reporting requirements related to implementation of Agenda 21, and making recommendations for their streamlining. As indicated in Agenda 21, this inter-agency mechanism should be serviced by the secretariat support structure of the CSD.

Reporting

12. On the basis of a brief review of existing reporting requirements and those requested in Agenda 21, the ACC, without wishing to prejudge the decisions of competent bodies, the Commission on Sustainable Development in particular, makes the following observations:

(i) Some resolutions and decisions adopted by intergovernmental bodies prior to UNCED called for periodic reporting which, in all likelihood, will be duplicated by reports requested in Agenda 21. Multiple and duplicative reporting from the UN system would indicate a lack of coordination and should be avoided. Moreover, it would have serious budgetary implications (costs for staff time and governing body deliberations). There is also a risk that, within intergovernmental bodies such as the CSD, ECOSOC and the General Assembly, governments could review subjects which they had already examined in the governing body of the technically competent organization, and that, as different ministries may be involved, different, or even conflicting, guidance could be provided, unless a clear distinction is made between overall, cross-sectoral policy issues and technical/sectoral issues.

(ii) It would be beneficial for the various monitoring bodies (governing bodies, ACC, CSD, ECOSOC and General Assembly) to coordinate to the extent possible their examination of progress in implementation of various parts of Agenda 21. This would allow central monitoring bodies to be aware of the technical policy advice given by governments in the other fora. In this case, it would be useful for the CSD to receive relevant extracts of

reports adopted by the governing bodies of UN system organizations.

13. In view of the above, ACC has decided that an assessment of new and existing reporting requirements relevant to Agenda 21 should be undertaken by the the IACSD with the help of the secretariat support structure. The IACSD should report its findings and recommendations to the ACC, including proposals to avoid duplication in reporting, ensure cost-effectiveness and foster integration of environment and development. The ACC will use these findings and recommendations to propose streamlining of the reporting process to the CSD, other UN intergovernmental bodies, ECOSOC and the General Assembly.

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DATE: 14-Sep-1992 10:12am

TO: Sarwar Lateef

(SARWAR LATEEF)

FROM: Alexander Shakow, EXTDR

(ALEXANDER SHAKOW)

EXT.: 31828

SUBJECT: ACC Task Force

FYI

CC: Callie Boucher

(CALLIE BOUCHER)

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O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: September 11, 1992 07:26pm EST

TO: Andrew Steer (ANDREW STEER)

FROM: Sven Sandstrom, EXC (SVEN SANDSTROM)

EXT.: 81138

SUBJECT: RE: ACC Task Force on Environment and Development

Andrew,

Thanks for your EM. Two quick reactions:

1. ACC is itself a Coordinating Committee. Why do they need another one (i.e., the proposed IACSD)? And why cannot the ACC's OC do the preparatory work on sustainable development for the ACC? I.e., use what already exists. (I think that's what Wadi suggested in his earlier EM.) Wouldn't that also meet the "requirement" for a coordinating mechanism noted in Agenda 21?

2. If the establishment of an Intergovernmental Commission on Sustainable Development is a foregone conclusion, I assume it will need a "Secretary" -- couldn't he/she and associated staff also serve the ACC, possibly working with the OC?

The bottom line is that they must start to rein in the growing bureaucracy and shift the attention to the job that needs to be done and the countries we are supposed to assist.

Enjoy Rome at least!!

Sven

CC: Wadi Haddad (WADI HADDAD)
CC: Mohamed T. El-Ashry (MOHAMED T. EL-ASHRY)
CC: Alexander Shakow (ALEXANDER SHAKOW)
CC: Attila Karaosmanoglu (ATTILA KARAOSMANOGLU)
CC: Ernest Stern (ERNEST STERN)

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August 11, 1992

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Mr. Edouard Saouma
Director-General
Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations
Via delle Terme di Caracalla,
00100 - Rome
Italy

Dear Mr. Saouma:

Mr. Preston, who is presently on vacation, has asked me to respond to your letter of July 24 concerning establishing a firm date for the meeting of the Task Force on Environment and Development.

As Mr. Haddad indicated in an informal note a few days ago, neither October 3 nor October 5 will be convenient for Mr. Preston. However, he will be in Rome October 8 and 9 for meetings with the Italian authorities and is prepared to stay for a Task Force meeting on Saturday morning, October 10. If that will not work given your tight schedule, and you need to go ahead at an earlier date, he would be happy to send a senior representative to the session.

Sincerely,

A. KARAOŞMANOĞLU

Attila Karaosmanoglu
Acting President

cc: Messrs./Mmes. B. Alisbah (PAAVP); A. Shakow (EXTDR); M. El-Ashry, A. Steer (ENVDR);
W. Haddad (EXTNY); G. Mohadjer, P. O'Hara, J. Armitage,
C. Perera (EXC); D. Peters (EXTDR); L. Wood (EXTIE)

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The Director-General

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Rome 24 July 1992

Dear Colleague,

This is further to my letter of 10 July 1992 concerning the ACC Task Force on Environment and Development.

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I have proposed that we have the meeting in Rome, and recall that you were planning to be in this part of the world at that time. The meeting will also provide an occasion for you to visit FAO, and I look forward personally to pursuing the discussions we began in New York.

I trust that you can arrange your schedule to accommodate this visit, and hope to hear from you soon.

Best Regards

Yours sincerely,



Edouard Saouma

Mr. Lewis Preston
President
World Bank
Washington, D.C.

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To: Mr. Preston

Dated: 7/24/92

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Remarks: (Please answer that Mr. Preston can make it on Sat. Oct. 10:00 am
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cc: A. Shakow, D. Peters, EXTDR; P. O'Hara/C. Perera, EXC;

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Best Regards

Yours sincerely,



Edouard Saouma

Mr. Lewis Preston
President
World Bank
Washington, D.C.

A L L - I N - 1 N O T E

DATE: 27-Jul-1992 10:24am

TO: Patricia O'Hara (PATRICIA OHARA)

FROM: Alexander Shakow, EXTDR (ALEXANDER SHAKOW)

EXT.: 31828

SUBJECT: UNCED Follow-Up Meeting - ACC Task Force - Rome

Mr. Saouma, head of FAO, is pressing for a fixed date for the Task Force meeting. As we cannot be sure as yet on the details of the Italian Government schedule for Thursday and Friday, Oct. 8 and 9, I have advised Wadi to tell Mr. Saouma that the best time for Mr. Preston, if a time is to be set now, is Saturday morning, Oct. 10. (I have advised Wadi that if that is too late for the UN agencies, they will need to meet without Mr. Preston as he is not able to be in Rome a week earlier.)

CC: Gisu Mohadjer (GISU MOHADJER)
CC: Mohamed T. El-Ashry (MOHAMED T. EL-ASHRY)
CC: Wadi Haddad (WADI HADDAD)
CC: Andrew Steer (ANDREW STEER)
CC: Sven Sandstrom (SVEN SANDSTROM)

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FROM : Wadi D. Haddad, EXTNY

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May we discuss this on Monday morning.

Wadi

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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The Director-General

Rome 24 July 1992

Dear Wadih,

Since I left New York I have been repeatedly requested by my colleagues, the Heads of UN Agencies, to ensure that they receive as quickly as possible the report of the ACC Task Force on the Follow-up to UNCED. Most of them have indicated that two weeks would be the minimum time necessary for them to prepare their comments for the ACC.

It is therefore imperative that the projected meeting of the Task Force in Rome take place as early as possible in October in order to enable us to finalize the Report submitted to us by the Sub-Committee, and despatch it to the members of the ACC at least two weeks before the ACC meeting, which is scheduled for 20 October.

I am therefore sending the attached letter to President Preston, and I count on you to help to explain to him the need to meet the proposed dates.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,



Edouard Saouma

Mr. Wadi Haddad
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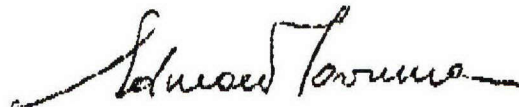
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I have proposed that we have the meeting in Rome, and recall that you were planning to be in this part of the world at that time. The meeting will also provide an occasion for you to visit FAO, and I look forward personally to pursuing the discussions we began in New York.

I trust that you can arrange your schedule to accommodate this visit, and hope to hear from you soon.

Best Regards

Yours sincerely,



Edouard Saouma

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MESSAGE

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The Director-General

New York, 10 July 1992

Dear *Colleague*,

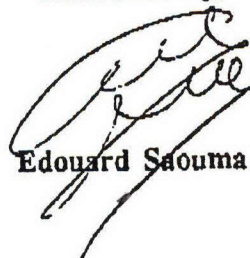
It was a pleasure to meet with you Tuesday, 7 July, and I am writing to you now to confirm the arrangements agreed by all members of the ACC Task Force on Environment and Development as a result of our round of informal discussions. These are summarized in a note which I am attaching herewith.

As indicated to you during our discussions, I have asked Mr. Philippe J. Mahler, Assistant Director-General for Environment and Sustainable Development to chair the sub-committee we have decided to establish. Mr. Mahler is contacting the other members to decide upon the dates and venues for the sub-committee's meetings.

I have informed the Secretary-General of the progress made so far, and will be writing also to all ACC members and participants to request their views and inputs to the work of the sub-committee.

With respect to our own meeting in Rome in early October, I will be in touch with you as soon as possible to fix a specific date. In the meantime, I would like to thank you for your cooperation in this endeavour. I look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely,


Edouard Saouma

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Outcome of discussions on 7 July 1992 in New York
between
Director-General of the Food and Agriculture
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on Environment and Development,
and the members of the Task Force:

Mr. Federico Mayor, Director-General, UNESCO
Dr. Hiroshi Nakajima, Director-General, WHO
Mr. Lewis Preston, President, World Bank
Mr. Godwin Obasi, Secretary-General, WMO
Mr. Mostafa Tolba, Executive Director, UNEP
Mr. William Draper, Administrator, UNDP

Points agreed:

1. The Task Force must report to the ACC in October, 1992. It is expected to make an important contribution to the ACC's discussion on how to fulfill the responsibilities entrusted to it by Agenda 21.

2. The following would constitute the main lines of approach to the Task Force's work:

a) The Task Force will establish a sub-committee of senior officials from the organizations involved, with the UNCED Secretariat participating ex officio. This sub-committee will meet two to three times and submit its report to the Task Force by 15 September 1992.

All members will communicate or confirm to the Chairman of the Task Force the names of their nominees to this sub-committee.

b) The main issues to be addressed by the Task Force (based on Agenda 21, Chapter 38) will be as follows:

1. Principles and guidelines for the division of labour, within the UN system, for the implementation of Agenda 21, as called for in para. 38.4

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2. Arrangements for cooperation and coordination through the ACC and its subsidiary machinery, as called for in paras. 38.16 and 38.17
3. Enhanced cooperation of UN system organizations with the financing institutions and mechanisms involved in UNCED follow-up, as called for in paras. 38.6, 38.28 and 38.41
4. UN system reporting to the new Sustainable Development Commission, as called for in para. 38.13

c) A formal meeting of the Task Force, with the presence ex officio of the Secretary-General of UNCED, will take place on or around 5 October 1992 in Rome, to finalize the report for the ACC October session. Members of the sub-committee will also be present at this meeting.