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AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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WHEREAS, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE ALLEVIATION OF MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS BY PROVIDING FOR AN INTEGRAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SOCIETIES AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT, REALIZING ALSO THAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL GOALS SHOULD BE PURSUED IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO AVOID OR MINIMIZE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS PECULIAR TO IT,

RECOGNIZING THAT, THE MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE NOT NECESSARILY OF THE SAME NATURE AS THOSE OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THAT THEY ARE PROBLEMS WHICH OFTEN REFLECT THE IMPACTS OF POVERTY WHICH NOT ONLY AFFECTS THE QUALITY OF LIFE BUT LIFE ITSELF,

CONVINCED, THAT IN THE LONG RUN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ARE NOT ONLY COMPATIBLE BUT INTERDEPENDENT AND MUTUALLY REINFORCING,

ACKNOWLEDGING, THAT THE NEED FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AND RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT HAS BECOME MORE IMPORTANT AND URGENT IN LIGHT OF INCREASING POPULATION AND CONCOMITANT PRESSURES ON THE EARTH'S RESOURCES AND LIFE-SUPPORTING ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS IN SOME AREAS,

ACKNOWLEDGING, THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF GOVERNMENTS TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN PRIORITIES AND DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS,

RECALLING, THAT THE STATES WHICH ADOPTED THE DECLARATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT (STOCKHOLM, 1972) STATED THEIR COMMON CONVICTION (PRINCIPLE 25) THAT THEY WILL ENSURE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS PLAY A CO-ORDINATED, EFFICIENT AND DYNAMIC ROLE IN THE PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT,

CONSIDERING, FURTHERMORE, THAT INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE INSTITUTIONS HAVE, ALONG WITH THEIR MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, A RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FINANCED BY THEM,

THEREFORE, THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARED THAT THEY:

I. REAFFIRM THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

II. WILL, TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITIES, ENDEAVOUR TO:

I. INSTITUTE PROCEDURES FOR SYSTEMATIC EXAMINATION OF ALL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES; INCLUDING POLICIES, PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS, UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR FINANCING TO ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE MEASURES ARE PROPOSED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION I ABOVE;

2. ENTER INTO CO-OPERATIVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS AND RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES, TO ENSURE INTEGRATION OF APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURE IN THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES;

3. PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING TRAINING, ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AT THEIR REQUEST, THUS DEVELOPING THEIR INDIGENEOUS CAPACITY, AND FACILITATING TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. GIVE ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AND, IF APPROPRIATE, SUPPORT PROJECT PROPOSALS THAT ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO PROTECT, REHABILITATE, MANAGE OR OTHERWISE ENHANCE THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT, THE QUALITY OF LIFE, AND RESOURCES THERETO RELATED;

5. INITIATE AND/OR OTHERWISE CO-OPERATE IN RESEARCH AND STUDIES LEADING TO IMPROVEMENT OF PROJECT APPRAISAL, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION METHODOLOGIES, INCLUDING COST- BENEFIT ANALYSIS, OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES;

6. SUPPORT THE TRAINING AND-INFORMING OF OPERATIONAL STAFF IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;

7. PREPARE, PUBLISH AND DISSEMINATE DOCUMENTATION AND AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIAL PROVIDING GUIDANCE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

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