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Ministerial-level Conference on Environment and Development
in Asia and the Pacific

15-16 October 1990

Bangkok

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Conference

The Conference will be opened by the Prime Minister of Thailand, who will deliver the inaugural statement. A message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations and an opening statement will be delivered by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP. This will be followed by statements by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

2. Election of officers

The Conference will elect a chairman, two vice-chairmen and a rapporteur.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The Conference will consider the provisional agenda for adoption.

4. Policies and perspectives of environmental management in Asia and the Pacific: environmental challenges in the 1990s

The Conference will consider the environmental changes of the decade of the 1990s in the ESCAP region and ways and means to deal with them. Under this agenda item, a keynote address is expected to be delivered by Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Chairman of the World Commission on Environment and Development. The Executive Secretary will then deliver his policy statement, following which leaders of delegations will be invited to deliver

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policy statements to the Conference on the subject in general, as well as on the specific issues as listed in the agenda of the Conference. Brief statements will also be presented by relevant agencies and bodies of the United Nations and other organizations invited to the Conference.

5. Report of the Preparatory Meeting of Senior Officials

Under agenda item 5, the report of the Preparatory Meeting of Senior Officials will be submitted to the Conference. The report will consider the state of the environment report of Asia and the Pacific, dwell on the analyses of the recommendations of the World Commission on Environment and Development in the Asian and Pacific context and assess the status of implementation of those recommendations at the country and regional levels, apprise the Ministers of the regional implications of climatic change and rise in sea level, and suggest certain policy measures and action which may be required to alleviate the adverse effects.

The report will also deal with measures to strengthen regional co-operation in the field of the environment among the Governments and the international organizations and agencies operating at the regional level. The report will further recommend a regional strategy for environmentally sound and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference. Finally, the report of the Senior Officials will discuss a possible regional input to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development to be held in 1992 and provide the necessary guidance for its finalization and eventual submission to that Conference. The Ministerial-level Conference may wish to review the report of the Preparatory Meeting of Senior Officials and endorse the recommendations contained therein.

6. Consideration of a ministerial declaration on environmentally sound and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific

The Conference may wish to consider a draft declaration on environmentally sound and sustainable development prepared by the secretariat on the basis of an outline suggested by an open-ended informal working group of government-nominated experts, which was constituted by the Chairman of the ESCAP/UNDP Expert Group Meeting on Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development held at Jomtien, Thailand in June 1990, and a review of the documents prepared for the Conference.

7. Other matters

The Conference may consider other matters which may be raised either by the delegations or by the secretariat.

8. Adoption of the report

Under this agenda item, the Conference will consider and adopt its report.

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