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GLOBAL MINISTERIAL ENVIRONMENT FORUM

POLICY ISSUES

**COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS,
INCLUDING NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

**MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME AND OTHER
ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM**

Note by the Executive Director **

1. Prior to the adoption of Governing Council decision 17/8, the Executive Director followed the practice, established by Governing Council decision 82 (V), of submitting to the Governing Council detailed information on memoranda of understanding on joint programming between the United Nations Environment Programme and other organizations in the United Nations system. By decision 17/8, the Governing Council requested the Executive Director to discontinue submitting such detailed information to future sessions of the Council and to submit instead a summary list of all such memoranda.
2. In accordance with decision 17/8, the Executive Director has the honour to circulate herewith a summary of the six memoranda of understanding that have been concluded between UNEP and other organizations in the United Nations system since his last report on the subject to the Governing Council (UNEP/GC.20/INF/4).
3. As requested by the Council in paragraph 2 of decision 17/8, the full texts of the memoranda of understanding have been forwarded to Governments and to the Committee of Permanent Representatives for information and record purposes.

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** This document was submitted late to Conference Services due to the need to include all memoranda of understanding signed in 2000.

<u>Title and date of signature by UNEP</u>	<u>Summary</u>	<u>Financial implications for UNEP</u>
Memorandum of understanding governing cooperation between UNEP and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (April, 1999)	UNEP and UNFPA shall act in close collaboration and hold consultations on all matters of common interest and shall consider the appropriate framework for such consultations. As appropriate, each organization shall consult on and coordinate activities of common interest in an effort to achieve the maximum cooperation. The cooperation shall encompass the broad areas of technical guidance and research; advocacy, public awareness, environment and population-related education and training, and consultation within existing and new coordination mechanisms and initiatives.	Activities with financial implications will be subject to separate agreements.
Memorandum of understanding between UNEP, the United Nations Center for Human Settlement (Habitat) and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) (June, 2000)	UNEP, UNCHS (Habitat) and ICLEI will cooperate in the field of sustainable urban development and management, local governance and capacity-building. They will jointly endeavor to increase the awareness, commitment and contribution of local authorities and their councils to sustainable human-settlements development and global environmental protection by establishing links on the Web, reporting in their respective newsletters and sponsoring in-kind events.	Activities with financial implications will be subject to separate agreements.
Memorandum of understanding on working arrangements between the Asian Development Bank (AsDB) and UNEP (September, 2000)	UNEP and AsDB will cooperate for the promotion of sustainable development and environmental management throughout the Asia-Pacific Region. The areas of this cooperation will include information management, capacity-building and collaborative programmes. An information management programme will improve environmental information management and the application of such information for improved environmental assessment, planning and monitoring of regional environmental trends. A capacity-building programme will focus on the transfer of skills and tools to developing member countries and strengthening institutions, thereby facilitating environmentally sound development planning and decision-making and adequate and appropriate legal and institutional environmental frameworks. A collaborative program will include subregional, regional and global environmental cooperative arrangements of mutual interest to AsDB and UNEP, such as the greater Mekong subregion environment programme and global environment facility.	Activities with financial implications will be subject to separate agreements.
Memorandum of understanding concerning cooperation between UNEP and Global Legislators Organization for Balanced Environment (GLOBE) International.	UNEP and GLOBE will cooperate to promote, among parliamentarians, awareness on the state of the environment, emerging environmental issues of global significance and environmental dimension of sustainable development, through: Enhancing access to up-to-date environmental and environment-related information in such areas as environmental assessment, environmental law and	Activities involving financial implications will be subject to separate agreements.

(November, 2000)	policies, environment and trade, environmentally sound technologies and inter-linkages between multilateral environmental conventions; Exchange of relevant information, including expert knowledge on environmental issues and relevant environmental and environment-related information; and facilitation of participation of parliamentarians in national, regional and global policy dialogue on environment and sustainable development.	
Memorandum of understanding between UNEP and the World Health Organization (WHO) (August, 1999)	UNEP and WHO agreed to strengthen their cooperation in the field of environmental health as an essential factor in achieving sustainable development. The agreement will enhance their cooperation in areas of common interest such as global environmental monitoring, health impact assessment in environmental assessment, and inter-linkages among critical environmental issues and human needs as they relate to aspects of environmental health. Other than technical guidelines and research, advocacy, public awareness and health and environment-related training and education, they will endeavor to explore new areas of cooperation, particularly on critical and emerging issues in the field of environmental health, and enhance coordination and collaboration on issues in the field of environmental health in connection with existing or future inter-agency policy and programme coordination mechanisms within the United Nations system.	Activities involving financial implications will be subject to separate agreements.
Memorandum of understanding between the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) concerning areas of collaboration for activities related to persistent organic pollutants. (December, 2000)	UNEP and World Bank Chemicals will cooperate to enhance their partnership in furthering their common objectives. They will coordinate their respective identification, implementation and review of certain country or regionally-based activities regarding the reduction and/or elimination of the release of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) taking into account the priorities identified in the international legally binding instrument on POPs. The areas of cooperation include development and implementation of national or regional implementation plans under international legally binding instruments on POPs and other activities required of the parties to the international legally binding instrument on POPs.	Activities with financial implications will be subject to separate agreements.
