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ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM RELATED TO THE CONVENTION

Information on activities related to the Convention received from
United Nations entities and other international organizations

Note by the secretariat

I. MANDATE

1. At its sixth session the interim secretariat provided some information to the Committee regarding relevant activities by those entities of the United Nations system specifically mentioned in the Convention (A/AC.237/22). Subsequently, the General Assembly adopted resolution 47/195 which, *inter alia*, requests the Committee to promote "a coherent and coordinated programme of activities by competent bodies aimed at supporting the entry into force and effective implementation of the Convention". The same resolution also calls upon the United Nations system "to initiate and strengthen such activities, where possible in collaboration with each other, and invites them to make information on these activities and on any coordination arrangements regularly available to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, through its secretariat". At its seventh session the Committee noted that the interim secretariat would convene a meeting of entities of the United Nations system and other relevant international organizations having activities related to the Convention and would report on those activities to the Committee at its eighth session.

II. INTER-AGENCY CONSULTATION

2. An inter-agency consultation was convened in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on 1 July 1993. All concerned entities of the United Nations system were invited. In addition, invitations were sent to five regional development banks and to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU). These organizations, although not part of the United Nations system, have activities very relevant to the Convention. Twenty-one organizations were represented at the consultation; the full list of participants is contained in annex I. Written information was received from seven other entities that could not participate in the consultation. Eight entities replied that they had no relevant activities.

III. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES RELEVANT TO THE CONVENTION

3. Organizations were asked to provide information on their activities and to relate them to different aspects of the Convention according to a format provided by the interim secretariat. Annex II shows this format and which organizations reported activities in the different categories. The classification of activities by category is that provided by the reporting organizations. Several organizations reported activities cutting across many categories.

4. The full information provided by organizations is circulated in an addendum to this document (available in English only). Both actual and planned activities are indicated in this addendum: in future the presentation of information will distinguish between ongoing and planned activities. The coverage of this information is incomplete, since not all those invited responded to the request for information. For future surveys, a more complete coverage will be sought. The information will also be entered in a database.

5. There was some discussion at the consultation on which types of activities should be considered relevant to the Convention. It was asked whether all activities of relevance to climate change should be included or only those specifically related to the objective of the Convention. For example, should all energy development projects be included or only those projects or elements thereof aimed at enhancing energy efficiency or limiting emissions of greenhouse gases? The conclusions indicated that the latter option would be of greater relevance to the Committee and, in time, to the Conference of the Parties.

6. Any comments by the Committee on the utility of the information provided, its classification by categories of activity and the degree of relevance of activities to the Convention would be welcome. Such comments would be taken into account by the interim secretariat in future activities to assemble information.

IV. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF ACTIVITIES

7. All organizations present at the consultation confirmed their commitment to pursue and strengthen their activities. As evidenced in annex II, all major facets of the Convention are receiving some attention. One general question raised, in looking ahead, concerned the identification of priority areas of relevance to the Convention. If priorities could be indicated, interested organizations could work out ways of improving the coherence and coordination of their activities in these priority areas. Existing coordination machinery could be used for this purpose.

8. A related question concerned the availability of funding to address these priorities. Most organizations referred to funding constraints.

9. It was recognized that indications of priorities in the context of the Convention should come from the Conference of the Parties and, in the meantime, from the Committee.

V. CONCLUSIONS

10. There is a wide range of activities both within and outside the United Nations system related to the entry into force and effective implementation of the Convention. These activities are valuable contributions to a collaborative international effort to work towards the objective of the Convention and to capacity-building in those countries that need it.

11. The Committee may wish to:

(a) take note of the information provided and suggest ways of improving its coverage, content and classification;

(b) request the interim secretariat to analyse the information received, in consultation with concerned organizations, with a view to identifying gaps, overlaps and complementarities, and to report the results of such analysis to the Committee;

(c) indicate priority areas for activities in support of the Convention and encourage the coherent and coordinated pursuit of such activities and their adequate funding.

12. It is suggested that the Committee place a similar item on the agenda of its tenth session, at which the results of follow-up work could be considered.

Annex I

**INTER-AGENCY CONSULTATION ON ACTIVITIES RELATED
TO THE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**
(Geneva, 1 July 1993)

List of participants

Organization

Representative

United Nations
United Nations Conference on Trade
and Development
(UNCTAD)
United Nations Environment Programme
(UNEP)
United Nations Population Fund
(UNFPA)
United Nations Institute for Training
and Research
(UNITAR)
Economic Commission for Africa
(ECA)
Economic Commission for Europe
(ECE)
Economic and Social Commission for Asia
and the Pacific
(ESCAP)
United Nations Centre for Human
Settlements
(UNCHS, Habitat)
United Nations Food and Agriculture
Organization
(FAO)
United Nations Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Organization
(UNESCO)
Intergovernmental Oceanographic
Commission (IOC) of UNESCO
International Civil Aviation
Organization (ICAO)
World Bank
World Meteorological Organization
(WMO)
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
(GATT)
International Atomic Energy Agency
(IAEA)

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Written information was also received from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the United Nations University (UNU), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the World Tourism Organization (WTO).

Annex II

ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE ENTRY INTO FORCE AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE
(Summary of replies to letter of 5 May 1993)

SUBJECT CODE	SUBJECT NAME	REPORTING ENTITIES
A01	Basic data or national circumstances	UNEP, ECA, FAO, WMO, WTO, OECD/IEA, UNDP
B01	Greenhouse gas inventory; emissions; IPCC methodology	UNEP, ICAO, ICSU, OECD/IEA, IPCC
B02	Greenhouse gas inventory; emissions; other methodology	UNU, ICAO, WMO, ICSU, OECD/IEA, UNDP, IPCC
B03	Greenhouse gas inventory; sinks; IPCC methodology	UNEP, ICSU, OECD/IEA, IPCC
B04	Greenhouse gas inventory; sinks; other methodology	IOC, WMO, ICSU, OECD, UNDP, IPCC
B05	Greenhouse gas inventory; trends, projections	ICAO, FAO, IOC, WMO, ICSU, OECD/IEA, IPCC
C01	Vulnerability assessment/impact assessment	UNEP, UNFPA, ECA, FAO, UNESCO, IOC, WMO, WTO, ICSU, UNDP, IPCC
D01	Socio-economic impacts assessment	UNEP, UNFPA, ECA, FAO, WTO, OECD, UNDP, IPCC
E01	Abatement costing studies	UNCTAD, UNEP, FAO, ICAO, OECD/IEA, GEF
F01	Adaptation: coastal zone and oceans management	UNEP, UNESCO, IOC, IPCC
F02	Adaptation: water resources	UNEP, FAO, UNESCO, WMO, UNDP, IPCC

SUBJECT CODE	SUBJECT NAME	REPORTING ENTITIES
F03	Adaptation: agriculture and forestry	UNEP, FAO, UNESCO, WMO, UNDP, IPCC
F04	Adaptation: other	UNEP, WMO, IPCC
G01	Mitigation: energy	ESCAP, FAO, WMO, IEA/OECD, UNDP, GEF, IPCC
G02	Mitigation: industry	IEA/OECD, UNDP, GEF, IPCC
G03	Mitigation: transport	ICAO, ESCAP, OECD/IEA, GEF, IPCC
G04	Mitigation: agriculture	UNEP, FAO, WMO, OECD, GEF, IPCC
G05	Mitigation: forestry	FAO, WMO, GEF, IPCC
G06	Mitigation: waste management	OECD, GEF, IPCC
G07	Mitigation: others	UNDP, GEF, IPCC
H01	Legislation	FAO, ICAO
I01	Institutional mechanism	ESCAP, FAO, OECD/IEA, IPCC
J01	Economic and administrative instruments	UNCTAD, FAO, ICAO, OECD/IEA, IPCC
K01	Education, information, training and public awareness	UNEP, UNFPA, UNITAR, ECA, ESCAP, FAO, UNESCO, IOC, WMO, OECD/IEA, IPCC
L01	Research and scientific observation	UNEP, ECA, UNESCO, IOC, WMO, WTO, ICSU, IPCC, OECD/IEA
M01	Technical cooperation/international cooperation; capacity-building	UNCTAD, UNEP, UNFPA, ESCAP, FAO, UNESCO, IOC, WMO, ICSU, UNDP, IPCC

INFORMATION SHEET

Activities related to the entry into force and effective implementation of
the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

1. ORGANIZATION: _____
2. Title of activity: _____

3. Short description: _____

4. Purpose/objectives: _____

5. SCOPE: Global: _____ Regional: _____ National: _____
6. Cooperating organizations: _____
7. Duration: _____
8. Approximate cost (US dollars): _____
9. Source of funding: _____
10. Relation to Convention (Subject code): _____
(Please code activity according to the codes provided.)
