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**EMERGING ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENTS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL:
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT**

(Item 7 (b) of the provisional agenda)

**PREPARATIONS FOR THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT
AND DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, 2000**

Note by the secretariat

Corrigendum

Annex I

**Schedule of Preparatory Activities for the Ministerial Conference on Environment and
Development in Asia and the Pacific 2000**

*Page 11, annex I, table entitled "Schedule of preparatory activities for the Ministerial Conference
on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2000."*

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| Activity | Dates | Comments |
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| Meeting to finalize papers to be presented at the Meeting of Senior Officials and the Ministerial Conference and to review the draft regional action programme | 8-10 May 2000 | Review and framing of conference documents by government-nominated experts. |
| Fifty-sixth session of the Commission | 1-7 June 2000 | Background paper on Ministerial Conference preparations submitted for review. |
| South-East Asia subregional meeting | 15-16 June 2000 | This meeting will provide a review for Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member countries of the preparations for the Ministerial Conference. |
| South Asian Forum on Government-Private Sector Cooperation on Environment and Sustainable Development | 29-30 June 2000 | Organized by UNEP and the South Asian Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP) and hosted by the Government of India, this forum will provide inputs to the Ministerial Conference and the private sector symposium. |
| North-East Asian Subregional Programme of Environmental Cooperation (NEASPEC) Meeting on Cooperation on Environmental Law Policy and Conventions | 3-4 July 2000 | Organized by ESCAP and UNEP and hosted by the Government of the Republic of Korea, this meeting will develop a framework for regional cooperation on environmental law, policy and conventions. |
| Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2000 | 31 August-5 September 2000 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting of Senior Officials (31 August - 2 September) 2. ECO ASIA Congress (3 September) 3. Ministerial Conference (4-5 September) |
| NGO symposium | 2-6 September 2000 | This event is being organized to encourage the participation of civil society in the Ministerial Conference process and its outcome. The Conference of Asian Foundations and Organizations and the Kitakyushu International Techno-Cooperative Association (KITA) are cooperating in hosting the event with the support of ADB. |
| Media symposium | 31 August-4 September 2000 | This symposium will be organized by the Japanese Forum of Environmental Journalists (JFEJ), with support provided by ADB. |

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| Private sector symposium | 3 September 2000 | This symposium will seek to strengthen the relationship between government and the private sector in the promotion of environmentally sound and sustainable development. |
| Eco-technology exhibition | 3-5 September 2000 | To be organized by the city of Kitakyushu, KITA and the West Japan Industry and Trade Exhibition Association. |
| Photographic exhibition Youth caucus | 31 August- 5 September 2000 | Awareness-raising events organized by UNEP. |