

**UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REVIEW OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCED)**

The 47th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 47) adopted seven resolutions drafted in the 2nd Committee of UNGA. Those resolutions are:

- (a) UNCED Enabling Resolution, a general resolution adopting the Rio Declaration, Agenda 21 and the Forest Principles;
- (b) Institutional Arrangements, a resolution which inter alia creates the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD);
- (c) High Seas Fishing, a resolution which convenes a conference to develop a regime for the conservation and sustainable use of straddling and highly migratory fish stocks in the high seas, with its first substantive session to take place in New York for three weeks in July of 1993;
- (d) Desertification, a resolution which strikes a negotiating track for a Convention on the Effects of Drought and Desertification for completion in 1994;
- (e) Small Island States, a resolution which establishes a conference on the sustainable development of small island states to take place in Barbados in April of 1994;
- (f) World Water Day, a resolution establishing 22 March as World Water Day;
- (g) Capacity 21, a resolution underlining the importance of the new UNDP programme 'Capacity 21'.

Commission on Sustainable Development

The resolution on institutional arrangements does the following:

- it formally establishes the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) as a functional commission of 53 rotating members reporting to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC);
- it sets out the mandate of the CSD, drawing largely from Chapter 38 of Agenda 21, with additional functions relating to the Forest Principles, the Rio Declaration and new "cooperative arrangements";
- it provides for NGO participation;
- it requests rules of procedure to govern NGO participation taking into account ECOSOC rules of procedure, the rules of procedure for UNCED and Decisions 1/1 and 2/1 of the UNCED Preparatory Committee;