

- (4) Which have been the major obstacles (if any) preventing wider participation, especially by developing countries?
- (5) In the case of regional agreements and instruments, what is their actual and potential bearing on global environmental protection?

NOTE: Current information on the membership (signature, ratification, accession) status for most of the agreements and instruments listed in section I above is provided, on an annual basis, in the UNEP Register of International Treaties and Other Agreements in the Field of the Environment (Nairobi, UNEP/GC.16/Inf.4, 1991, available in all official languages), and in the United Nations publication Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General (New York, 1991, available in English and French).

B. Monitoring and reporting

- (6) To what extent have the basic objectives (environmental/economic) of these international agreements and instruments been met, and how is goal achievement measured?
- (7) How is compliance by parties with their obligations under these agreements and instruments monitored?
- (8) How do parties report on their performance in implementing agreements and instruments, and to what extent have they complied with reporting duties?
- (9) Which are the specific requirements (if any) of data supply and data disclosure, and to what extent have they been met by the parties?
- (10) Which have been the main obstacles (if any) to reporting, data supply and data disclosure?
- (11) Which possibilities exist to follow up on non-compliance, and to what extent have they been used?
- (12) Which mechanisms, including fact-finding procedures, are available to deal with disputes over implementation and to what extent have they been used?

NOTE: A number of international environmental agreements and instruments contain provisions for compliance control and/or an obligation for parties to submit, through the secretariat, regular performance reports for public review. Periodic progress reports on the implementation of specific instruments (such as the UNEP Guidelines on Shared Natural Resources) are also submitted to the General Assembly through the UNEP Governing Council, based on performance reports solicited from Governments and organizations. A major part of compliance control for many environmental agreements and instruments consists of the collection and analysis of data to substantiate and verify implementation by the parties.