

#### E. High Level Advisory Body

17. Intergovernmental bodies, the SG and the UN system as a whole may also benefit from the expertise of a high level advisory board consisting of eminent persons knowledgeable about environment and development, including relevant sciences, appointed by the Secretary General in their personal capacity. In this regard, the Secretary General should make appropriate recommendations to the 47th session of the General Assembly. ]

#### F. Secretariat Support Structure

18. (Agreed) A highly qualified and competent secretariat support structure within the UN Secretariat, drawing, inter alia, on the expertise gained in the UNCED preparatory process is essential for the follow-up to the Conference and the implementation of Agenda 21. This secretariat support structure should provide support to the work of both intergovernmental and interagency coordination mechanisms. Concrete organizational decisions fall within the competence of the Secretary General as the chief administrative officer of the Organization, who is requested to report on the provisions to be made, covering staffing implications, as soon as practicable, taking into account gender balance as defined in Article 8 of the UN Charter, and the need for the optimum use of existing resources in the context of current and ongoing restructuring of the UN Secretariat.

#### G. Organs, programmes, organizations of the United Nations system

19. (Agreed) In the follow-up to the Conference, in particular implementation of Agenda 21, all relevant organs, programmes and organizations of the UN system will have an important role within their respective areas of expertise and mandates in supporting and supplementing national efforts. Coordination and mutual complementarity of their efforts to promote integration of environment and development can be enhanced through countries encouraging to maintain consistent positions in the various governing bodies.

#### United Nations Environment Programme

20. (Agreed) In the follow-up to the Conference, there will be a need for an enhanced and strengthened role of UNEP and its Governing Council. The Governing Council should within its mandate