

task forces and other mechanisms to support the integration of environment and development at regional and sub-regional levels.

13.(Agreed) Within the intergovernmental framework, consideration should be given to allow non-governmental organizations including those related to major groups, particularly women's groups, committed to the implementation of Agenda 21 to have relevant information available to them including information, reports and other data produced within the United Nations system.

C. The Secretary-General

14.(Agreed) Strong and effective leadership on the part of the Secretary-General is crucial, since he/she would be the focal point of the institutional arrangements within the United Nations system for the successful follow-up to the Conference and for the implementation of Agenda 21.

D. [High Level] Interagency Coordination Mechanism

15. Agenda 21, as the basis for action by the international community to integrate environment and development, should provide the principal framework for coordination of relevant activities within the UN system. To ensure effective monitoring, coordination and supervision of the involvement of the United Nations system in the follow-up to the Conference, there is a need for a [high-level] coordination mechanism under the direct leadership of the Secretary-General.

16.(Agreed) This task should be given to the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) headed by the Secretary-General. ACC would thus provide a vital link and interface between the multilateral financial institutions and other United Nations bodies at the highest administrative level. The Secretary-General should continue to revitalize the functioning of the Committee. All heads of agencies and institutions of the UN system shall be expected to cooperate with the Secretary-General fully in order to make ACC work effectively in fulfilling its crucial role and ensure successful implementation of Agenda 21. The ACC should consider establishing a special task force, subcommittee or sustainable development board, taking into account the experience of DOEM and CIDIE as well as the respective roles of the UNEP and UNDP. Its report should be submitted to the relevant intergovernmental bodies.