

21. Within this structure, which would benefit from the expertise of non-governmental organizations, submissions and other relevant information could be made to the United Nations.

J. Cooperation between United Nations bodies and international financial organizations

40. (Agreed) The success of the follow-up to the Conference is dependent upon an effective link between substantive action and financial support, and this requires close and effective cooperation between United Nations bodies and the multilateral financial organizations. The Secretary-General and heads of United Nations programmes, organizations and the multi-lateral financial organizations have a special responsibility in forging such a cooperation, not only through full participation in the United Nations high-level coordination mechanism (Administrative Committee on Coordination) but also at regional and national levels. In particular, representatives of multilateral financial institutions and mechanisms, as well as IFAD, should be actively associated with deliberations of the intergovernmental structure responsible for the follow up to Agenda 21.

K. Non-governmental organizations

41. (Agreed) Non-governmental organizations and major groups are important partners in the implementation of Agenda 21. Relevant non-governmental organizations, including scientific community, the private sector, women's groups, etc., should be given opportunities to make their contributions and establish appropriate relationships with the United Nations system. Support should be provided for developing countries' NGOs and their self-organized networks.

42. (Agreed) The UN system, including international finance and development agencies, and all intergovernmental organizations and forums should, in consultation with NGOs take measures to:

- (a) design open and effective means to achieve the participation of NGOs, including those related to major groups, in the process established to review and evaluate the implementation of Agenda 21 at all levels and promote their contribution to it;
- (b) take into account the findings of NGOs' review systems and evaluation processes in relevant reports of the UN Secretary General to the UN General Assembly and all pertinent UN agencies and intergovernmental organizations and forums concerning implementation of Agenda 21 in accordance with its review process.