

(d) [Study and develop economic instruments, which may play an important role in achieving structural changes and improved efficiency in the production and consumption of energy;]

(e) Review current energy supply mixes to determine how the contribution of environmentally [safe and] sound energy systems as a whole, particularly [new and] renewable energy systems could be increased in an economically efficient manner, taking into account respective countries' unique social, physical, economic and political characteristics[, including measures that would ensure that [new and] renewable energy sources are not discriminated against in domestic energy markets];

(f) Coordinate energy plans regionally and subregionally, where applicable, and study the feasibility of efficient distribution of energy from [new and] renewable energy sources;

(g) To consider, with a view to increasing research, development and the introduction of environmentally [safe and] sound energy systems, particularly for renewable energy sources and to promote research and development, particularly in developing countries;

(h) Cooperate to increase the availability of capacity, capabilities and relevant technologies - recognizing that technology includes biotechnology - in developing countries for utilizing and producing environmentally sound renewable energy resources, such as solar, wind, geothermal, hydropower and biomass, including woodfuel resources. Each should be utilized in a manner that fosters sustainable development and minimizes environmental stress and health impacts, emphasizing the need for easily available, cleaner burning, smoke-free household fuel;

(i) [Develop sustainable energy policies [programmes] in order to improve energy efficiency by, inter alia:

- (i) Formulating, in cooperation with the private sector, appropriate objectives or policies relating to energy production and consumption;
- (ii) Promoting application of economic instruments with a view to taking into account environmental and other social costs while encouraging greater efficiency;
- (iii) Building capacity for energy planning and programme management in energy efficiency, including the introduction, development and management of [new and] renewable sources of energy;]

(j) [Strengthen existing and/or set new energy efficiency and emission standards or recommendations on specific technologies, as appropriate. Countries may wish to coordinate these standards or recommendations at regional and subregional levels. Such standards or recommendations should provide ongoing incentives for more efficient and less polluting energy use, with special attention being paid to the promotion of the development and use of alternative and less polluting technologies;]

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