

the policies of international organizations, bodies and agencies, including financial institutions to ensure the continued provision of basic services to the poor and needy;

(f) Promote international cooperation to address the root causes of poverty. The development process will not gather momentum if developing countries are weighted down by external indebtedness, if development finance is inadequate, if barriers restrict access to markets and if commodity prices and the terms of trade in developing countries remain depressed.

Means of implementation

[(a) Financing and cost evaluation]

[11. Direct costing of the array of activities envisaged above is not possible, since specific activities would be designed to respond to the specific conditions prevailing in each case] country. However, indirect costing points to an estimate in the very rough order of magnitude of US\$ 30 billion, of which approximately \$15 billion would be provided through external assistance if this effort is to be shared equally by recipients and donors.]

[12. The formulation and implementation of the global action programme mentioned in paragraph 5 above would require the strengthening of the international organizations concerned. Average annual costs over the period would be in the order of \$50 million.]

[13. In many instances, these costs pertain to the implementation of activities included in various chapters of Agenda 21, so that funding for these activities would contribute to achieving both sectoral objectives and poverty alleviation.]

(b) Capacity-building

14. National capacity-building for implementation of the above activities is crucial and should be given high priority. It is particularly important to focus capacity-building at the local community level in order to support a community-driven approach to sustainability and to establish and strengthen mechanisms to allow sharing of experience and knowledge between community groups at a national and international level. Requirements for such activities are considerable and related to the various relevant sectors of Agenda 21, calling for requisite international, financial and technological support.