

31.(Agreed) There is a need for closer cooperation between UNEP and UNDP, together with other relevant institution, in the implementation of projects to halt environmental degradation or its impact, and to support training programmes in environmental planning and management for sustainable development at the regional level.

32.(Agreed) Regional intergovernmental technical and economic organizations have an important role to play in helping Governments to take coordinated action in solving environment issues of regional significance.

33.(Agreed) Regional and subregional organizations should play a major role in the implementation of Agenda 21 provisions related to combating drought and desertification. UNEP, UNDP and UNSO should assist and cooperate with those relevant organizations.

34.(Agreed) Cooperation between regional and subregional organizations and relevant organizations of the UN system should be encouraged, where appropriate, in other sectoral areas.

I. National implementation

35. (Agreed) States have an important role to play in the follow-up of UNCED and the implementation of Agenda 21. National level efforts should be undertaken by all countries in an integrated manner so that both environment and development concerns can be dealt with in a coherent manner.

36.(Agreed) Policy decisions and activities at the national level, tailored to support and implement Agenda 21 should be supported by the UN system upon request.

37.(Agreed) Furthermore, States could consider the preparation of national reports. In this context, the organs of the United Nations system should, upon request, assist countries, in particular developing countries. Countries could also consider the preparation of national action plans for the implementation of Agenda 21.

38.(Agreed) Existing assistance consortia, consultative groups and round tables should make greater efforts to integrate environmental considerations and related development objectives into their development assistance strategies, and consider reorienting and appropriately adjusting their membership and operations to facilitate this process and better support national efforts to integrate environment and development.

39. (Agreed) States may wish to consider setting up a national coordination structure responsible for the follow-up of Agenda