

UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (CSD)

The newly established United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) is responsible for guiding the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 1992. The CSD also encourages dialogue with non-governmental and independent sector groups, and works with other UN agencies to integrate principles of sustainability throughout the UN system. The CSD Secretariat is based in New York City, where the CSD held its first annual meeting June 14-25, 1993. Arthur Campeau, Canada's ambassador for environment and sustainable development, has been elected a vice-chair of the commission's bureau.

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCED)

The 12-day United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 1992. UNCED brought together heads of government and heads of state from all over the world to discuss the integration of environment and development strategies on a global scale.

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD)

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) meets every four years at the ministerial level to consider international economic questions that affect the development plans and prospects of developing countries. It has a permanent secretariat and several bodies and committees that meet regularly in Geneva. UNCTAD VIII, held in February 1992, resulted in agreement to implement fundamental reforms that focus on policy research and analysis for the international community.

Canada supports UNCTAD financially through its annual assessed contribution to the UN budget. The secretary general is Kenneth Dadzie (Ghana).

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (UNEP)

The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) was created in 1972 as a result of the UN Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment. The first executive director was Maurice Strong, the Canadian chairperson of both the Stockholm Conference and UNCED. In December 1992, the UN General Assembly endorsed Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali's appointment of Elizabeth Dowdeswell, a senior official of Environment Canada, as the new executive director, replacing Dr. Mostafa Tolba of Egypt. UNEP is based in Nairobi, Kenya. Its mandate is to promote international co-operation and monitor the environment around the world. Canada has been a consistent supporter of the program, and doubled its annual contribution in 1992 to \$2.2 million. UNEP relies on a voluntary fund to carry out its duties.

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF NUCLEAR OPERATORS (WANO)

The World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO) was created in 1989. Membership is open to any nuclear power plant operator who supports WANO's commitment to responsible power plant operations and collective responsibility for informing and assisting other nuclear operators. Canadian members are Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, New Brunswick Power, Ontario Hydro and Hydro Quebec.

WORLD BANK

The World Bank is a group of four institutions: the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD); the International Development Association (IDA); the International Finance