

## APPENDIX "7"

QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING FUTURES STUDIES

(You will undoubtedly appreciate the difficulties involved in the preparation of a questionnaire on such a new and still ill-defined topic as futures studies and their use in decision making. Moreover, because of our small staff, we have not been able to prepare different models of the questionnaire designed to fit the particular conditions of various types of organizations. If you find that the questions are too general, are not applicable as stated to your organization, or do not cover the subject as you see it, do not hesitate to rephrase them or add to them.)

1. Futures studies can be defined as systematic research through one or more methodologies, into indicative or normative medium term and long term futures for the purpose of identifying threats and opportunities and providing a broader and less short-sighted basis for decision making.

Is this definition acceptable to you?

If not, give the alternative that you prefer.

2. Does your organization use the term futures studies for the type of activity described above or an alternative (e.g., futures research, futurology, futuristics or forecasting). Please state alternative if one is used.
3. Does your organization conduct or sponsor any futures studies?

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4. How do you perceive your needs for futures studies?  
(Advocates of futures studies make the following assertions:
  - a) These studies can provide an "early warning" system and help identify emerging problems that might become crises.