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SURVEY OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS, AND ITS
FOLLOW-UP

Elements for section IV, chapter 8, of Agenda 21:
Legal instruments and mechanisms

Draft proposal by the Chairman

I. BASIS FOR ACTION

1. The recognition that the following vital aspects of the universal, multilateral and bilateral treaty-making process should be taken into account:

(a) The further development of international law ^{on} ~~in the field of~~ sustainable development, giving special attention to the delicate balance between environmental and developmental concerns;

(b) The need to clarify and strengthen the relationship between existing international instruments or agreements in the field of environment and relevant social and economic agreements or instruments, taking into account the special needs of developing countries;

(c) At the global level, the essential importance of the participation in and the contribution of all countries, including the developing countries, to treaty making in the field of international law on sustainable development. Many of the existing international legal instruments and agreements in the field of environment have been developed without adequate participation and