

12.- Reiterates the call for regularly assessing national progress towards implementing the outcome of the Summit, possibly in the form of periodic national reports, outlining successes, problems and obstacles. Such reports could be considered within the framework of an appropriate consolidated reporting system, taking into account the different reporting procedures in the economic, social and environmental fields;

13.- Reaffirms the need for an effective partnership and cooperation between Governments and the relevant actors of civil society, the social partners, the major groups as defined in Agenda 21, including NGO's and the private sector in the implementation and follow-up of the Declaration and Programme of Action, and ensuring their involvement in the planning, elaboration, implementation and evaluation of social policies at the national level;

14.- Also recognizes that the implementation of the Declaration and Programme of Action will require the mobilization of financial resources at the national and international levels, as set out in Commitment 8 and 9 of the Declaration and paragraphs 87 to 93 of the Programme of Action;

15.- Recognizes further that the implementation of the Declaration and Programme of Action in developing countries, in particular in Africa and the least developed countries, will need additional financial resources and more effective development cooperation and assistance;

16.- Concurs that substantial debt reduction is needed to enable developing countries to implement the Declaration and Programme of Action, as set out in Commitment 9(o) of the Declaration and par. 90 of the Programme of Action;

17.- Reaffirms the importance of agreeing on a mutual commitment between interested developed and developing country partners to allocate, on average, 20 per cent of ODA and 20 per cent of the national budget, respectively, to basic social programmes;

18.- Also recognizes the necessity of providing appropriate technical cooperation and other forms of assistance to the countries with economies in transition, as set out in the provisions of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action;