

in particular those in Africa, with special attention to countries most affected or classified as LDCs.

United Nations Specialized Agencies and Related Organizations
and other intergovernmental organizations

27. (Agreed) All UN specialized agencies and related organizations within their respective fields of competence have an important role to play in the implementation of relevant parts of Agenda 21 and other decisions of UNCED. Their governing bodies may consider ways of strengthening and adjusting activities and programmes in line with Agenda 21, in particular, regarding projects for promoting sustainable development. Furthermore, they may consider establishing special arrangements with donors and financial institutions for project implementation that may require additional resources.

H. Regional and sub-regional cooperation and implementation

28. (Agreed) Regional and sub-regional cooperation will be an important part of the Conference outcome. The UN regional economic commissions, regional development banks and regional economic and technical cooperation organizations, within their respective agreed mandates, can contribute to this process by:

- (a) promoting regional and sub-regional capacity-building;
- (b) promoting the integration of environmental concerns in regional and sub-regional development policies;
- (c) promoting regional and sub-regional cooperation, where appropriate, regarding transboundary issues related to sustainable development.

29. (Agreed) Regional economic commissions, as appropriate, should play a leading role in coordinating regional and sub-regional activities by sectoral and other UN bodies and shall assist countries in achieving sustainable development. These commissions, regional programmes within the UN system, as well as other regional organizations should review the need for modification of ongoing activities, as appropriate, in light of Agenda 21.

30. (Agreed) There must be active cooperation and collaboration among the regional commissions and other relevant organizations, regional development banks, non-governmental organizations and other institutions at the regional level. UNEP and UNDP, together with the regional commissions, would have a crucial role to play, especially in providing the necessary assistance, with particular emphasis on building and strengthening the national capacity of Member States.