

24. (Agreed) Its role would include the following:

- (a) (Agreed) acting as the lead agency in organizing UN system efforts towards capacity-building at the local, national and regional levels;
- (b) (Agreed) mobilizing donor resources on behalf of Governments for capacity-building in recipient countries and, where appropriate, through the use of UNDP round-table mechanisms;
- (c) (Agreed) strengthening its own programmes in support of follow-up to UNCED without prejudice to the Fifth Programme Cycle;
- (d) (Agreed) assisting recipient countries upon request in the establishment and strengthening of national coordination mechanisms and networks related to activities for the follow-up of the UNCED;
- (e) (Agreed) assisting recipient countries *upon request* in coordinating the mobilization of domestic financial resources;
- (f) (Agreed) promoting and strengthening the role and involvement of women, youth and other major groups, in recipient countries in the implementation of Agenda 21.

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25. (Agreed) UNCTAD should play an important role in the implementation of Agenda 21 as extended at UNCTAD VIII, taking into account the importance of the interrelationships between development, international trade and the environment and in accordance with its mandate in the area of sustainable development.

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26. (Agreed) The role of UNSO, with added resources that may become available, operating under the umbrella of UNDP and with the support of UNEP, should be strengthened so that this body can assume an appropriate major advisory role and participate effectively in the implementation of Agenda 21 provisions related to combating drought, desertification as well as land resource management. In this context, the experience gained could be used by all other countries affected by drought and desertification,