

(j)(Agreed) facilitation of information exchange on environmentally sound technologies, including legal aspects, and provision of training;

(k)(Agreed) promotion of sub-regional and regional cooperation and support to relevant initiatives and programmes for environmental protection including playing a major contributing and coordinating role in the regional mechanisms in the field of environment identified for the follow-up to UNCED;

(l)(Agreed) providing ^{upon request} technical, legal and institutional advice to governments in establishing and enhancing their national legal and institutional frameworks, in particular, in cooperation with UNDP capacity-building efforts;

(m)(Agreed) supporting governments ^{upon request} and development agencies and organs in the integration of environmental aspects into their development policies and programmes, in particular through provision of environmental, technical and policy advice during programme formulation and implementation;

(n)(Agreed) further developing assessment and assistance in cases of environmental emergencies.

22. (Agreed) In order for UNEP to perform all of these functions, while retaining its role as the principal body within the UN system in the field of environment and taking into account the development aspects of environmental questions, it would require access to greater expertise and provision of adequate financial resources and it would require closer cooperation and collaboration with development and other relevant organs of the UN system. Furthermore, UNEP's regional offices should be strengthened without weakening its Headquarters in Nairobi, and UNEP should take steps to reinforce and intensify its liaison and interaction with UNDP and the World Bank.

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23. (Agreed) UNDP, like UNEP, also has a crucial role in the follow-up to the UNCED. Through its network of field offices it would foster the United Nations system's collective thrust in support of the implementation of Agenda 21, at the country, regional, interregional and global levels, drawing on the expertise of the specialized agencies and other UN organizations and bodies involved in operational activities. The role of the Resident Representative/Resident Coordinator of UNDP needs to be strengthened in order to coordinate the field-level activities of the UN operational activities.