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## THE AGENCY'S CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

### Explanatory memorandum and draft resolution submitted by Sweden and supported by Denmark, Finland and Norway

1. In resolution 38/161 of 19 December 1983 on the process of preparation of an Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations General Assembly welcomed the establishment of a special commission - which later assumed the name World Commission on Environment and Development - to make available a report on environment and the global problématique to the year 2000 and beyond, including proposed strategies for sustainable development.
2. On 19 June 1987, the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme decided (by decision 14/14) to transmit the report of the World Commission, entitled "Our common future", to the General Assembly.
3. In resolution 42/187 of 11 December 1987, the General Assembly welcomed the report of the World Commission and, inter alia, called upon the governing bodies of the organs, organizations and programmes in the United Nations system to review their policies, programmes, budgets and activities aimed at contributing to sustainable development.

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4. In its resolution 42/186 of 11 December 1987, the General Assembly welcomed the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond, prepared by the Intergovernmental Inter-sessional Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Environment Programme and, inter alia, called upon the governing bodies of the organs and organizations of the United Nations system to consider the Environmental Perspective and take it into account in the development of their own medium-term plans and programmes as relevant to their own mandates.

5. In the light of the above-mentioned United Nations General Assembly resolutions and the specific recommendations to the Agency mentioned in the report of the World Commission, Sweden - with the support of the Governments of Denmark, Finland and Norway - herewith submits for the consideration of the Board in June a draft resolution on the Agency's contribution to sustainable development.

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Draft resolution proposed by Sweden and supported  
by Denmark, Finland and Norway<sup>\*/</sup>

The Board of Governors,

Bearing in mind the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development welcomed by the United Nations General Assembly at its forty-second regular session and the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond adopted by the General Assembly at the same session,

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<sup>\*/</sup> In June the Board decided that it would revert to the question of this draft resolution in September, before the start of the General Conference's thirty-second regular session. In order to facilitate consideration of this item in the Board, the Secretariat prepared an information paper which is contained in document GOV/INF/552.

Recommends to the General Conference the adoption of the following resolution at its thirty-second regular session:

The General Conference,

(a) Welcoming the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, entitled "Our common future", and the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond, and calling particular attention to their conclusions and recommendations as they relate to the mandate of the Agency,

(b) Noting United Nations General Assembly resolution 42/187 of 11 December 1987, by which the General Assembly transmitted to all governments and to the governing bodies of the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development and invited them to take account of the analysis and recommendations contained in the report in determining their policies and programmes,

(c) Noting further that, in the same resolution, the General Assembly called upon the governing bodies of the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to review their policies, programmes, budgets and activities aimed at contributing to sustainable development; and

(d) Bearing in mind United Nations General Assembly resolution 42/186 of 11 December 1987 on the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond.

1. Requests the Director General and the Board of Governors, in preparing the Agency's programme and budget for the biennium 1991-92 and thereafter, to take into account, where appropriate, the recommendations in the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development and in the Environmental Perspective in all relevant programme areas, in order to contribute to sustainable development - also taking into account on-going Agency activities in this field; and

2. Further requests the Director General to submit to the Board of Governors in February 1989 a progress report on the contribution of the Agency to the international efforts directed towards sustainable development as a contribution to a report to be submitted to the forty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly in line with operative paragraph 18 of General Assembly resolution 42/187.