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DRAFT REPORT ON THE AFRICAN PREPARATORY CONFERENCE
FOR THE WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Ministerial Segment

Addendum (**ADVANCED COPY**)

III. OVERVIEW OF AFRICA WSSD PREPARATORY PROCESS [continued]

[To follow paragraph 31 of L.2]

1. The document entitled "Vision" presented by Mr. V. Mohamed Moosa (South Africa), giving an overview of the WSSD preparatory process, is contained in annex II to the present report.

IV. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF KEY PREPARATORY MEETINGS (continued)

2. It was proposed and agreed that the Report of the African Non-governmental Organizations Forum and the Report on the African Industry Workshop should be annexed to the present report. These are contained in annexes III and IV to the present report respectively.

[To follow paragraph 37 of L.2]

V. REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TECHNICAL SEGMENT

3. In its consideration of this agenda item, the Ministerial Segment of the meeting had before it the draft African Ministerial Statement prepared earlier by the Technical Segment of the meeting.

4. The Chair, in giving the floor to Ms. Eness Chiyenge (Zambia), the Chair of the Technical Segment, for a presentation of the recommendations of the Technical Segment, proposed that agenda items 5, 6 and 7 be taken together.
5. Ms. Chiyenge paid tribute to the Bureau of the Technical Segment and to the Expanded Joint Secretariat for their help and guidance during the meeting, and to the Drafting Committee, under its able Chair, Mr. Ositadinma Anaedu (Nigeria). The Technical Segment had considered two documents that had been prepared by the Expanded Joint Secretariat: Assessment of Progress on Sustainable Development in Africa since Rio (1992), (UNEP/(ROA)/WSSD/1/1), and a draft African Ministerial Statement, which had been structured according to the guidelines provided by the CSD. The first of these documents, on the assessment of progress since Rio, had been discussed by the Technical Segment meeting in plenary sessions, and the comments made by the participants had been noted. The second document, the draft African Ministerial Statement, had been revised by the Drafting Committee, and was now submitted to the Ministerial Segment for consideration and adoption if thought fit.

VI. STRATEGIC DISCUSSION, WAY FORWARD AND PLAN OF ACTION

A. African Youth Forum

6. The representative of Senegal, noting the proposal by the representative of youth from the WSSD African NGO Forum regarding the need to organize an African Youth Forum to prepare for the Global Youth Forum to be held in March 2002 in Denmark, as part of the preparation for the World Summit, offered to host such a forum in his country in Dakar at a date to be arranged, before March 2002. The meeting welcomed the offer by Senegal.

B. The World Summit preparatory process

7. One representative drew the attention of the meeting to paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 56/19, which had set out the stages of the World Summit preparatory process, the nett effect of which was that no further submissions to be included in that process would be accepted after March 2002.

V. ADOPTION OF THE FINAL DOCUMENTS

8. The African Ministerial Statement was discussed and adopted with amendments, and is contained in annex I to the present report.
9. The present report was adopted on the basis of the draft report, contained in document UNEP/(ROA)/WSSD/1/L.2 which had been circulated during the meeting, on the understanding that the finalization of the report would be entrusted to the Rapporteur, working in consultation with the Expanded Joint Secretariat.

VI. CLOSING CEREMONY

10. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9 p.m. on Thursday, 18 October 2001.

Annex I

AFRICAN MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Annex II

DOCUMENT ENTITLED "VISION" PRESENTED BY MR. V. MOHAMED MOOSA (SOUTH AFRICA), GIVING AN OVERVIEW OF THE WSSD PREPARATORY PROCESS

Annex III

REPORT OF THE AFRICAN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FORUM

Annex IV

REPORT ON THE AFRICAN INDUSTRY WORKSHOP

AFRICAN PREPARATORY CONFERENCE FOR THE WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WSSD)

(Nairobi, 15-18 October 2001)

AFRICAN INDUSTRY WORKSHOP REPORT

15 October, Nairobi, Kenya

Welcome address

1. Mr Sekou Toure, Director, Regional Office for Africa, UNEP welcomed participants and emphasized that the workshop provided an opportunity to prepare an appropriate statement for presentation to the Ministerial Segment. Mr Osmane Laye, representative of the Expanded Joint Secretariat emphasized the importance of the contribution from the industry and appreciated the input made by UNIDO in the regional preparatory process.

Opening remarks

2. Ms Wanda Hoskin, from the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE, UNEP) made a presentation as an opening remarks on the WSSD and the industry input to the process. She indicated that DTIE has been developing industry consultations at national and regional levels towards the next Summit on Sustainable Development that will take place in Johannesburg in 2002. She explained the processes that will take place prior to the WSSD conference. DTIE/UNEP had coordinated the following in consultation with the industry and other stakeholders.

DTIE contribution to the WSSD process

- Twenty-six sectoral reports
- Overview report by UNEP
- Five regional multi-stakeholder consultations
- Joint WBCSD/ WRI/ UNEP report
- Key trends that are shaping the marketplace

Regional workshops under the framework of PrepComs

- Highlight key regional industry and sustainability issues
- Recommendations presented at PrepComs
- Special "Industry and Environment Review" publication

The key issues discussed in the reports and the preparatory meetings included annexed:

- Need for clear definition of participatory process
- Involvement of stake-holders throughout process
- Design, implementation, evaluation
- Need to fully involve industry from the South
- Linkages with poverty issues
- Defining responsibilities
- Industry, government, civil society
- Social dimension
- Missing, difficult
- Future challenges difficult to frame
- Distinguishing government and industry roles
- Need to highlight dilemmas
- Reporting
- Creation of sustainable development funds
- Ensure linkages between various industry sectors

Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda

1. Ms Laurraine Lotter of the Chemical and Allied Industries Association of South Africa was elected Chair. Mr Hezekiah Macharia of Kenya and Ms Rose Chekenya of Zimbabwe were chosen as Rapporteurs.

Presentation of the Africa industry report

2. Mr Chris Buckley presented the Africa industry report, which recorded some of the major contributions made by African industry to achieving sustainable development since 1992, reviewed the successes and failures in implementation and set a foundation for future action through identification of challenges.
3. Participants welcomed the report as a useful contribution to the background information for the Summit and as a foundation for African industry to consider actions that needed to be taken to address the challenges. It was agreed that comments made during the meeting would be incorporated in a refined version of the industry report. In addition it was agreed that participants would be given 10 days to provide written comments on the report, which would be sent to the secretariat for incorporation. Examples of input for incorporation in the final report would be specific information on countries and industries.

Discussion of the industry report

4. The following points were made on the report:
 - There was over-emphasis on the impacts and benefits of mining;
 - There were gaps in the sections on industry and mining in non-SADC countries;
 - More emphasis was needed on the benefits (employment and environmental) of industry;
 - There was a need to rearrange AIDS information and broaden the scope to all of Africa;
 - More depth was needed on gender issues;
 - Stress should be placed on the relationship between conflict and lack of regulation;
 - Women's involvement in the rural subsistence economy underpinned the industrial employment of men;
 - Industrial development required an enabling political and regulatory environment;
 - Industry's decline had been caused by government actions;
 - Government and industry needed to work together;

- Free trade was not necessarily aligned with global trade;
- The cost of doing business in Africa was high due to poor infrastructure;
- Education on maintenance is needed for middle management;
- There was a need to emphasize the need to add value to raw materials;
- There was a need to widen the scope to include tourism;
- There was a need to widen the scope to include all agriculture;
- There was a need to emphasize high input costs for industry;
- A country-specific environmental code was needed within a harmonized African context;
- There was a need to establish an independent environmental “observer” (ombudsman) for each country;
- The cost of intellectual property from developed countries was high;
- There was a need to undertake research and development in Africa in conjunction with multinationals and institutions in developed countries;
- African education was world-class—but hands-on exposure to practical, modern industrial technology was needed;
- Awareness by industry of environmental problems was not sufficient. The formation of management centres was proposed;
- There was a need for local processing of agricultural products.

Presentation on challenges of sustainable industrial development in Africa

5. A representative of UNIDO said that UNIDO had been providing inputs to the African preparatory process for WSSD at the following two levels:

- Preparation of eight African countries’ industrial sector reports that had been used as an input for the preparation of their national assessment reports;
- Preparation of a regional industry sector report as an input to the subregional and regional preparatory meetings.

6. With regard to the development and performance of industry in Africa, he indicated that:

(a) The performance of manufacturing industry had been declining in Africa over the last decade;

(b) Globalization had been having an adverse effect on industry in Africa;

(c) Untreated industrial waste had been causing significant pollution of the environment in Africa.

7. To deal with those problems he advocated the following:

(a) The development of national policies and strategies for sustainable industrial development that would provide the basis for sustainable poverty reduction; promote efficient financial, human and natural resource utilization; improve industrial governance through dynamic public-private sector partnership; facilitate the mainstreaming of sustainability in industrial development activities, and enhance synergies between projects and programmes;

(b) The transfer of technology and skills to promote industrial competition by enhancing the entrepreneurial and technological capacity of African industries to compete in the global market; developing and implementing national export promotion strategies through eco-efficient production; and identifying the unique opportunities for Africa in the emerging knowledge economy and developing its market niche.

- (c) The implementation of integrated pollution prevention and control (IPPC) by assisting countries to adopt it as the core of their industrial environmental management policies and strategies; creating financing mechanisms for the transfer of clean and efficient processing and treatment technologies; and promoting policy coordination at the national and international level.

Working groups

8. Three working groups were formed to discuss the following topics:
- Focusing on key priorities for Africa (mining, energy, tourism and other sectors)
 - Financing in Africa
 - Trade, business and environment in Africa.

Formulation of recommendations for forwarding to the ministerial segment

9. Participants considered a draft set of elements prepared by the Chair and rapporteurs and agreed that the Chair could prepare a statement containing the elements agreed and deliver it to the ministerial segment.
10. The Chair thanked all participants for their hard work during a day of intensive deliberation.

Summary and closure

11. The Director of the Regional Office for Africa thanked all participants for their contributions to the successful outcome of the workshop. He explained the process that would be followed to ensure that the outcome of the workshop was reported to the Ministerial Conference.

