Decisions in Preparation for WSSD*

1. Calls upon countries who have not yet started their national preparations for the Summit to do so as soon as possible.
2. Invites the UN Resident Co-ordinators to facilitate co-ordinated support from the UN system to country-level preparations for the Summit, and further welcome the preparations of regional and international organisations to actively support such meetings, and calls upon all relevant international organisations to actively support such meetings, as well as an inter-regional preparatory meeting for the Small Island Developing States, within the context of intergovernmental frameworks.
3. Welcomes the efforts of South Africa and Indonesia, the host countries of the Summit and of the final ministerial session of the Preparatory Committee, respectively, towards effective preparations of these meetings, and encourages other countries, in particular donor countries, to actively support these efforts.
4. Invites the Secretary-General, in preparation of his comprehensive report for the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee, to take fully into account the views expressed by the participants in the Committee’s organisational session, as well as the results of national, sub-regional, regional and inter-regional preparatory activities, including by major groups as identified in Agenda 21, for the Summit, and, on this basis, to indicate, inter alia, possible main themes, which could be addressed by the Preparatory Committee and be in the focus of the Summit, all reflecting in mind the need to reflect the fact that economic development, social development and environmental protection are interdependent and mutually reinforcing components of sustainable development and should be treated in a balanced manner, and the need for concrete proposals aimed at facilitating the operationalisation and implementation of sustainable development pursuant to Agenda 21 at all levels, and that these need to address cross-sectoral issues and means of implementation in an integrated and comprehensive manner.
5. Invites the Secretariat to include in the documentation to be provided to the next session of the Preparatory Committee information on:
   a) trends in and constraints to the implementation of Agenda 21 at all levels, based on UNEP’s Global Environmental Outlook and other reports submitted to the CSD; b) actions undertaken by the UN system and other international organisations and international financial institutions and the GEF, in assisting developing countries to implement Agenda 21; c) progress made concerning the contribution of major groups in the implementation of Agenda 21; d) implementation of the main decisions and recommendations of the CSD in the 1993-2001 period.
6. Invites all inter-governmental processes relevant to the Summit, including the International Environmental Governance Process, to submit their progress reports to the Preparatory Committee at its first substantive session and their final reports to the third session, so that they can be fully considered in the preparatory process.
7. Decides that the preparatory process will also take into account the results of the Millennium Assembly, the International Conference on Financing for Development, the Thirteenth UN Conferences on International Trade, Food, Development, and other relevant global conventions, and the replenishment of the GEF.
8. Further decides that the preparations for the Summit at all levels should take into account, as appropriate, progress in the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.
9. Encourages further preparatory initiatives by major groups, particularly those which would result in new partnerships and commitments to sustainable development.
10. Underscores the importance of proactive public information campaigns, at national and international levels, to promote the Summit and its outcome with a view to raising awareness at all levels regarding the significance of sustainable development, and invites the Secretary-General to inform the next session of the Preparatory Committee on progress achieved in this regard.
11. Expresses its appreciation to government and other donors who contributed to the Trust Fund to facilitate preparations for the Summit and to support participation in the preparatory meetings and in the Summit of representatives of developing countries, and urges other donors to make their voluntary contributions in support of these activities, as well as in support of participa-

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tion of representatives from major groups from developing countries, as soon as possible.

4. Invites the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee to play an active and important role in the intergovernmental preparations for the Summit to mobilize political support at the highest possible level in both developed and developing countries while pursuing the support of all heads of international organizations within the UN system and international financial institutions, and the GEF; and to actively support the preparation of the document in view of considering the reports of all relevant intergovernmental processes.

2. Specific modalities of future sessions of the Preparatory Committee

The Commission on Sustainable Development, acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, resolves to prepare a draft document, for further consideration and adoption at the Summit, on the basis of the recommendations contained in paragraph 2 above.

The preparatory committee will consider:

a. major accomplishments and lessons learnt in the implementation of Agenda 21;

b. major constraints hindering the implementation of Agenda 21, propose specific time-bound measures to be undertaken, and institutional and financial requirements, and identify the sources of such support.

c. The results of Committee's deliberations on this document will be transmitted to the third session of the Preparatory Committee.

Third preparatory session

5. The third preparatory session will take place in New York from 25 March to 5 April 2002. During this session the Committee will continue consideration of the Chair- man's paper transmitted from its second session, together with inputs to the preparatory process, as appropriate. This would allow the Committee, in addition to the issues outlined in paragraph 3 above to address ways of strengthening the institutional framework for sustainable development and evaluate and define the role and programme of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

6. As decided by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/199, the preparatory committee during the third preparatory session shall agree on the text of a document containing the results of the review and assessment of the further implementation of Agenda 21 and the other outcomes of UNCED as well as of the Programme for Further Implementation of Agenda 21 on the basis of national assessments and other inputs from the Secretariat. An exhibition of sustainable development and opportunities that have emerged since UNCED will be recommended by the UN General Assembly at its 56th session. The finalised version of the rules of procedure and in the Summit the following relevant non-governmental organisations and other major groups.

2. Provisional Rules of Procedure for the World Summit on Sustainable Development

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Adoption of final documents.

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3. Tentative organisation of work during the World Summit on Sustainable Development

1. The Commission on Sustainable Development, acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, recommends that the Summit should take place in Johannesburg, South Africa from 21-11 September 2002, with participation at the level of Heads of States or Government during a period of 9-11 September, and that the Summit would have the following tentative organisation of work:

Period of 2-6 September 2002

Plenary

Consideration of organisational issues by the Summit as required, followed by:

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for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/199, decides on the following arrangements and modalities for participation in the preparatory process and in the Summit of relevant non-governmental organisations and other major groups:

A. Registration and accreditation

1. The major groups that are currently in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations are entitled to participate in all preparatory committee meetings and in the Summit. The non-governmental organisations and other major groups that have obtained accreditation in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of the recommendations of the Committee of Governmental Representatives will submit their recommendations to the preparatory committee two weeks before the start of each committee meeting.

2. A non-governmental or other major group organisation that has been granted accreditation to attend a session of the preparatory committee will attend all of its future sessions and the Summit itself.

B. Participation modalities during the sessions of the preparatory committee

5. Representatives of accredited non-governmental organisations and other major groups will participate in the preparatory process in the same way they have participated in the meetings of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Major groups that have obtained accreditation may be given an opportunity briefly to address the preparatory committee and its subsidiary bodies. If the number of requests to speak is too numerous, the preparatory committee may request the major groups to organise themselves into issue-based constituencies, each to constitute a single representative speaking through a spokesperson.

6. Accredited non-governmental organisations and other major groups may, at their own expense, make written presentations not be issued as official documents unless they are in accordance with United Nations procedures.

C. The planned multi-stakeholder dialogues

2. Those non-governmental organisations and other major groups currently not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations may apply for accreditation and participation in the preparatory process and in the Summit. The Secretariat will make recommendations to the Secretariat and register to participate. Accredited non-governmental organisations need not register for each preparatory committee meeting separately.

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9. Recognising the limited time available, a small, but representative number of representatives of accredited non-governmental organisations and other major groups will be invited to address the Summit part of the plenary after the statements made by the governmental representatives. The individual speakers will be identified through the self-organised mechanisms of the major groups, in co-ordination with the President of the Summit. The Secretariat will inform the major groups regarding these arrangements. The preparatory committee will function on the same basis as at the annual sessions of the Commission.