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Topic: The Promotion of Good Governance for Sustainable Development

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1 RECOGNIZING that good governance is necessary for the most efficient, effective, and
2 fair implementation of sustainable development initiatives such as *Agenda 21* and the
3 *Johannesburg Plan of Implementation*,

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5 COGNIZANT of the inherent differences in economic and social development between
6 regions as well as the differences in solutions towards good governance in the different
7 regions as enumerated in Chapter IX of the *Johannesburg Plan of Implementation*,

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9 AWARE OF the importance of creating global partnerships between local and national
10 governments, civil society and the private sector, and multilateral institutions, as
11 espoused in the *Millennium Declaration*, in order to promote sustainable development
12 and effective governance,

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14 NOTING that the provision of technical and financial assistance is imperative for
15 Member States to promote effective, open, and transparent governance and the further
16 implementation of environmental legislation and sustainable development initiatives,

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18 FURTHER NOTING the *Millennium Declaration*, especially Millennium Development
19 Goals 1 and 7, as intrinsically linked to good governance and sustainable development as
20 noted in the *Johannesburg Plan of Implementation*,

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22 AFFIRMING the importance of education and training for effective governance in
23 relation to protection of the environment as well as economic and social development as
24 espoused in the *Rio Declaration on the Environment and Development*,

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26 RECOGNIZING the vital role women play in policy making and implementation,
27 especially in relation to sustainable development, and that their role should be promoted
28 through multilateral institutions,

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30 CONCERNED BY the degradation of water resources and marine environments
31 throughout the world and the potential for irreversible harm to come to such ecosystems
32 and sources of vital resources,

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34 KEEPING IN MIND the intrinsic aspects of good governance such as efficiency,
35 transparency in decision making and enforcement, accountability, informed and

36 organized participation that follow rules and regulations to insure minimized corruption
37 and forestall misappropriation of funding,
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- 39 1. ACCEPTS the views of minorities and those most vulnerable in society are heard
40 in decision-making as defined by the Economic and Social Committee of Asia
41 and Pacific and espoused in other regional agreements such as the *Declaration of*
42 *Santiago on Democracy and Public Trust*;
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- 44 2. ENCOURAGES close cooperation with civil society, local and national
45 governments, and relevant United Nations agencies in order to promote the
46 further development of local *Agenda 21s* as a means to boost sustainable
47 development through the framework of Millennium Development Goal 8;
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- 49 3. REITERATES the call for untying foreign aid investment and promoting the use
50 of Official Development Assistance to leverage further financing sources such as
51 foreign direct investment, trade, and domestic resources in order to further
52 sustainable development as recommended in the *Monterrey Consensus*;
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- 54 4. FURTHER ENCOURAGES increased participation of all relevant stakeholders,
55 including civil society, vulnerable populations, and the private sector in
56 environmental policy making, implementation, and enforcement within national
57 actions as well as multilateral mechanisms through initiatives such as the
58 Capacity Building Technology Support Database of United Nations
59 Environmental Programme (UNEP) in order to provide for more effective
60 environmental governance;
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- 62 5. URGES national and local governments to minimize the negative impacts
63 experienced by those living in poverty conditions by encouraging member states
64 to utilize the programs such as the United Nations Development Programme's
65 (UNDP) Thematic Trust Fund on Poverty Alleviation in order to help reduce
66 urban pressure on the environment;
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- 68 6. INVITES the further support of UNEP's Global Training Programme on
69 Environmental Law as a means to promote effective policy making and
70 implementation of locally and nationally focused environmental legislation
71 through training policy-makers and other stakeholders;
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- 73 7. RECOMMENDS utilization and support for UNEP's Environmental Education
74 and Training Unit to build individual and instructional capacity to develop and
75 implement environmental policies as well as to raise public awareness to
76 sustainable development and environmental legislation;
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- 78 8. FURTHER RECOMMENDS the use of local, national and international programs
79 and organizations such as United Nations Education, Social, and Cultural
80 Organization's (UNESCO) Education for All, to recognize and then improve the

- 81 platform of good governance and support the efforts on educating the population
82 for the need to build a strong government;
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- 84 9. SUGGESTS improved participation of women in designing and implementing
85 environmental legislation and incorporating gender awareness into domestic,
86 regional, and international policies and programs related to good governance and
87 sustainable development with the support of international mechanisms such as the
88 UNDP Thematic Trust Fund on Women's Empowerment;
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- 90 10. RECOGNIZES the importance of empowerment through micro-financing
91 provides to all citizens, including women and minorities, and encourages the
92 further development and implementation of such programs through appropriate
93 bodies such as the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the UNDP, and
94 relevant non-governmental organizations;
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- 96 11. ENCOURAGES utilization and support for UNEP's Freshwater Programme in
97 order to create sustainable to integrated management of freshwater resources in
98 developing countries to assist in the implementation of integrated water resource
99 management policies in order to ensure the sustainable consumption of
100 freshwater;
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- 102 12. PROMOTES increased partnership with capacity building initiatives of UNEP,
103 such as the Global Program of Action for the Protection of the Marine
104 Environment from Land-Based Activities and the Regional Seas Program, to
105 address degeneration of marine environment and improve implementation and
106 enforcement capacities of local and national governments.