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ABBREVIATIONS

AAEA	African Adult Education Association
ACC	Administrative Committee on Co-ordination
AFME	Agence Française pour la maîtrise de l'énergie
AGFUND	Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organizations
AIDO	Arab Industrial Development Organization
AL AHAM	Al Ahram Publishing House, Cairo
ALCAN	Aluminium Canada
ALECSO	Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization
ANEN	African NGOs Environment Network
ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian Nations
ASRT	Academy for Scientific Research and Technology, Egypt
BAPMoN	Background Air Pollution Monitoring Network, UNEP/WMO
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
BEIJER	Beijer Institute, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
BFS	Bellerive Foundation, Switzerland
BPICA	International Permanent Bureau of Automobile Manufacturers
CARICOM	Caribbean Community Secretariat
CCA	Caribbean Conservation Association, Bridgetown, Barbados
CCOL	Co-ordinating Committee on the Ozone Layer
CEFIC	Conseil européen des fédérations de l'industrie chimique
CEFIGRE	International Training Centre for Water Resources Management
CHECO	Chelsea College, University of London
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CMC	Conservation Monitoring Centre
CMEA	Council for Mutual Economic Assistance
CMS	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
COPA	Cross-Organizational Programme Analysis
COSPAR	Committee on Space Research, ICSU
CPPS	Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur
CRESSIDA	Centre for Regional, Ecological and Science Studies in Development Alternatives
CSC	Commonwealth Science Council
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency
DC/PAC	Desertification Control Programme Activity Centre
DESCON	Consultative Group for Desertification Control
DOEM	Designated Official for Environmental Matters
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECDIN	Environmental Chemicals Data and Information Network
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECG	Ecosystem Conservation Group
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
EEC	European Economic Community
ELC	Environmental Liaison Centre
EMEP	European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme
EMINWA	Environmentally Sound Management of Inland Waters
ENSO	El Niño and Southern Oscillation

ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
ESL/NRC	Earth Sciences Laboratory, National Research Centre, Egypt
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FASRC	Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils
FEEMA	State Foundation for Environmental Engineering, Brazil
fer	Fuel efficiency rate
FINNIDA	Finnish International Development Agency
FSDC	Farm Systems Development Corporation, Philippines
GCC	Gulf Co-operation Council
GEMS	Global Environmental Monitoring System
GESAMP	Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Pollution
GGSMF	G.G. Soans Memorial Farmers' and Rural Afforestation Training Centre
GIFAP	International Group of National Pesticide Manufacturer's Associations
GRID	Global Resource Information Data Base
HARWELL LAB	Harwell Laboratories
HEAL	Human Exposure Assessment Locations
IAC	Infoterra Advisory Committee
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IAHS	International Association of Hydrological Sciences
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
IBPGR	International Board for Plant Genetic Resources
ICAITI	Central American Research Institute for Industry
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce
ICE	Indonesia Commission on the Environment
ICID	International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage
ICIPE	International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology
ICSU	International Council of Scientific Unions
IDE	Institute for Development and Environment, Washington, D.C.
IEB	International Environment Bureau
IEEP	International Environmental Education Programme
IFIAS	International Federation of Institutes for Advanced Study
IGPL	Institut für Geochemie, Petrologie und Lagerstättenkunde
IIASA	International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
IIED	International Institute for Environment and Development
IIPC	Intergovernmental Inter-sessional Preparatory Committee on the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond
IISI	International Iron and Steel Institute
ILCA	International Livestock Centre for Africa
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INDERENA	Instituto de desarrollo de los recursos naturales renovables, Colombia
INFOTERRA	International Referral System for sources of environmental information
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, (UNESCO)
IOCU	International Organization of Consumers Unions
IPAI	International Primary Aluminium Institute
IPAGRO	Instituto de Pesquisas Agronomicas, Brazil
IPCS	International Programme on Chemical Safety
IPIECA	International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association
IPS	Inter-Press Service
IPU	Inter-Parliamentary Union

IRPTC	International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals
ISEM	International Society for Ecological Modelling
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
IWRA	International Water Resources Association
IWRB	International Waterfowl Research Bureau
IYY	International Youth Year
KING'S COLLEGE	King's College, London
LUS	Linköping University, Sweden
MARC	Monitoring and Assessment Research Centre (University of London)
MIRCENs	Microbiological Resources Centres
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration, United States of America
NCS	National Conservation Strategies
NGO	Non-governmental organization
NFP	National Focal Point
NORAD	Norwegian Agency for International Development
NRC-FRG	Nuclear Research Centre, Federal Republic of Germany
NWLSEA	National Water Leak Survey Engineering Association, Tokyo
OAS	Organization of American States
OCA/PAC	Oceans and Coastal Areas Programme Activity Centre
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OEOA	Office for Emergency Operations for Africa
PAC	Programme Activity Centre
PAHs	Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons
PAP/RAC	Priority Actions Programme/Regional Activity Centre
PERSGA	Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment Programme
PFA	Press Foundation of Asia
ROPME	Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment
SACEP	South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme
SADCC	Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference
SCAR	Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research, ICSU
SCOPE	Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment
SDA	Society for Development Alternatives, India
SIDA	Swedish International Development Authority
SIPRI	Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
SPC	South Pacific Commission
SPEC	South Pacific Bureau for Economic Co-operation
SPREP	South Pacific Regional Environment Programme
SWMTEP	System-wide medium-term environment programme
TVE	Television Trust for the Environment
UNCHS	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)
UNCTC	United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations
UNDIESA	United Nations Department of International Economic and Social Affairs
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNDRO	Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator
UNDTCD	United Nations Department of Technical Co-operation for Development
UNEP/COM	USSR Commission for UNEP
UNESCO	United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNHHSF	United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIS	United Nations International School

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UNRISD	United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
UNSCEAR	United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation
UNSO	United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office
UOR	University of Roorkee, India
UOW	University of Waterloo, Belgium
UPITN	United Press International Television Network
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WCED	World Commission on Environment and Development
WCS	World Conservation Strategy
WDC	World Data Centre on Micro-organisms, University of Queensland, Australia
WHO	World Health Organization
WICEM	World Industry Conference on Environmental Management
WFEO	World Federation of Engineering Organizations
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
WWF	World Wildlife Fund
ZACPLAN	Zambezi Action Plan

Preface

At its eleventh session, in May 1983, the Governing Council decided there would be no session of the Council in 1986. At its thirteenth session, in May 1985, the Council subsequently took up the question of provision of information to Governments between its thirteenth and fourteenth (1987) sessions, and “considering the Executive Director’s *Annual Reports* to be an effective mechanism for conveying such information to Governments in a comprehensive manner”, requested the Executive Director to issue his *1985 Annual Report* in 1986 for consideration at the fourteenth session, in 1987, along with the *1986 Annual Report* (Governing Council decision 13/3). In compliance with that request, the present *Report* is being submitted to the Council for consideration at its fourteenth session. As it is appearing in a year which, for the first time in its history, UNEP will not be having a session of the Governing Council, special efforts have been made to give Governments as much information as possible, as the *Annual Report* constitutes the major vehicle for reporting to Governments on what UNEP has done in 1985.

The structure follows that of the *1984 Annual Report* in which chapter IV (The Environment Programme) follows the pattern of the Programme Budget for the first biennium (1984-1985) of the system-wide medium-term environment programme. Chapter V (The Environment Fund) has been expanded to give a comprehensive accounting of the implementation and management of the Environment Fund in 1985 as well as of UNEP’s stewardship of the numerous trust funds for which it is responsible.

Although, as in the past, the *Annual Report* has been written as a formal document for submission to the Governing Council, it has been drafted with an eye to a much larger audience. The style and presentation, it is hoped, are such as to convey to all those who share our interest in the environment what UNEP is about and what it has done in 1985.

Chapter I

THE YEAR IN RETROSPECT

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1. The year 1985, though no less eventful for UNEP than other years, was markedly different. As I stated in my introductory report to the thirteenth session of the Governing Council, a conjunction of circumstances provided UNEP "with an opportunity to review its mode of operation and learn from experience, and so increase its effectiveness".¹ Thus, as far as the UNEP secretariat is concerned, I would characterize 1985 as a year of inventory and stocktaking, with an eye to the future course of the organization.

2. To begin with, 1985 marked for me the first year of a fresh four-year term of office as Executive Director of UNEP. Early in the year, therefore, I convened a meeting of my senior staff, together with a number of distinguished consultants, under the motto "UNEP-1990",² to chart a course for the immediate future. Although the exercise was directed primarily towards the future, the meeting had of necessity to review the past: what UNEP had accomplished, what had been its success, and where it had failed and why. The basic idea was to prepare the UNEP secretariat for the tasks that lay ahead in the coming five years.

3. The "UNEP-1990" meeting, valuable as it was, barely scratched the surface, and indeed, little more could have been expected from a three-day *ad hoc* meeting of wide, free-ranging discussions. It did, however, show us that we needed to take a much closer look at our work over the years, not just single out our successes and failures, but try to analyse them to see if we could find some common elements. Evaluation is essentially an historical exercise and means delving into the past to search for central themes and trends, some of which may have remained hidden from contemporary eyes. But it should not, and cannot, be an end in itself. The end result we are all of us hoping for is a more effective and efficient organization, better equipped to cope with the growing number of complex problems confronting our human environment.

4. Following the thirteenth session of the Governing Council in May and the second regular session of the Economic and Social Council in July, I initiated a thorough and comprehensive internal evaluation of what UNEP had achieved in its thirteen years of existence, drawing on the experience gained at the UNEP-1990 meeting. The fact that no Governing Council session was planned for 1986 gave the UNEP secretariat the time and opportunity to devote itself to the exercise. Also, I felt that such a review was particularly timely in view of the fact that UNEP, with its sister organizations and United Nations agencies, would soon begin the formulation of the next system-wide environment programme covering the years 1990 to 1995.

5. All substantive units were instructed to undertake a thorough internal examination, taking each sub-programme, project by project, and covering every one of the 1,000 or

so projects approved by UNEP since its inception. The evaluation report for each sub-programme was prepared in three components: (a) individual internal evaluations in respect of both completed and ongoing projects; (b) compilation of all outputs, from completed projects as well as those expected from ongoing projects; and (c) an executive summary for the sub-programme as a whole containing the objectives, an assessment of the achievements, highlights of successes and failures with an indication of the reasons for them, an enumeration of the lessons learned through the evaluation process and, on the basis of the foregoing, suggestions for future action.

6. In November, I chaired a meeting of all UNEP substantive staff at which we reviewed, on a trial basis, the evaluations of six sub-programmes. This review was not aimed primarily at the evaluation results themselves but rather at refining the evaluation methodology which could then be applied in the full review of all the UNEP projects. By the end of the year, preparations were well in hand to begin the review early in 1986.

7. It is hoped that, after consultation with the Governments and organizations concerned, the final results of this exercise will be published, in the UNEP 1986 Evaluation Report, which is to be circulated to Governments late in 1986. But publication of the findings of our evaluation will not be the only, or even the principal, positive outcome of the exercise. If, in the future, we can repeat our past successes, avoid our past failures, improve our efficiency and increase our impact, then — and only then — will the exercise have been worth while. To drive home that fact we have established for ourselves, under each sub-programme, very specific targets — targets which we are openly proclaiming to Governments so that they will have a yardstick by which to judge our performance.

8. One benefit was immediately apparent, even before the final results of the evaluation were compiled. Staff members who joined UNEP in recent years have had the opportunity, indeed were instructed, to review all the activities in their respective fields carried out by, or with the support of, UNEP since its inception in 1973. Moreover, as the evaluation meetings were conducted with the participation of all Programme staff, the exercise provided each and every participant with a broader knowledge and a deeper understanding of UNEP.

9. I have described 1985 as a year of inventory and stocktaking, with an eye to future action. But this does not apply solely to the UNEP secretariat. During the year under review there were other indications that it had indeed, been a year of reflection and reappraisal. For example, 24 October 1985 marked the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations. As is customary on such occasions, there were birthday celebrations and an abundance of words of congratulation. But the commemoration itself was a sober and solemn occasion. The tone was set by the Secretary-General in his statement to the General Assembly on 24 October: "... the occasion has set the stage", he said, "to make a fresh beginning ...". Many of the delegates addressing the Assembly on the subject of 40 years of the United Nations spoke in a reflective vein, questioning how the United Nations could be made more effective and efficient. The culmination was the adoption of resolution 40/237 of 18 December, entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations", in which the General Assembly decided to establish a Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to conduct a thorough review of the administrative and financial matters of the United Nations, with a view to identifying measures for further improving the efficiency of its administrative and financial functioning, in dealing with political, economic and social issues.

10. Another stocktaking exercise, aimed at the future, was the convening at Nairobi in July 1985 of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace. The Conference reviewed what had been accomplished during the past decade, designated as the United Nations Decade for Women, and pointed the way for future action in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985.

11. One of the main points emerging from the UNEP-1990 meeting was the need for UNEP to continue its recent efforts to reach out beyond its traditional partners, the environmentalists, to a much broader constituency of women's groups, youth organizations, universities, religious groups, business and industry and other such audiences.³ True, each of these groups has its own central theme and concerns, but we felt that we should tap their potential since they all have an interest, although from different vantage points, in the protection and enhancement of the human environment. UNEP had already made a start in that direction in 1984, by sponsoring a World Industry Conference on Environmental Management (WICEM) in November, jointly with world industry and in co-operation with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC); and convening an Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Environment,⁴ jointly with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), in November/December. Throughout 1985, UNEP continued to co-operate in follow-up activities to both those Conferences.⁵

12. In February 1985, the Environment Liaison Centre (ELC), which is located at Nairobi, hosted a Global Meeting on Environment and Development for Non-Governmental Organizations, with UNEP support. UNEP used this opportunity to meet with individuals and NGO leaders from nearly every part of the world to place its concerns before them. Indeed, the whole idea of the Global Meeting, as conceived by ELC, was to bring together "environmental" and "non-environmental" NGOs to facilitate the exchange of information and strengthen co-operation between all NGOs on problems of the environment and development.⁶ In December 1985 UNEP and ELC held a joint meeting to co-ordinate follow-up action.

13. Taking advantage of the opportunity of having the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, right on its doorstep, UNEP organized a special programme during the Conference, to drive home the theme of sustainable or environmentally sound development. A number of eminent women agreed to serve as a group of conveners for the special UNEP programme, and five women, one from each of the five geographical regions, addressed the large crowd of women assembled at UNEP headquarters. The upshot of this special programme was the establishment of a standing committee of senior women advisers on sustainable development, each member assuming responsibility for developing an action programme in her own country and region with a view to establishing national environment networks and involving women leaders in the local grass-roots movements.

14. As the General Assembly of the United Nations had designated 1985 as "International Youth Year", my 1985 World Environment Day message, "Conserving the Future" was directed to the world's youth. In that message, I challenged today's youth to co-operate with UNEP in developing a Youth Environmental Agenda. Large numbers of youth groups and individuals responded to the challenge and UNEP is compiling and analysing this material for incorporation in the Youth Environmental Agenda. This agenda, which is to serve as a guide for practical environmental action by youth, is expected to be launched on World Environment Day in 1986.

15. To encourage the interest of youth in the environment, UNEP hosted an "African Workshop on Youth for the Environment" on 25 and 26 November 1985. Youth leaders from twenty-four International Youth Year African national committees, as well as a number of African non-governmental organizations, attended the Workshop, which drew up concrete recommendations for Youth action on the environment.⁷ Apart from its specific recommendations, the Workshop called for its deliberations to be brought to the attention of African ministers responsible for the environment at the First African Ministerial Conference on the Environment, held at Cairo in December 1985. The Workshop also stressed the need to involve young women and women's groups in this campaign by African youth to protect and enhance the environment.

16. One of the highlights of 1985 for the staff at the United Nations Office at Nairobi was the visit by His Holiness Pope John Paul II on 18 August, during his official visit to Kenya. UNEP produced printed copies of the speeches made by His Holiness and by the Executive Director and both statements have been widely distributed, particularly to Catholic groups. During the year, UNEP established contact with the organizing committee of the World Methodist Conference scheduled to take place at Nairobi in July 1986. Contact has also been made with a number of religious groups with a view to familiarizing them with the work of UNEP, disseminating environmental information through them and encouraging them to take part in environmental action. It is my hope that we can expand this activity to religious groups all over the world.

17. In December 1985, the First African Ministerial Conference on the Environment, held at Cairo, reviewed national priorities, identified common environmental problems calling for regional action programmes and adopted the Cairo Programme for African Co-operation. The basic document before the Conference, the Report of the Executive Director of UNEP, started with an outline of the African environmental situation and a summary of past decisions taken by Africa. The high-level heads of delegations showed an acute awareness of what had happened on the continent, particularly the events and processes leading to the degradation of Africa's natural resources. This knowledge and experience of the past, both positive and negative, served as a launching pad for the Cairo Programme for African Co-operation, which calls for action by Africans for Africans. Among the many elements of the Programme was the decision to select 150 villages (three per country) and 30 semi-arid stock-raising zones (one in each of 30 African countries) with a view to helping them to become self-sufficient in food and energy within five years. While the achievement of self-sufficiency in food and energy by 180 communities scattered over the entire continent of Africa will in itself have little impact on the critical situation in Africa, if the Cairo Programme succeeds in this endeavour, these communities can serve as models and an inspiration for the rest of the continent, demonstrating beyond all doubt that Africans have the knowledge, the ability and the will to solve their own problems.

18. Thus, for all of us at UNEP, 1985 has been a most fruitful year. We have paused to take stock of our activities and the impact they had made; and on the basis of this self-appraisal, we have charted the future course for UNEP with the specific aim of making the organization more responsive to the demands being made of it and more efficient and effective in its operations. We have also made great strides in reaching out and sharing our concerns with a much wider public than hitherto. We hope that these efforts will inspire greater dedication and commitment to a sane, peaceful and healthy environment for ourselves and generations to come.

Notes

- 1 UNEP/GC.13/3, para. 74.
- 2 See UNEP/GC.13/3, section IX, for a report on this meeting.
- 3 For a more detailed account of the activities carried out by UNEP in 1985 on this theme, see Chap. III — The Co-ordinating and Catalytic Role of UNEP.
- 4 These Conferences were reported to the Governing Council at its thirteenth session in documents UNEP/GC.13/3 and Add.4.
- 5 Details of such co-operation appear in Chap. III.
- 6 The recommendations adopted by the global meeting are discussed at length in Chap. II.
- 7 The recommendations of the Workshop are set out at length in Chap. II “Intergovernmental Legislation of Relevance to UNEP”.

Chapter II

INTERGOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATION OF RELEVANCE TO UNEP

UNEP Governing Council

Economic and Social Council

General Assembly

International Conferences

INTERGOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATION OF RELEVANCE TO UNEP

1. During the year under review, the UNEP Governing Council, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly continued to monitor and guide the work of the UNEP secretariat. Additionally, several international conferences were held in 1985 which had a bearing on the work of UNEP. The following paragraphs contain a brief description of the relevant legislative measures adopted by those bodies in 1985.

UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL

2. At its thirteenth session, held at Nairobi from 14 to 24 May 1985, the Governing Council of UNEP adopted a total of 36 decisions. Never before in its history had the Council adopted so many decisions at a single session.

3. Those 36 decisions can be broken down into three general categories: matters of general policy (1-13); programme matters (14-32); and administrative and financial matters (33-36).

General policy

4. Governing Council decision 13/1 on programme policy and implementation has four sections. In the first section, entitled "Policy matters", the Council noted with appreciation the information provided by the Executive Director in his annual and introductory reports and also took note of those resolutions of relevance to UNEP adopted by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in 1984. In the second section of the decision, the Council addressed itself to new initiatives by UNEP, specifically a number of conferences organized by, or with the support of, UNEP; the initiation of the UNEP Global Resource Information Data Base (GRID); the Executive Director's suggestions regarding UNEP activities related to International Youth Year; and the Executive Director's proposals concerning the role of UNEP *vis-à-vis* the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women. In the third section of the decision, the Council agreed to decide at its fourteenth session in 1987 on the method by which the proposed system-wide medium-term environment programme for 1990-1995 would be considered. In the fourth and last section of the decision, the Council expressed its appreciation to Governments and institutions which had supported the development of the UNEP Clearing-house and called on all concerned to consider increasing support for projects presented to them through the Clearing-house; the Council also called on Governments of developing countries to make wider use of the Clearing-house, particularly in technical co-operation among developing countries.

5. Desiring to establish a more formal and regular system of consultation among Governments and between Governments and the Executive Director, particularly in view of the fact that there would be no session of the Council in 1986, the Council in its decision 13/2 established an open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives and/or Government-designated officials and set up a regular quarterly timetable of meetings of the Committee with the Executive Director.

6. In view of Council decision 11/2, of 23 May 1983, in which it was decided not to hold a session in 1986, the Council, in its decision 13/3, laid down guidelines for the provision of information to Governments between the thirteenth and fourteenth sessions. In this decision, the Council recommended in effect that three documents should be continued on an annual basis: the Annual Report of the Executive Director, the state-of-the-environment-report, and the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination.

7. The subject of the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond, which the Council is to submit to the General Assembly in 1987, was dealt with in decisions 13/4 A to E. The first decision (13/4 A) concerns the method of preparing the Environmental Perspective and the second (13/4 B) the interaction between the Governing Council's Intergovernmental Inter-sessional Preparatory Committee on the Environmental Perspective to the year 2000 and Beyond (IIPC) and the Special Commission, also known as the World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED). A document entitled "World Commission on Environment and Development: "Mandate, key issues, strategy and workplan" is the subject of the third decision (13/4 C). Decision 13/4 D has to do with the scheduling of future IIPC sessions, while the last decision (13/4 E) revises the African representation on IIPC.

8. Annexed to the Council's decision 13/5 on the observance of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations is a message from the Council to the commemorative session of the General Assembly.

9. By its decision 13/6 the Council approved the proposal of the Executive Director to convene an African environmental conference in 1985.

10. In its decision 13/7 on the impact of *apartheid* on the environment, the Council reaffirmed its sympathy and solidarity with the victims of *apartheid* and its condemnation of the *apartheid* system, and requested the Executive Director to continue to monitor periodically developments pertaining to the environmental impacts of *apartheid* in South Africa.

11. Recalling the numerous General Assembly resolutions on the subject, as well as its own relevant earlier decisions, the Council, in its decision 13/8, deplored Israel's non-compliance with General Assembly resolutions regarding the proposal to build a canal linking the Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea and requested the Executive Director to facilitate the work of the Secretary-General in monitoring and assessing all aspects, especially ecological ones, of the adverse effects arising from the implementation of the Israeli decision to construct the canal.

12. In its decisions 13/9 A to D the Council addressed the subject of the Executive Director's annual state-of-the-environment reports. In the first decision (13/9 A) it took up the Executive Director's 1985 State-of-the-Environment Report, which dealt with two questions — population and the environment and environmental aspects of

emerging agricultural technology — and endorsed the Executive Director's recommendations for action on those two subjects. The Council took note, in the second decision (13/9 B), of the reports by the Executive Director on environmental events and emerging environmental issues, and decided that in his report on emerging environmental issues in 1987, the issues of municipal solid waste in developing countries, and of aquaculture should be given a more detailed elaboration. Decision 13/9 C contained recommendations for further action with regard to the Executive Director's 1984 State-of-the-Environment Report. In decision 13/9 D, which dealt with the subject of future state-of-the-environment reports, the Council decided, *inter alia*, that the topic of the 1986 State-of-the-Environment Report should be health and the environment and that the 1987 State-of-the-Environment Report should attempt, as the first world state-of-the-environment report, to present a comprehensive survey.

13. In its decision 13/10, the Council took note of the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination¹ and expressed appreciation to the Committee for its continued co-operation with UNEP. In this decision, the Council invited the Committee, through the Designated Officials for Environmental Matters, to review and further develop the methodology as the first step towards the preparation of the system-wide medium-term environment programme for 1990-1995.

14. The initiative of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in deciding to consider a cross-organizational programme analysis of the environment-related activities of the United Nations system was welcomed by the Council in its decision 13/11. The Council also endorsed the proposal that the system-wide medium-term environment programme should be used in formulating the substantive structure of such an analysis.

15. In its decision 13/12 on co-operation between UNEP and UNCHS (Habitat), the Council expressed its satisfaction at the continuing co-operation between the secretariats of the two organizations and, concurring with resolution 8/14 of the Commission on Human Settlements on discontinuing the annual joint bureaux meeting of the Council and the Commission, decided to include in its agenda for future sessions an item on co-operation between UNEP and UNCHS (Habitat).

16. Congratulating the Executive Director on the continuing and increasing emphasis being placed on co-operation with non-governmental organizations, the Council, in its decision 13/13, welcomed the support provided by UNEP to the Global Meeting of Non-Governmental Organizations on Environment and Development, held in Nairobi in February 1985. Underlining the unique role that non-governmental organizations could play at the international, regional and national levels, the Council urged the Executive Director to improve and make better use of the mechanisms by means of which UNEP, in consultation with Governments, utilized the capacities of non-governmental organizations. The Executive Director was also urged to help to develop the ability of non-governmental organizations, especially those in the developing countries, to become more effective partners in development with Governments, international agencies and development institutions.

Programme matters

17. By its decisions 13/14 and 13/15 respectively, the Council approved the programme budget of UNEP for 1986-1987 and provided guidelines for the development of a strategy for the programme budget of UNEP for 1988-1989.

18. In its decision 13/16 on the environment and financial institutions, the Council requested the Executive Director to continue to undertake, in co-operation with the signatories to the Declaration of Environmental Policies and Procedures Relating to Economic Development, periodic reviews of the progress achieved in response to the Declaration, and to seek ways and means of enhancing the ability of UNEP to provide such institutions with suggestions and recommendations.

19. On the subject of energy (decision 13/17) the Council requested the Executive Director to sharpen the focus of the energy programme in 1986-1987, giving high priority to the environmental impacts of the production and use of renewable sources of energy, particularly biomass energy, to support for studies on the environmental aspects of new energy technologies, and to training in energy management and conservation.

20. Governing Council decision 13/18, on environmental law, was divided into six sections. In the first, dealing with protection of the ozone layer, the Council noted the adoption of the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and, *inter alia*, requested the Executive Director to convene a working group to continue work on a protocol on the ozone layer. In section II, concerning protection of the marine environment against pollution from land-based sources, the Council encouraged States and international organizations to take the Montreal Guidelines for the Protection of the Marine Environment against Pollution from Land-based Sources into account in the process of developing bilateral, regional and global agreements in this field and requested the Executive Director to distribute the Guidelines to all States and international organizations concerned. In section III of the decision, the Council took up the other topics of the Montevideo Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law, specifically: environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes; exchange of information on potentially harmful chemicals (in particular pesticides) in international trade; and environmental impact assessment. In section IV, on shared natural resources and legal aspects of offshore mining and drilling, the Council called on Governments to make use of the principles of conduct in the field of the environment in the conservation and harmonious utilization of natural resources shared by two or more States and the conclusions of the study of the legal aspects concerning the environment related to offshore mining and drilling. Noting, in section V, that the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals was to be convened in October 1985, the Council appealed to Governments and international organizations concerned to participate in the Conference and urged all States not yet parties to the Convention to consider early adherence to it. In the sixth and last section of the decision, the Council took note of the report of the Executive Director on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment.²

21. In its decision 13/19, the Council requested the Executive Director to consider, within available resources, convening an international meeting in 1987 on environmental education and training. The purpose of such a meeting would be to appraise the achievements in this field in the preceding decade and to make proposals for the future.

22. Environmental education and training in Africa was the subject of a separate decision (13/20) in which the Executive Director was requested to accord high priority to environmental training in Africa in: water management; domestic waste water management and recycling of waste water for agriculture; energy management; and soil conservation. The Executive Director was further requested to accelerate the establishment of subregional African centres of excellence for environmental education and training.

23. The Council's decision 13/21 dealt with the Latin American and Caribbean Environment Training Network. In that decision, the Council urged the Governments of the region to ensure the formal adoption of the Environmental Training Network programme and requested the Executive Director to assist those Governments in preparing proposals for the financing and operation of the Network in 1986-1987. The Executive Director was further requested to convene at the end of 1985 a meeting of focal points of the Network to examine and approve the regional project. Governments of the region were urged to furnish details of the contributions they could commit for the development of courses, seminars, research and publications within the framework of the regional strategy adopted for the Network. Subsequently, the Executive Director was to prepare, on the basis of the contributions indicated by the Governments, a regional co-operation project.

24. Reform of the UNEP Information Service was the subject of decision 13/22 in which the Council urged the Executive Director to continue his efforts to streamline information activities and requested him to provide Governments, through the Committee of Permanent Representatives, with information on the allocation and utilization of funds for information activities.

25. In its decision 13/23 on state-of-the-environment reports in developing countries, the Executive Director was requested to accord high priority to assisting developing countries in the preparation of their national state-of-the-environment reports. He was also requested to assist three Governments from Africa, three from Asia and the Pacific and three from Latin America in the preparation of examples of national state-of-the-environment reports by the fourteenth session of the Council.

26. Noting the progress being made in the implementation of the World Climate Programme, the Council in its decision 13/24 invited the Executive Director, in co-operation with WMO, to support the further development of the World Climate Programme by encouraging the development of national climate programmes in those countries where none existed and by facilitating closer co-operation among existing national climate programmes.

27. Governing Council decision 13/25 on marine pollution highlighted the importance of the global debate on the environmental implications of the disposal of radioactive and other hazardous wastes at sea. In its decision, the Council called upon the Executive Director to complete the preparatory phase leading to the adoption of regional seas action plans and to continue to assist States to implement the action plans that had already been adopted. The Executive Director was urged, in co-operation with other United Nations bodies, to strengthen the exchange of information and experience between regions with a view to contributing to the protection of the global marine environment.

28. In its decision 13/26 on water, the Council requested the Executive Director to accord high priority, under the UNEP water programme, to support for studies and action-oriented activities dealing with domestic waste water management and environmental problems related to water supply; and to training in the areas of water.

29. In its decision 13/27 on soils, the Governing Council urged all Governments to establish national soils policies and, together with international organizations, to intensify efforts to combat soil degradation. The Executive Director was invited to continue his efforts to secure commitments from both Governments and international bodies to the

implementation of the soils Plan of Action; and to assist Governments when necessary in formulating their national soils policies.

30. Stressing the importance of biosphere reserves, the Governing Council, in its decision 13/28 on the implementation of the Action Plan for Biosphere Reserves, urged States to set up or improve biosphere reserves and take part in the development and operation of the world network of biosphere reserves. In that decision, the Council also invited the Executive Director to extend all possible support and assistance to the implementation of the Action Plan.

31. In decision 13/29 on the preparation of national conservation strategies, the Council requested the Executive Director to encourage Governments that had not yet done so to prepare national conservation strategies; and further requested him to recommend to the African environmental conference that it should consider the question of national conservation strategies with a view to evolving a common approach among the African States.

32. The Council took two decisions on desertification: decision 13/30 A dealing with the general implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and decision 13/30 B concerning implementation of the Plan in the Sudano-Sahelian Region. The highlights of the first decision include the appreciation expressed by the Council to the members of the international community for the emergency assistance they had offered to countries facing famine; and a call upon donor countries to assist affected countries in their endeavours to curb desertification. The Council called upon Governments of affected countries to prepare national plans for combating desertification and urged Governments, organizations, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as well as training and research institutions to intensify their efforts to prevent and combat desertification. The Council noted, in particular, the significant role being played by non-governmental organizations in many of the more successful anti-desertification efforts and called upon Governments and international organizations to explore opportunities for utilizing non-governmental organizations to a greater degree. The Council invited the Executive Director to consult each of the principal international organizations funding desertification control activities to ascertain how UNEP could best assist and facilitate their efforts. In this context, the Executive Director was requested to recommend to the Governing Council, at its fourteenth session, measures that could be taken to enhance the effectiveness of co-operation between UNEP and those organizations. The Council also welcomed the enhanced mandate given to the Consultative Group for Desertification Control and approved measures to enhance the work of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Desertification.

33. In decision 13/30 B the Council welcomed the steps taken by UNSO, on behalf of UNEP, towards the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in 21 countries of the Sudano-Sahelian and neighbouring region. It urged the Executive Director of UNEP and the Administrator of UNDP to consolidate the achievements realized so far by UNSO and to intensify efforts to mobilize resources for continued assistance to the countries served by UNSO in the fight against desertification.

34. The UNEP International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals (IRPTC) was the subject of Council decision 13/31. While noting with satisfaction that IRPTC had achieved specific successes in accomplishing the tasks set before it, the Council nonetheless recognized that the current international information exchange systems on chemicals for the protection of human health and the environment were still failing to keep ab-

reast of the growing requirements placed on them. The Council therefore considered it to be an urgent priority task to raise significantly the effectiveness of the functioning of IRPTC as a data exchange network on potentially toxic chemicals. It urged all Governments, international organizations and industry to provide information and data for inclusion in the files of IRPTC and called upon the Executive Director to continue to give high priority to the work of IRPTC and to increase its financial resources from non-convertible currency contributions to the Environment Fund.

35. Council decision 13/32 on regional and subregional programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean arose out of the Fourth Intergovernmental Regional Meeting on the Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Cancún, Mexico in April 1985³. Thanking the Government of Mexico for its hospitality in convening the meeting, the Council called on Governments of the region and UNEP to ensure that future meetings included an agenda item aimed at strengthening the dialogue on the relationship between economic and social issues and the application and development of environmental policies. The Executive Director was requested to support regional and subregional programmes of common interest and periodically to assess their progress, communicating the results of such assessments to the Governments of the region. The Council invited the Governments of the region to conduct quantitative and social cost-benefit environmental studies to serve as a basis for guiding national policies and to prepare regional state-of-the-environment reports. The Council recommended to the Executive Director that he should conduct an inventory of the available resources of regional and international multilateral organizations and bilateral sources to support regional environmental programmes of common interest. It also recommended that he should request countries of the region to send him a list of their experts in order to draw up a roster of such experts with a view to supporting the implementation of activities related to regional and subregional projects that had already been allocated priority.

Administrative and financial matters

36. Noting with concern the steady decline in the real resources of the Environment Fund, the Council, in its decision 13/33 on additional sources of funding, urged all States to contribute or to increase their contributions to the Fund. It then requested a number of measures from the Executive Director: to seek additional funding for specific activities; to initiate cost effective mechanisms for the utilization of national currencies and contributions in kind; to intensify co-operation between UNEP and UNDP; to secure support to supplement staff of the secretariat by direct recruitment under agreements with Governments; to undertake consultations with United Nations Headquarters on the possibility of issuing conservation stamps for financing environmental activities; to encourage the establishment of national environmental committees; and to explore other possibilities.

37. In a decision on trust funds (13/34) the Council, after taking note of the reports on the management of trust funds and other funds, expressed its appreciation to Governments that had pledged to increase their contributions to the various funds and urged Governments to support Fund programme activities in which they were particularly interested by making counterpart contributions to individual projects. The Council approved the extension of six trust funds established under the rules of the Environment Fund and approved, on a contingency basis, the establishment of a seventh trust fund. It also took note of the establishment by the Executive Director, under authority delegated by the Secretary-General, of three technical assistance trust funds. Lastly, the Council

again urged Governments to pay their contributions to the trust funds promptly, as near as possible to the beginning of the calendar year to which the contributions applied.

38. Having considered the Executive Director's performance report on the programme and programme support budget for the biennium 1984-1985 and his estimates for the programme and programme support budget for the biennium 1986-1987, as well as the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Council in its decision 13/35 on programme and programme support costs approved the revised appropriation level for the biennium 1984-1985 as presented by the Executive Director. It further approved a number of administrative changes. Lastly, the Council approved the appropriation for the programme and programme support budget for the biennium 1986-1987.

39. In its last decision, 13/36 on the Environment Fund, the Governing Council expressed its appreciation to Governments that had increased their pledges, appealed to Governments that had not yet done so to pledge their contributions to the Fund for 1985 and strongly urged all Governments to pay their contributions as near as possible to the beginning of the year. The Council requested the Executive Director to seek increased contributions so that UNEP could implement projects at the agreed level of expenditure. An appropriation of \$60 million was approved for Fund Programme activities for the biennium 1986-1987 and the apportionment for those activities was laid down in the Council's decision. The Council also requested the Executive Director to draw up a programme for the Fund for the biennium 1988-1989 which would result in an estimated level of project expenditures of approximately \$50 million.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC)

40. In its resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, the General Assembly set out a biennial programme of work for the Second Committee, according to which the Second Committee was to deal with the report of the UNEP Governing Council in odd years only, while the Economic and Social Council would take up any UNEP Governing Council reports submitted in even years. In 1985, therefore, the Economic and Social Council was requested to transmit the report direct to the General Assembly without debate. Thus, when the first (Economic) Committee of the Council, at its second regular session in 1985, took up concurrently agenda items 14 (International co-operation on the environment) and 22 (Countries stricken by desertification and drought), the subject of the environment was discussed, albeit briefly, and subsequently the Economic and Social Council simply adopted a decision (1985/172) taking note of the report of the Governing Council on the work of its thirteenth session. By decision 1985/176, the Economic and Social Council also took note of the preliminary report of the Secretary-General on countries stricken by desertification and drought and requested him to submit the final report as soon as possible to the General Assembly taking into account the views expressed by delegations during the second regular session of 1985 of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

41. During the first part of its fortieth session, held from 17 September to 18 December 1985, the General Assembly adopted eight resolutions and two decisions of direct relevance to UNEP.

Resolution 40/200 — International co-operation in the field of the environment

42. For the first time since the inception of UNEP in 1972, the “omnibus” resolution of the General Assembly on international co-operation in the field of the environment was adopted by vote. Although there were no votes against the resolution and 149 votes in favour, six delegations abstained. Despite the vote, it could be said that the very fact that the General Assembly had adopted a resolution on the environment was an improvement over the situation in 1984 when, as reported ⁴, the General Assembly was unable to adopt a resolution and simply “took note of the report of the Governing Council on the work of its twelfth session”. The voting was not on the substance of the operative paragraphs of the resolution but rather on a preambular paragraph related to the arms race and the environment.

43. In the omnibus resolution, the Assembly took note of the report of the Governing Council on the work of its thirteenth session and endorsed the decisions adopted at that session. It welcomed the decision of the Council to change, on an experimental basis, to a biennial cycle of sessions and invited the Council, when reviewing the experiment, to consider changes that might in consequence become necessary in the functioning of the Council, including the term of membership. The Assembly welcomed the action of the Council in setting in train the steps towards the preparation of the next system-wide medium-term environment programme (SWMTEP) for 1990-1995 and inviting ACC to review and further develop the methodology in the light of the experience gained in preparing the first SWMTEP for 1984-1989. It also took note of the work done by the World Commission on Environment and Development and by the Governing Council's Intergovernmental Inter-sessional Preparatory Committee and recalled the relationship between the Commission and the Committee, as set out in General Assembly resolution 38/161. Note was also taken of the progress achieved during 1985 on international conventions and protocols related to the environment. The Assembly considered that measures designed to deal with the erosion of the natural resource base in countries affected by drought and desertification should have, as one of their major aims, the sustainable exploitation and increased productivity of that natural resource base. It welcomed the importance attached by the Council to regional approaches and programmes related to international co-operation in the field of the environment and, in that context, stressed the relevance of specific regional planning identified by the regions themselves. It noted with appreciation the convening of a conference of African ministers on the environment at Cairo in December 1985. It called upon the Executive Director to co-ordinate further the activities of UNEP in the area of forests with those of other organizations of the United Nations system and to co-operate with the organizers of the international initiatives on the future of forests. The Assembly reaffirmed the need to strengthen the co-ordinating role of UNEP and the need for additional resources to assist developing countries in dealing with their serious environmental problems. It urged the Executive Director, in consultation with Governments and international organizations, to accelerate and intensify his efforts in that regard. Lastly, the Assembly expressed its appreciation to Governments that continued to contribute to the Fund of UNEP, particularly those that had increased their contributions, and urged those Governments that had not yet paid their pledged contributions or had not yet made pledges to do so in the near future.

Resolution 40/199 — Co-operation between the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the United Nations Environment Programme

44. In this resolution, the General Assembly, having considered resolution 8/14 adopted by the Commission on Human Settlements and decision 13/12 adopted by the Governing Council of UNEP, decided to discontinue the annual meetings of the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the bureau of the Commission on Human Settlements with the Executive Director of UNEP and the bureau of its Governing Council.

Resolution 40/197 — Remnants of war

45. In this resolution, passed by a vote of 132 in favour, none against and 23 abstentions, the General Assembly, recalling its series of resolutions on the subject, took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the problems of remnants of war and requested him, in co-operation with the Executive Director of UNEP, to continue his efforts with the countries responsible for planting mines and the affected developing countries with a view to ensuring the implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions. The Secretary-General was requested to submit a detailed and comprehensive report on the subject to the General Assembly at its forty-second session.

Resolution 40/198 A — Implementation and financing of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

46. Stating that it shared the concern of the Governing Council over the slow implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, the General Assembly urged Governments, United Nations organizations and all intergovernmental bodies to intensify their efforts in combating desertification and to accord the highest priority to actions recommended in the Plan of Action. It noted the significant role that international non-governmental organizations were playing in anti-desertification efforts and called upon Governments, and United Nations organizations and intergovernmental bodies to explore ways of involving them more in that effort. It urged the international community to increase its assistance to affected countries in the implementation of their national and regional programmes aimed at desertification control, and endorsed the Governing Council's invitation to the Executive Director to consult with the principal international organizations that were funding desertification control activities, with a view both to ascertaining and recommending measures to enhance co-operation in that endeavour. The Assembly urged Governments of affected countries to accord sustained priority to medium-term and long-term strategies and programmes for combating desertification and to ensure that such strategies and programmes were integrated with national development plans and regional co-operative programmes. Noting the measures approved by the Governing Council to enhance the work of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Desertification, it called upon the members of the Group to intensify their joint efforts towards the effective implementation of the Plan of Action. It requested the Governing Council to report to the Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification. Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on financing the Plan of Action, the Assembly noted the dearth of reactions and replies on measures for providing additional resources needed for financing the Plan of Action. It considered that the expert studies prepared by high-level finance experts convened by the Executive

Director deserved further consideration and requested the Executive Director to take due account of them. Lastly, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to it, at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the resolution.

Resolution 40/198 B — Implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

47. Taking note of the report of the Executive Director on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,⁵ the Assembly noted with concern the damage caused by drought to the African countries south of the Sahara; the fact that insufficient financial resources continued to be a serious constraint in the fight against desertification; and that the struggle against desertification called for financial and human resources beyond the means of the affected countries. The Assembly noted with satisfaction the progress made by UNSO, on behalf of UNEP, in assisting the Governments of the region to combat desertification and endorsed the decision to add the United Republic of Tanzania to the list of countries to be assisted by UNSO. The Assembly commended the Executive Director of UNEP and the Administrator of UNDP for the effective and co-ordinated manner in which they continued to develop the joint venture through UNSO and recommended to the respective Governing Councils of UNEP and UNDP that they continue and increase their support for UNSO. The Assembly expressed its gratitude to the Governments, specialized agencies and all organizations that had contributed to the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action and drew the attention of the international community to the need for increased efforts in that respect. Lastly, the General Assembly recommended that the Governing Council should make the necessary arrangements for submitting to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.

Resolution 40/175 — Countries stricken by desertification and drought

48. The General Assembly welcomed the results of the Ministerial Conference which met at Dakar in July 1984 and November 1985 and took note with satisfaction of the final resolution adopted at each of those meetings. It further noted with satisfaction the establishment by OAU of the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa. It recommended that high priority be given in the development plans and programmes of the affected countries themselves to the problems of desertification and drought. Recognizing that particular attention should be given to countries stricken by desertification and drought and that special efforts should be made by the international community in support of action taken by those countries, the Assembly recommended that the international community, above all the developed countries, should continue to provide coherent, short-term, medium-term and long-term assistance to those countries to support the rehabilitation process, in particular through intensive reafforestation and the renewal of growth of agriculture production, especially in Africa. The Assembly recommended that, within the framework of bilateral and multilateral development aid programmes, the fight against desertification and drought should be accorded priority and appealed to all members of the international community, organs and agencies of the United Nations system, regional and subregional financial institutions and non-governmental organizations to continue to provide full support, in all forms, to the development efforts of countries stricken by desertification and drought. The Assembly noted with satisfaction the generosity with which the international community had re-

sponded to the assistance needs resulting from the emergency in Africa. It requested the appropriate organs and agencies of the United Nations system to provide the Secretary-General, for transmission to the stricken countries, with all relevant studies carried out in their respective spheres of competence. Lastly, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure that his final report on the implementation of its resolution 39/208, which was to be submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council in 1986, contained proposals for specific action to be undertaken.

Resolution 40/209 — Desertification and drought

49. In this procedural resolution, the General Assembly, recognizing the importance of existing mandates under General Assembly resolutions in the field of desertification and drought, requested the Secretary-General to ensure that all problems relating to that subject be considered in future years under one sub-item, to be entitled "Desertification and drought", under the item entitled "Development and international economic co-operation". That item would be dealt with in odd years in accordance with the biennial programme of work of the Second Committee of the General Assembly.

Resolution 40/160 — Effects of atomic radiation

50. In this resolution, the Assembly commended the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR) for the valuable contribution it had been making during the 30 years of its existence to a broader knowledge and understanding of the levels, effects and risks of atomic radiation. The continued and growing co-operation between UNSCEAR and UNEP was noted with satisfaction and UNSCEAR was requested to continue its work, including its important co-ordinating activities, to increase knowledge of the levels, effects and risks of ionizing radiation from all sources. The intentions of UNSCEAR and its plans for future activities were endorsed by the Assembly, which requested UNSCEAR to continue the review of important problems in the field of radiation. The Assembly requested UNEP to continue to provide support for the effective conduct of the work of UNSCEAR and for the dissemination of its findings to the General Assembly, the scientific community and the public. The Assembly expressed its appreciation for the assistance rendered to UNSCEAR by Governments, the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations and invited them to increase such co-operation. Governments, organizations within the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations were invited to provide further relevant data to UNSCEAR about doses, effects and risks from various sources of radiation.

Decision 40/316 — Election of 19 members of the Governing Council of UNEP

51. Under this decision, the General Assembly elected 19 members of the Governing Council of UNEP for three-year terms beginning on 1 January 1985 ⁶. For a full list of members of the Governing Council in 1985 and 1986, see annex I to the present report.

Decision 40/441 — Note by the Secretariat on the environment

52. In this decision, the Assembly took note of the following reports of the Executive Director: Implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification ⁷; shared natural resources and legal aspects of offshore mining and drilling ⁸; and International conventions and protocols in the field of the environment ⁹.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

53. During the year under review, three international conferences were held which had a direct bearing on the work of UNEP. The first and third received direct support from UNEP and dealt with specifically environmental problems, but their recommendations did not constitute intergovernmental legislation. The second conference was not directed primarily at the environment, but the subject was raised during its deliberations. In addition, a Workshop on Youth for the Environment was held at Nairobi on 25 and 26 November 1985.

Global Meeting on Environment and Development for Non-governmental Organizations (Nairobi, 4-8 February 1985)

54. The Global Meeting, hosted by the Environment Liaison Centre (ELC) based at Nairobi, was the first of its kind, in that it brought together "environmental" and "non-environmental" NGOs to exchange information and experience in dealing with environmental and development problems. Participants totalled nearly 250 from 59 countries, the NGOs represented numbering 109 from 48 countries. UNEP provided both financial and substantive assistance to the meeting ¹⁰.

55. The 119 action proposals and recommendations adopted by the meeting, and due to be published in an *Action Guide for Non-governmental Organization Co-operation on Environment and Development*, fall into three categories, reflecting the topics covered by the three sets of working group sessions (Rounds I, II and III).

56. Under the first heading, "Defining and promoting sustainable development", recommendations dealt with five themes:

- (i) "Environment and development in the rural south", centred on sustainable agriculture; genetic resources, pesticides and workers' health; and afforestation, energy, soil conservation and appropriate technology;
- (ii) "Environmental and development problems in the urban south", emphasis being placed on information and preparation of educational materials;
- (iii) "Environment and development in the north", dealing mainly with the strengthening of non-governmental organizations in the north and the establishment of information ties between northern and southern NGOs;
- (iv) "North-South relations", calling for increased co-operation and co-ordination between northern and southern NGOs and the establishment of north-south networks; and
- (v) "Peace and Culture", on which the meeting recommended assistance in identifying unrepresented groups of communities and providing information about their needs in respect of sustainable development; and denounced the testing of nuclear devices and the dumping of nuclear waste anywhere in the south.

57. Under the second heading, "Focal areas for environment and development action", five additional themes were dealt with:

- (i) "Sustainable agriculture, agro-forestry, bio-technology, seeds and pesticides", on

which the meeting recommended increased exchange of information, especially newsletters, and the promotion of education and popular mobilization methodologies;

- (ii) "Aid, trade and financial flows", on which it recommended increased lobbying for better quality aid and for the cessation of military aid; an early warning system on problem projects (or good projects); and campaigning to prevent the financing of unsound development projects and to increase public awareness of the debt crisis;
- (iii) "Energy, nuclear power and militarization", on which recommendations included the subjects of lobbying for a comprehensive test-ban treaty and against nuclear waste dumping and recycling, as well as dissemination of information on the effects of militarization on environment and development;
- (iv) "Hazards of industrialization and the impact of large dams", on which the meeting recommended establishing a "No More Bhopals" network and mobilizing communities located near hazards-generating factories or displaced by dams; research and information exchange on dangerous chemicals and the impacts of industry; preparation of an inventory of NGOs working on those issues; and an NGO audit on the role of international agencies concerned with human welfare — for example WHO, FAO and UNEP; and
- (v) "Afforestation and desertification", on which recommendations concerned the establishment of information exchange mechanisms between grass-roots NGOs involved in afforestation, campaigning for land use reforms and improved land tenure systems to promote afforestation, and developing educational material.

58. Under the third of the three categories, "Building NGO co-operation and effectiveness", the Global Meeting made 25 recommendations, all related to further development, strengthening and co-ordination of non-governmental organizations, under five headings: (i) networking and organization; (ii) research and information; (iii) education and popular mobilization; (iv) national and international legislative action; and (v) field-level projects and co-ordination.

59. Space does not permit a complete listing of the meeting's 119 recommendations, but the main ones relevant to the work of UNEP were circulated to the Governing Council at its thirteenth session in document UNEP/GC.13/3/Add.4.

World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace (Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985)

60. At this Conference, one of the largest seen at Nairobi, 157 States were represented as well as numerous observers, representatives of United Nations offices, bodies and programmes, specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.

61. In the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,¹¹ adopted by the World Conference on 25 and 26 July 1985 and subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985, the Conference devoted four paragraphs (224 to 227) to specific questions of the environment. Para-

graph 224 deals with environmental degradation, resulting from natural and man-made disasters, which deprives the local population of their traditional means of livelihood. Women, as the most seriously affected, particularly in drought areas, urban slums and squatter settlements, need options for alternative means of livelihood and must be given the same opportunity as men to participate in the wage-earning labour force in such programmes as irrigation and tree-planting needed to upgrade urban and rural environment. The Conference called for urgent steps to strengthen the machinery for international economic co-operation in the exploration of water resources and the control of desertification and other environmental disasters.

62. Paragraph 225 concerns the strengthening of efforts to improve sanitary conditions, including drinking water supplies, with due regard to relevant environmental factors, and with women participating at all levels in decision-making and implementation.

63. In paragraph 226 the Conference called for greater awareness of environmental issues on the part of women and women's organizations and enhancement of the capacity of women and men to manage their environment and sustain productive resources. It also called for the mobilization of all sources of information dissemination to increase the self-help potential of women in conserving and improving their environment; and the strengthening of national and international emphasis on ecosystem management and the control of environmental degradation, with women as active and equal participants.

64. In Paragraph 227 the Conference requested an assessment of the environmental impact of policies, programmes and projects on women's health, activities, sources of employment and income, with a view to eliminating negative effects.

First African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (Cairo, 16-18 December 1985)

65. This Conference, convened by the Executive Director in pursuance of Governing Council decision 13/6 of 23 May 1985 and organized by UNEP in co-operation with ECA and OAU, was the first conference of African Ministers on the environment ever to be held. Of the 41 delegations from African countries, 28 were headed by personages of ministerial or secretary-of-state level — a clear indication of the interest of African Governments in the African environment. It was preceded by a meeting of African experts held at Cairo from 12 to 14 December 1985.

66. The single resolution adopted by the Conference is in four parts.

67. In the first part, the Cairo Programme for African Co-operation, one of the most important decisions was to institutionalize the Conference, which will normally meet once every two years, its business in the interim being conducted by a Bureau composed of the President, five vice-presidents and a rapporteur, all at ministerial level. The Conference accepted with gratitude the offer of the Executive Director to provide a permanent secretariat in close co-operation with ECA and OAU. It also requested the Executive Director to make the contacts needed to establish an inter-agency working group composed of representatives of the principal United Nations agencies and international institutions concerned, to assist in relating the individual programmes of those agencies and institutions to the Cairo Programme for African Co-operation and to serve as a scientific and technical advisory body to the Bureau.

68. The Conference also decided to set up four committees on areas of priority environmental concern to function between sessions, each committee to be chaired by a vice-president and composed of a limited number of experts in its respective field of competence.

69. With a view to improving co-operation between African technical and research institutions, and technical co-operation among African countries, the Conference decided to establish or strengthen eight specialized regional networks in the fields of environmental monitoring, climatology, soils and fertilizers, water resources, energy, genetic resources, science and technology, and education and training.

70. The Conference further decided to use all available African skills and experience in seeking economically feasible, environmentally sound and socially acceptable solutions to the complex problems of grass-roots development, the goal being to help 180 selected communities to become self-sufficient in food and energy within the next five years.

71. The Conference also selected a number of planned or ongoing sub-regional activities for priority within its programme to strengthen sub-regional co-operation in respect of environment and ecodevelopment.

72. The second part of the resolution, Programme of Action on Environmental Education and Training in Africa, was the upshot of the recommendations of a meeting of experts from African Governments and the African scientific community, convened by the Executive Director in April 1983 at the request of the Governing Council in its decision 10/25 A of 31 May 1982, to develop a programme of action. In its decision 12/16 A of 28 May 1984, the Governing Council endorsed the experts' recommendations and appealed to African Governments to co-operate with the Executive Director in the formulation of a programme.

73. In the third part, Impacts of *apartheid* on the Environment, the Conference strongly condemned the *apartheid* system, deplored its impacts on the environment and invited the international community to fulfil its obligation to put an end to the odious policy of *apartheid*.

74. The fourth part dealt with general matters.

Workshop on Youth for the Environment (Nairobi, 25 and 26 November 1985)

75. The Workshop, which was hosted by UNEP at its headquarters, was attended by youth leaders from 24 International Youth Year (IYY) African national co-ordinating committees as well as numerous participants from non-governmental organizations. It was convened pursuant to Governing Council decision 13/1, II, 3, entitled "International Youth Year", in which the Council, noting that 1985 had been designated International Youth Year by the General Assembly, invited the Executive Director to develop a "young people's environmental agenda" based on the views of young people themselves. The Workshop established three Committees: Committee I, on the identification of areas of action related to youth and environment; Committee II, on channels of communications at regional and national levels, specifically networking, organization and co-ordination; and Committee III on information/communication and training/research. The recommendations of each Committee were divided into three categories: what youth want African Governments to do; what youth want UNEP to do; and what youth want to do themselves.

76. Committee I identified the following five areas of action: (1) environmental supporting measures, awareness, information, education, training and research, legislation and environmental management; (2) natural resources: water, forests, soils, wildlife, marine ecosystems; (3) overgrazing, desertification and energy; (4) environmental diseases; and (5) housing.

77. The Workshop was very specific about what African youth wanted UNEP to do and produced 11 recommendations for action by UNEP:

1. Supply environmental information to youth;
2. Organize programmes of environmental campaigns in co-operation with youth, such as seminars, workshops and training courses;
3. Provide technical knowledge, expertise and seed money for environmental youth activities;
4. Produce a simple environmental information sheet which could be photocopied by youth organizations for circulation among their members;
5. Invite youth leaders to attend the next session of the Governing Council to enable them to familiarize themselves with the issues on the agenda and identify areas where youth could play a role in implementing Governing Council decisions;
6. Assist and strengthen the African NGOs Environment Network (ANEN), the only indigenous regional network co-ordinator of NGO environmental activities;
7. Highlight youth environmental activities in UNEP News and other publications;
8. Improve information feedback with local, national and international organizations;
9. Make better use of United Nations channels, such as UNDP, for disseminating information on the environment;
10. Help to train youth leaders and establish a mechanism for following up national youth environmental programmes; and
11. Make UNEP information more accessible to youth organizations, so that they can disseminate it through popular media and other channels.

78. In accordance with a further suggestion from the Workshop, UNEP reproduced its recommendations and distributed them to the delegates at the First African Ministerial Conference on the Environment.

79. The Workshop was most emphatic that more efforts were needed to involve young women in youth programmes, and recommended that youth organizations and women's groups should combine to tackle environmental problems, particularly at the grass-roots level.

Notes

- 1 UNEP/GC.13/5.
- 2 UNEP/GC.13/10.
- 3 See UNEP/IG.57/8.
- 4 See Annual Report 1984 (UNEP/GC.13/2), chap.II, para.26.
- 5 UNEP/GC.13/7/Add.1.
- 6 In actual fact, the General Assembly in the above decision elected 17 States, as there were two vacancies in the Council membership from the Eastern European group (for the States Members of the Governing Council in 1985 and 1986, see annex I).
- 7 UNEP/GC.13/7/Add.1.
- 8 UNEP/GC.13/9/Add.1.
- 9 UNEP/GC.13/10.
- 10 A brief report on the meeting was given in the Executive Director's introductory report to the Governing Council at its thirteenth session (UNEP/GC.13/3, paras. 24 to 29).
- 11 A/CONF.116/28.

Chapter III

THE CO-ORDINATING AND CATALYTIC ROLE OF UNEP

Co-ordination within the UN system

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THE CO-ORDINATING AND CATALYTIC ROLE OF UNEP

1. On 15 December 1972, when the General Assembly adopted resolution 2997 (XXVII) on institutional and financial arrangements for international environmental co-operation, it decided, *inter alia*, "that a small secretariat should be established in the United Nations to serve as a focal point for environmental action and co-ordination within the United Nations system in such a way as to ensure a high degree of effective management". This decision established for the fledgling secretariat of UNEP a unique role within the United Nations system, a role that is often misunderstood. Unlike a number of specialized agencies such as FAO, ILO, UNESCO and WHO, UNEP is not an executing agency; it does not bear the prime responsibility in the UN system for executing environmental projects. Nor is UNEP a financial institution such as UNDP, which allocates money to other organizations to carry out environmental activities. Some environmental projects are indeed executed by UNEP, and UNEP also does allocate money from the voluntary Environment Fund to agencies, intergovernmental organizations and NGOs to support environmental programmes and activities. But the primary role of UNEP, as decided upon by the General Assembly and as reconfirmed by the Governing Council at its Session of a Special Character in 1982, is to catalyse, co-ordinate and stimulate environmental action within the UN system.

2. There are many ways in which UNEP exercises its unique role, with a multitude of different partners. First and foremost, of course, are the efforts to co-ordinate, catalyse and stimulate environmental action within the UN system. But UNEP does not confine its efforts solely to the UN system. It works with and through intergovernmental organizations and NGOs; it is a partner with the scientific community, through research centres and institutes all over the world.

3. Nearly everything UNEP does falls under the heading of catalysis or co-ordination. Even in the activities carried out directly by UNEP, the co-operation of Governments, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs and research institutes is sought. UNEP's "out-reach" campaign, ¹ initiated in 1984, is aimed specifically at encouraging groups and resources not directly concerned with the environment to include the environmental dimension in their activities and programmes. Although the final figures are not yet in, the internal evaluation exercise being carried out by UNEP ² indicates that every dollar spent from the Environment Fund for an environmental activity generates an additional four dollars from supporting organizations, co-operating agencies and Governments for the activity in question.

4. Space does not permit a comprehensive account of the extremely wide range of UNEP's co-ordinating and catalytic activities. The following paragraphs, however, outline some of the mechanisms employed by UNEP in 1985 to fulfill its mandate.

CO-ORDINATION WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM

5. As explained in detail in the *1984 Annual Report*,³ the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC), chaired by the Secretary-General of the UN, with the participation of the executive heads of the specialized agencies and a number of senior officials of the UN Secretariat, has as a regular item on its annual agenda the subject of co-ordination in the field of the environment. Each year the ACC, the highest co-ordination forum within the UN system, submits a report to the Governing Council on UN system-wide co-ordination in the field of the environment. Indicative of the importance attached to this report by the Governing Council is the fact that the Council recommended that the ACC continue its report on an annual basis, even though there would be no session of the Governing Council in 1986.⁴ At its fourteenth session, in 1987, the Governing Council will therefore have before it two reports of the ACC: one adopted in 1985 and the other in 1986 (the report adopted by the ACC on 28 October 1985 will appear as document UNEP/GC.14/8).

6. Whereas the ACC deals with the co-ordination of UN activities in the field of the environment at the highest level (i.e. at the level of the executive heads), at the working level, each agency or organization appoints a "designated official for environmental matters" (DOEM) and this official represents his/her organization at the regular DOEM meetings.

7. During 1985, two DOEM meetings were held. The first was in May, during the thirteenth session of the Governing Council. The main topic of that meeting was co-ordination within the UN system in the implementation of and follow-up to Governing Council decisions. The second meeting was held at FAO Headquarters, Rome, from 10 to 14 September 1985. At that meeting, the process of preparation of the second system-wide medium-term environment programme (1990-1995) was reviewed and a broad schedule for its preparation agreed upon.

8. The meeting (a) discussed progress in the establishment of the Global Resource Information Database (GRID) pilot project, as well as the subject of inter-relationships between people, resources, environment and development as illustrated by the Himalayan Foothills; (b) considered various information items, such as the Cross-Organizational Programme Analysis (COPA), the First African Ministerial Conference on the Environment, the State-of-the-Environment report, and the Environment Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond; and (c) considered and adopted the draft annual ACC report to the Governing Council and decided that at future meetings it would seek to identify matters which could be included in those draft reports.

9. Particular importance was given to consideration of how the functioning of the DOEM mechanism could be improved. It was proposed to convene a short, informal, think-tank group early in 1986 to address this specific questions.

10. Important as the various meetings may be, actual co-ordination and catalysis are not carried out in committee sessions or board meetings, which are largely of a planning nature. Real co-ordination is reflected in the implementation of projects and activities. During the year under review, slightly over 30 per cent of the total commitments for the implementation of Environment Fund projects were by co-operating agencies (i.e. agencies and bodies within the UN system).⁵ Expressed in numbers of projects, during 1985, 90 Fund projects were being implemented in co-ordination with other UN agencies and

organizations, including FAO (19 projects), UNESCO (18), WHO (12), WMO (8), UNSO (6), UNCHS (5), as well as ECA, ECE, ECLAC, ESCWA, ESCAP, IAEA, ILO, IMO, UNDIESA, UNDTCD, UNHHSF and UNRISD. In financial terms, out of a total expenditure of \$23.53 million for the implementation of Fund programme activities in 1985, \$6.6 million, or 28 per cent of the total, was implemented by co-operating agencies. A more detailed account of a number of the 90 projects is given in chapter IV ("The Environment Programme").

11. During 1985, UNEP also continued to provide finances from its desertification budget line to support UNSO, a joint venture between UNEP and UNDP which serves as the arm of UNEP in implementing in the Sudano-Sahelian region,⁶ the UN Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.

CO-ORDINATION WITH SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

12. In UNEP usage, the term "supporting organizations" refers to intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, research institutes, etc. During the year under review, slightly over 27 per cent of the total commitments for the implementation of Fund programme activities went to these supporting organizations. A total of \$6.72 million, representing 28.6 per cent of the total expenditure of \$23.53 million in 1985, went towards the implementation, by supporting organizations, of Fund programme activities.

Intergovernmental organizations

13. Over 40 intergovernmental organizations have official observer status with the Governing Council of UNEP, and 10 of these sent observers to the thirteenth session of the Council, in 1985. As a number of them specialize in very specific fields, it is generally at the working level that the co-ordination and co-operation with UNEP are to be seen. A number of activities carried out by UNEP in co-operation with the intergovernmental organizations are described in chapter IV, under the appropriate budget lines and sublines.

14. In Europe, UNEP continued its close co-operation during 1985 with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). It participated in the OECD ministerial level Environment Committee meeting, held in Paris on 18 and 19 June. At that meeting, ministers responsible for the environment in OECD member States devoted special attention to the issues of strengthening environmental co-operation with developing countries, rational management of natural resources, pollution prevention and control, and the integration of environmental policies into other policies such as agriculture, industry, energy, urban transport and tourism. The Environment Committee adopted a number of draft resolutions that were subsequently approved by the OECD Council on 20 June 1985. The resolutions approved by the Council dealt with, *inter alia*, international co-operation regarding transfrontier movements of hazardous wastes, control of air pollution resulting from fossil fuel combustion, and strengthening noise abatement policies. Of particular importance for UNEP was the resolution on the environmental assessment of development assistance projects and programmes. The Council recommended that this resolution be implemented in consultation with UNEP and, consequently, UNEP has been assisting in the preparations for a

seminar, scheduled to be held in 1986, on environmental aspects of development and co-operation.

15. Throughout 1985, UNEP continued to co-operate with the Council of Europe, particularly on the subjects of nature conservation, the preservation of natural resources, and the conservation of European wildlife and natural habitats under the Berne Convention. UNEP contributed to, and participated in, the fourth meeting of the Standing Committee of the Berne Convention, held in Strasbourg from 4 to 6 December 1985. The Standing Committee paid particular attention to the issue of protection of the Mediterranean monk seal (*Monachus monachus*). It decided to create a group of experts to formulate protective measures to be taken by member countries, Parties to the Berne Convention, in their national programmes, to protect the monk seal and its habitat. UNEP, in keeping with its global plan of action for marine mammals, will be participating in the work of this group of experts.

16. Throughout the year under review, UNEP also maintained its close co-operation with the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA), and participated in the twenty-first session of the CMEA Board for Environmental Protection, held at Bucharest from 23 to 26 April 1985. At that meeting, the Board focused on a number of issues of interest to UNEP, specifically: management, planning, social and economic aspects of the environment; environmental impact assessment; research and development of effective methods and means for the protection and enhancement of the environment; and rational use of natural resources and increasing waste utilization. It also identified 10 areas for co-operation among CMEA member States and approved the provisional agenda for the CMEA International Conference on Low and Non-waste Technology, scheduled to be held in Budapest in 1986. UNEP is co-operating in the preparations for, and plans to participate in, this Conference.

17. With reference to UNEP-EEC co-operation during 1985, the EEC participated in the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Genoa, September 1985) which adopted the Declaration on the Second Mediterranean Decade (see Chap. IV, para. 162). The EEC is also one of the agencies supporting a UNEP-co-ordinated project aimed at establishing a Secretariat and Steering Committee for the development of a long-term national conservation strategy in Uganda (see Chap. IV, para. 213). Moreover, pursuant to an agreement between UNEP and the Commission of the European Communities, to exchange information on chemicals with implications for the environment, a "Legal File" on national and international measures and recommendations concerning hazard control on 400 chemicals has been made accessible, world-wide, through the Commission's Environmental Chemicals Data and Information Network (see again Chap. IV, para. 288). The Commission was also one of the co-sponsors of a UNEP-organized meeting (Helsinki, August 1985) of the International Microbial Strain Data Network Working Group, one of the aims of which is to develop a global referral system on microbial strains and cell lines (Chap. IV, para. 232).

18. In the African region, UNEP continued to work closely with the Organization of African Unity (OAU), and participated in July 1985 in the OAU Council of Ministers Meeting and in the OAU Assembly of Heads of States and Governments in Addis Ababa. This co-operation was particularly fruitful, leading to the convening at Cairo in December 1985 of the First African Ministerial Conference on the Environment. The Conference was organized by UNEP in close co-operation with ECA and OAU.⁷

19. Close co-operation with the Arab world was maintained by UNEP, principally through its regional office for Western Asia, using the League of Arab States as the main channel of such co-operation. Following a recommendation by the 1984 League of Arab States Conference on Environmental Pollution and its Problems in Arab Countries, UNEP worked throughout 1985 on the preparations for a ministerial-level Pan-Arab Conference to Develop a Strategy for Environment in the Arab World. UNEP sees this conference, scheduled to be held in 1986, as a significant event in exercising its catalytic role to promote the integration of environmental considerations into the development process at the planning level. In the preparations for the conference, UNEP is working closely with the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) and the Arab Industrial Development Organization (AIDO). The close co-operation between UNEP and ALECSO, which was formalized through the signing of a memorandum of understanding in 1984, continued throughout the year under review. UNEP co-operated with ALECSO in convening a workshop for environmental education for educational leaders in Arab countries, held in April 1985 in Amman. UNEP also participated in ALECSO's First Meeting of the Arab Network in Monitoring and Combating Pollution, also held in April 1985. In 1985, UNEP established contact with the Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils (FASRC), and in October 1985 FASRC, together with the University of Qatar/Centre for Scientific and Applied Research, held an all Arab-seminar on appropriate standards permissible for industrial pollutants in various Arab countries. The seminar called for strengthened collaboration with UNEP.

20. Throughout the year under review, UNEP maintained close relations with the Secretariat of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), the highest intergovernmental body of the six Gulf States. In November 1985, the summit of the GCC Heads of State adopted a series of environmental policies and principles as well as guidelines for environmental protection in GCC countries. The policies, principles and guidelines were in full accord with the policies and guidelines promulgated by UNEP. During 1985, UNEP also intensified its contacts with the secretariats of two leading intergovernmental organizations in the Western Asia region, namely the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Programme (PERSGA) and the Regional Organization for the protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME). Review meetings were held with both secretariats to assess past co-operation in the implementation of programmes. As a result, both ROPME and PERSGA expressed a desire for increased co-operation and collaboration with UNEP.⁸

21. In the Asian and Pacific region, UNEP during 1985 worked closely with, and provided assistance to, the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) in the formulation of national plans for SACEP's Year of the Tree Programme. UNEP also provided assistance in publishing the SACEP newsletter and co-operated in the organization of the second SACEP Governing Council meeting. During the year under review, UNEP also assisted the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in revising and updating the ASEAN environment programme and in the implementation of activities within ASEAN's priority areas on environmental management and nature conservation. Assistance was given to the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) in disseminating environmental information through posters and pamphlets on environmental topics. UNEP also supported the publication of the proceedings of the third South Pacific National Parks and Reserves Conference, held in Samoa in June-July 1985, and co-operated with SPREP in a study to identify common elements in the proposed SPREP convention and the South Pacific National Parks and Reserves Convention.

22. Within the context of the environmental training network for Latin America and

the Caribbean, UNEP provided support, in co-operation with the Andean Development Bank, to organize training programmes and networks for the Andean sub-region on environment and tourism, and oil and the environment. Further, during the year under review, UNEP worked with the Organization of American States (OAS) in the development of an environmental management plan for the Selva Central in Peru. The plan was finalized and the findings subsequently presented to Peruvian authorities for their consideration.

Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)

23. The rapid growth in recent years in the number of environmentally concerned NGOs in developing countries has been a most encouraging phenomenon. UNEP attaches the greatest importance to co-operation and collaboration with these NGOs, as it is through them that environment concerns and activities reach down to the grassroots level. One of the principal channels of UNEP's co-operation with NGOs is the Nairobi-based Environment Liaison Centre (ELC). ELC co-ordinates a network of over 6,000 NGOs dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the environment. As described earlier,⁹ UNEP provided financial support for, and participated in, the Global Meeting on Environment and Development for Non-Governmental Organizations, hosted by ELC at Nairobi from 4 to 8 February 1985. The Meeting, in bringing together "environmental" and "non-environmental" NGOs, to strengthen co-operation among them, was very much in keeping with UNEP's efforts to reach out to groups whose main concerns are not the environment, but who could, nonetheless, make a positive contribution in their particular fields to environmental matters. After the Global Meeting, UNEP sent a number of follow-up letters to leading NGOs. Moreover, ELC put out a questionnaire in its *Ecoforum* publication to update the available data on its NGO network, which it is computerizing, with the support of UNEP. A joint ELC/UNEP meeting was held in December 1985 to define areas of concern and priority for future action on the basis of the recommendations adopted by the Global Meeting. UNEP plans to concentrate on three specific areas in its outreach programmes with ELC for NGOs: the convening of regional NGO meetings on specific environmental topics; the establishment of a network of African NGOs to combat desertification; and the production of an action guide to assist the NGO community to prepare concrete agenda for action.

24. ELC continues to provide a valuable channel through which the NGO community is kept informed about UNEP. Its bi-monthly *Ecoforum* and quarterly *News Alert* feature regular columns on UNEP and it regularly responds to NGO enquiries about UNEP activities, particularly in the fields of genetic resources, pesticides and forestry. ELC also plays a leading role in promoting NGO activities on World Environment Day. During the UN Conference on the Women's Decade, ELC organized, with the support of UNEP, a Workshop on Women and the Environment.

25. Participants from 31 international NGOs having an interest in the environment attended the thirteenth session of the Governing Council, as did observers from 42 national NGOs. A joint statement was made to the Council on behalf of the observer NGOs.

26. During the Global Meeting in February 1985, representatives of African NGOs expressed their desire to have ANEN (the African Non-Governmental Organizations Environment Network), which was established in 1982 at a symposium held by ELC

during UNEP's Session of a Special Character, become the main focal point for co-ordinating environmental NGO activities in Africa. ANEN currently liaises with some 280 NGOs in 29 African countries. With the support of UNEP, it participated in the preparatory work for the First African Ministerial Conference on the Environment and was represented at the Conference as an observer. The Conference decided that a representative from ANEN should be on each of the four committees established by the Conference.

27. In the Asian and Pacific region, UNEP collaborated with the Asian Mass Communication Research and Information Centre in a research project on the use of traditional media for environmental communication. UNEP also co-operated with Wildlife Fund Thailand on the Buddhist perception of nature. Together with the International Organization of Consumers Unions (IOCU), UNEP helped produce a report on pesticide poisoning in the Asian and Pacific region as well as a report on the lessons of Bhopal. In collaboration with the Press Foundation of Asia and the Sukothai Thammathirat Open University of Thailand, UNEP conducted several workshops for journalists of the region, with a view to increasing their awareness of environmental issues. With financial support from the National Federation of UNESCO Association in Japan, UNEP helped during 1985 to co-ordinate tree-planting projects by NGOs in India, New Caledonia, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

28. As could be expected, UNEP continued its close partnership during 1985 with the major international environmental NGOs. Thus, during the year under review, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) was carrying out no less than 15 activities with the support of UNEP: the Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (SCOPE) had 6, the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) had 3, etc. Further details on the implementation of projects in which NGOs have been contracted as supporting organizations during 1985 can be found in chapter IV.

ENVIRONMENTAL OUTREACH

29. In his Introductory Report to the thirteenth session of the Governing Council, the Executive Director reported at length on the implementation of UNEP's strategy of environmental outreach, designed to take the environment into the mainstream of international issues.¹⁰ During 1985, UNEP continued to implement this strategy, both by following up on previous activities and in the initiation and development of new ones within the overall outreach strategy. The highlights in the implementation of this strategy during 1985 are described in the following paragraphs.

World Industry Conference on Environmental Management

30. The World Industry Conference on Environmental Management (WICEM) sponsored jointly by world industry and UNEP, in co-operation with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and held at the end of 1984 in Versailles,¹¹ was followed up in 1985 by a series of workshops, seminars, negotiations and meetings, all designed to maintain the impetus of WICEM. Three national follow-up meetings were held in 1985 — in Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire and Turkey. As a follow-up to one of the recommendations adopted by WICEM, it was proposed to establish in Paris an International Environment Bureau (IEB) that would operate in association with the ICC, but as an autonomous entity

funded and staffed independently by industry. It is envisaged that the IEB will be the mechanism by which industry implements the declarations and recommendations adopted at WICEM. The projected date for the IEB to become operational is May 1986. In June 1985, at a meeting convened jointly by UNEP and industrial sectoral organizations, representatives of eight of those organizations and the ICC discussed with UNEP the implementation of WICEM recommendations. The role of ICC in the follow-up to WICEM was emphasized by all participants, as the ICC covers many industries not otherwise represented by international industrial associations. UNEP's Industry and Environment Office, located in Paris, is its main focal point for WICEM follow-up action.

31. A proposal, emanating from a meeting of senior industrial executives with representatives of the ICC to organize industry's response to WICEM's recommendations, led to UNEP eliciting the co-operation of the Japanese Iron and Steel Federation in providing experts to selected developing countries in Asia to diagnose the iron and steel industry's environmental management problems, to advise Governments and industries thereon, and to develop relevant training programmes. In the chemical industries sector, a project was prepared in 1985 involving co-operation among selected developing countries in matters of safety and hazard prevention. Preliminary negotiations were initiated in late 1985 with a view to obtaining the collaboration of the Japanese chemical and petroleum industry in this endeavour.

Inter-Parliamentary Conference

32. In a follow-up to the Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Environment, held at UNEP Headquarters in late 1984,¹² UNEP, in co-operation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), began work during 1985 on a questionnaire to be sent out in early 1986 to determine national follow-up progress in the implementation of the recommendations and conclusions adopted by the Conference. It is proposed that, on the basis of the responses, an analysis be made which would then be used as a basic working paper for a follow-up meeting to be held jointly by IPU and UNEP in early 1987.

Religious groups

33. As part of its outreach activities, UNEP is seeking to encourage religious groups to take part in environmental actions. Thus, taking advantage of the visit of Pope John Paul II, who was in Nairobi to address the Eucharistic Congress, the Executive Director invited His Holiness to address the staff of the UN Office at Nairobi. The Pope's address, made on 18 August, was given wide circulation. UNEP also established contacts during 1985 with a number of different religious groups to encourage them also to participate in actions to preserve and enhance the human environment.

Women's groups

34. Reference has already been made to the efforts by UNEP to obtain the co-operation of women's groups in matters of concern to the environment.¹³ As a follow-up to the Special Programme organized by UNEP on the occasion of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the UN Decade for Women, held at Nairobi in July 1985, a standing committee of senior women advisers on sustainable development was established. Each adviser subsequently pledged to form a national network for sustainable development, composed largely of women leaders in grassroots movements, in

her own country. The establishment of such networks would enable UNEP to get its message right down to the village and community level, at little or no cost.

Youth groups

35. The year 1985 was designated by the General Assembly, in its resolution 34/151 of 17 December 1979, as International Youth Year (IYY), with the motto "participation, development, peace". Consequently, in his 1985 World Environment Day message "Conserving the future", the Executive Director challenged the youth of the world to positive action to preserve the earth for themselves and for the future. He asked the youth to write to him at UNEP with suggestions about what the young people themselves thought they should do and what they believed their leaders should be doing. Further, UNEP wrote to 140 IYY co-ordination committees asking their assistance in identifying youth groups in their countries interested in the environment. The response was most encouraging; UNEP received the names of nearly 150 youth organizations scattered over the entire globe who were interested in the environment, and numerous youths wrote to the Executive Director, in reply to his challenge. The responses will be compiled and analyzed with a view to formulating a "Youth Environmental Agenda" which will be issued and given worldwide dissemination on World Environment Day in 1986. As part of this exercise, UNEP hosted in late 1985 a Workshop on Youth for the Environment for youth leaders from African countries. The recommendations of this Workshop were distributed to the participants in the First African Ministerial Conference on the Environment.¹⁴

National committees

36. During 1985, UNEP began exploring the possibility of establishing national committees for UNEP. Informal consultations were held with various groups in France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Japan and the United Kingdom. In addition, UNEP held discussions with the European Economic Community (EEC) on the question of national committees, with a view to encouraging the establishment of a number of such committees within the EEC. The EEC has designated 1987 as its "Year of the Environment".

THE CLEARING-HOUSE

37. The Environment Programme (see next chapter) undertakes and supports projects that are for the most part global or regional, for groups of countries co-operating in solving environmental problems in their shared geographical zone. Global and regional programmes remain the basic *raison d'être* of the Environment Programme and have priority claim on the resources of the Environment Fund.

38. Most countries, however, quite naturally consider their environmental problems from their own national or even local perspective. Soil erosion for example, may be a region-wide phenomenon in East Africa and thus amenable to some form of inter-country co-operation: the fact remains, nevertheless, that soil erosion must first be fought in the hundreds of watersheds and subwatersheds of each affected country. Up to 1982, UNEP could and did set up a few demonstration projects to show "how to" tackle problems on the ground. Advice was also dispensed to developing countries through short-term expert visits under the limited programme of technical co-operation. The

impact was a far cry, however, from what was needed to reverse the ubiquitous forms of environmental deterioration.

39. The Clearing-house, established by the Governing Council in 1982, was meant to expand UNEP's ability to assist developing countries to address concretely and specifically serious environmental problems, while maintaining the basic co-ordinating and catalytic, rather than operational, role of the Environment Programme. Clearing-house projects range from complex long-term environmental management programmes, covering an entire region or country, to sharply focused advisory services. While the latter are more speedily provided by UNEP itself, for the former, UNEP's role is usually limited to programme and project formulation, to the monitoring of progress, and to the evaluation of results. Project financing and implementation are negotiated with willing "donors": bilateral and multilateral development assistance institutions, non-profit NGOs, and even professional and trade organizations.

40. The Clearing-house programme has been financially supported since its conception by the Governments of Germany, Federal Republic of, Netherlands and Sweden. In 1985, UNEP and Norway signed a co-operation agreement in support of the Clearing-house, and Finland pledged to join this group of donors. Argentina was the first developing country to provide a financial facility for south-south co-operation under the Clearing-house; during 1985, all obstacles to the implementation of this agreement were removed. Negotiations were also initiated with the Government of Brazil for a second south-south facility, targeted particularly towards Portuguese-speaking African countries. Negotiations were also initiated in 1985 with a number of Governments that had expressed an interest in joining the original group of countries supporting the Clearing-house experiment.

41. In compliance with Council decision 12/4, adopted at its twelfth session, the Clearing-house programme is managed as an experiment under the direct responsibility of the Executive Director. A report on the results of this experiment, covering the period 1982-1986, will be submitted to the Governing Council at its fourteenth session, in 1987.

42. During the year under review, four long-term Clearing-house programmes, designed in 1983-1984, began implementation as resources were obtained from donors for the intended activities, or the recipient Governments took other steps to start action.

43. - In Botswana, the UNEP Clearing-house programme for environmentally sound management of soil and water resources was approved by the Government and priority projects formally presented to donors. Under this programme, the United Kingdom completed the planning phase of a firewood improvement programme and agreed to support a project for more effective administration of water matters. Norway financed the preparation of a national conservation strategy with technical support from IUCN; the Netherlands approved a project to analyze environment-development relationships as they are shaped by the particular ecological, social and economic factors in Botswana; and Sweden pledged support for the preparation of two plans — one for the future development of the capital, Gaborone, the other for the protection and rational utilization of Okavango delta. The EEC-funded inventory of wildlife was resumed. Finally, the compilation and updating of environment-related legislation began.

44. In Jordan, a UNEP proposal to initiate a range rehabilitation demonstration project

in the low rainfall zone was approved; resources were earmarked by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for the project.

45. In Indonesia, the Government itself began implementation of the large environmental management programme, designed in 1984, for the Jakarta-Puncak corridor region. The programme will be reviewed during the 1987 meeting of the Consultative Group of Donors for Indonesia.

46. Peru, the fourth country where Clearing-house programmes were designed in 1983-1984, began the implementation of an environmental management programme for the upper Selva region. The Government of the Netherlands fielded a five-person project design mission during 1985 and agreed to underwrite part of the programme.

47. At the end of 1984, a decision was taken by the Executive Director to proceed cautiously with additional country programming exercises, particularly until the financing that was being sought for the four programmes mentioned earlier had been secured. Thus, during 1985, only two additional country programmes were formulated: an environmental management programme for Papua New Guinea was drawn up and approved for domestic and external financing by the Government; and a desertification control strategy for southern Tunisia, prepared with UNEP, was adopted by the Government of Tunisia. Plans were also made during 1985 to prepare a programme of environmental management for the Amazon region of Ecuador in early 1986.

48. Some countries had expressed an interest in using the Clearing-house mechanism for multi-country programmes. The first regional programme to be partly supported in this way is the Zambezi Action Plan, a collective endeavour of eight countries of the Zambezi basin and a consortium of donor Governments and organizations. Two other multi-country projects were financed through the Clearing-house in 1985: a training and advisory programme to help developing countries set up national registers on potentially toxic chemicals; and the establishment of national soils reference collections.

49. Resources contributed through the Clearing-house for short-term advisory services enabled UNEP to provide assistance during 1985 to: Bangladesh, in designing a pilot industrial waste water treatment plant; Burundi, in national parks management and in assessing the pollution of Lake Tanganyika; Rwanda, in organizing a national environment seminar; Syria, in an air pollution assessment; and Togo, in preparing an environment code. A project for the management of Andean ecosystems in Peru was also initiated during the year under review.

50. The Clearing-house has opened a new road for the Environment Programme, whereby the experience of UNEP and the international community can be conveyed to developing countries confronted, as most are, by serious environmental problems. But at the end of 1985, demands for assistance to help less affluent countries remained far in excess of what donors appeared to be willing to commit, through the Clearing-house, despite the considerable efforts of a few countries. Thus, a priority task of the Clearing-house is to continue exploring all ways and means in which development aid resources can be channelled towards programmes of environmental improvement.

Notes

- 1 See the 1984 *Annual Report* (UNEP/GC.13/2), Chap. I.
- 2 See Chap. I, paras. 4-8.
- 3 UNEP/GC.13/2, Chap. III, paras. 3 and 4.
- 4 Governing Council decision 13/3, para. 8.
- 5 See Chap. V, para. 28 and Figure IV.
- 6 For a brief report on the activities carried out by UNSO on behalf of UNEP in 1985, see Chap. IV, paras. 254-271.
- 7 The results of the Conference are described in Chap. II, paras. 65-74.
- 8 Further information on UNEP's co-operation with ROPME and PERSGA can be found in Chap. IV, under the heading "Regional Seas".
- 9 See Chap. II, paras. 54-59.
- 10 UNEP/GC.13/3, paras. 15-29.
- 11 A description of the Conference was given in the 1984 *Annual Report* (Chap. II, paras. 34-36).
- 12 See 1984 *Annual Report* (Chap. I, para. 9 and Chap. II, paras. 37, 38).
- 13 See Chap. I, para. 13.
- 14 A full description of the workshop is contained in Chap. II, paras. 75-79.

Chapter IV

THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

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THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION

What's in a name?

1. The title "United Nations Environment Programme" which appears on the cover page of this *Report*, and again, in shorter form, above, unfortunately causes no end of misunderstanding. The United Nations Environment Programme in its entirety comprises *all* activities undertaken within the UN system that have a bearing on the environment. In this context, it will be recalled that long before the 1972 Stockholm Conference, which gave birth to the Nairobi-based "small secretariat" of the United Nations Environment Programme, agencies such as FAO, ILO, UNESCO and WHO were carrying out activities related to the environment.

2. The misunderstanding, then, arises from the fact that the "small secretariat" in Nairobi is also known as the United Nations Environment Programme. It does not, however, represent the entire "United Nations Environment Programme". In its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 on "Institutional and Financial Arrangements for International Environmental Co-operation", the General Assembly decided to establish four institutions. The first of these was the Governing Council, composed of 58 member States elected by the General Assembly, having due regard to geographical distribution. The Governing Council was not only to receive and review the periodic reports of the Executive Director of UNEP but was "to provide general policy guidance for the direction and co-ordination of environmental programmes within the United Nations system".¹ The second institution was a "small secretariat" to serve as a focal point for environmental action and co-ordination within the United Nations system. The secretariat was to be headed by an Executive Director, to be elected by the General Assembly on the nomination of the Secretary-General. The third institution was a voluntary fund, called the Environment Fund, which was to finance wholly or partly the costs of the new environmental initiatives undertaken within the United Nations system. The Environment Fund was to be administered by the Executive Director under the authority and policy guidance of the Governing Council. The fourth and last institution established by the General Assembly in its resolution 2997 (XXVII) was the Environment Co-ordination Board which was to provide for the most efficient co-ordination of United Nations environment programmes. The role of this Environment Co-ordination Board was subsequently assumed by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC).²

3. The rather confused terminology, as it has evolved, has led to the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme being known simply as "UNEP". The UNEP secretariat has what is called an "Environment Programme", often simply referred to as "The Programme", which is part of the environment programme of the United Nations

system as a whole. It would be quite misleading for the reader to imagine that the activities and projects described in the following paragraphs constitute the environment programme of the UN in its entirety. On the contrary, the activities carried out by UNEP represent only the tip of the iceberg of environment-related programmes and projects being implemented within the UN system. The following paragraphs are limited to an account of only those activities that were carried out during 1985 by the UNEP Environment Programme.

4. As explained earlier, in chapter III, the role of UNEP is to catalyze and co-ordinate: to identify gaps in certain environmental areas and to catalyze action to ensure that the gaps are filled; and, when there are on-going activities in certain areas, to co-ordinate them, preventing unnecessary duplication of effort and resources, and providing for an exchange of views and information within the system on a common subject.

The Environment Fund

5. When the General Assembly established UNEP, it also established a voluntary Environment Fund which would "provide for *additional* financing for environmental programmes".³ All of the activities described in the present chapter are financed in whole or in part through that Environment Fund. A separate chapter (V) of the current *Report* is devoted to a description of the Environment Fund in 1985.

6. Given the role of UNEP, and bearing in mind that the activities carried out with the support of the Environment Fund represent only a small percentage of the funds being committed throughout the UN system to environmental matters, it should come as no surprise that the programme of UNEP, when viewed in isolation rather than as part of a much larger whole, might seem to be somewhat fragmented. By way of example, when reviewing the account of those activities carried out in 1985 with the support of the Environment Fund in the area of Health and Human Settlements (budget line 71), the reader should not lose sight of the much greater number of activities carried out by WHO in the field of human health or by UNCHS (Habitat) in the field of human settlements.

Organization of material

7. Following the pattern set in last year's *Report*, the organization of the material in the present chapter follows that of the UNEP programme budget for the first biennium (1984-1985) of the UN system-wide medium-term environment programme (1984 — 1989). (The programme budget for the 1984-1985 biennium was submitted to the Governing Council at its eleventh session, in 1983.)⁴ Activities, trends, achievements and problems in 1985 are described under 10 main headings (budget lines). The descriptions presented under the budget lines are not intended to be comprehensive. In order to obtain a complete picture of Fund-supported projects and activities in 1985, the present chapter should be read in conjunction with *Report on New Projects — 1985* as well as *Evaluation Reports, 1985*. The reader is also referred to annexes III (Publications and papers issued in 1985) and IV (Meetings held in 1985) to the present report.

8. In its decision 13/3, the Governing Council requested that, as 1985 marked the end of the first biennium of the UN system-wide medium-term environment programme, this chapter contain, under each budget line, a brief résumé of how far the approved Programme Budget for the biennium 1984-1985 had been implemented. It also

requested the Executive Director to ensure that data were included, at least by budget line, showing the apportionments approved by the Council at its eleventh session, the allocations made by the Executive Director, and actual expenditures — with explanations. Therefore, at the end of this chapter is a separate section covering these points, in compliance with the request by the Governing Council.

The UNEP triangle

9. Thus, the activities described in this chapter are presented in such a way as to facilitate easy reference to the original Programme Budget document. The part of the secretariat that is mainly responsible for those activities, however, the “Office of the Environment Programme”, is designed somewhat differently. It might be likened to a triangle, each leg of which is linked to and supported by the other two. This structure is reflected in the 1972 Action Plan for the Human Environment which distinguishes three “types of action”: a global environment assessment programme (“Earthwatch”); environmental management; and support measures.

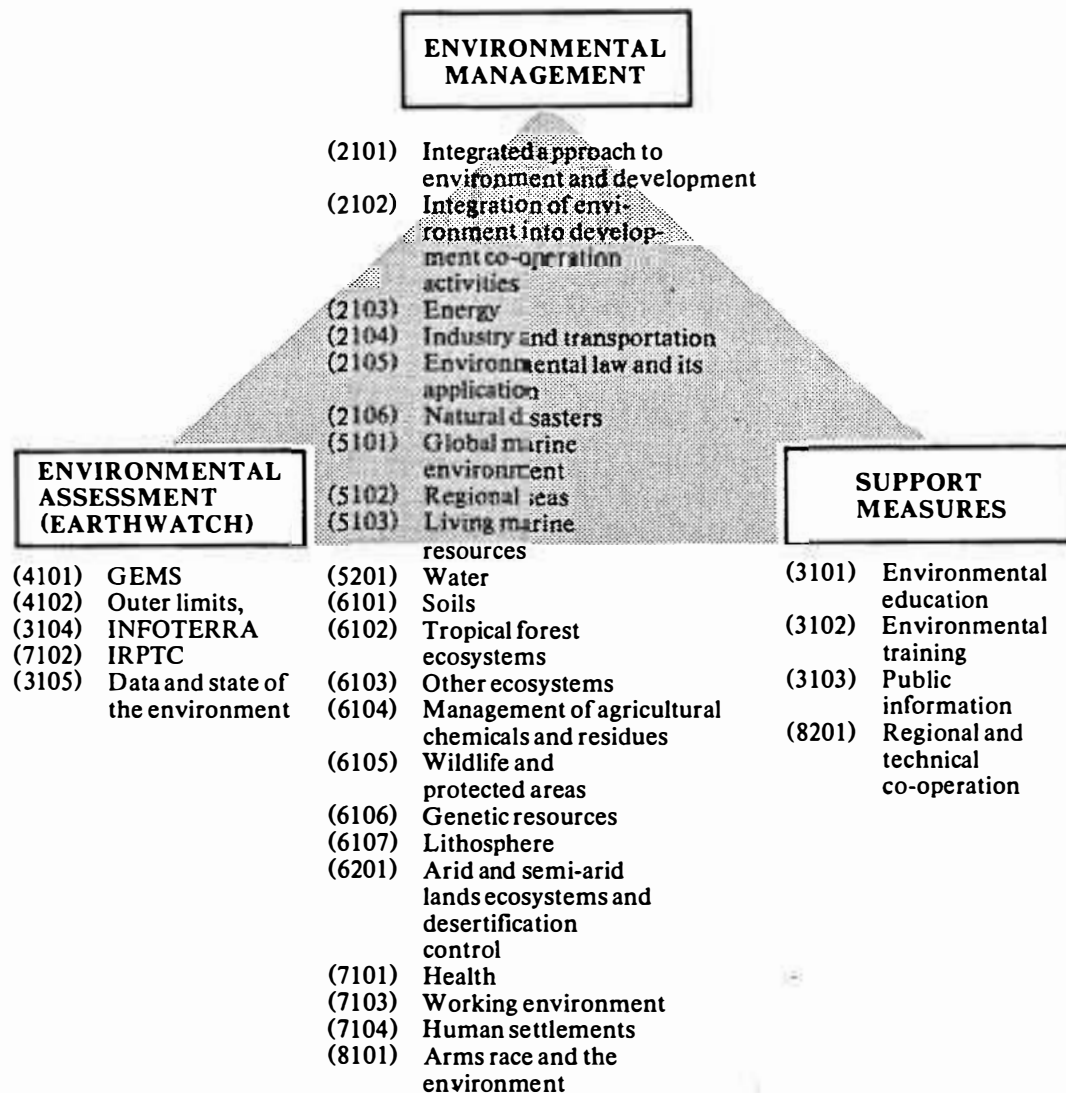
10. Figure I, below, illustrates how the various elements (budget lines and sublines) of the Programme Budget for 1984-1985 fit into the triangular structure.

11. One leg of the triangle, environmental assessment or Earthwatch, was conceived as an internationally financed and co-ordinated global system of national facilities and services, designed to study the interactions between man and the environment, and determine the status of selected natural resources and the cause-effect links of particular interest and use to Environmental Management. It was to be composed of four major groups of functions. The first, evaluation (including forecasting), was to provide the continuous overview and stimulus necessary to ensure that appropriate actions were being taken within the programme. The others — monitoring, research, and information exchange — were to provide the data, understanding and consensus necessary for the identification and assessment of specific environmental problems.

12. Another leg of the triangle, environmental management of the Earth’s ecosystems, demands an inter-disciplinary evaluation of the world’s resources, on land, in the seas and in the atmosphere, coupled with an assessment of the impacts of technological, agricultural, industrial, biological and other practices on these ecosystems and their environment. Increase in the world’s population, together with higher standards of living and limited arable land, increase in soil erosion, loss of genetic diversity and the disappearance of productive natural ecosystems, and movement of population from rural areas ravaged by drought to burgeoning urban centres cause traumatic stress on productive agricultural land, both to supply space for housing and to feed those to be housed. In turn, malnourished people are compelled to destroy the world’s resources for nourishment and shelter. Land is forced, often by unsound agricultural practices and the use of chemicals, to be more productive than ever. Also, chemicals find their way to man through the food chain, disturb the productivity and natural evolution of the ecosystems, and contaminate the seas, lakes and groundwater by rain run-off; and often with a devastating impact on plant, animal (including marine) and microbial resources and on human health.

13. At the same time, rapid industrialization is introduced in an effort to employ, feed and provide shelter to the growing populations of metropolitan areas. The speed of the

Figure I. The three major programmes of UNEP and related budget lines and sublines



industrialization process often outstrips the introduction of appropriate and effective safety measures to protect the environment, again with undesired results. UNEP, with the limited resources of its Fund, plays its catalytic and co-ordinating role at all levels — local, district, national, sub-regional, regional and international — initiating and/or accelerating actions and activities aimed at the inclusion of an environmental component in the management of world resources, to ensure their sustainable utilization. Environmental management suggests procedures and mechanisms to reduce or prevent unnecessary, costly damage to natural resources and helps to improve the

planning and design of development activities, thereby introducing an environmental component into these activities. It also entails the training of expertise on environmental dimensions in development projects in order to ensure that timely action is taken to mitigate adverse impacts and thereby to provide economic benefits. This applies to the whole spectrum of natural resources planning and management. Furthermore, environmental management helps to formulate appropriate regulations and standards. UNEP therefore provides both intellectual and financial support for the production and application of guidelines, the training of expertise from developing countries, the implementation of pilot demonstration projects, etc.

14. True environmental assessment and management, while dependent on a number of scientific disciplines, cannot be effective without the direct support of the third leg of the triangle, a series of inter-disciplinary measures, collectively known as Support Measures. Within UNEP, they include environmental education and training, the public information service of UNEP, and the information science component manifested in UNEP's library. While the whole of UNEP's Programme is indeed integrated, these support measures deserve mention for the specific roles they play. Among other activities, the Environmental Education and Training Unit was involved with other UNEP departments in the convening of a Youth Co-ordinators' meeting which developed a conservation agenda for the African region; the Information Service supported UNEP activities at major conferences and exhibitions and through its publications as well as audio-visual and media support; and the UNEP library assisted researchers from all UNEP divisions as well as its external clientele.

ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (Budget line 21)

15. This budget line is divided into six sublines: (a) Integrated approach to environment and development; (b) Integration of environment into development co-operation activities; (c) Energy; (d) Industry and transportation; (e) Environmental law and its application; and (f) Natural disasters.

Integrated approach to environment and development (Budget subline 2101)

16. While in many areas the significance of environmental issues is increasingly being recognized, the tendency in development planning has been to consider environment concerns as a separate or isolated issue. UNEP's view of environment and development is unequivocal: sustainable development cannot be achieved unless environmental considerations are systematically taken into account in development at all levels. Most environmental problems arise or are exacerbated as a result of either a lack of development or inappropriate development. UNEP's activities in this area, therefore, are geared to making available pertinent guidance and information and promoting the skills and institutional capabilities needed to systematically include environmental considerations in development decision-making. Some of these activities are outlined in the paragraphs that follow.

17. In follow-up to a consultative meeting of experts, co-sponsored by UNEP and CMEA in Hungary in 1984, the CMEA International Institute for Economic Problems of the World's Socialist System, in co-operation with UNEP and the USSR Centre for International Projects, engaged various experts from Czechoslovakia, German

Democratic Republic, Hungary, Poland and the USSR to review and synthesize methodologies and procedures used in economic planning in respect of conservation and the use of natural resources in the centrally planned economies.⁵ Thirteen papers, covering both conceptual and practical issues, were prepared for the exercise. It is intended to publish these papers, augmented by an analytical paper on methodology, as a basic text for advancing training and international co-operation in this field.

18. Under joint UNEP-World Bank auspices, the third expert group meeting on "Environmental accounting and its use in development policy and planning" was held in Paris in the autumn of 1985.⁶ The purpose of the meeting was to formulate guidelines on the presentation of environmental and natural resources issues in reports and analyses of national economic activity. The meeting established two working groups: one to develop supplementary or satellite accounting methods specifically geared to reflect indications of environmental change, the other to design a system of national accounts which would incorporate environmental aspects. Both working groups will focus on the needs of developing countries.

19. Case studies on the land-use-planning experiences of India, Japan, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand and United Republic of Tanzania, prepared by UNEP in co-operation with the UN Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) and the UN Department for Technical Co-operation for Development (UNDTCD), were considered at an international seminar held in Nagoya, Japan in June 1985.⁷ The seminar adopted a Declaration on the subject and a "Framework for Action" which are expected to be instrumental in strengthening training programmes and technical co-operation activities in the field of integrated environmental and socio-economic development planning at national and sub-national levels. On the basis of background papers prepared for the seminar and its report, course materials will be prepared by UNCRD in collaboration with the International Lake Environment Committee and UNEP for training personnel from developing countries on the subject of environmental planning and management for local and regional development with the focus on inland water management. An expert workshop on this subject will be held in November 1986.

20. At New Delhi, in April-May 1985, UNEP, in collaboration with the Government of India, convened a meeting of Government-nominated experts from Bhutan, India and Nepal to assess past and ongoing work on environmental improvement and sustainable development in the Himalayan foothills. Among the regional priorities identified for future action were: the promotion of information exchange; the preparation of inventories of expertise and projects; the preparation of a state-of-the-environment report for Bhutan; and the introduction of demonstration projects based on the interrelationships between people, resources, environment and development. The need was also seen for the better co-ordination of international and national activities in the region. On the basis of expert consultations, a draft project document has been prepared to implement the priority activities identified at the New Delhi meeting. An inter-agency steering group is also being formed to provide a co-ordinating framework for the activities to be implemented in the region.

21. During the year under review, UNEP, together with the Organization of American States and the Government of Peru, prepared a report on "Integrated area development in the humid tropics: the Central Selva of Peru". The report contained an environmental assessment of the region, including the implications of activities in it, and

recommendations for regional development along environmentally sound lines. A comprehensive environmental management plan for the region is expected to result from this project.⁸

22. In 1985, UNEP continued its collaboration with IUCN in an experimental activity designed to integrate specific conservation objectives into four major development projects, in Costa Rica, Fiji, Pakistan and Zimbabwe.⁹ In each of the four countries a development project or programme was identified and analysed from the standpoint of simultaneous attainment of environmental and developmental goals (for example, development of a port in conjunction with protection of a breeding ground of fish). Case study reports were prepared outlining broadly the social and economic feasibility of the projects and making general recommendations on how they may best be designed and implemented. The results of the experiment are encouraging as, so far, two of the four projects have elicited the interest of development assistance organizations.

23. Jointly with Australia, the Commonwealth Secretariat and the East-West Centre, UNEP in 1985 launched a programme of activities to test and promote the application of economic analysis to questions of dryland degradation and rehabilitation. The programme aims at the preparation of executive management as well as technical guidelines, and is based on the analyses of case studies from Australia and selected developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. This initiative will be followed up in 1986 by an international conference of experts, as well as regional workshops.

24. At the request of the Government of Syria, UNEP in 1985 held consultations with that country's Planning Office and other concerned departments on the question of integrating environmental considerations into development planning. UNEP also began collaboration with Cyprus to improve inter-departmental consultation procedures as well as environmental impact assessment and social cost-benefit analysis methods. Again, the aim of this project¹⁰ is to reflect environmental considerations effectively in the country's development planning process.

Integration of environment in development co-operation activities (Budget subline 2102)

25. UNEP collaborated with ECLAC in the preparation of a series of region-specific reports on the question of integrating environmental considerations into Latin American development planning processes.¹¹ The two organizations also co-operated with the Government of Argentina in convening a regional seminar on that subject at Buenos Aires in June 1985 with the participation of senior Government officials and experts. One finding of the seminar was the need (a) to strengthen institutional capacities to consider the environment in development planning; (b) to prepare development projects which simultaneously contribute to environmental development and economic wellbeing; and (c) to improve technical co-operation in that regard in the region.

26. The sixth meeting of the Committee of International Development Institutions on the Environment (CIDIE) was held at the headquarters of the Organization of American States in Washington D.C. in June 1985. The participants reviewed progress made by member institutions in implementing the Declaration of Environmental Policies and Procedures Relating to Economic Development, as well as the replies to a questionnaire on the substantive activities undertaken by the member institutions. The Committee

agreed to prepare and issue a small publication on the activities, policies and procedures of its member organizations in order to inform the general public, as well as Governments, IGOs and NGOs, about the activities and achievements of CIDIE since its inception in 1980. Furthermore, it was decided that a five-year programme of work, containing time-bound components, will be prepared by the secretariat, and discussed and approved at the next meeting of CIDIE, in which the following key areas of co-operation will be further elaborated: exchange of information on a systematic basis; promotion and implementation of environmental projects; promotion and implementation of training courses in the field of environmental management; promotion and establishment of procedures, methodologies and institutional arrangements for the integration of environmental considerations into development plans, programmes and projects; promotion of environmental research and studies; and, relationship with bilateral aid agencies and NGOs. In conjunction with the CIDIE meeting a number of bilateral aid agencies met in Washington D.C. at the initiative of USAID. The CIDIE members and the bilateral aid agencies released a press communiqué on the occasion of World Environment Day.

Energy (Budget subline 2103)

27. The expanded production and use of non-human sources of energy that have accompanied industrial growth in this century have led to serious concern over impact on the environment. This is why UNEP in its programme on energy (a) collects, studies and disseminates information on the environmental impact of all sources of energy, conventional and new, for the benefit of all countries and (b) actively supports the development of energy conservation measures and environmentally appropriate sources of energy in developing countries, where little financial and institutional capacity exists in support of such activities. In publicizing the relevant information, either as "raw" data or in forms elaborated to suit national energy management, UNEP co-operates with organizations such as WHO, IAEA, ILO, the UN regional commissions, and national institutions. In the areas of energy conservation and the utilization of new and renewable energy sources in developing countries, UNEP works side by side with a number of UN agencies, the regional commissions, the United Nations University, governmental organizations and NGOs.

28. The year under review saw the continuation of a field demonstration project on the plantation and efficient utilization of fuelwood in rural areas in Kenya commenced by UNEP in March 1984, in co-operation with The Bellerive Foundation.¹² The idea was to find solutions to the environmental problems associated with excessive fuelwood consumption, and the health problems associated with burning wood indoors, in the rural areas of developing countries. The means adopted was to train local people in the construction, operation and maintenance of environmentally sound and socially acceptable fuelwood stoves, and in the propagation, plantation and care of suitable species of fast-growing fuelwood trees for use in them.

29. The stoves chosen for construction had fuel efficiency rates (FER) ranging from 35 to 40 per cent, a substantial decrease in firewood consumption over the stoves that are currently widely used and that have FERs ranging from 10 to 15 per cent. At the same time, the potentially hazardous emissions from the fuelwood combustion are vented outside the houses, through a chimney. Around 80 people from different parts of Kenya have been taught how to produce the stoves from local or easily obtainable materials,

and around 550 household stoves and 68 community stoves have so far been sold from the workshops, with the prices largely reflecting the cost of production. The daily fuelwood consumption of about 15,000 Kenyans has thus been substantially lowered. The main difficulties encountered in the project, which came to its programmed conclusion in August 1985, have been the lack of financial support to enable trainees to set up stove workshops in their own villages and the failure to reach the poorest sections of the rural population with sufficiently cheap stoves.

30. Work also continued on a related project — on the plantation and efficient utilization of fuelwood in rural areas of Brazil and Bolivia — launched in October 1984 in co-operation with Fundacao Centro Tecnologia de Minas Gerais.¹³ Workshops are being established in one Brazilian and one Bolivian village where members of rural communities will be taught how to manufacture, operate, maintain and sell stoves. As in the Kenyan project, the two training programmes will include instruction in the propagation, plantation and proper care of suitable fuelwood tree species.

31. In 1985, UNEP, in co-operation with a Finnish film company, produced three films on the main areas of activity in UNEP's programme on energy: harnessing new and renewable sources of energy; the environmental impacts of energy sources; and energy conservation.¹⁴ The first film is intended to promote awareness of the feasibility of harnessing renewable sources of energy, especially in developing countries, by demonstrating current available technology. The target audiences of this film are the general public, decision makers and planners in developing countries. The second film informs energy consumers and decision makers about the potential for energy conservation, particularly in developing countries, and about measures to realize this considerable potential for decreasing consumption not only of fossil energy sources, but also of biomass energy used or wasted on their industries. The third film is intended to inform specialized audiences at meetings and similar occasions about the environmental impacts associated with the exploitation of different energy sources. The two films on renewable sources of energy and energy conservation are being prepared as videos suitable for television, in Arabic, English, French and Spanish. They are scheduled for distribution to governmental organizations and NGOs in developing countries in August and September 1986.

Industry and transportation (Budget subline 2104)

32. The impact of industrial processes on the physical and social environment is perhaps the most visible issue of UNEP concern when viewed by the public in developed countries. Industrial workers in those countries have become aware of the need to wear protective clothing or equipment to avoid health problems, and those outside industry are conscious of the potential effects of polluting wastes on their everyday lives. In developing countries, the impact is often more subtle. Recently introduced industries in many cases have not had time to cause visible damage, and lack of information has prevented the development of public awareness concerning the potential damage to the environment of certain industrial practices.

33. Positive action has been taken, however. UNEP's main contribution has been (a) to establish guidelines, in co-operation with the industries involved, to promote the safer use of the resources utilized in industrial processes, and (b) to improve the quality and availability of information for decision-makers interested in sustainable development. UNEP's Industry and Environment Office has maintained a

three-pronged programme aimed at providing information on the environmental aspects of industrial processes; enlisting the support of industry for UNEP objectives, through a continuous process of consultation between experts within industry, Government and international organizations; and promoting the practical application of the results of that consultation. Moreover, the secretariats of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and UNEP, in September 1985, reviewed their co-operation towards their agreed aims of environmentally sound industrial development. Potentials for joint programme activities in the Earthwatch (INFOTERRA), Management (Desertification control and Oceans areas) and Environmental Training were identified.

34. In 1985, UNEP continued to disseminate information on the impact of industry and transportation on the environment, through its publications programme. Seventeen issues, in the various language versions, of the quarterly review *Industry and Environment*, each focussing on a specific industrial topic, were published. Seven other publications were issued during the year on: the iron and steel industry; selected non-ferrous metals industries; alumina production; the diesel vehicle; pollution abatement and control technologies for the pulp and paper industry; low- and non-waste technologies; and risk management and accident prevention. The International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA) prepared, at UNEP's request, a draft "Technical review on environmental management of petroleum refineries and terminals" which was circulated to Governments, international organizations and non-IPIECA members within the petroleum industry for comments. The publications were made available at major UNEP meetings.

35. As part of the follow-up to WICEM, the first meeting of the UNEP Environmental Consultative Committee on the Iron and Steel Industry was held at ILO headquarters, Geneva, in March. Representatives of Government, the industry, UN organizations, and the International Iron and Steel Institute exchanged views on environmental control for the industry and the retrofitting of pollution abatement facilities for older plants, newly developed environmental technology, solid waste disposal, and the development of legal and regulatory measures. The Committee identified constraints on environmental management in developing countries and pointed to the need for assistance from developed countries in overcoming them. Representatives of developed countries indicated their willingness to assist developing countries in information transfer and training activities.

36. The secretariats of a number of international industrial associations — such as the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Primary Aluminium Institute (IPAI), the International Iron and Steel Institute (IISI), the Conseil européen des fédérations de l'industrie chimique (CEFIC), the International Permanent Bureau of Automobile Manufacturers (BPICA) and the International Group of National Associations of Manufacturers of Agrochemical Products (GIFAP) — repeatedly consulted with the UNEP Industry and Environment Office to help co-ordinate with UNEP their environmental strategies and activities.

37. In October 1985, an International Symposium on Clean Technologies was organized by UNEP jointly with the Ministry for Research and Technology and the Environment Technology Project of the Aerospace Research Establishment of the Federal Republic of Germany. Some 60 participants, mainly from developing countries, attended the symposium which included presentations on clean technologies and a week

of field visits to industrial plants. A film on clean technologies, based on the Symposium and the field visits, is under preparation

38. During the year under review, an African regional meeting was held at Abidjan, with the co-operation and financial support of UNEP, for representatives of 14 African Governments, NGOs and industry. Representatives of the World Bank, UNDP, Comité Inter-Africain d'Etudes Hydrauliques and the International Training Centre for Water Resources Management (CEFIGRE) also participated. The Government of Côte d'Ivoire expressed a commitment to reduce industrial pollution by 70 per cent over the next five years. The meeting called upon industry in the developed countries to assist African countries to solve their industry-related environment problems.

39. The Environmental Problems Foundation of Turkey, in co-operation with UNEP, and working closely with the Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Turkey, organized a conference on industry and the environment, at Ankara in October 1985. Some 180 representatives of Governments, the private sector and universities examined the role of industrial pollution, the "polluter pays" principle, foreign investment and the environment, and the role of consultations between Government and industry in the selection of environmental management strategies. The conference proceedings are scheduled for publication.

Environmental law and its application (Budget subline 2105)

40. Through its Environmental Law and Machinery Unit, UNEP promotes the progressive development and enforcement of environmental law as an essential tool of sound management. Specifically, it aims (a) to collate and disseminate data on environmental law; (b) to promote the enforcement of international agreements on environmental law; (c) to promote the development or adoption of new agreements, principles or guidelines concerning environmental law; and (d) to provide assistance to States in matters of national legislation and the enforcement of environmental law.

41. In the process of codification, progressive development and implementation of environmental law, particular attention must be paid to the interest and capabilities of developing countries, and to meeting their requests for the relevant technical co-operation and other assistance. While the main thrust of UNEP activities in this area during 1985 has been at the global level, the needs of developing countries have been a major consideration in every activity undertaken.

42. Of serious concern to developing countries at present are the problems posed by inadequate knowledge of the properties of pesticides and other industry-related chemicals. UNEP's involvement in promoting an awareness of, and codifying legislation on, potentially toxic chemicals and the management of hazardous wastes is reported below, under the International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals (IRPTC) (budget subline 7102). And this involvement is shared by the Environmental Law and Machinery Unit (see below). However, as regards legislation on these and other issues, the Unit will have to work towards ensuring that there is adequate machinery to implement such laws at the national level before success can be claimed with any justification. It is anticipated that more efforts will be directed towards development of institutional machinery for implementation of legislation in the future.

43. 1985 may be considered the most rewarding year in the history of UNEP's environmental law activities to date. Only three years after the Governing Council

approved (by decision 10/21 of 31 May 1982) the “Montevideo Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law,”¹⁵ the three priority tasks of the Programme have been accomplished, with the adoption in 1985 of a global convention and two sets of international guidelines, prepared by a series of *ad hoc* working groups of governmental experts on the basis of drafts prepared by UNEP. Work on other tasks set by the Programme was well under way, including the preparation of two further sets of guidelines and principles. In addition, a series of information documents on international environmental law were produced for the use of Governments, and four technical assistance missions to developing countries were undertaken, at the request of Governments, in the field of national environmental legislation and machinery.

44. The *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts for the Elaboration of a Global Framework Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer held the second part of its fourth session in Geneva in January 1985. After a further informal negotiating meeting, the “Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer” was adopted, on 22 March, by a conference of plenipotentiaries convened at Vienna (with the support of the Austrian Government). The Conference was attended by representatives of 43 countries (including 14 developing countries) and 7 international organizations.¹⁶ The Convention has since been signed by 27 States and the European Economic Community. Following a series of scientific workshops, preparatory work was begun on a protocol to the Convention dealing with strategies for the control of chlorofluorocarbons.

45. The *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts for the Exchange of Information on Potentially Harmful Chemicals (in particular Pesticides) in International Trade held its second session in Rome in January – February 1985.¹⁷ The Working Group reviewed the “Provisional Notification Scheme for Banned and Severely Restricted Chemicals” (adopted by the Governing Council in its decision 12/14 of 28 May 1984); approved standard notification forms annexed to the Scheme; and further revised the draft guidelines for the exchange of information on potentially harmful chemicals in international trade. The guidelines are expected to be finalized at a third session, to be held in London in February 1987. Sixty-one Governments are now participating in the Provisional Notification Scheme, for which the IRPTC provides secretariat services in Geneva.

46. The *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts on the Environmentally Sound Management of Hazardous Wastes held its third meeting in December 1985, in Cairo (at the invitation of the Egyptian Government). The meeting, which was attended by experts from 26 countries (including 18 developing countries) and 3 international organizations finalized and adopted the “Cairo Guidelines and Principles for the Environmentally Sound Management of Hazardous Wastes”, together with several recommendations addressed to Governments and to the Executive Director of UNEP, regarding further action and interim implementation of the Guidelines.¹⁸

47. The *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts on the Protection of the Marine Environment against Pollution from Land-based Sources met for the third time in April 1985 in Montreal (with support from the Canadian Government). Attended by experts from 32 countries (including 15 developing countries) and 6 international organizations, the meeting finalized and adopted the “Montreal Guidelines for the Protection of the Marine Environment against Pollution from Land-based Sources”

with three technical annexes.¹⁹ The Governing Council (by its decision 13/18, section II, of 24 May 1985) encouraged States and international organizations to take the Montreal Guidelines into account when developing bilateral, regional and, as appropriate, global agreements in this field.

48. UNEP, through its Environmental Law Unit, provided secretariat services for the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, and organized the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (with support from the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany) in Bonn, in October 1985. The meeting, which was attended by representatives of 63 countries (including 40 developing countries) and 12 international organizations, revised the appendices to the Convention; adopted financial rules and the first triennial budget of the secretariat (to be funded from contributions by the Parties through a UNEP-administered trust fund); and established a Standing Committee and Scientific Council to supervise the implementation of the Convention.²⁰

49. Revised and updated versions of the "Register of International Treaties and Other Agreements in the Field of the Environment,"²¹ the "Directory of Principal Governmental Bodies Dealing with the Environment," and the survey of "Environmental Law in the United Nations Environment Programme" were prepared and distributed in 1985 for use by Governments. In addition, all guidelines and principles adopted under UNEP auspices since 1972 in the field of environmental law were reissued as a documentation series in all official languages. A progress report prepared on behalf of the Governing Council for submission to the General Assembly indicates that the 1978 principles relating to shared natural resources, in particular, have found wide international acceptance.²² Progress in the area of regional seas conventions and protocols is reported under budgetline 5102 (Regional seas). In the course of the year, one Junior Professional Officer (from Denmark) and three short-term interns (from the Federal Republic of Germany, Senegal and the United States) served with the Unit at Nairobi to receive in-service training in environmental law. They were on secondment from, and at the expense of, their Governments or academic institutions.

Natural disasters (Budget subline 2106)

50. Following the decision of the Governing Council at its eleventh session,²³ the Executive Director in 1985 continued to exercise maximum restraint in allocating resources to this area. As a consequence, no new activities were undertaken.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS (Budget line 31)

51. This budget line is divided into five sublines: (a) environmental education; (b) environmental training; (c) public information; (d) INFOTERRA and (e) data and state of the environment.

Environmental education (Budget subline 3101)

52. Environmental education prepares the individual to be aware of and concerned about the environment and its associated problems, and imparts knowledge and skills which help to develop a commitment to work individually and collectively towards the solution of current environmental problems and the prevention of new ones.

53. In fulfilling its role as co-ordinator and catalyzing agent of environmental education activities in the UN system, UNEP bases its activities on the recommendations of the Tbilisi Intergovernmental Conference on Environmental Education (October 1977). Those recommendations focus on the integration of environmental considerations into the educational systems and programmes of Governments as well as the programmes of national, regional and international institutions. In 1975, UNEP and UNESCO launched a joint International Environmental Education Programme (IEEP) which, since then, has served as the major programme in promoting general environmental education at the national, regional and global levels. In the ensuing decade, the programme trained teachers; held conferences, seminars and workshops at national, regional and international levels; published and disseminated literature on environmental education; and provided technical assistance to Governments interested in introducing environmental education into their educational systems and programmes (see figure II).

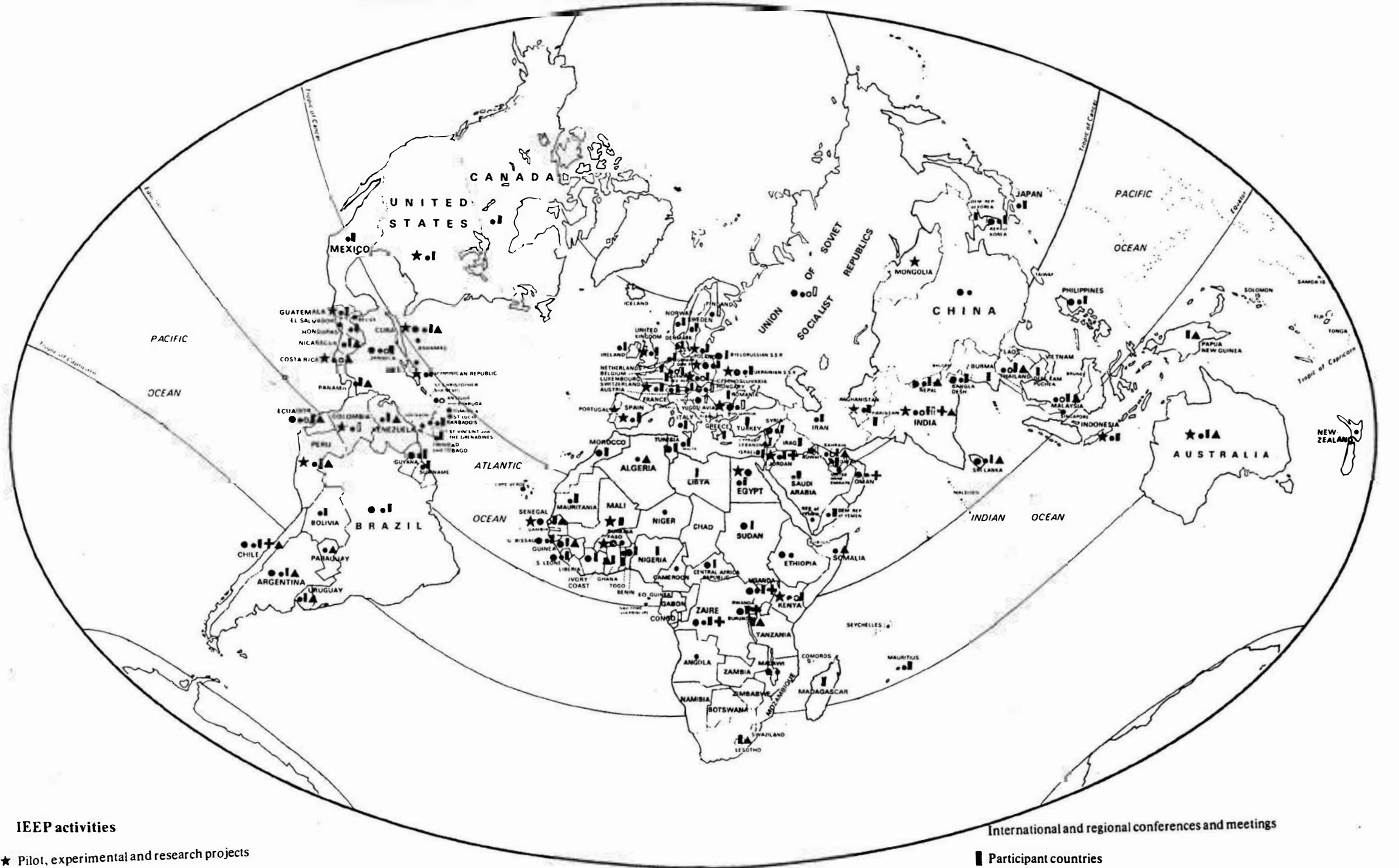
54. Pursuant to an in-depth evaluation of IEEP in 1984 by external examiners,²⁴ the main activities during 1985 included: (a) pilot projects on the integration of an environmental education dimension into general education at the university level; (b) experimental projects on the inclusion of an environmental education dimension into middle technical and vocational and adult education programmes; and (c) preparation and adaptation of environmental education materials. By the end of 1985, over 40 countries from all the regions had officially introduced environmental education into their educational systems and programmes. Other important initiatives concerning environmental education during 1985 were conducted outside the scope of IEEP. These are outlined below.

55. In September, UNEP, in co-operation with IUCN, held an International Training Workshop on Youth and the Environment in Moscow. The Workshop, which was attended by youth leaders from most African countries, developed a "conservation agenda" for environmental activities in the region. It also developed a draft manual for training youth leaders. This project was a contribution by UNEP to the UN International Youth Year, 1985.²⁵ In December, UNEP convened a workshop on Youth for the Environment at its headquarters in Nairobi (see also chapter II, paragraphs 75-79).

56. A UNEP-sponsored regional seminar on University and the Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean was held in Bogota in October 1985.²⁶ The seminar adopted an action plan to incorporate the environmental dimension into university education in the Latin American/Caribbean region. In December, this activity was duplicated in the Arab States, under the IEEP project in Qatar,²⁷ in the course of which a draft curriculum of environmental education for inclusion in general university education was formulated.

57. Under the auspices of UNEP, experts from Governments and the academic and scientific communities in the Asia and Pacific region met in Bangkok, in November 1985, to develop a programme of action for environmental education and training.²⁸ The programme of action adopted called for efforts to promote increased public awareness of environmental issues in order to facilitate the setting up of a regional network for environmental education and training; to improve communications among Government ministries and agencies in matters of environmental education and training; to adapt to regional requirements the training modules prepared by IEEP and ILO; and to provide greater support for NGOs and voluntary organizations active in the field.

Figure II. Activities of the UNESCO-UNEP International Environmental Education Programme (IEEP)



International and regional conferences and meetings

Environmental training (Budget subline 3102)

58. Environmental training is directed at the systematic incorporation of environmental components into training activities. It takes two forms: (a) general training for policy- and decision-makers (administrators and planners, engineers, architects, industrialists, trade union officials and agriculturalists) and (b) specialized training for those whose activities have an important bearing on the environment (biologists, ecologists, economists, hydrologists, toxicologists, soil scientists, agronomists, foresters, oceanographers, landscape architects, limnologists and sanitary engineers). In both cases, UNEP is involved in the preparation and implementation of training activities as well as their systematic follow-up to determine their effectiveness.

59. In December 1985, UNEP and ILO convened, in Abidjan, a second meeting of employers' organizations on environmentally sound development.²⁹ The meeting requested support from UNEP and ILO in the production of environmental training material, in particular a training manual, and in the organization of training programmes for employers' organizations and enterprise managers.

60. In Abidjan, in November 1985, at a joint UNEP/ECA workshop aimed at introducing environmental components into the training programme of 11 ECA-sponsored institutions, some 20 participants from the institutions concerned received training. The workshop produced a "core curriculum" in environmental training for the institutions, consisting of five major themes: (a) environmental management for development; (b) environmental assessment and standardization; (c) drought and desertification; (d) environmental health and sanitation; and (e) environmental aspects of population trends and resource use. With the use of the core curriculum, it is envisaged that 550 trainees per year could be trained, starting in 1986.³⁰

61. By the end of 1985, the UNEP/ILO project to promote the systematic incorporation of environmental components into the training activities of ILO-sponsored institutions had trained 20 trainers. The project is on-going.³¹

62. The ninth international graduate course on resource management and environmental impact assessment in developing countries, organized by UNEP, UNESCO and the Government of the German Democratic Republic at the Technical University of Dresden, which began in October 1985, is due to finish in July 1986. The eighth course (October 1984 — July 1985) produced 15 specialists in environmental assessment and management. By the end of 1985, this project³² had involved 125 participants from 40 developing countries. It is envisaged to extend the project to the next biennium, to include similar, but shorter, courses in developing countries.

63. Under the joint UNEP/ILO project entitled "Introduction of an environmental component within ILO management development programmes",³³ training manuals, referred to as "flexible learning packages", were produced for dissemination to interested institutions. By the end of 1985, the project had also been responsible for the training of 100 management trainers.

64. In 1985, pursuant to the seminars held in Bogota and Qatar (see para. 56), and the First African Ministerial Conference on the Environment in Cairo, regional programmes of action in environmental education and training, developed with UNEP

assistance, were adopted by Governments in the African, Asia and the Pacific, Latin American, and Arab regions.³⁴

65. In 1985, a computer-based, resource management game called Strategem-1 was designed by the International Network of Resource Information Centres, using UNEP funds.³⁵ The purpose of the game is to help people understand the concept of sustainable development. In the game, the players assume the role of government ministers in a hypothetical country. The idea is that by managing the resources of their country over fifty years of simulated time, the participants will come to appreciate, almost empirically, the importance of a healthy environment and of wisely managed resources to development that is sustainable in the long-term. Success depends upon the players' ability to balance sectors such as energy, agriculture, industry, environmental protection, and foreign exchange while developing human resources and improving living standards. The game, which provides new insights into environmental planning, has been received with great interest wherever it has been introduced. In March 1985, it was played at a workshop in Nairobi with participants from east and southern Africa, and in September, at an advanced workshop in Budapest. Strategem-1 has also been used in a training course for 60 USAID programme managers responsible for Latin American energy development and environmental protection programmes. During the past year, the game has been played in ten countries by over 500 players coming from 20 different countries. Participants have included university students, World Bank officials, institute directors and senior ministry officials. The response to the game has been positive and it has already been adopted for use in some 20 teaching and research centres around the world.

Public information (Budget subline 3103)

66. The aims of the UNEP Information Service are to increase general public awareness of environmental issues and concerns and to demonstrate a general public mandate for positive action by Governments and other decision-makers in all matters involving the environment at the local, national, regional and global levels of society. In order to achieve these goals, the UNEP Information Service divides its operations into the following areas: regional information activities; liaison with the media; special events; publications; audio-visual services; and co-operation with NGOs.

67. The general thrust in 1985 was to streamline all these activities, to provide policy guidance and professional expertise for all UNEP publications, and to seek new avenues of approach to selected audiences. Thus, the trend was to use resources efficiently while maintaining a more aggressive outreach policy than in the past. This included breaking new ground with respect to special events, and seeking newer audiences by means of non-traditional forms of communication.

68. The UNEP Information Advisory Committee, composed of independent experts in the field of information, was established in 1985 to provide advice on how to stimulate awareness of critical environmental issues. At its inaugural meeting in Geneva, in November, the Committee made a number of proposals, among them: to monitor Press coverage of five major environmental issues, on a regional basis; to launch a pilot radio programme to promote UNEP's identity; to identify a core network of journalists; and to investigate a co-operative venture with Governments to issue postage stamps identifying environmental issues of national concern.

69. An International Workshop on Alternative Methods of Communication for Environment and Development was held in Ahmedabad, India, in October 1985. The Workshop was co-sponsored by the Government of India, the Worldview International Foundation and UNEP. Among the means considered for wider promotion of environmental issues were: street theatre, puppet shows, and traditional and folk media. It was also stressed that there was a need for further studies, in other regions, into alternative methods of communication. In this connection, UNEP reached agreement with the Asian Mass Communication Research Institute in Singapore to sponsor evaluations of three such methods at selected universities.

Regional information activities

70. Regional information activities continued to support general outreach in 1985. Co-operation with the Press Foundation of Asia led to the placement of many items which were reported to have been well received by the targetted media. In the future, the aim will be to build upon this base by giving a more specific focus to the most urgent environmental problems.

71. During 1985, 100 environmental news features in Spanish were disseminated by Inter Press Service in the Latin America and Caribbean region. Some 60 of the features were translated into Portuguese and English. An assessment of this activity's impact is to be conducted in 1986. UNEP and Al-Ahram co-operated in a joint venture to produce a special supplement on the environment for Al-Ahram's *Youth, Science and Future* magazine. This was distributed to 20,000 subscribers in the Arab region. Throughout the year, UNEP continued its support to the Africa Press Service, and this led to the production of three environmental features per month in English and Kiswahili.

72. Earthscan, the media unit of the UNEP-supported International Institute for Environment and Development, continued its feature service in English, French and Spanish. The Earthscan service is distributed to a worldwide network of 400 specialists. Press cuttings show that considerable placement was achieved.

Liaison with the media

73. Direct liaison with the Nairobi-based national and international media was reinforced with regular, monthly, in-depth briefings and some 100 news releases, features and background papers on key environmental issues. Media support was also provided for special events (see below).

74. UNEP's first Journalist Attachment Programme was also held in 1985. Journalists representing major newspapers, and selected on a regional basis, were invited for the last three weeks of May — a period which afforded the participants the opportunity to both investigate how UNEP is involved in environmental affairs and to observe proceedings at the thirteenth session of the Governing Council. An analysis of the outcome of this project, to be completed by April 1986, will determine the future of the project.

Special events

75. A number of media special events were supported by the UNEP Information Service, both in Nairobi and elsewhere. Apart from general media coverage of the thirteenth session of the Governing Council in May, UNEP's Global Environment Monitoring System (GEMS) celebrated its tenth anniversary and launched a new

project: Global Resource Information Database (GRID). In conjunction with these events, a visit to UNEP was organized for Astronaut George B. Nelson and Cosmonaut Anatoly Nicolaevich Berezovoy which attracted major media attention. A special information folder was also produced for the special programme organized by UNEP on the evening of 19 July in conjunction with the UN Women's Conference.³⁶ Media coverage of the visit of John Paul II to the UN Office at Nairobi on 18 August was augmented by the distribution of speeches marking the occasion to Catholic Church leaders.

76. The fortieth anniversary of the founding of the UN was celebrated in Nairobi by the planting of 40 trees at the site of UNEP headquarters by school-children representing the world's youth. Also in conjunction with the UN anniversary, "Environmental awareness" weeks were organized at five cultural centres in Nairobi: those of France; Germany, Federal Republic of; Italy; United Kingdom and United States. UNEP films, videos and exhibitions were displayed.

77. The Information Service supported the First African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (Cairo, December 1985) by producing an information folder in Arabic, English and French and promoting a new UNEP publication, *Environmental Refugees*. World Environment Day (5 June 1985) was observed in more than 70 countries in all regions, representing over 80 per cent of the world's population, and received world-wide media attention. Among the highlights were the Executive Director's message delivered at UN Headquarters in New York; the simultaneous release in Thailand (in Thai and freely distributed to all school libraries) of Dr. Seuss's children's book on the environment, *The Lorax*; the co-operative initiative of the UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and the Communications Authority of Thailand under which all incoming and outgoing mail in Thailand was franked with the UNEP logo and the message "World Environment Day"; and a painting-and-essay competition in the Arab region which drew 239 contributions from seven countries.

Publications

78. Efforts were continued to use UNEP's internal capabilities for translation and reproduction. *UNEP News* (six issues each in English, French and Spanish) was brought totally "in-house" by the end of the year. Five technical papers, a series of eight thematic fact sheets (in four languages), and six associated posters (in three languages) were also produced using internal resources. A new publications series, aimed at the broad, educated public, was launched in 1985. The initial titles of these edited versions of technical papers are: *Environment: — A Dialogue Among Nations*, *Environment Refugees*; and *Radiation, Risks, Doses and Effects*.

79. In 1985, UNEP further developed its non-convertible-currency-funded bilateral publications and information support programmes with China and the USSR. The UNEP/China project published four issues of the Chinese-language quarterly, *World Environment* (circulation 25,000), provided all-round information support to the UNEP/FAO/China Seminar on pest control, and started preparations for the publication of *The Lorax* in Chinese. A number of publications were printed under the UNEP/USSR project. Its audio-visual component selected Soviet entries for the global environmental film/video catalogue, and work was started on a biosphere reserve slide-show.

Audio-visual services

80. Among the initiatives taken by UNEP in 1985 in the audio-visual field were: (a) three radio programmes produced on behalf of all English-language radio stations in Africa on toxic chemicals, water management and the First African Ministerial Conference on the Environment; (b) the dubbing into Spanish of the film "Pills and pesticides"; (c) the translation into Arabic, French and Spanish of the slide show: "Harvest of dust"; and (d) the preparation of a photographic display on "Women in the environment" (exhibited at the UN Conference on the Women's Decade and during Environmental Awareness Week).

81. The UNEP-sponsored Television Trust for the Environment (TVE) produced, in co-operation with the Government of Thailand and the United Press International Television Network (a London-based television news feature distribution service), a five-minute news item and a twenty-five-minute film feature for World Environment Day. TVE also produced for UNEP a film on desertification control in China and completed the draft of an environment film catalogue.

Co-operation with NGOs

82. The promotion of environmental awareness and UNEP's identity was assisted through a number of NGO-related projects. The Environment Liaison Centre (ELC), for example, received funding for its regular publications as well as for a Global Meeting of NGOs on Environment and Development (Nairobi, February, 1985)³⁷ which is expected to lead to future regional meetings in the Caribbean and South-East Asia, the establishment of an African NGO network to combat desertification, and the production of guidelines for preparing NGO "agendas for action". UNEP also helped finance the workshop on "Women and environment" organized by ELC during Forum '85, which was associated with the UN Conference on the Women's Decade.

83. During the year, assistance was provided to the Kenyan "Greenbelt Movement" in its promotional activities and seminars. The Executive Director visited various sites in Kenya to view the activities of this tree-planting movement organized by the National Council of Women. Support was also provided to the Workshop on Youth for the Environment organized by UNEP. Daily briefings were arranged for the representatives of some 73 NGOs throughout the thirteenth session of the Governing Council.

INFOTERRA (Budget subline 3104)

84. INFOTERRA is a global information system on the environment, linking national and international institutions and experts in a co-operative venture to improve the quality of environmental decision-making. It can introduce decision-makers at all levels to the information sources available in their own and other countries. In addition, it can provide primary literature, processed data, published reports, bibliographies, national and international legislation and advice on 1,000 environmental subjects.

85. During the year under review, INFOTERRA continued its activities as the Earthwatch component responsible for the exchange of environmental information in two main directions: further expansion and strengthening of the INFOTERRA network and further improvement of user services, particularly through the increased provision of substantive information.

86. In 1985, the number of Government-designated INFOTERRA national focal points reached 126 (of which 103 in developing countries), serving over 98 per cent of the world's population. The regional distribution of the focal points was: Europe and North America, 30; West Asia, 13; Asia and the Pacific, 20; Latin America and the Caribbean, 22; and Africa, 41. (See also figure III and table 1.)

87. The use of INFOTERRA has increased significantly over the past few years. In 1983, the total number of queries was 6,200 (a 20 per cent rise over the previous year); in 1984, this number rose to 9,100; the increased use rate observed in 1984 continued throughout 1985 and reached 10,600. Over one half of all queries were from developing countries. This success was due largely to the fact that INFOTERRA has been introduced to an ever-growing number of users who accept it as an effective channel for information transfer, as well as that INFOTERRA has expanded its services to include the provision of substantive information in addition to referral. A third factor is a rising number of repeat users who depend on INFOTERRA services to meet their information needs. The most frequently asked questions concern environmental management and planning, environmental monitoring and assessment, environmental legislation and standards, and environmental health effects, in that order.

88. In 1985, over 60 per cent of all the queries processed by INFOTERRA national focal points received direct substantive answers. In addition, INFOTERRA also provided substantive information, as well as referral services, to every user who contacted it. It has been established that about 70 per cent of all users contacted were satisfied or very satisfied with the information they received. INFOTERRA is not set up as a fully-fledged query-response service. Its functions are overall system design and development; the production and distribution of system tools (particularly the *International Directory*); the training of focal-point staff in INFOTERRA operations; and the development of promotional prototype material for use by the national focal points. In answering queries, its main responsibility is to act as a focal point for users from UN organizations and from countries where no national focal points have been established. However, INFOTERRA also assists all other national focal points with especially complex queries, as well as providing advice and training in all operational aspects of INFOTERRA. Appropriate UNEP and UN environmental publications are used in answering queries, and selected UNEP/UN publications are systematically disseminated to INFOTERRA focal points for their use in providing substantive information.

89. The routine feedback on user satisfaction, which is an integral part of INFOTERRA network operations, indicates that in the majority of cases INFOTERRA has provided "useful" or "very useful" information in response to users' queries. This is illustrated by many examples from all parts of the world: oil-spill contingency plans drawn up by a Gulf State, safety regulations introduced in a plastics factory in a North African country; rice paddies improved in a West African country; noise abatement measures introduced in an Asian country; a polluting factory closed down in a Caribbean country; obnoxious odour reduced in a fish-processing plant in a Latin American country; pesticide use avoided; research aided; environmental legislation drafted — all based on information supplied by INFOTERRA.

90. The work which was begun in 1984 — to identify leading institutions in certain priority environmental subject areas and to engage them to act as INFOTERRA Special Sectoral Sources for the provision of substantive information in their areas of expertise — continued during 1985. Four more such institutions have been contracted to search their data bases to produce relevant bibliographic references, abstracts and

Figure III. Growth of INFOTERRA network of national focal points

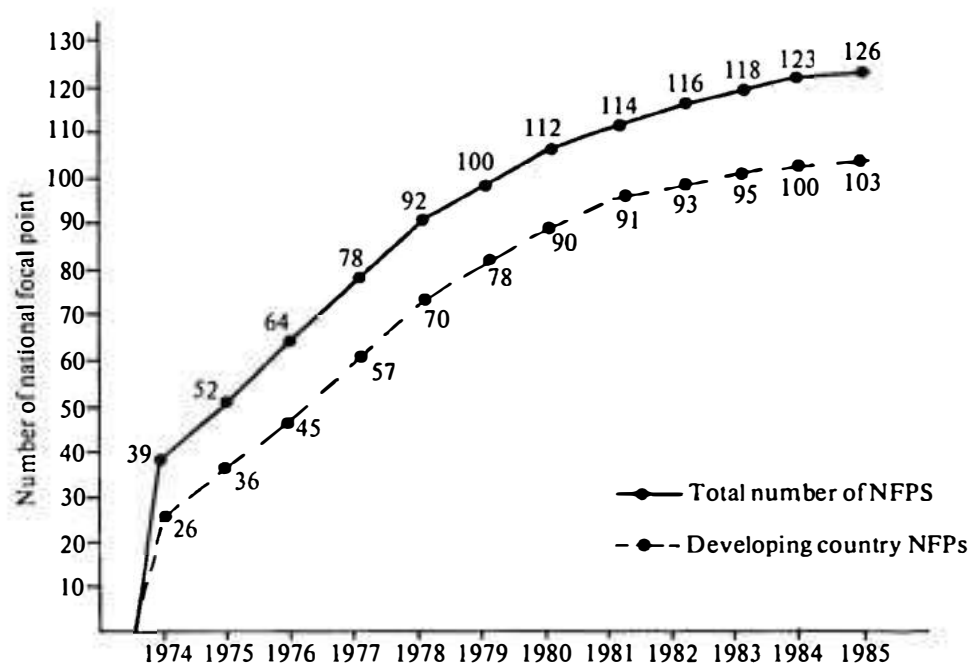


Table 1. Developing country participation in INFOTERRA focal points, selected years (As percentage of total number of participating countries)

Year	Designated national focal points	National focal points registering sources	Number of sources submitted	Number of queries
December 1978	76	54	29	40
December 1979	78	69	28	40
December 1980	80	75	30	50
December 1984	81	72	31	51
December 1985	82	75	33	53

documentation in answer to queries from users, bringing the total to nine. The four new Special Sectoral Sources are: International Centre for Arid and Semi-Arid Lands Studies at Texas Technical University (for arid lands and desertification); UNESCO Division of Science, Technical and Vocational Education (for environmental education); ILO Technology and Employment Branch (for appropriate technology); and UNIDO Industrial and Technological Information Bank (for industry and environment).

91. Also continued was the selection and development of INFOTERRA Regional Service Centres, the first one of which was established in 1984 at the INFOTERRA national focal point of Australia to cover the South-East Asia and South Pacific sub-regions. In 1985, the national focal points in India and Morocco were contracted to assume the Regional Service Centre functions for the South Asia and the North Africa and West Asia sub-regions, respectively. The purpose of these Centres is to assist the INFOTERRA national focal points, and users, in their regions, mainly in the provision of substantive information by sharing information resources available locally, providing computer searches of data bases, training, promotion and so on.

92. The completely revised and simplified seventh edition of the INFOTERRA *International Directory of Sources* was published in January 1985 and a supplement issued in September 1985. The new *Directory* lists 5,213 sources of information on nearly 1,000 environmental topics and is available in English, French, Russian and Spanish. This edition of the *Directory* involved a complete re-registration of all INFOTERRA sources, with emphasis on quality rather than quantity.

93. A training course on basic INFOTERRA operations was held in Nairobi in October 1985. Twenty newly-designated INFOTERRA national focal points from English- and French-speaking countries participated.

94. As part of the INFOTERRA promotion programme, three national INFOTERRA seminars were organized by the Governments of Bulgaria, China and the Ukrainian SSR, with the assistance of UNEP. In addition, promotional material, including various feature articles, fact sheets, brochures, posters, as well as the regular bi-monthly *INFOTERRA Bulletin*, were produced and distributed to all national focal points for their use.

95. Throughout the year, close contact was maintained with the UN and other relevant information systems. In particular, all the previously registered information sources from the UN organizations have been revalidated and included in the new INFOTERRA *International Directory*. As mentioned above, INFOTERRA Special Sectoral Sources have been established at UNIDO, ILO and UNESCO, in addition to the two previously established within UNEP (at the IRPTC and Industry and Environment Office). INFOTERRA PAC has also closely collaborated with the Advisory Committee for the Co-ordination of Information Systems and the UN Centre for Science and Technology for Development, particularly on developing the concept of the Global Information Network for Scientific and Technological Information for Development which was recommended by the UN Conference on Science and Technology for Development, held in Vienna in 1979. INFOTERRA was given international recognition by being proposed to assume the referral function of the planned global network.

96. All the above activities were approved by the INFOTERRA Advisory Committee (IAC) which held its second meeting in Sochi, USSR, in April 1985. The Committee reviewed the implementation of the recommendations of its first meeting and discussed the further development of INFOTERRA, including the above-mentioned proposed extension to act as the referral component of the Global Information Network. The Committee was pleased with the overall progress made, and especially with the sharp increase in the use rate. It made 14 recommendations which are aimed at further substantial development and consolidation of the network. These include the selection of additional special sectoral sources; the production of a condensed version (handbook) of the *International Directory of Sources* which will also identify major environmental

libraries and data bases; and the upgrading of the evaluation of the usefulness of the INFOTERRA services.

97. During 1985, INFOTERRA continued to support UNEP's catalytic role. By operating one data base (information about information sources), INFOTERRA PAC has provided access through the network links to more than 40 national and international data bases without any duplication of effort or cost. UNEP's co-ordinating role is also fully supported by INFOTERRA. This is clear from the establishment of 126 INFOTERRA national focal points, all of which receive system support from INFOTERRA PAC. By means of this decentralized network, costs are not only shared, but are also minimized to all partners, including UNEP.

Data and state of the environment (Budget subline 3105)

98. An updated list of emerging environmental issues was reported to the Governing Council³⁸ at its thirteenth session. This includes data on: possible climatic change brought about by increasing concentrations of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere (see also Outer limits, below); land and soil loss caused by urban and industrial development (see also Soils, below); environmental risks resulting from the increasing production and use of chemicals; and the effects of military activity. More recent issues which have emerged — concerning waste from aquaculture; municipal solid waste disposal in developing countries; and the international movement of hazardous waste — are being investigated and will be reported on in the state-of-the-environment report for 1987. Since January 1985, main environmental events reported in the news media and in scientific journals have been collected and published in the *UNEP News* in order to focus attention on these events.

99. A report submitted to the Governing Council at its thirteenth session³⁹ attempted to describe, analyse and draw lessons from the exceptionally serious environmental accident that took place in Bhopal, India, as well as other, significant, chemical accidents that occurred during 1984 and early 1985. India has confirmed that more than 1,400 deaths have resulted from the leak of methyl isocyanate from the pesticide plant.

100. This accident and similar occurrences highlight the need for more information on human exposure to chemicals. Currently, information that would make it possible to assess health hazards exists for only 10 per cent of the chemicals in general commercial use. Special training for workers engaged in operations involving hazardous chemicals is needed, particularly in developing countries where public understanding of such matters is rather inadequate. The regular inspection and maintenance of installations handling hazardous chemicals; the installation of back-up systems; and the application of regulations to ensure buffers around factory sites — all these are essential if tragedies such as Bhopal are to be avoided.

101. In compliance with Council decision 13/23, guidelines for the preparation of national state-of-the-environment reports were published in 1985 and distributed to Governments through the UNEP regional offices. Their purpose is to avoid the present wide variations in the presentation of environmental data and trends which make comparisons between countries extremely difficult. The guidelines suggest that the reports be concise, but comprehensive. They should be produced regularly, and organized on a sectoral rather than on an ecosystem basis, to better facilitate understanding. Their target audience would be the educated public and policy-makers. Thirteen forms were also designed, to collect the basic information needed for the

preparation of the reports, taking into account the general state of environmental information in developing countries. The guidelines are being used in the preparation of national state-of-the-environment reports for nine selected developing countries (three each from Africa; Asia and the Pacific; and Latin America and the Caribbean).

102. Gathering data on environmental quality and resource availability is a critical first step in understanding the processes at work in the environment and helps reveal the progress being made in maintaining or improving a stable and healthy environment. This knowledge can then be used to identify the steps that need to be taken to reduce or eliminate environmental degradation and the depletion of natural resources.

103. The experience gained in preparing UNEP's first comprehensive report on the environment, *The World Environment 1972-1982*, pointed clearly to the usefulness of continued data gathering. The task of the unit responsible for environmental data within UNEP is to establish a data base for environmental variables that allows regular updating.

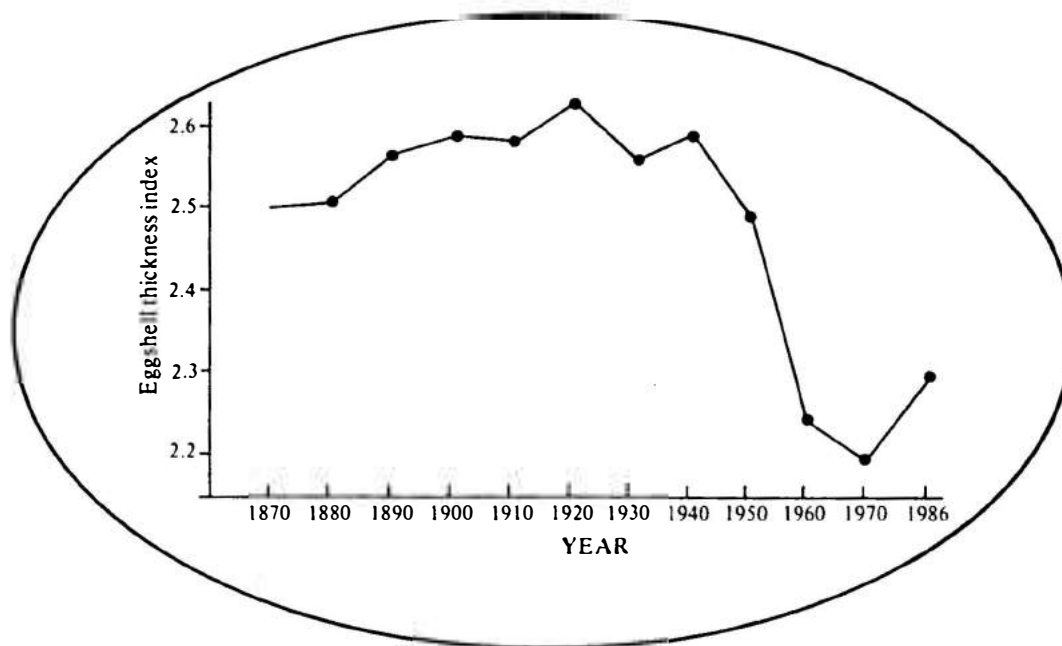
104. On the basis of the collected data, and in accordance with a decision of the UNEP Governing Council at its eleventh session ⁴⁰ and reported to the Council the following year,⁴¹ UNEP was requested to publish periodic environmental data reports which would serve as essential sources of information indicators of environmental quality and trends and for reporting on the state of the environment. In 1985, UNEP began preparation of a first environmental data report, to be published in early 1987. In this exercise, UNEP is co-operating with three other organizations: the Monitoring Assessment and Research Centre; the World Resources Institute; and the International Institute for Environment and Development. In compiling the data to be included in the report, requests for environmental information were made to all countries. In addition, the statistical compilations of international agencies and the records of international monitoring programmes were reviewed. Responsibility for the production of the report rests with the Monitoring Assessment and Research Centre, operating under the auspices of a steering committee chaired by UNEP. The steering committee met at the Centre's headquarters, in London, in June and November 1985.

105. The planned report will be divided into 10 sections. The first concerns environmental pollution and deals with atmospheric constituents; acid deposition; water quality; pollutants in wildlife; human exposure to contaminants in foods and pesticide; and lead content in human tissue and blood. Figure IV, which illustrates the effect of organochlorine pesticide accumulation on eggshell thickness for Swedish ospreys, and figure V, which describes the concentration of blood-lead levels in different developed and developing countries, serve as examples of the many hundreds of tables and graphs that will appear in the final Report. Other environmental sectors addressed are climate; human health; population/settlements; natural resources; energy; transport; war; accidents and natural disasters; and environmental management and international activities.

106. Efforts in 1985 were also concentrated on providing support to the initial phase of GRID (see GEMS, below). The project "Computerization of data of selected environmental subjects within the Global Resource Information Database"⁴² is helping to ensure quality control of data related to the physical environment, pollution and natural resources. The data will be used for the preparation of comprehensive environmental assessments by GEMS and for the periodic review of key environmental indicators.

Figure IV. Effect of organochlorine pesticide accumulation on eggshell thickness indices for Swedish ospreys (*Pandion hallaetus*)

(Redrawn from Monitor 1982)



107. The Executive Director's 1985 report of the Executive Director on the state of the environment,⁴³ which was submitted to the Governing Council at its thirteenth session, dealt with the following two topics:

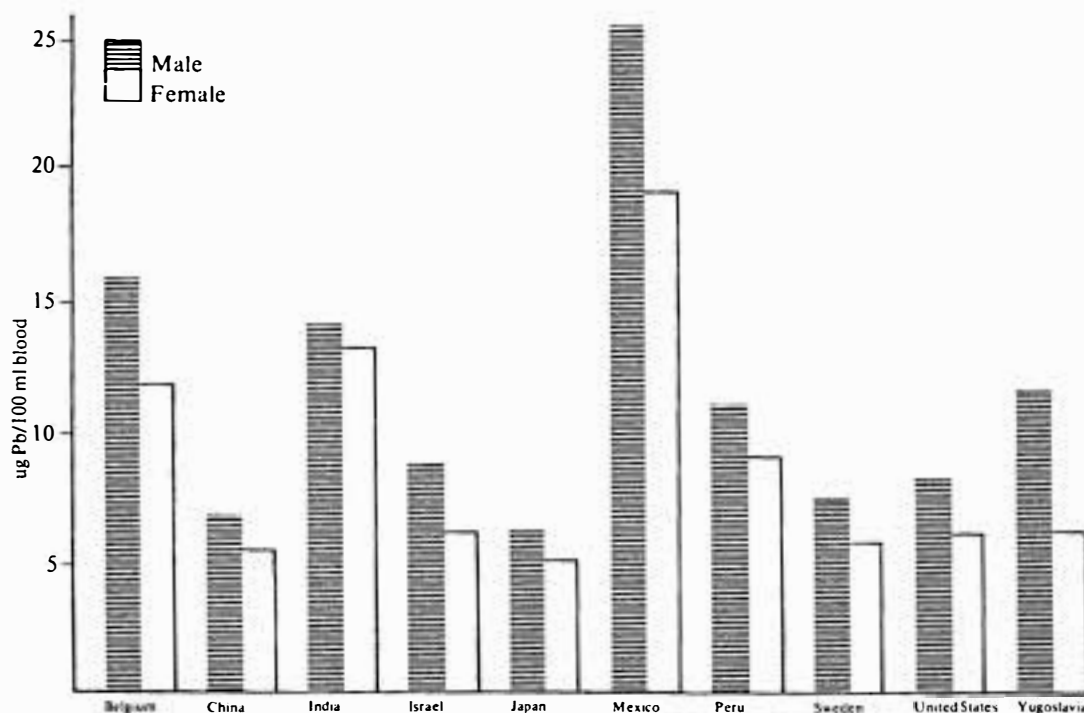
- (a) Environmental aspects of emerging agricultural technologies;
- (b) Population and the environment.

By its decision 13/9 A, the Governing Council not only took note of the report but also endorsed the recommendations for action contained in part one, chapter VII, which concerned the environmental aspects of emerging agricultural technologies, and in part two, chapter V, which concerned population and the environment. In paragraph 2 of the same decision, the Executive Director was requested, *inter alia*, to distribute the report to all relevant United Nations organizations and to bring to the attention of those organizations the recommendations for action endorsed by the Governing Council. Consequently, on 24 September 1985, the report, together with a letter, was sent to FAO, IFAD, ECA, ECE, ECLAC, ESCWA, ESCAP, and WFP, with a copy to focal points where applicable.

Library and documentation centre

108. The Library acts as an information support unit for the secretariat and, in particular, for the Office of the Environment Programme. Its collection of books,

Figure V. Concentration of blood-lead levels in various countries



Indian data represent teachers in Ahmedabad.

Swedish data represent a random sample of the total population in Stockholm

periodicals and reports, therefore, reflects the environmental, scientific and social subjects of concern to UNEP. The information contained in the Library's collection is catalogued or indexed and is made available to staff members in order to aid them in accurately analysing trends, assessing problems and promoting activities which will lead to environmentally sound development. In addition, the Library is a depositary library for the documents of the UN (in all language versions), maintains significant collections of the documents of the UN specialized agencies, and acts both as an INFOTERRA source and user of its network.

109. While the Library's largest user is the staff of UNEP, the Library also provides assistance to the Nairobi-based Permanent Missions, UN organization, other international organizations and research institutes and the University of Nairobi. During 1985, over 17,000 people used the Library, which represents an increase of 113 per cent over 1984. The Library's reference staff handled 4,015 questions (an increase of 54 per cent over 1984) and 9,700 items were taken out on loan (an increase of 38 per cent over 1984).

110. To make the best use of the available financial resources, the library's policy since the beginning of 1985 has been to reduce its acquisitions programme. In order to maintain the integrity of the collection and to minimize the impact of these reductions on its users, the Library adopted the policy of restricting its acquisition of highly

specialized publications or periodicals in preference to those of a more general or state-of-the-art nature. When specialized material is required, it is now obtained through inter-library loan which can entail lengthy delays in the provision of needed information.

111. On the other hand, a computer-based bibliographic information system is being developed in order to provide more rapid and in-depth retrieval of information. In 1985, various software options were examined and the system developed by UNESCO was selected as the most suitable to run on the Library's microcomputer. This software will also be used by UNEP's Desertification Control PAC, GEMS/PAC, INFOTERRA PAC, and the Information Service as well as the UNCHS Library, the International Council for Research in Agroforestry and the International Laboratory for Research in Animal Diseases. To ensure compatibility and maximize the exchange of data, a user group is being formed that will seek to develop a local area network between the various users in the city.

112. During the year under review, inter-organizational co-operation was notable. The Dag Hammarskjold Library, UN, New York, indexed, at the request of UNEP, the decisions of the UNEP Governing Council 1973-1984, which would be distributed in 1986. Reciprocally, the Library assisted the Dag Hammarskjold Library in completing its collections of all UNEP documents and publications. Between the libraries of UNCHS and UNEP a series of consultations were undertaken to reduce duplication of collections and work. These consultations resulted in a more rational distribution of material and use of resources. It is intended that these consultations will continue in order that the two libraries will be mutually supportive, with a view to improving services to the staff of both organizations. Finally, the UNEP Library became involved in a working group, comprised of representatives from nine UN or other international organizations based in Nairobi, that is trying to establish a co-operative self-financing microfiche production unit.

EARTHWATCH (Budget line 41)

113. The idea of a global environment assessment programme ("Earthwatch") was first tabled in Stockholm, in 1972, as one of the three major programmes of UNEP. Since 1974, some 50 projects have been completed within Earthwatch. Twenty are on-going, for a total projected cost of \$36 million, of which approximately half is provided by UNEP and the other half by co-operating agencies. In this context, it is interesting to note that over the past 12 years, national counterpart contributions are estimated to have been in excess of \$215 million, making UNEP's catalytic contribution to Earthwatch of the order of 17 per cent. In order for the Earthwatch programme to make a practical impact, however, information provided by Earthwatch must be put to practical use by the nations of the world and the use of the data at the practical planning and management level, particularly by developing countries, has to be encouraged.

114. The Earthwatch budget line is divided into two sublines: (a) the Global Environment Monitoring System (GEMS) and (b) Outer limits, research and assessment.

The Global Environment Monitoring System (GEMS) (Budget subline 4101)

115. Nearly 150 countries participate in one or more of the GEMS monitoring networks. Figure VI shows the distribution of the monitoring effort by economic

region. The interrelated areas of concentration within GEMS now total six. These are: (a) renewable resource monitoring; (b) climate-related monitoring; (c) health-related monitoring; (d) long-range, trans-boundary pollution monitoring; (e) integrated monitoring; and (f) GRID, the Global Resource Information Database.

Renewable resource monitoring

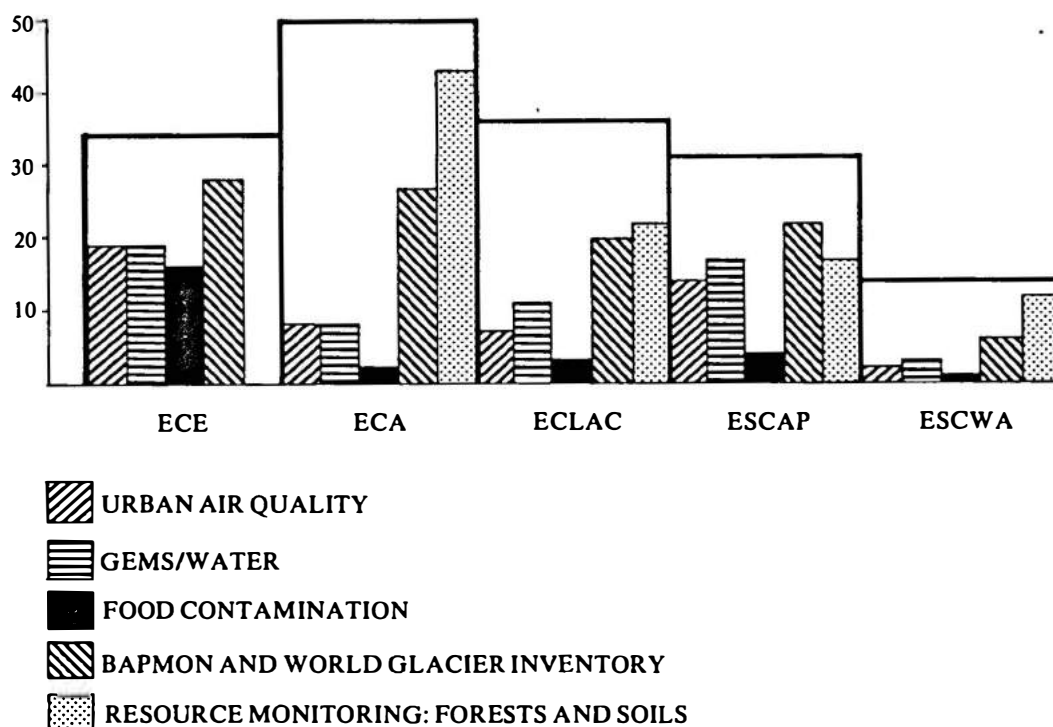
116. It is important that particular attention should be given to developing reliable, cost-effective methods of using various satellite systems for resource analyses and assessments, and for early warning. The use of such methods, however, must recognise the inherent limitations of satellite data and the essential need for ground verification and calibration work to be carried out at the national level.

117. The pilot project for the Monitoring of Sahelian Pastoral Ecosystems⁴⁴ carried out by FAO in co-operation with UNEP ended in mid-1985. The project produced for the 30,000 square kilometer Sahelian test site a complete description, in the form of maps, tables, computer-compatible tapes and reports, of the current land use and ecosystem productivity on both a seasonal and annual basis. Other major project achievements with respect to GEMS ecological monitoring in the Sahel have included recommendations concerning the optimum combination of data collection platforms for rangeland monitoring under the conditions found by the project; recommendations for the regional application of the methods; suggestions for indices to assess rangeland degradation resulting from desertification; and the production of some 20 technical publications. These have been used to design a long-term, follow-on project with UNSO and bilateral aid. The findings of the project will have practical application in other areas of the world facing similar problems. Several such projects have been designed, although implementation will have to await the availability of funds.

118. Many of the technical findings of the pilot project have found immediate application at the national level. In Senegal, for example, the national body responsible for the development of the sylvo-pastoral zone used project data to predict the impact of various development projects and to suggest strategies for improved cattle management. Project data concerning livestock distribution and herd structure facilitated the identification of suitable zones for the establishment of medical and veterinary centres. Vegetation biomass distribution maps (generated by satellite and verified by ground work) were used by the Government to help convince potential bilateral donors of the serious impact of drought, overgrazing and woodland depletion in the country's Sahelian zone. Finally, project data were used to demonstrate the seriousness of wildlife depletion in the project area.

119. The aim of the pilot project was to demonstrate a methodology as well as to train national personnel in the use of it. The project followed the normal pattern of agency implementation by being set up with a full team of international experts and a number of national counterparts. Unfortunately, however, there were frequent changes of both the international and the national personnel, and when the international staff left at the end of the project, there were no trained national staff to carry on the work. This failure at the practical level is not peculiar to UNEP, but is a problem faced by all agencies that use expatriate specialist teams to carry out field work. More attention, therefore, should be given by UNEP to working directly with counterpart agencies (see below). A second phase of this project is being undertaken by UNSO, funded by the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA).

Figure VI. Distribution of countries in the five UN commission regions participating in major GEMS activities. Large bars show total numbers of countries in each region



120. During the year under review, work continued on the project on Ecological Monitoring of Land Degradation and Desertification in Peru,⁴⁵ launched in 1984. UNEP sent consultants to help with the implementation of systematic reconnaissance flights, and UNEP staff visited the project on several occasions for technical discussions. The project is run by Peru's National Institute for Evaluation of Natural Resources and the project staff are all Peruvian nationals. By now, these staff have been trained in the methodology and are themselves carrying out the required monitoring and analyses. The annual cost to UNEP for implementing the project is some \$80,000 (compared to over \$400,000 a year for the Senegal project (see above), reflecting the greater expense involved in employing international expertise). The national approach, however, requires much closer supervision from UNEP staff and consultants. Such supervision is very time-consuming, but has the advantage that closer links are forged with the project staff, thus allowing earlier detection of technical and administrative problems and the taking of prompt, effective, remedial action.

121. To date, the project has begun to gather information concerning: the extent of the tropical forest and its rate of change; the extent of agricultural occupancy; different agricultural systems in use; livestock numbers and distribution; and practices that are causing land degradation. The project has also begun to develop means to safeguard the sustainability and productivity of tropical forests, and to provide a continuing advisory

and education service to agriculturalists on the value of the various management methods recommended by the project for soil and tree conservation.

122. Work continued in 1985 on three other GEMS projects concerned with the monitoring and assessment of endangered plant and animal species: monitoring the status of species and ecosystems (discussed below under Outer limits, research and assessment);⁴⁶ monitoring the status of cetaceans;⁴⁷ and monitoring the status of cervid populations.⁴⁸ The projects are largely financed under the UN Stamp Conservation Trust Fund.

123. The project on cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises) is concerned with creating a computerized database within the IUCN Conservation Monitoring Centre (CMC) for use by UNEP, FAO, UNESCO, Governments, IUCN itself, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and management bodies such as the International Whaling Commission concerned with the long-term conservation of cetaceans. The database will enable CMC to respond to enquiries regarding the status of cetaceans and their environments. The main project output, the IUCN *Red Data Book on Cetaceans*, the third in the Red Data series on mammals, will provide information on the status and conservation needs of cetaceans.

124. The objective of the cervid (deer, moose, elk, reindeer) project⁴⁹ is to lead to greater understanding of the status of and trends in cervid populations in the northern hemisphere, thereby contributing to their more rational management.

Climate-related monitoring

125. At the end of 1985, the WMO/UNEP Background Air Pollution Monitoring Network (BAPMoN) involved 95 participating countries. Sixty-five of these had operational stations, and 55 were regularly reporting data related to the state of and trends in the atmosphere with respect to precipitation chemistry (i.e., acidity), turbidity, carbon dioxide, ozone and other trace gases. In the course of the year, five other stations became operational. Emphasis continued to be on improving the quantity and density of data, the replacement of outmoded instruments by modern ones, and improving quality assurance procedures.

126. The World Glacier Inventory was completed in 1985 and responsibility for its continuation and updating passed to the UNEP-supported World Glacier Monitoring Service. A selection of key reference glaciers in various glaciated regions of the globe is being made by the Monitoring Service which will also provide annual data on the mass balance changes of the glaciers. These data will contribute to the understanding of global climatic changes and variability, as well as provide an indication of water resource availability from glaciers in areas where they occur.

127. It is expected that publications resulting from the second climate-related monitoring project will be of direct use both to Government scientific experts, for improving their understanding of the functioning of the climatic system, and to national and international decision makers engaged in planning activities that might be affected by climatic changes and variations.

Health-related monitoring

128. An important future direction in the area of health-related monitoring, is the implementation of the UNEP/WHO Human Exposure Assessment Locations (HEALs) programme. HEALs is expected to lead to major advances in assessing pollution-exposure risk to various sectors of the population in both developing and developed countries. During 1985, final discussions were held with participating countries (Japan, Sweden, United States and Yugoslavia) concerning the implementation of the first stage of the programme. In the next two stages, HEALs will be extended to "advanced developing countries" and then to "lesser developed countries" respectively.

129. At the end of 1985, GEMS had, in co-operation with WHO, three operational networks monitoring: urban air; water; and food contamination. The status of the networks was as follows: (a) urban air — 50 countries (27 developing) were participating, with some 175 monitoring sites in 75 cities; (b) water — 250,000 data points had been returned from 448 stations in 59 countries or territories; (c) food contamination — 26 joint FAO/WHO collaborating centres and participating institutions for food contamination monitoring had been designated and were operational. (See also figure VI.) In addition, the health-related monitoring programme has resulted in the direct initiation or strengthening of national health-related monitoring activities in approximately 25 developing countries. Many more countries have benefited indirectly through the availability of technical reports and publications.

Monitoring of the Long-range transport of pollutants

130. During the late 1970s, the European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme (EMEP), supported by the ECE and UNEP, set up a co-ordinated air pollution monitoring network in Europe. This network provided the basic data that served as background to the development of the Convention on the Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution Transport which came into effect in March 1983. Support for the EMEP network is now provided by the Parties to the Convention. The first phase of a new project, begun in 1984 with the ECE⁵⁰ to assess the effects of acidifying deposition on forests in the ECE countries and to recommend guidelines for a unified methodology for sampling, analysis and assessment of damage to forests from air pollution, continued through 1985 (anticipated termination: March 1986). A planned second phase of this activity would monitor damage to forests in the ECE region by applying the methodology developed in the first phase.

Integrated monitoring

131. Integrated monitoring, as defined in 1980 by an inter-agency consultation, is "repeated measurement of a range of related environmental variables or indicators in the living and non-living compartments of the environment, and the investigation of the transfer of substances or energy from one environmental compartment to another".⁵¹ During the year under review, a methodology for integrated monitoring, developed by UNEP in conjunction with WMO and UNESCO, was being tested in a pilot project⁵² in comparable North and South American temperate forests. Preliminary results, based on a year's data collection at each project site (Torres del Paine National Park in Chile and Olympic National Park in the United States) confirm that both locations may be considered as suitable sites for baseline data collection and examination of pollutant fluxes between and accumulations within environmental compartments. Consideration

is being given to how this study may be linked to similar work being carried out in CMEA countries in order to provide the basis for a new GEMS global network.

GRID, the Global Resource Information Database

132. GRID was established within GEMS in 1985 to provide an analytical basis for a continuous series of geographically referenced assessment statements on selected, key, global environmental issues.⁵³ It will allow the integration of geographically-referenced environmental data sets for national and regional land use planning and management, and make available environmental data in an easily-understandable and useful form for a wide range of national and international users. GRID had been made possible by generous in-kind contributions from both Government and private institutions in Canada, Switzerland and the United States. The GRID-Processor facility in Geneva was opened in September 1985. Procurement of equipment and arrival of operations staff caused minor delays, but by the end of the year, the enormous two-pronged task of compiling global resource data sets and developing a number of demonstration data sets and models to test the applicability of geographic information system technology at the national level was well under way. UNEP's efforts to help countries, particularly developing ones, to apply the findings of GEMS and Earthwatch to the practicalities of environment and resource planning and management should make it easier for such countries to understand not only why they must use environmental information in decision-making, but also how to use it.

Outer limits, research and assessment (Budget subline 4102)

133. The "outer limit" of any ecosystem is that which, if exceeded due to man's activities, results in irreversible environmental change. The outer limits addressed by UNEP under this budget subline are those concerning the atmosphere, and are (a) risks to the ozone layer and (b) climate impact studies. The other relevant activities may be divided into the following areas: (c) monitoring and assessment; (d) biogeochemical cycles; and (e) photosynthesis and bioproductivity.

Risks to the ozone layer

134. A major achievement by UNEP under this heading was the signing in March 1985 of the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (see also Environmental law, above). Justification for the Convention was largely based on the results of the continuing process of assessment of ozone layer modification and its impact carried out through the UNEP Co-ordinating Committee on the Ozone Layer (CCOL). The CCOL did not meet in 1985, but was scheduled to meet in February 1986 to consider a major new assessment report on the physics, chemistry and dynamics of the ozone layer. The assessment report, which was published in December 1985, was prepared by the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) on the basis of co-operative work by several national and international bodies, including UNEP and WMO. It contained more refined data on the atmosphere than ever before presented, and confirmed the risks of significant ozone depletion should chlorine-containing chemicals, particularly chlorofluorocarbons, be emitted to the atmosphere at a rate higher than that at present. It also stressed the possibility of climate change occurring as a result of increasing levels of tropospheric ozone as well as of the greenhouse gas properties of ozone modifying substances.

135. In view of the urgent need for a protocol on chlorofluorocarbons, UNEP in 1985 convened two *ad hoc* steering committee meetings (in London and in Brussels) to arrange for a two-part workshop on chlorofluorocarbons to be held in 1986 as a basis for elaborating such a protocol. The ozone layer problem, although primarily attributed to chemical emissions from the developed world, can have significant implications for all nations. Also, increased industrial development in the Third World and greater releases of potential ozone-modifying substances as a result of rice cultivation and cattle husbandry (methane) and use of fertilizers (nitrous oxide) imply an increased responsibility for all.

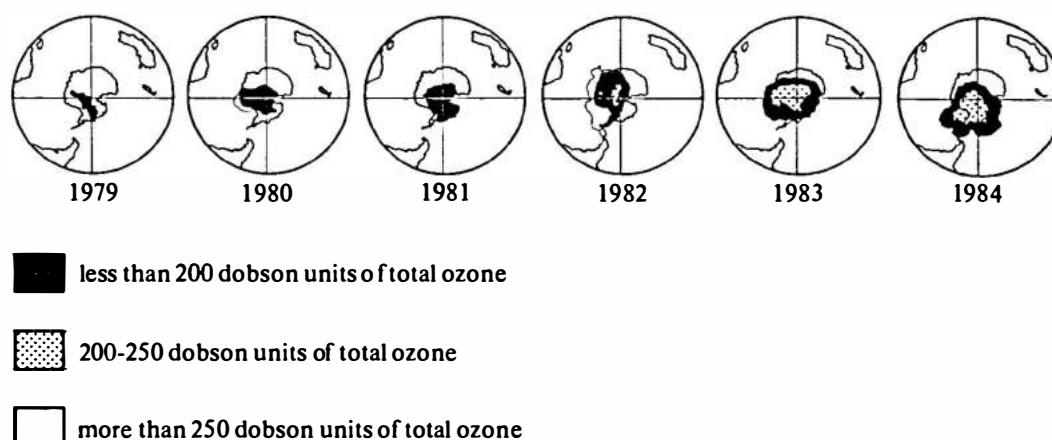
136. In order to promote awareness of the ozone layer issue in developing countries, a seminar for developing country scientists on global environmental problems, particularly those related to the ozone layer, was held at UNEP headquarters in November 1985, with participants from Argentina, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Kenya, Malaysia and Nigeria. Scientists involved in the new ozone layer assessment (see above) and experts on the effects of ozone layer depletion on plants and human health (from the Federal Republic of Germany and the United States) were invited to the seminar to discuss the latest scientific information and findings with the developing country experts.

137. Several causes of concern were noted at this seminar. For example, increasing concentrations of trace gases in the atmosphere is bound to modify the total column content and vertical distribution of ozone, which in turn will change the penetration of ultraviolet radiation to the earth's surface. The same trace gases will directly modify the earth's climate. The climate issue is no longer just a carbon dioxide (CO₂)/climate one, but is now recognized as a trace gas/climate issue. The other trace gases, in particular CFCs, nitrous oxide and methane, are calculated to have an effect on surface temperatures at least equivalent to that of carbon dioxide alone. The seminar also noted that a statistically significant decrease of total ozone had occurred in the middle stratosphere between 1970 and 1980 which was not inconsistent with computer model predictions. In particular, the column of ozone above Antarctica in springtime (i.e. October) has decreased in concentrations by about 25-30 per cent since the mid-1970s (this is illustrated in figure VII, which is based on data derived from satellite monitoring of the region). Some scientists believe that the decrease is associated with the release of CFCs into the atmosphere; others consider, however, that more research is needed before such a conclusion can be drawn. If a change occurs in the atmospheric ozone or climate as a result of increasing concentrations of either CFCs or nitrous oxide, the system will take centuries to recover because of the long atmospheric lifetime of these gases. Policy-makers in particular, should be aware of this.

Climate impact studies

138. Phase II of the World Climate Impact Studies Programme has been concentrated on reducing the risks of adverse climatic impact on food systems and agriculture; developing methodologies for climate impact assessment; and the issue of greenhouse-gas-induced climate change. The highlight of the Programme in 1985 was the second joint UNEP/ICSU/WMO assessment of the role of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in climate variations and their associated impacts. The assessment was carried out at a conference held at Villach, Austria, in October, attended by scientists from 29 countries (developing and developed). In an assessment made some five years earlier, also at Villach, only CO₂ had been considered. In 1985, however, recognizing that greenhouse gases other than CO₂ are calculated to have at least a similar impact on climate as CO₂ alone, the Villach conference stated that, in the first half of the next

Figure VII. Year-by-year decrease in total ozone during antarctic springtime



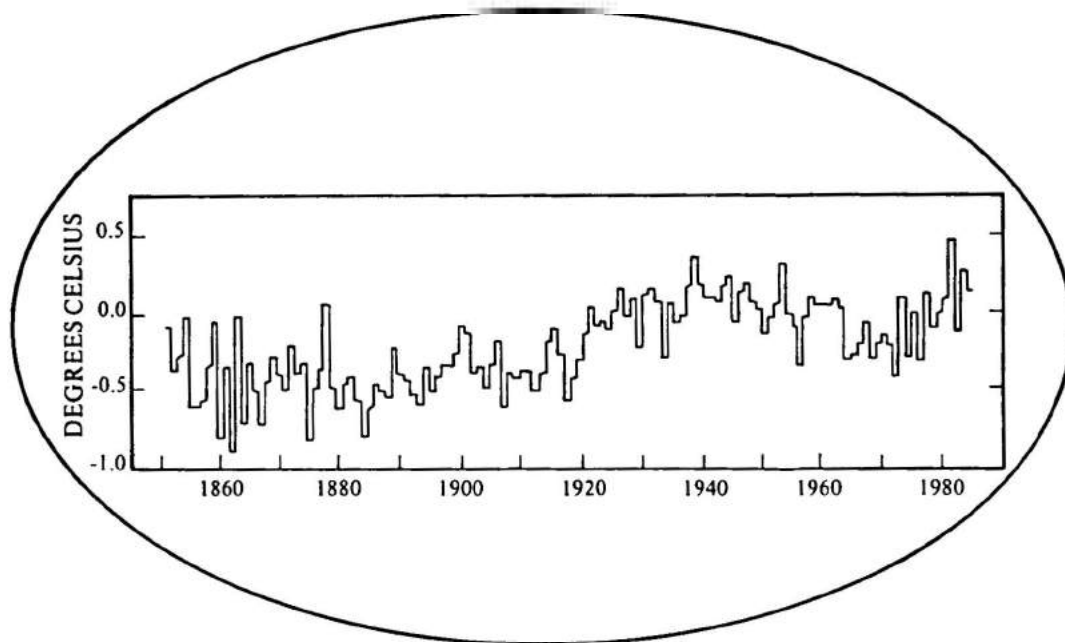
century, a rise of global mean temperature could occur that would be greater than any in man's history. Figure VIII shows the global mean temperature between 1860 and 1980. The observed temperature increase of about 0.5°C since 1860 is in accord with predictions for a rise in global temperature induced by CO₂, although it is not possible to confirm whether or not greenhouse gases caused the observed rise.

139. The Villach conference urged a refining of estimates of future climate conditions. This would be an essential input for the important economic and social decisions that need to be made concerning (e.g.) major irrigation, hydropower and other water projects; drought; agricultural land use; structural designs; and coastal engineering. The conference also drew attention to the linkages between climate change and sea-level rise, on the one hand, and other major environmental issues such as acidic deposition and threats to the Earth's ozone shield on the other. It noted that actions to limit one environmental threat could have repercussions on other environmental areas. (These inferences were based on current scientific understanding as outlined in the document "Assessment of the role of carbon dioxide and other radiatively-active gases on climate variations and their impacts", prepared by the International Meteorological Institute, Stockholm, with the support of UNEP.)⁵⁴

140. The Conference noted in its report that: an evaluation of results from climate models leads to the conclusion that the increase in global mean equilibrium surface temperature due to increases in CO₂ and other greenhouse gases (equivalent to a doubling of the atmospheric CO₂ concentration) is likely to be in the range of 1.5-4.5°C. Further, the expected global mean temperature due to a doubling of CO₂ is of about the same magnitude as the change of global temperature from the last glacial period to the present interglacial one. A global warming of 1.5°C to 4.5°C would lead to an estimated sea-level rise of between 20 cm and 165 cm. There is little doubt that a future change of climate of the above order could have profound effects on global ecosystems. For example, substantial intermediate and long-term responses in the composition, size and location of forest ecosystems could occur. The conference called on scientists and

Figure VIII. Global mean temperatures, 1860-1980

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policy-makers to begin active collaboration to explore the effectiveness of alternative policies and adjustments, even though major uncertainties remain in predictions of changes in global and regional precipitation and temperature patterns.

141. By the end of 1985, a number of other projects being implemented as part of Phase II of the World Climate Impact Studies Programme had reached a satisfactory conclusion. As part of the project on "Integrated approaches to climate impact assessment: the vulnerability of food production in marginal areas",⁵⁵ a two-volume *Assessment of climate impacts on agriculture* was finalized for publication in 1986. Consideration was being given to arranging user-orientated meetings in the 11 case-study regions to ensure application of the project results. Under another project, "Improving the science of climate impact studies",⁵⁶ a publication entitled *Climate impact assessment* was issued and is being distributed free to developing countries. Users are encouraged to apply the methods of climate impact assessment contained in it.

142. In February 1985, the UNEP Scientific Advisory Committee for the World Climate Impact Studies Programme held its fourth meeting, in Vienna. The purpose of the meeting was to review progress in the implementation of phase II of the Programme and to recommend activities that would constitute a phase III for implementation in 1986/1987. Priority activities recommended included: following up on the recommendations of the Villach conference (see above); encouraging the development of national climate programmes, including impact studies within such programmes; and urging national participation in the World Climate Programme with a view to strengthening and broadening its international effect. These recommendations were endorsed by the UNEP programme review body which met in November 1985.

143. During the year under review, a UNEP consultant produced a draft report on the African drought and made recommendations for UNEP's participation in a programme to address the socio-economic impacts of the drought. The recommendations call for UNEP involvement in the planned African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development and in the mounting of a demonstration project relevant to drought-affected agriculture in Ethiopia, in association with the Ethiopian Relief and Rehabilitation Commission.

144. Climatic anomalies, including drought, in many parts of the world have been thought to be associated with occurrences of strong El Niño and Southern Oscillation (ENSO) events. In order to classify the possible economic and societal impacts associated with the 1982/1983 ENSO, UNEP, in association with the United States National Centre for Atmospheric Research, held a workshop on the subject at Lugano, Switzerland, in November 1985. The workshop considered impacts on socio-economic systems, agriculture, fisheries and ecology that have been attributed to the ENSO phenomenon in ten regions of the world. A report is to be published jointly by UNEP and the National Centre.

145. During the year under review, UNEP-supported experts began an investigation of the impact of climatic variations on agriculture in the humid tropics of South America. Three countries have so far been involved in the socio-economic investigation, which is being carried out by the Interagency Group on Agricultural Biometeorology. Interim results were discussed at an expert group meeting in Lima, in November.

146. The joint UNEP/UNRISD/CRESSIDA project ⁵⁷ on reducing the vulnerability of food systems to climate in north-east India reached a satisfactory conclusion in 1985. In addition to the data collection and analysis and scientific reports noted in last year's *Annual Report*,⁵⁸ the main UNEP-supported part of the project, the *Perception study of food vulnerability to climatic variability in the region*, was published in October.

Monitoring and assessment

147. With UNEP/GEMS support, the Monitoring and Assessment Research Centre (MARC) has continued to serve as an important focus for environmental pollution assessment. In close consultation with the IRPTC, MARC has published a series of reports on pathways analysis and exposure commitment assessments of environmental pollutants. The latest report, concerning polyaromatic hydrocarbons, aluminium and zinc was published in 1985.⁵⁹ MARC has also prepared comprehensive reviews of biological monitoring techniques,⁶⁰ which describe and evaluate the usefulness of the whole spectrum of living organisms as integrators of exposure and indicators of the effects of environmental pollutants. Baseline concentrations have been established and their relevance to remote areas and biosphere reserves outlined. The reports describe the wide range of monitoring methods available throughout the world and discuss the advantages and disadvantages associated with them. In 1985, MARC, in association with WHO and with support from UNEP, produced a report entitled, "Historical monitoring"⁶¹ which for the first time summarizes and critically reviews global concentrations of metal, organic and radioactive pollutants in both living and non-living materials, over historic time, using retrospective data. The report includes data obtained from IRPTC.

148. The IUCN Conservation Monitoring Centre in the United Kingdom is concerned with global conservation and the management of plant and animal species through the

provision of high-quality data on the status of and trends in threatened species, protected areas and trade in wildlife.⁶² With UNEP support, it maintains computerized "Red Databases" on: threatened animal species (10,000 species); threatened plants (14,000 species); protected areas (7,000); and wildlife trade (190,000 transactions). In 1985, the Centre produced three more volumes in the Red Data Book series (on butterflies, birds of Africa, and papilionaceae); a revision of the UN list of national parks and protected areas; an Indomalaya and Oceania protected areas directory; and an environmental profile of Madagascar.

Biogeochemical cycles

149. In 1985, UNEP and the Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (SCOPE) continued the collection and critical analysis of information on various aspects of elements cycling in the environment through the SCOPE/UNEP Carbon Unit in the Federal Republic of Germany and the Sulphur Unit in the USSR.

150. Completion of the report on the use of stable isotopes announced in last year's *Report* has taken longer than expected; however, it should become available in mid-1986. The report contains detailed information on sulphur isotopes in nature and the environment, including reservoirs in the lithosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere and the terrestrial biosphere. It also gives examples of the use of isotopes in solving regional environmental problems in Australia, Canada, Czechoslovakia, India, Japan, Kuwait, Nigeria and the USSR.

151. A thorough understanding of natural biogeochemical cycles will help in appreciating the way in which human activities — intentionally or unintentionally — are changing the environment on a global scale. This project is concentrating on the important element carbon and deals particularly with the transport of carbonaceous compounds from the land to the sea by the major rivers of the world. The results are expected to fill an important gap in our present knowledge of the carbon cycle. In 1985, the SCOPE/UNEP Carbon Unit published part III of its report on the "Transport of carbon and minerals in major world rivers". A fourth workshop took place in Tianjin, China, in May 1985. Specific issues discussed at the Tianjin workshop included the use of modelling and remote sensing to improve understanding of the carbon cycle.

Photosynthesis and bioproductivity

152. An understanding of the factors influencing plant bioproductivity is essential in the development of effective means of sustained production of food, fuel and fibre, and in maintaining the stability of natural ecosystems. In 1985, work continued on the UNEP-supported project "Primary productivity and photosynthesis in natural ecosystems of the tropics in relation to environmental variables" established in 1983 in co-operation with the University of London.⁶³ The objectives are to assess the degree of under-estimating of productivity that may have resulted from earlier techniques; to appraise the effects of implementation based on such under-estimations; to assess the potential of remote sensing in the precise estimation of productivity; and to determine the photosynthesis potential of natural ecosystems. The project has secured the support of five regional centres, in Brazil, China, Kenya, Mexico and Thailand, which now apply standard methods and new technologies to determine the hitherto uncertain photosynthesis potential of major natural ecosystems of the tropics.

153. In March 1985, the interim results of regional studies undertaken in India, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, and Kenya were presented to an expert group on photosynthesis

in relation to bioproductivity which met in March 1985 at UNEP headquarters. The meeting, attended by scientists from 10 countries, considered future priorities in research in the area of photosynthesis in relation to bioproductivity, particularly in developing countries, and made recommendations for future work. In this connection, it saw a critical need (a) for information on the seasonal pattern of bioproductivity in natural ecosystems, particularly in the tropics and sub-tropics, and (b) for training and other forms of technical assistance to overcome the present serious shortage of trained manpower. As part of this project, the seventh UNEP Training Course on Technologies in Bioproductivity and Photosynthesis took place at the Shanghai Institute of Plant Physiology in August-September 1985.

154. Photosynthesis has been widely researched over the past 20 years. In 1985, in an attempt to consolidate current knowledge of the process, from chloroplast to whole plant level, and particularly its relationship to the environment and use in the production of dry matter, UNEP, in co-operation with Tycooly Publishers, issued a publication entitled *Photosynthesis in relation to plant production in terrestrial environments*. During the same reporting period, UNEP also published a second, updated edition of the methodology document *Techniques in photosynthesis and bioproductivity*, in co-operation with Pergamon Press, Oxford.

OCEANS (Budget line 51)

155. On a conceptual basis the very word "oceans" is almost too broad to be fully comprehended. The oceans and seas of this planet support wild-life systems, provide bio-genetic resources of both evolutionary and commercial natures, are the geographical locations of mineral and other resources, and are crossed as part of an international transport system. At the same time, the world's oceans have been used as deliberate and accidental dumping grounds and, owing to their strategic importance, as areas of conflict. UNEP, in an effort to rationalize its work on the marine environment, has chosen since 1973 to divide its attention into three specific groups each of which has its own budget subline: (a) the global marine environment, (b) the regional seas programme, and (c) living marine resources.

156. Initially, during the period of the establishment of criteria and working methods, it was essential for UNEP to interact with UN partner agencies based in Europe. As a result, the secretariat dealing with the first two sub-programmes mentioned worked out of offices in Geneva. However, as the Regional Seas Programme became more established, and the successes of the Mediterranean Action Plan became apparent, it was felt that a move to UNEP headquarters, away from Europe, was necessary. All regional seas action plans cover not only the protection of the marine environment, but the safeguard and the sound environmental management of coastal areas. This includes management of soils and fresh waters, development of new and renewable sources of energy as well as management of aquaculture and living marine resources. It thus became essential for the Oceans and Coastal Areas Programme Activity Centre (OCA/PAC) to work closer within the UNEP programme in Nairobi.

157. In late 1985, this move was completed successfully. The three key elements of OCA/PAC remain the same, but the closer organizational and technical links with the rest of the UNEP programme have now been ensured. This in turn will promote a more comprehensive and cross-sectoral application of the protection and management of the marine and coastal environment, as well as giving other sectors of UNEP an opportunity to apply the successful methodologies used over the past decade in the area of regional seas.

Global marine environment (Budget subline 5101)

158. During 1985, UNEP activities concerning the marine environment continued to be concentrated on the assessment of marine pollution problems and on the development of methodologies and guidelines necessary for such assessment. A considerable part of this work was carried out through, and directly applied in, the Regional Seas Programme. The IMO/FAO/UNESCO/WMO/WHO/IAEA/UN/UNEP Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Pollution (GESAMP) was used as the main inter-agency mechanism to review the global and specific problems of marine pollution as well as to prepare analyses, guidelines and recommendations relevant to their solution. Through GESAMP, work has continued on the evaluation of the hazards of harmful substances carried by ships. Reviews were completed on arsenic, selenium and mercury as marine pollutants and will be published by WHO as part of the GESAMP Reports and Studies series. Similar reviews on organosilicons and carcinogenic substances are at a fairly advanced stage.

159. Methodologies for the assessment of land-sea boundary flux of pollutants were formulated and agreed upon by the working group concerned, and work was in progress on a report on air-sea interchange of pollutants as modified by atmospheric contaminants. A methodology and guidelines for the assessment of the impact of pollutants from land-based sources on the marine environment were also elaborated, on the basis of case studies. The scientific rationale and justification for an integrated global ocean monitoring programme was examined. The results of this exercise may also be of value to GEMS. 1985 also saw the start of preparations on a global assessment of the state of the marine environment.

160. Work on the development and testing of reference methods for marine pollution studies continued during 1985, with the co-operation of several agencies, including IAEA, IOC, FAO and WHO. Sixteen new or revised reference method documents were issued. In order to ensure the global comparability of data on marine pollution, a number of standards, certified reference materials and intercomparison samples were prepared and made available to users of the reference methods (see annex III). Using the reference methods, intercalibration exercises on a regional, interregional and global basis were conducted for three of the major classes of pollutants: trace metals; chlorinated hydrocarbons; and petroleum hydrocarbons. The preparation and publication of global, regional and specialized directories and bibliographies were continued in co-operation with FAO and other organizations. During 1985, such publications were issued on: the marine environment (Mediterranean); environmental education (Caribbean); and marine environment centres (Mediterranean, Indian Ocean and Antarctic, South Pacific, and Caribbean).

Regional seas (Budget subline 5102)

161. Although the problems of the oceans are global in nature, the strategy adopted by UNEP has been to contribute to their solution through globally co-ordinated regional programmes, all based upon the same general policy, strategy and methodology while being adapted to the specific needs of each region. Since the thirteenth session of the Governing Council, the Regional Seas Programme has pursued activities in 10 regions involving more than 120 coastal States, more than 30 global and regional organizations, and a network of approximately 250 national institutions. By the end of 1985, action plans had been adopted in nine regions and regional conventions signed in seven (the

latest being the Eastern African Action Plan and Convention). Preparations for the adoption of one more convention, for the South Pacific region, were at an advanced stage in 1985. UNEP provides overall co-ordination for the Regional Seas Programme and serves as the secretariat for four action plans and three conventions.

162. *Mediterranean region.* Co-operation among Mediterranean coastal States continued in all areas covered by the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP). The Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention was convened in Genoa in September 1985. It coincided with the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the MAP. Delegations (ten of which at Ministerial level) from 16 Mediterranean coastal States and from the EEC, attended. A Declaration on the Second Mediterranean Decade was adopted (Genoa Declaration), by which the Contracting Parties reaffirmed their commitment to the protection of the Mediterranean Sea through the implementation of the MAP. The Contracting Parties launched a new phase of their co-operation by agreeing on 10 targets to be achieved as a matter of priority during the second decade of the MAP: reception facilities for oily balasts in major Mediterranean ports; appropriate sewage treatment plans for cities/towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants; application of environmental impact assessment; reduction of risks from toxic chemicals; protection of endangered species; reduction of industrial pollution; protection of 100 coastal historic sites; establishment of 50 coastal reserves; prevention and combat of forest fires; and reduction in air pollution.

163. The Contracting Parties agreed to adopt measures for an interim period that would ensure, as minimum common requirements, that the quality of bathing waters in the Mediterranean would conform with the proposed interim WHO/UNEP environmental quality criteria concerning faecal coliforms. This agreement is the first breakthrough towards a practical common approach to the protection of the sea. The contracting parties also accepted the FAO/UNEP recommendations concerning mercury in Mediterranean seafood. The high-level endorsement of the MAP, and the specific targets adopted at Genoa for the next decade, are a further positive development deserving to be noted. Delays in ratification by several countries of the Protocols on Land-Based Sources of Pollution (signed 1980) and on Specially Protected Areas (signed 1982) continued to be a cause of concern in 1985, as did non-submission of monitoring data by several countries participating in the long-term pollution monitoring and research programme in the Mediterranean.

164. *Kuwait region.* The Council of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME), which held its fourth meeting in Kuwait in April 1985, approved in principle the development of four new projects entitled: Marine mammals of ROPME sea area; ROPME marine biological reference collection; Biological oceanography; and UNESCO/IOC/ROPME joint activities. In 1985, UNEP was co-ordinating the implementation of the IAEA assistance to ROPME project, and was advising ROPME, on an *ad hoc* basis, on subjects such as preparations for a protocol on land-based sources of pollution, selection of experts and equipment, etc.

165. *Wider Caribbean region.* The fifth ratification of the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region and its Protocol Concerning Co-operation in Combating Oil Spills in the Wider Caribbean Region was received during 1985. The Convention and Protocol will enter into force 30 days after the date of deposit of the ninth instrument of ratification. The Third Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme, held at Cancun, Mexico, in April 1985, approved for implementation

during 1985-1986 eight projects covering marine pollution monitoring and control, environmental management, assessment of oil dispersants, and determination of critical coastal zones. (Fourteen others were put on a waiting list until funds become available.)

166. *West and Central African region.* The Parties to the Convention for Co-operation in the Protection and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the West and Central African Region had their first meeting in Abidjan in April 1985. They decided to establish, in Abidjan, a Regional Co-ordination Unit for the Convention and set priorities for project implementation in 1986-1987. They gave highest priority to the continuation of ongoing projects dealing with contingency planning for pollution emergencies and marine pollution research and monitoring, in co-operation with FAO, UNESCO, IOC, WHO, IMO and IAEA. Other priority projects identified were: pollution impact assessment in the marine environment; development of national environmental legislation; preparation of a manual on training, research and control of coastal erosion; establishment of a regional documentation centre on coastal erosion; identification and establishment of specially protected areas; and determination of the distribution and status of the West African manatee.

167. *Eastern African region.* A Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Eastern African Region was convened in Nairobi in June 1985. The Conference adopted an Action Plan, a Regional Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment, a Protocol Concerning Protected Areas and Wild Fauna and Flora, and a Protocol Concerning Co-operation in Combating Marine Pollution in Cases of Emergency in the region. Four countries signed the Convention and the two Protocols (France, Madagascar, Seychelles and Somalia).⁶⁴ The Executive Director of UNEP was invited to prepare a programme document describing the operational details of the projects to be developed on the basis of priorities identified at the Conference and to convene a meeting of the Bureau (composed of France, Kenya, Madagascar, Seychelles and Somalia) during the first half of 1986 to review it.

168. *East Asian Seas region.* The fourth meeting of the Co-ordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia, held in Manila in April 1985, decided to continue all seven ongoing projects in 1985 and to defer decisions on new ones until 1986. The ongoing projects, which are co-ordinated by the national institutions of the participating States, are: assessment of levels of pollutants and their effects on the marine and coastal environment; study of coral resources and their protection from pollution; research on the toxicity of oil and oil dispersants; development of regional data exchange systems; study of maritime meteorological phenomena influencing the environment of the region; implementation of a technical and scientific support programme for oil spill contingency planning; and a co-operative study on the cleaning-up of urban rivers. The projects are financed by the East Asian Seas Trust Fund with matching funds from the UNEP Environment Fund.

169. *Red Sea and Gulf of Aden region.* In May 1985, Saudi Arabia became the fourth State to ratify the Regional Convention for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment and the Protocol Concerning Regional Co-operation in Combating Pollution by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency. The Convention and attached Protocol entered into force in July 1985.

170. *South Pacific region.* Throughout 1985, UNEP continued its support to the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP). An expert meeting was convened in November 1985 to discuss a draft Convention for the Protection of the Natural

Resources and the Environment of the South Pacific Region and two associated Protocols. Although there was disagreement on some parts of the text of the Convention and the Dumping Protocol, the experts decided to submit the draft Convention and its Protocols to a Conference of Plenipotentiaries in 1986. It was further decided to designate the Chairman of the expert meeting, or a staff member of one of the organizations of the SPREP Co-ordinating Group (SPC, SPEC, ESCAP and UNEP), to conduct informal consultations with a view to resolving the main outstanding issues, including the testing of nuclear devices and the dumping of radioactive waste. Prior to the expert meeting, a seminar was held in October 1985 in Suva, Fiji, to facilitate the negotiations for the draft Convention and its Protocols and to discuss the outstanding issues. This seminar was organized by the Foundation for the Peoples of the Pacific, and the Pacific Islands Development Programme, and co-sponsored by UNEP.

171. *South-east Pacific region.* The Second Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the South-east Pacific, held at Galapagos in August 1985, approved continued support to the programme for research on and monitoring of marine pollution from domestic, agricultural, mining and industrial sources. The programme, which became fully operational in 1985, involves 15 institutions from all five participating States. The day-to-day co-ordination of the relevant Action Plan is carried out by the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific, in co-operation with UNEP. The activities are still largely supported by the UNEP Environment Fund.

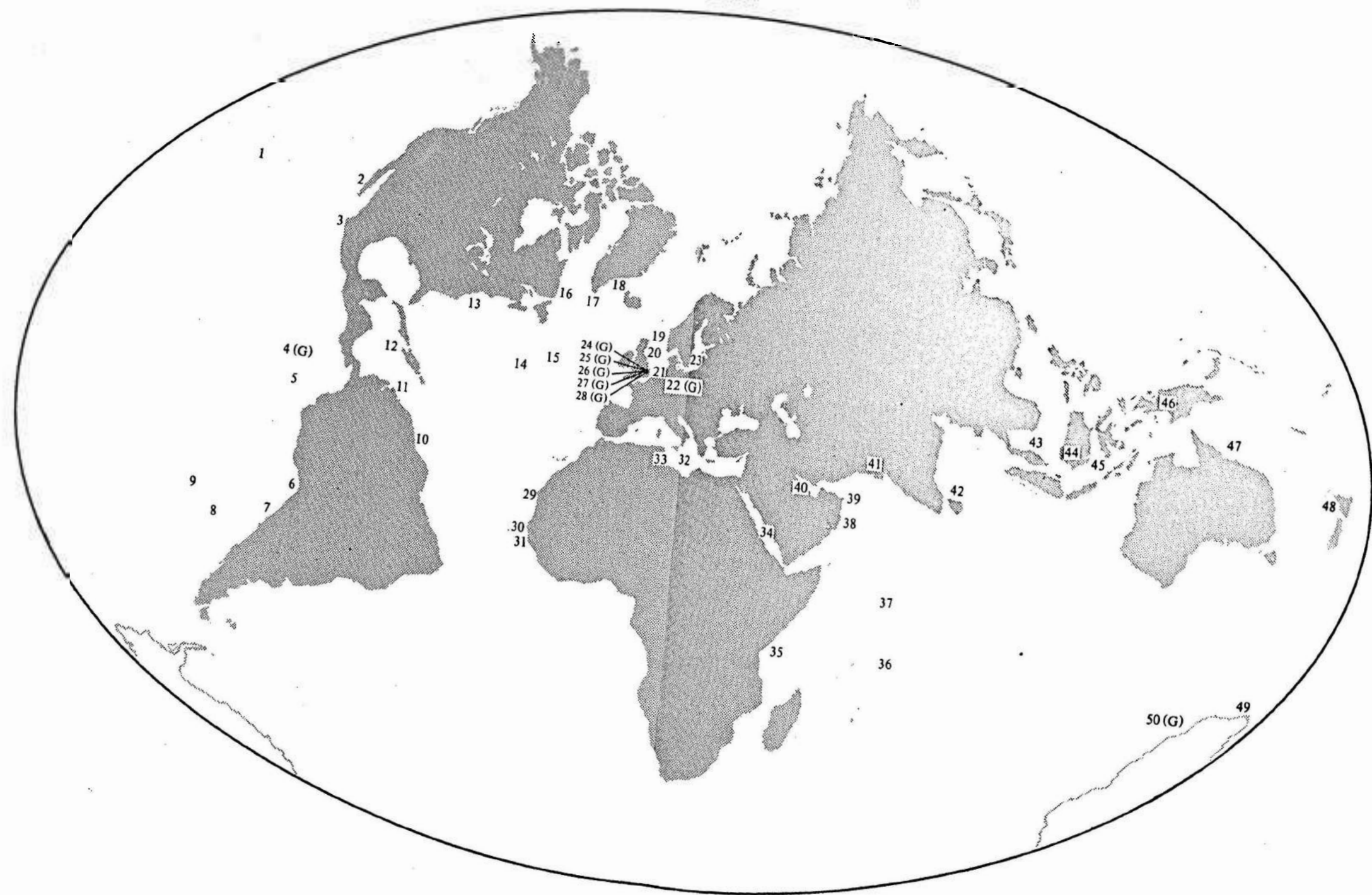
172. *South Asian Seas region.* Work on four of the five national reports on environmental problems in South Asia was completed in 1985. The fifth was expected to be completed in early 1986. The reports, to be consolidated into an overview of the status of and threats to the region's environment, will be used as a basis for the drafting of a regional action plan. In the course of the year, a report (to be distributed in 1986) on the management and conservation of renewable marine resources in the South Asian Seas region was produced jointly with the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

173. *South-west Atlantic region.* In accordance with the wishes of the Governments concerned, no activities took place in the region in 1985.

Living marine resources (Budget subline 5103)

174. Public concern about the threatened status of many marine mammals has provided the impetus required for positive action. In 1982, the International Whaling Commission voted for a moratorium on commercial whaling, to begin in 1986. A joint FAO/UNEP project developed a Global Plan of Action for the Conservation, Management and Utilization of Marine Mammals which was endorsed by the FAO Committee on Fisheries in 1983 and by the UNEP Governing Council in 1984. The general thrust of UNEP involvement with living marine resources is to support existing national, regional and global activities and mechanisms, and to co-ordinate them whenever such co-ordinated action seems useful and necessary. This is achieved by consultations with involved parties and with information support. Two consultative meetings on living marine resources, with emphasis on the Action Plan for marine mammals, were convened in Switzerland in 1985. The UN agencies, intergovernmental organizations and NGOs participating in the meeting agreed to co-ordinate their activities to implement the Action Plan. More than 50 joint project proposals were put forward for possible shared funding from the UNEP Environment Fund. During the

Figure IX. Ongoing projects of the Global Plan of Action for Marine Mammals,
as at December 1985



1. Hawaiian Monk Seal
2. Grey Whale Research
3. Reduction of Dolphin Mortality
4. Effects of Drift Nets on Marine Mammals (G)
5. Galapagos National Park
6. Marine Otters in Peru and Chile
7. Burmeister's Porpoise in Peru and Chile
8. Juan Fernandez Fur Seal
9. S.E. Pacific Sperm Whale
10. Amazonian Manatee
11. Caribbean Manatee
12. Protected Areas — Jamaica
13. Development of Stranding Network
14. North Atlantic Right Whale
15. Azores Sperm Whale
16. Grey Seal/Fisheries Interaction
17. Harp Seal/Fisheries Interaction
18. Greenland Humpback
19. North Sea Marine Mammals
20. Satellite Observations — Seals
21. Wadden Sea Conservation
22. Trade in Seal Products (G)
23. Baltic Sea Conservation
24. Humane killing of Whales (G)
25. Whale Data Entry Programme (G)
26. Monitoring Status of Cetaceans (G)
27. Whale Conservation (G)
28. Assessment of exploited Whale Stocks (G)
29. Bane d'Arquin National Park (Mauritania)
30. Marine Resources in Senegal
31. Salom National Park Senegal/Gambia
32. Mediterranean Monk Seal
33. Protected Areas of Mediterranean
34. Marine Habitats, Red Sea
35. Dugong in Eastern Africa
36. Indian Ocean Whale Sanctuary
37. Indian Ocean Conservation Projects
38. Protected Areas, Oman
39. Coastal Zone Management, Oman
40. Marine Habitats, Gulf
41. Indus Dolphin
42. Whale Research, Sri Lanka
43. Conservation Strategy, Malaysia
44. Protected Areas, Kalimantan
45. Marine Conservation — Indonesia
46. Marine Conservation — Irian Jaya
47. Satellite Tracking of Dugong
48. Hooker's Sea Lion
49. Minke Whale, Antarctica
50. Whale Marking Project (G)

(G) = *Global Project*

NB This map does not show workshops, training and public information projects and conferences

year under review, nine projects were approved by UNEP for implementation under the Action Plan. These covered seals, dolphins and seacows, as well as public awareness activities to promote the implementation of the Plan.

WATER (Budget line 52)

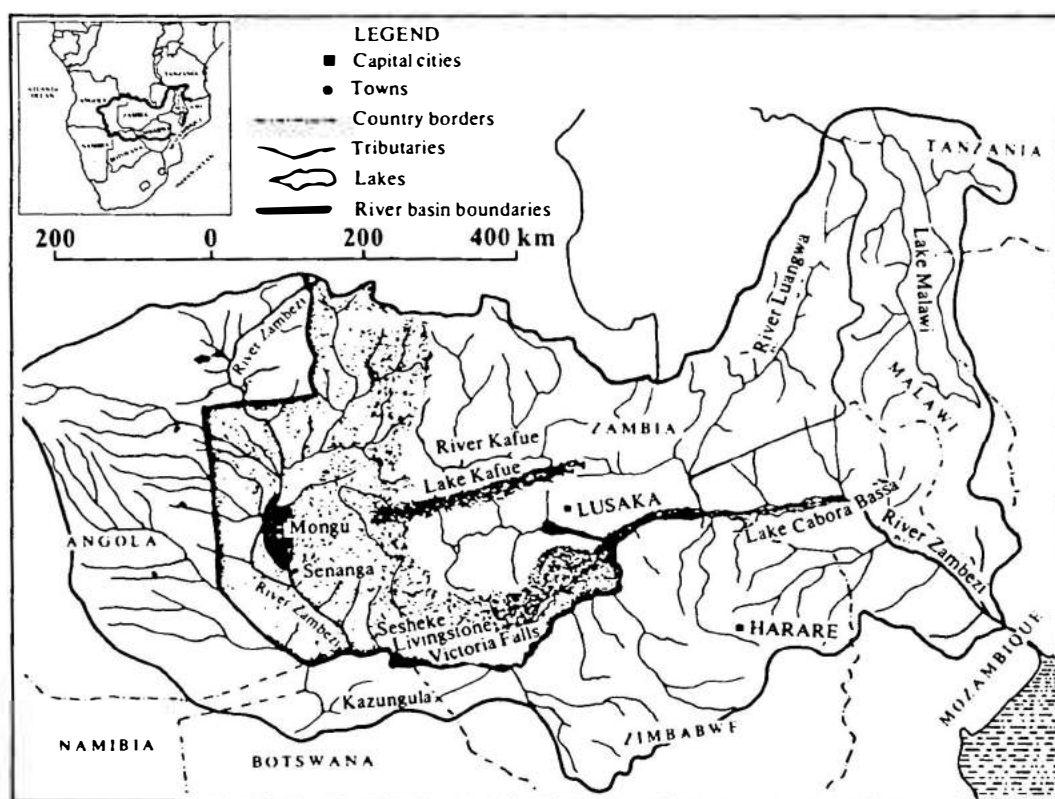
175. UNEP's general policy under this budget line is to promote the sustainable development and rational management of fresh-water resources. The long-term objective is to encourage Governments in selected developing countries to incorporate environmental considerations in plans for the development and management of water resources. To this end, UNEP activities in 1985 were concentrated on: the preparation of a comprehensive water programme; sustainable management of international water systems; specialized environmental training on sustainable water management; and support for the implementation of the objectives of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade.

176. A comprehensive programme for the environmentally sound management of inland waters (rivers, lakes, groundwater aquifers, etc.), the EMINWA programme, was initiated in response to Governing Council decision 11/7 which called for the focus of the water programme to be sharpened. The programme involves the preparation, adoption and implementation of an Action Plan linking various UNEP activities in the water systems concerned. The first concentrated activity under the EMINWA programme, the environmental management of the common river system of the Zambezi, commenced in 1985.⁶⁵ The aim is to prepare a Zambezi Action Plan (ZACPLAN) for the environmentally sound management of the common river system by the basin countries concerned. (See figure X.)

177. In February 1985, representatives of UNEP, FAO, UNESCO, WHO, WMO and IAEA attended an inter-agency consultative meeting in Geneva to discuss the development of the programme. In April 1985, with the support of UNEP, the first meeting of a Working Group of Government-nominated experts on the Zambezi River System was held in Nairobi, attended by the representatives of Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. UNDTCD, ECA, UNDP and WHO were also represented. The Working Group drew up a workplan for the preparation of a diagnostic study on the present state of the ecology and the environmental management of the common Zambezi river system and of the implementation of the ZACPLAN. On the basis of country reports from the six participating countries, the first drafts of the diagnostic study and the ZACPLAN were subsequently prepared by UNEP. The drafts will be further elaborated in 1986 with a view to having ZACPLAN approved by the countries concerned in early 1987. In October 1985, the sixth session of the ACC Intersecretariat Group on Water Resources discussed, *inter alia*, Zambezi region co-operation and the EMINWA programme, and made suggestions for further co-operative activities.

178. The UNEP Advisory Group on Water Resources held its third meeting in Nairobi in August 1985.⁶⁶ It reviewed the implementation of UNEP water activities in 1984-1985; discussed how to sharpen the focus of the water programme; proposed targets for 1990; examined the overall focus of the EMINWA programme and found it appropriate; and agreed with the programme's three suggested priority areas, namely, development and implementation of river basin action plans, training and education, and the preparation of guidelines for environmentally sound management of water resources.

Figure X. Zambezi River Basin



Area of Zambezi River Basin

179. At the Fifth World Congress on Water Resources, organized by the International Water Resources Association (IWRA) in Brussels in June 1985, UNEP presented a paper on the environmentally sound management of freshwater resources that included information on the EMINWA programme and Zambezi region co-operation. At the Congress, attended by 440 participants from 76 countries (including 46 developing countries), several UN agencies, NGOs and other international organizations, co-operation between IWRA and UNEP in the implementation of the EMINWA programme was discussed. Later in 1985, similar discussions were held with two other major NGOs, the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) and the International Association of Hydrological Sciences. All of these NGOs expressed interest in participating in the EMINWA programme and in ZACPLAN.

180. During the year under review, as follow-up to a UNEP-supported workshop on integrated management and planning in the lake basin area of Kenya, held in Kisumu in 1982, UNEP initiated a project on effluent monitoring and pollution control in the Lake Victoria Basin.⁶⁷ The project aims at building up the local infrastructure and other capabilities in order to enable the Lake Basin Development Authority to monitor and evaluate water quality and other environmental conditions affecting the living resources in the basin area, and to facilitate planning for integrated, environmentally sound development. The project is also expected to serve as the basis for an EMINWA programme on the development of the Lake Victoria Basin.

181. In 1985, as a follow-up to a conference on the conservation and management of lake environment held in Otsu, Japan, in 1984, UNEP co-operated with the Shiga Prefectural Government in promoting the establishment of an international lake environment committee which would be concerned with the sustainable development and environmentally sound management of lakes and lake basins throughout the world. The committee would also contribute to the implementation of the EMINWA programme, as it applies to lake environments. UNEP participated in a preparatory meeting of the promoters of the committee, held in December, and it is envisaged that the committee will be established in early 1986.

182. UNEP, as a member of the International Scientific Council of CEFIGRE attended the eighth session of the council held in Sophia Antipolis, France, in April 1985. The session stressed the need to integrate environmental considerations in all CEFIGRE training courses. Consequently, during the year under review, UNEP supported three training courses organized by CEFIGRE.⁶⁸ In June, a three-week course on water pollution control was held in Sophia Antipolis, (25 participants, mainly from French-speaking African countries). In October, a two-week course on environmentally sound water resources management, to assist the basin countries in the preparation of ZACPLAN was held in Harare (15 participants from six Zambezi countries). In November-December, a four-week course on rural water supply and sanitation was held in Bangkok (20 participants, mainly from Asian countries).

183. To disseminate the knowledge gained from environmental impact assessment, an International Seminar on Environmental Impact Assessment of Water Resources Projects was held at the Water Resources Development Training Centre, India, in December 1985.⁶⁹ Some 170 professionals from 17 countries, mainly from the Asian and the Pacific region, participated, as did representatives of UNEP, the World Bank, UNESCO, IWRA and ICID. UNEP supported the participation of 15 professionals from developing countries and three international experts. It also made a presentation on the environmentally sound management of water resources projects. The seminar indicated that although there was increased awareness in the region concerning the need for impact assessment projects, such projects should be followed up by projects related to the management of the impacts; in that regard, the EMINWA programme was welcomed.

184. In October 1985, UNEP supported a training workshop on the chemistry of natural waters organized by UNEPCOM in Kishinev, USSR.⁷⁰ Fifteen professionals from 15 developing countries participated in the workshop, which was designed to contribute to the transfer, to developing countries, of new scientific data on the chemistry of natural waters and water ecology. The knowledge acquired by the participants in the workshop will hopefully help them in tackling environmental problems when designing and implementing water quality control programme in their home countries.

185. Also in October, an Interregional Seminar on Assessment and Evaluation of Multiple Objective Water Resources Projects, organized by UNDTCD and supported by UNEP and the Hungarian Government, was held at the Research Centre for Water Resources Development, Budapest.⁷¹ It was attended by 55 professionals from 25 countries and seven international organizations (UNEP supported the participation of 15 professionals from developing countries). The Seminar developed an outline of a multi-criteria methodology for integrating social and environmental aspects into the assessment and evaluation of water projects in developing countries.

186. The second meeting of the Working Group on Large-Scale Water Development Projects was held in Athens in December 1985.⁷² The objective was to provide UNEP with suggestions on how to prepare methodological guidelines on environmentally sound management of water resources, to be used in training activities. A study on "Large-scale water transfers: emerging environmental and social experiences", prepared by the Working Group was published by UNEP in 1985 and distributed to member States of the Governing Council as well as to professionals involved in water resources management in other countries. It is to be used in training courses and workshops on environmentally sound management of water resources.

187. A major UNEP activity during the year under review concerned the lending of support to efforts to attain the objectives of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade. Further to the two Decade-related training courses mentioned earlier, two other major projects related to the Decade and commenced in 1984 in co-operation with WHO, progressed satisfactorily. The first of the two projects concerned drinking water quality control. Three pilot sites — in Indonesia, Peru and Zambia — were selected for the initiation of surveillance activities under the project,⁷³ and programmes for the pilot sites were being developed. In May 1985, two international workshops on Hygienic Criteria of Drinking Water Quality, held in Tashkent and Kiev, respectively, were attended by 28 professionals from 22 developing countries. The enhanced knowledge of the participants will be used to develop drinking water quality control programmes in their home countries.

188. Under the second project, which concerns health hazards of waste water use,⁷⁴ a joint UNEP/WHO/UNDP/World Bank review meeting on the evaluation of the health hazards of wastewater and excreta use was held at Engelberg, Switzerland in July 1985. On the basis of a comprehensive and critical review of the literature on epidemiological, microbiological, sociological and technical aspects of wastewater re-use, a model showing health risks associated with re-use was developed and an "Engelberg statement on health aspects of wastewater and excreta use in agri- and aquaculture" prepared. The Statement covers, *inter alia*, tentative microbiological quality guidelines for treated wastewater re-use in agricultural irrigation. Based on the Statement, UNEP/WHO guidelines on the engineering and management aspects of wastewater and excreta use in agriculture and aquaculture are to be prepared for the developing countries in 1986.

TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS (Budget line 61)

Soils (Budget subline 6101)

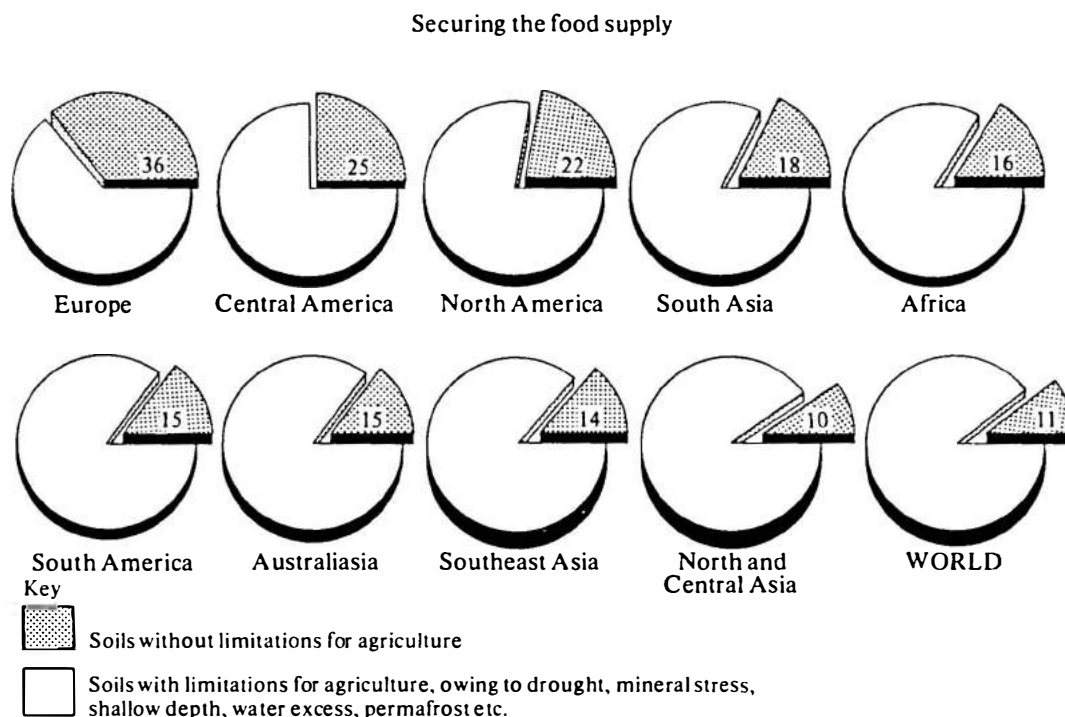
189. Ecosystem soil comprises a biological system that is wealthy in micro-organisms. There are literally millions of them. The soil, however, is being over-used, and the mismanagement techniques being applied are robbing it of its wealth. Examples of the results of this abuse are the growing of steppe in the monocultures of different regions of Canada and the United States; the increasing erosion of soils in Armenia and Kasachstan; and the salinization of the soils of the Sudanese peanut plantations as a result of irrigation. There are clearly recognizable signs of a looming, world-wide ecological catastrophe which cannot be ignored even by countries currently possessing a reasonably intact ecosystem. Figure XI shows the varying degrees of soil suitability for agricultural purposes in the different regions of the world.

190. Agriculture is a living mechanism of such complexity that changes in one input can lead to entirely unexpected results. The effects may be reflected in the quality of ground water, the genesis of organic substances in the soil and even the micro climate, with its own subtle, cybernetic structure of air pressure, humidity, wind velocity and air chemistry. Only through knowledge and understanding of the interactions of the different factors, and their outer limits, will we be able to translate today's agriculture into a sustainable, profitable cycle. The intensification of soil management has reduced the area necessary for human food needs to 0.4 hectares per capita. In spite of the rapidly increasing human population density of our planet, more food than ever is statistically available. But we are whipping the last reserves out of our soils and coming closer to a non-reversible sell-out. The World Soils Policy of UNEP addresses the issue of sustainable agriculture and outlines in its Plan of Action for the implementation of that Policy a number of options for sustainable agriculture. During the reporting period, UNEP again undertook initiatives to obtain financial support for the Plan. However, in spite of numerous positive comments, few Governments were ready to support projects related to the Plan through in-kind contributions, due to various reasons, but mainly because they favoured bilateral over multilateral aid. This has prevented the Plan from becoming operational.

191. During the food crisis that afflicted the African region in the mid-1980s, it was a relief to hear of the successes registered in the agricultural development of the small, mountainous country, Rwanda. "Appropriate land management" was the key-word, which was picked up by several bilateral aid organizations active in the country. Terraces were created; trees were planted for fodder, mulch and firewood; locally available organic material was used instead of chemical fertilizers; cattle herding in barns was introduced; farmers were encouraged to grow grass as fodder; bushes for erosion control were planted; and mixed cropping systems were promoted. Techniques such as these were the subject of a three-week training course held for 22 participants from Spanish-speaking countries, mainly from the Andean region, under a joint Bulgaria/UNEP/UNEP/COM project on the application of land/soil management in mountain ecosystems. The course was held in September 1985 in Georgia, USSR.⁷⁵ The positive feedback from the participants has encouraged UNEP to co-operate with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development on an extension of the project into 1987, to allow for expert training courses for participants from the Hindukush-Himalayan region and from the African region.

192. In October 1985, as part of the joint UNEP/UNEP/COM project "Studies on the impact of agricultural management on the environment", a workshop for 20 participants from developing countries, on ecological management problems of irrigated farming in arid and semi-arid zones, was held in the southern provinces of the USSR. The main goals of the workshop were to improve the skills of specialists from developing countries regarding methods of dealing with ecological management problems associated with irrigated farming in arid and semi-arid zones. A three-volume report on the project is to be published.⁷⁶ Also during the year under review, UNEP, jointly with the International Centre for Research in Semi-Arid Tropics, prepared "Guidelines for farming systems principles for improving food production and control of soil degradation in the arid, semi-arid and humid tropics" for publication in 1986. A joint UNEP/Government of Zambia project on watershed management in the Western Province of Zambia did not become operational because of difficulties in securing counterpart funding.

Figure XI. Regional distribution of soils with or without limitations for agriculture



Tropical forest ecosystems (Budget subline 6102)

193. Despite substantive efforts by Governments, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs and the UN system at large to reverse the degradation and destruction of tropical forests, no significant changes in the downward trend have been perceived. Nonetheless, efforts continued unabated and during 1985 several major events occurred in which UNEP played a role. First, in April, the International Tropical Timber Agreement came into force. The Agreement includes environmental considerations for the conservation of the resource base of the commodity. Further, the ninth World Forestry Congress was held in Mexico; 1985 was declared the International Year of the Forest by FAO; the President of France launched an initiative to convene in 1986 a high-level political conference to discuss the protection of forests in Europe and the African region north of the equator, and several Governments and international organizations met in The Hague in November to analyze the financial implications and mechanisms of the Tropical Forests Action Plan, originally proposed at an Expert Meeting held in Nairobi in 1980. All these events are indicative of the world-wide interest in the forests of the world.

194. The seriousness of the situation with regard to tropical forests was the main theme of the Executive Director's address to the Second Committee of the General Assembly at its fortieth session in 1985. Warning that the world has 20 years, or perhaps even less, to turn from a course of irrevocable destruction, he called for a high-level

political non-technical conference on the future of tropical forests. Such a conference could tackle two of the most difficult international problems connected with tropical forests: the reconciliation of the non-contested national sovereignty on forest areas with the legitimate concerns of the world as a whole; and the frank analysis of why, when the technical means to conserve such forests exist and the need to implement them is so widely acknowledged, nothing much is being done.

195. During the year under review, as part of the joint UNEP/UNESCO pilot project in the field of research and training in tropical forest areas,⁷⁷ a regional training course on computer-based quantitative methods for environmental biologists, was held in Singapore; a training workshop on agroforestry in the humid tropical zones of West and Central Africa was held in Makokou, Gabon; and a training course on entomological research in tropical forest ecosystems was held in Abidjan and Tai (Côte d'Ivoire). Furthermore, individual training opportunities were provided, through fellowships, for specialists from Côte d'Ivoire, India, Malaysia, Republic of Vietnam, and Sri Lanka. In a follow-up to an earlier UNEP initiative, the National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan raised sufficient funds to support reforestation/afforestation projects in Sri Lanka, Thailand and New Caledonia and the projects had become operational by the end of 1985.⁷⁸

196. As part of the activities of the second phase of a joint UNEP/FAO project on the promotion of the appropriate management of forest genetic resources, case studies on how to strengthen the expertise and facilities of local institutions for the *in situ* conservation of forest genetic resources were carried out in Cameroon, Malaysia and Peru, using in-kind contributions⁷⁹.

197. An umbrella project for the development of a sub-regional programme for realizing national potential while ensuring rational management of tropical and sub-tropical forest ecosystems was approved in 1985 for development by UNEP in collaboration with the Centro Agronomico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza in Turrialba, Costa Rica. The programme falls within the framework of the recommendations of intergovernmental meetings held earlier in Latin America to identify projects of common interest.

Other ecosystems (Budget subline 6103)

198. Mountain ecosystems are increasingly becoming the focus of attention of scientists, politicians and planners. The degradation of vegetation cover, population increase, soil losses, etc. are affecting not only the mountain and highland populations, but also communities living in the lower plains, and threatening the effectiveness of development investment. The experience gained in the management of natural resources in agro-ecosystems of the Andes through two UNEP/UNESCO projects from 1975 to 1984,⁸⁰ a high-level UNEP desertification mission in 1983 and a pre-feasibility study funded in 1984 under the Clearing-house, created the foundation for the ongoing "integrated pilot project on the environmental management and protection of Andean ecosystems", based in Cajamarca, Peru.⁸¹ The four-year project, financed through a Trust Fund by the Federal Republic of Germany, is aimed at improving the Andean farmers' living conditions in a demonstration area close to the city of Cajamarca. It will survey the problems of soil conservation, improvement of agricultural livestock, and forestry production. And it will increase the transformation capacity of the local committees. The project enjoys the active participation of its beneficiaries, the local

university, and a departmental development corporation. Overall co-ordination is in the hands of Peru's National Planning Institute.

199. The UNEP/ECE project on the effects of acidifying deposition on forests,⁸² initiated in 1983 and co-ordinated under GEMS, has given rise to a proposal for an international co-operative programme for assessment and monitoring of air pollution effects on forests. Technical papers produced by ECE in co-operation with UNEP on "Chemical analysis of needles from spruce and pine", "Crown density assessment", "Monitoring of soil changes in forests damaged by air pollution" and "Application of data-processing to monitoring systems of forest damage" were presented to the joint executive body of the European Forest Committee Workshop meeting in Freiburg, in October 1985. Forests in Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, and Switzerland appear to be most seriously affected, but forests in other countries, including Italy and Sweden, have also been damaged by air pollution.

200. The project initiated in 1983 on the conservation and management of coastal mangroves in Venezuela and Trinidad and Tobago drew to a close in 1985.⁸³ Outputs include audio-visuals designed to create awareness of the problem, reports on research results, and management recommendations.

Management of agricultural chemicals and residues (Budget subline 6104)

201. The indiscriminate use of pesticides, particularly in Third World countries, continues to represent a serious threat to health and the environment. Hundreds of thousands of people in these countries still suffer accidental poisoning each year, while an ever-increasing buildup of pest resistance to chemicals and the loss of natural pest predators and parasites, from chemical overuse, threatens crucial agricultural production, public health and natural eco-systems. For developing countries, which often have very limited legislative control, these problems arise from the ready availability of highly hazardous pesticides, many of which have been exported from industrialized countries, often with inadequate labelling and sometimes even misleading sales promotions.

202. In January 1985, the Fourth International Meeting on Perception and Management of Pests and Pesticides, held in Thailand in co-operation with UNEP, reviewed ongoing studies on the perceptions of pest managers and farmers regarding pests and pesticides; updated national profiles on pesticide production and distribution and pest management practices in developing countries; reviewed and made recommendations concerning education and training; and reviewed information on the international flow of pesticides and planning for the future. The meeting recommended that research be undertaken on the role of the agrochemical industry and Government advisory services in encouraging appropriate use of pesticides. It also recognized that there was a need for multidisciplinary and systematic approaches to research and development on crop protection; that communication channels at policy, practitioner and research levels should be improved; that research and recommended practices should be made to be adaptive and capable of fine tuning in order to cope with rapid changes in pest problems and in the socio-economic environment; that further perception and management of pests and pesticides profiles needed to be promoted; and that active Government promotion of pesticide use should be undertaken only after careful consideration of pest management needs, of the likely effects on

agro-ecosystems, and of alternative pest management options. (See figure XII.) To create a two-way flow of information designed to influence pest managers, the meeting recommended that pesticide users, and also policy-makers at the Government level, undergo relevant education and training programmes. It stressed the importance of the role to be played by international organizations, including the UN and NGOs, in raising public awareness of potential problems and in making pertinent suggestions to Governments. The International Group of Federations of Agrochemical Producers (GIFAP) continued to provide guidance on improved pesticide use practices (see above, para. 36).

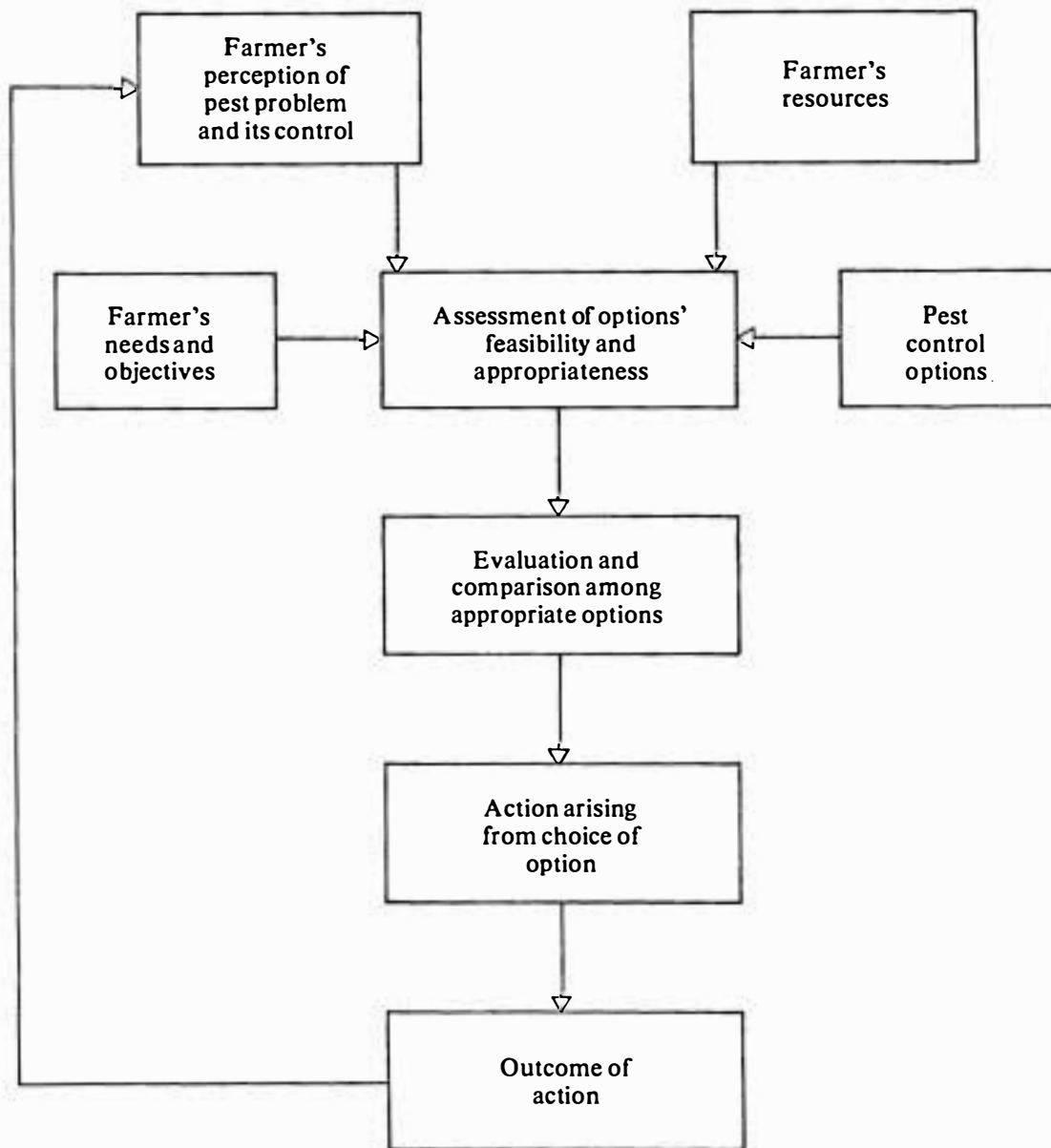
203. The Project Steering Committee for the FAO/UNEP African Inter-country Programme for the Development and Application of Integrated Pest Control in Cotton Growing held its third meeting in Nairobi, in March 1985. Representatives of Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania outlined their countries' efforts to continue promoting integrated control of agricultural pests and urged UNEP and FAO to continue their assistance in this field.

204. In March 1985, UNEP participated in an FAO/IAEA meeting-hosted by the University of Florida at the Food Science and Human Nutrition Department, Pesticide Research Laboratory, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences — to look further into what happens to a selected number of pesticide chemicals in different crops, water and various soil types after being applied in pest control operations. It was suggested that there does not exist firm evidence that pesticide residues play a significant role in the pollution process once they are bound to various parts of the ecosystem such as soil or roots.

205. At Guangzhou, China, in June 1985, 48 experts and observers took part in a meeting aimed at enhancing developing country capabilities for biological control of agricultural pests.⁸⁴ Sponsored jointly by UNEP, FAO and the Government of China, the meeting was convened specifically to draw up an outline upon which draft guidelines for enhancing the above-mentioned capabilities would be based. The outline prepared by the meeting addresses four broad topical areas: (a) mass production and use of parasites and predators; (b) uses of pathogens in biological control; (c) biological control in integrated pest control programmes; and (d) training in biological control. The meeting agreed that the guidelines should be aimed at technical personnel (extension workers, researchers, plant protection workers) and educated lay-persons working in developing countries, as well as at environmentally oriented organizations. The guidelines will contain a "how to" component: how to build an insectary; how to transport and release natural enemies of pests; how to rear pathogenic fungi at the local level; how to assess the impact of biological control programmes, etc.

206. The Seventh International Congress of Protozoology, held in Nairobi in June 1985, provided a forum for protozoologists from many countries of the world to report on recent developments in this field. Many topics were of direct interest or concern to UNEP's work: environmental management for the control of parasitic protozoan diseases; zoonoses of protozoa; African trypanosomiasis; protozoa as indicators of the ecosystem; chemotherapy of protozoan infections; mechanisms of drug actions and drug resistance; epidemiology and transmission patterns of protozoan infections, and protozoa as tools of monitoring various environmental factors. UNEP proposed and presented two papers to the Congress and supported 17 developing country participants.

Figure XII. The Farmer and the process of decision-making in pest control



(Source: FAO/UNEP Economic Guidelines for Crop Pest Control. FAO, 1984)

207. A UNEP-appointed consultant accompanied a Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) team on a one-month field trip to Botswana and Zambia in November 1985 to participate in discussions on the formulation of two projects for the control of the tsetse fly. The purpose of UNEP participation (which was at the invitation of CIDA) was to ensure that environmental dimensions were incorporated into the proposed projects. The project document is to be finalized and submitted to CIDA in 1986.

208. There is renewed interest in the increasingly serious problem of the development of resistance to pesticides in agricultural pests and vectors of disease. In November 1985, the sixth session of the WHO Expert Committee on Resistance of Vectors and Reservoirs of Disease to Pesticides, meeting in Geneva, reported that pest resistance has spread to all the commonly used classes of compounds. In addition, there is evidence of potential development of resistance to other pesticides including *Bacillus thuringiensis* (a bacterial insecticide for controlling insect larvae) though all the cited instances are from laboratory experiments. Some of these may be the effects of cross-resistance from resistance to conventional insecticides. UNEP participated in the meeting and presented information it had collected in the course of preparing the 1986 State-of-the-Environment Report.

209. Work continued in 1985 on the Arabic translation of the joint UNEP/WHO "Guidelines on the surveillance, prevention and control of echinococcosis/hydatidosis", a class of zoonotic diseases (communicable disease of man transmitted by vertebrate animals). (The Guidelines were originally published in English in 1982 and subsequently translated into French, Spanish and Japanese). Guidelines were also produced on health measures in small slaughterhouses and on meat hygiene. The FAO/UNEP economic guidelines for crop pest control and the guidelines for integrated control of cotton pests, produced in 1984, continued to be distributed through the FAO network and are being used by Governments and scientific institutions.

210. FAO/UNEP collaboration in the development and implementation of field programmes to demonstrate the integrated pest management approach entered a new phase with the formulation in 1985 of a field-oriented project proposal for basic food crops in Eastern Africa, to be implemented in Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe as of 1986. The project would be complemented by other activities being planned by the Commonwealth Science Council of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

211. With UNEP support, a training course to create self-reliance in ecological pest management in the tropics was held at the Regional Centre for Training in Plant Protection in Yaounde, Cameroon, November — December 1985.⁸⁵ The aim was to provide four selected African countries with the capacity to design practical programmes for integrated crop pest and livestock vector management, in order to minimize the negative environmental effects of indiscriminate use of pesticides. Under this project, 25 participants from four West African countries were trained. In the past, efforts to train sufficient manpower failed because they followed the conventional approach of training personnel from as many as 10 countries at a time, but this approach has been found to be counter-productive, hence the emphasis on limited country participation.

Wildlife and protected areas (Budget subline 6105)

212. The potentially irreversible loss of unique species and life-support systems is the cause of grave concern. Of the approximately 265,000 plant species in the world, more than 60,000 are at risk of extinction during our lifetime because of the destruction and degradation of the earth's vegetation, which is the basis of human survival. About 6,000 plants are known to be used in agriculture, forestry and medicine, while only 150 are used for intensive cultivation (about 20 species producing 90 per cent of the world's food). The extinction of wild species deprives agriculture and medicine of the diversity on which they depend. UNEP's approach to this problem is to promote the policy of maintaining biological and genetic diversity (a) by establishing protected areas; (b) by encouraging Governments to apply to non-protected lands the conservation principles outlined in the World Conservation Strategy (WCS) and the World Charter for Nature; and (c) by promoting the formulation and implementation of regional and national conservation strategies.

213. During 1985, UNEP continued to exercise its co-ordinating role in the implementation of the WCS by providing secretariat services to the Ecosystem Conservation Group (ECG), comprising UNEP, IUCN, WWF, FAO and UNESCO. In implementing the WCS, the ECG members have given priority to the preparation of national conservation strategies (NCS) and their integration into national development planning. One of the priority countries selected by the ECG for assistance is Uganda, where UNEP, in co-operation with the Government and IUCN, is providing technical advice and support towards the establishment, by the Government, of an NCS Secretariat and an NCS Steering Committee. The Secretariat and the Committee would be responsible for the development of the NCS in Uganda, including the strategic use of resources in all sectors. Several UN agencies (including FAO, UNDP and UNESCO), multilateral donor agencies (including the World Bank and the EEC) and bilateral donors (including USAID), as well as a number of NGOs, are collaborating in this project.⁸⁶ During the year under review, UNEP also co-operated with the Government of Nepal, IUCN and USAID in the initial stages of formulating an NCS for Nepal.

214. In 1985, UNEP continued its efforts to assist Governments in improving the management of wildlife and protected areas by reviewing the existing protected area coverage of habitats and species and their management, in order to ensure that critical habitats are protected and other measures taken to maintain the entire range of biological diversity. Towards this end, three expert group meetings were held in 1985 under a joint UNEP/IUCN project:⁸⁷ in the Indo-Malayan realm (Corbett National Park, India, February; the Antarctica realm (Bonn, May); and the Afro-tropical realm (Kasungu National Park, Malawi, June).

215. During the reporting period, UNEP continued to give priority to practical problems of protected areas establishment and management, traditional conservation practices, and the training of protected-area managers. These were the topics discussed by the third South Pacific National Parks and Reserves Conference,⁸⁸ convened in Apia, Samoa, in June – July by the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), IUCN, UNEP and WWF, with the support of the Governments of New Zealand and Australia. Participants came from 15 South Pacific island nations as well as from Australia, New Zealand, the United States and various international organizations. The Conference outputs included an Action Strategy for Protected Areas in the South Pacific Region (among other things, calling for the establishment of 50 new reserves

over the next four years), a set of technical papers and a training workshop for field managers from 11 countries. The Conference Proceedings are being published by SPREP.

216. During the year under review, UNEP's activities concerning the conservation of endangered animal species were focused on African elephants and rhinos; Asian elephants and rhinos; primates; cats and polar bears. The status of these animals was reviewed in five UNEP/IUCN workshops⁸⁹ which produced action plans that are to be published by UNEP/IUCN. The improvement of the management of the vicuna was the subject of a workshop held in Arica, Chile in March 1985. Over 40 participants attended from all the countries of South America where vicuna exist, and Ecuador, which is planning a reintroduction of vicuna in the near future. The workshop was organized jointly by UNEP/IUCN in co-operation with Chile Corporación Nacional Forestal and Universidad de Tarapaca, as well as the FAO. The material developed during the workshop will be published as a UNEP/IUCN manual.

217. In 1985, plans for the reintroduction of the Przewalski horse into its native habitat in Central Asia⁹⁰ were further developed. The Przewalski horse, the original wild horse from which the domesticated varieties derived, ceased to exist in the wild in the late 1960s. However, a number of zoological gardens have successfully bred the Przewalski horse in captivity. The reintroduction of the Przewalski horse into the wild holds, therefore, a considerable ecological challenge, as well as great general interest, since the techniques developed may be applicable to the reintroduction of other species as well. At a UNEP-supported Expert Consultations held in Moscow in May 1985, with the co-operation of FAO and the USSR Government, the directors of zoological gardens holding Przewalski horses agreed to provide animals for reintroduction. The proceedings of the UNEP/FAO Consultation, including an Action Plan, as well as recommendations and papers presented by participating experts, will be distributed to the Governments concerned, and their co-operation will be sought in the implementation of the recommendations.

218. As a step towards implementing the WCS, a Botanic Gardens Conservation Strategy was agreed upon by the International Conference on Botanic Gardens and the World Conservation Strategy⁹¹ hosted by the Autonomous Government of the Canary Islands and the Island Council of Gran Canaria in November 1985. The Conference, organized by IUCN under the patronage of FAO and in co-operation with UNESCO and UNEP, was attended by more than 200 specialists from 42 countries. It provided botanical garden managers with policy guidelines on and models for plant conservation.

219. During 1985, UNEP continued to give support to the further development of the concept of biosphere reserves. The proceedings of the First International Biosphere Reserve Congress,⁹² which contain a comprehensive overview of the current state of the world's biosphere reserves and future perspectives, were published in 1985 and widely distributed to Governments and international organizations. On the basis of the recommendations of the Congress, a draft Action Plan for Biosphere Reserves was elaborated and published separately from the proceedings. The Action Plan was considered by the Governing Council of UNEP at its thirteenth session (Governing Council decision 13/28), and adopted by the Executive Board of UNESCO at its 121st session in June 1985. The UNEP Governing Council recommended that Governments and interested international organizations, particularly UNESCO, UNEP, FAO and IUCN, take all steps necessary to ensure the implementation of the Action Plan. In order to refine criteria for the selection and management of biosphere reserves, to evaluate proposals for new biosphere reserves, and to review from time to time the

effectiveness of the network, a Biosphere Reserve Scientific Advisory Panel was established. It met in Cancun, Mexico, in September 1985. The Biosphere Reserve Congress and the Action Plan for Biosphere Reserves represent major achievements as the direct involvement of local people in the management of natural resources underlies the basic concept of biosphere reserves.

220. During the reporting period, UNEP continued to fulfil its catalytic role in promoting public participation in conservation programmes through a joint UNEP/Kenya Wildlife Fund Trustees project⁹³ which explores how pastoralists, ranchers and farmers in Kenya can benefit more directly from their land's wildlife and other natural resources. The problems such people experience in their association with wildlife are also examined. The strategy used by the project is extension, education, training and community mobilization around specific issues of particular concern to the people. These include, for example, the provision of water for human and livestock use at the periphery of protected areas, income-generating activities in protected areas for local people, the negative impact of tourism on the culture of people around protected areas, and the relationship between people and anti-poaching units. Guidelines are being produced by the project for Governments and conservation groups in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

221. In 1985, UNEP assisted Governments in Africa to improve the management skills of junior, middle and high-level staff of wildlife and national park resource management organizations through a UNEP Wildlife Management Fellowships Programme.⁹⁴ Under this programme, five fellowships were granted to trainees from four African countries to attend courses at the Garoua and Mweka colleges.

222. The implementation of international and regional measures for the conservation of wild animals and plants and their habitats, through international and national legislation and administration, continues to be a high priority for UNEP. The four global conservation conventions — the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES);⁹⁵ the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS);⁹⁶ the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage; and the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat — are instruments of crucial importance in maintaining a balance between the need for wildlife protection and their rational utilization and development.

223. In view of the massive over-exploitation of wildlife for international trade, UNEP has supported the CITES Convention⁹⁷ ever since it entered into force in July 1975. Parties to the Convention now number 91. The CITES secretariat, which is provided by UNEP, has brought a wide measure of control to international trade in threatened wildlife and wildlife products by stipulating that Government permits are required for such trade. This control is being steadily improved as action is taken to deal with gaps and inconsistencies revealed by the analysis of export and import records. At the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CITES Convention, held in Buenos Aires in April-May 1985,⁹⁸ and attended by 450 participants, 22 resolutions were adopted, including some on new procedures for controlling the trade in raw ivory and the establishment of export quotas by African countries which have elephants. Central co-ordination is provided by a special CITES secretariat unit with external funding. The recommendations on new procedures were adopted unanimously and represent a major success for CITES. The Parties also agreed to establish a uniform marking system for international trade in wildlife products derived from ranching operations. This involves essentially the attachment of self-locking tags to specimens which indicate the state of

export, the number of the specimens in relation to the annual quota and the calendar year to which the quota applies. Resolutions were also adopted aimed at improving the control of CITES-listed plant species. The CITES secretariat drew attention to enforcement problems and reported that several hundred cases of trade threats or non-compliance had been drawn to its attention during 1983-1984, under article XIII of the Convention. The trade in rhinoceros horn is a case in point. The massive decline in rhinoceros populations is continuing unabated and, if current trends are not countered, the total number of black rhinos might drop to 3,000 within the next two or three years and may not be able to recover. It is evident that this catastrophic decline is due entirely to the international trade in rhinoceros horn.

224. As part of the implementation of the CITES Convention, the *Traffic* (acronym for Trade Records Analysis of Flora and Fauna In Commerce) *Bulletin*⁹⁹ reports on world trade in threatened wildlife, based on information accumulated and interpreted by the Traffic network which now covers eight countries (Australia, Belgium, Germany, Federal Republic of, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay). The Traffic offices work closely with customs authorities to ensure that the CITES regulations are strictly enforced. The operational Traffic network is a major step towards development of the awareness required for international co-operation in controlling the trade in endangered species. Another important tool for the effective implementation of the CITES Convention is the Identification Manual for Endangered Species¹⁰⁰ which publishes data sheets for general distribution. Nineteen new sections on fauna were produced during 1985, bringing the total number of sheets to 583. Another 595 sheets for fauna, and 123 for flora, were in various stages of preparation. UNEP/CITES secretariat staff and consultants also undertook missions to 47 countries Parties and eight countries non-Parties during 1985, to ensure effective implementation of the Convention.

225. By providing the secretariat for the CMS¹⁰¹ UNEP, in co-operation with States which share their ranges, deals with problems facing all migratory species, including terrestrial and marine mammals, reptiles and birds which regularly cross national boundaries. Trans-frontier co-operation in the protection and management of migratory species was given an impetus by the successful first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, which was hosted by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany in October 1985 in Bonn (where the CMS secretariat is based). Convened by UNEP, the meeting of scientific experts and conservation officials from 63 countries and 33 organizations adopted procedures for regional agreements under the Bonn Convention.¹⁰²

226. In 1985, UNEP — in co-operation with IUCN as Convention Bureau, IWRB as Scientific Adviser to the Bureau, and UNESCO as Depositary — continued to provide support to the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention). The Ramsar Convention Task Force, (Canada, Netherlands, Poland, Senegal, Tunisia and Denmark or Sweden), established at the Second Conference of the Contracting Parties (Groningen, May 1984), met in The Hague in May 1985, at the invitation of the Government of the Netherlands as convenor. The Task Force adopted a number of conclusions relating to the implementation of the Convention, which were subsequently conveyed to all Contracting Parties. At the invitation of the Canadian Government, the Third Conference of the Contracting Parties will be held in Regina, Saskatchewan, in May — June 1987. A Directory of African Wetlands of International Importance was prepared in 1985 under a joint UNEP/IUCN project in support of the Convention. The latest

update of the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance now includes 327 sites covering more than 22 million hectares, which demonstrates significantly increased application of the Convention.

Genetic resources (Budget subline 6106)

227. The genetic material contained in domesticated crop varieties, trees, livestock, aquatic animals and micro-organisms — as well as their wild relatives — is essential for the successful development of agricultural, forestry, fisheries and industrial programmes in which continued improvements in yields, nutritional quality, resistance to pests and disease, responsiveness to different soils and environmental stresses and other qualities are being achieved. The objectives of UNEP in the area of genetic resources are: (a) to promote the conservation, sound management and optimum utilization of the widest genetic diversity within species which have significant, or potentially significant, socio-economic value — be they crop plants, domesticated or semi-domesticated farm and pastoral animals (including wild relatives), fish, trees or shrubs — and to help make the related genetic material and information freely accessible; and (b) to promote the conservation and optimum utilization of microbial genetic resources in reliable culture collections, especially in developing countries, with a view to integrating the principles of conservation with development efforts and the in-field application of novel and appropriate microbiological techniques for environmental management and environmentally sound development, and to help make these useful resources and the related information available.

228. The International Board for Plant Genetic Resources (IBPGR), which is supported by UNEP and FAO, continued to stimulate and co-ordinate activities for the exploration and collection of crop plant genetic resources. It undertook the collection of crop germplasm in Madagascar, Sri Lanka and Uganda in 1985 to complement earlier collections. The material collected has been deposited in various gene banks, including those forming part of the global network housing the World Base Collection co-ordinated by IBPGR.¹⁰³

229. The subject of the FAO International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources was also taken up at the first meeting of the FAO Commission on Plant Genetic Resources, held in Rome in March and in which UNEP participated, with the aim of improving the conservation and management of and access to plant genetic resources. During the reporting period, FAO, with support from UNEP, also initiated the implementation of pilot projects in three case-study countries (Cameroon, Malaysia and Peru) with a view (a) to developing and field-testing methodologies for *in situ* conservation of forest genetic resources within the existing nature reserves and protected areas and (b) to producing management plans for different categories of protected areas where aspects of genetic resources conservation would be incorporated.¹⁰⁴

230. During 1985, UNEP continued to support activities aimed at the establishment of pilot data banks and conservation schemes for animal genetic resources in developing countries. Within the framework of a joint FAO/UNEP project, field work on the conservation of the Kenana breed of cattle in the Sudan started; co-operation with the International Trypanotolerance Centre in Gambia and with ILCA in Ethiopia and Kenya continued in the planning of conservation and management of trypanotolerant breeds of cattle; the study of problems encountered in the collection of semen in one country and

its shipment to another country continued; plans for pilot conservation schemes for Sahiwal breeds in Pakistan were prepared; and descriptor lists and methodology for data banks produced in the pilot trials for the establishment of data banks for animal genetic resources in Africa, Asia and Latin America (the development of which was described in the 1984 *Annual Report*)¹⁰⁵ were discussed in an expert consultation meeting, jointly sponsored by FAO and UNEP with a view to the early establishment of regional data banks in developing regions.

231. UNEP continued its support¹⁰⁶ to the regional environmental Microbiological Resources Centres (MIRCENs) in Brazil, Egypt, Guatemala, Kenya, Senegal and Thailand, the development of which was described in the 1982 and 1983 *Annual Reports*.¹⁰⁷ Throughout the year, using the infrastructure and microbial gene banks they had developed, and within the framework of joint UNEP/MIRCENs activities, the MIRCENs embarked on modestly funded pilot projects for: the environmental application of microbial resources in increasing legume protein production, and soil fertility through biological nitrogen fixation (Nairobi, Dakar and Porto Alegre MIRCENs); pest and vector control (Cairo and Nairobi MIRCENs); upgrading of coffee processing by-products (Guatemala MIRCEN); bio-conversion of cassava surplus and by-products into power alcohol (Bangkok MIRCEN); and the degradation of persistent, key environmental pollutants (Cairo MIRCEN). Each MIRCEN continued to organize training activities and provide fellowships and grants for relevant applied research at its own headquarters, and to produce its own newsletter.

232. During 1985, UNEP continued to support the World Data Centre for Micro-organisms (Brisbane, Australia) which was established with support from UNEP, among other organizations, (a) to promote access to information and stored data on culture collections, including those held in the MIRCENs; (b) to produce specialized inventories of microbial genetic resources of significant environmental and economic value; (c) and to assist the MIRCENs in developing regional culture and data collections.¹⁰⁸ In this connection, UNEP organized in Helsinki, in August, the third design meeting of the International Microbial Strain Data Network Working Group, in association with the Seventh International Conference on Global Impacts of Applied Microbiology, to expedite the establishment of a Network secretariat and to promote the Network as a global referral system for information on microbial strains and cell lines. The meeting was co-sponsored by the Commission of the European Communities, the Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique (Belgium) and the Committee on Data for Science and Technology of the International Council for Scientific Unions (ICSU).

Lithosphere (Budget subline 6107)

233. During the year under review, implementation of the UNEP/UNESCO/USSR project "Geology and the environment" progressed.¹⁰⁹ The first session of the International Scientific Council on Geology and Environment problems, held in Yalta in May 1985, was attended by 29 scientists who agreed on the following subjects for future scientific seminars and the curriculum for a training course to be held in the USSR in 1986: impact of mining on the environment; impact of water management projects on the hydro-geological and engineering geological conditions of the lithosphere; and geology and land-use planning. Draft international guidelines on geology and land-use planning were also elaborated, to introduce an environmental dimension into the geological sciences and into the utilization of mineral and water resources.

ARID AND SEMI-ARID LANDS ECOSYSTEMS AND DESERTIFICATION CONTROL (Budget line 62)

Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

234. The year 1985 has passed leaving many developing countries, particularly on the African continent, experiencing the most serious economic crisis in their modern history. In Africa, widespread famine, malnutrition and deaths arising from drought and desertification remained for a greater part of the year the most visible sign of an otherwise broader crisis. However, towards the end of 1985, in most of the 21 seriously affected countries in the continent, the food supply seemed to be moving back to normal, following average to above-average crop harvests. At the peak of the crisis, in 1984/1985, an estimated 30-35 million people were seriously affected, of whom about 10 million were displaced. These figures have been significantly reduced with the recovery in crop production in several countries. However, chronic malnutrition affecting 150 million Africans, and the general problems of poverty, loss of possessions and resources for meeting minimum needs, which have been building up over the years, remain acute for nearly 20 million severely affected persons in Africa.

235. This gloomy picture has been brightened somewhat by signs of an increased awareness on the part of Governments of the serious threat of desertification and the need for long-term solutions to it. There is an encouraging growing consensus among the African Governments and the donor community that the major response to the current crisis is a strategy that looks at linkages between land rehabilitation and long-term sustainable development as a preventive measure against a recurrence or intensification of problems triggered by drought. Significant efforts have also been made by Governments to implement the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification at regional and sub-regional levels. During 1985, six East African countries initiated a process to create an Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development to combat the effects of drought and deal with the questions of long- and medium-term recovery and rehabilitation.

236. The First African Ministerial Conference on Environment, convened by UNEP in co-operation with ECA and OAU, and held in Cairo in December 1985 with the support of the Egyptian Government, also decided to take action to implement several regional and sub-regional programmes in which Governments will co-operate in combating desertification. These include a regional co-operation programme to combat desertification in the region covered by the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought in the Sahel, the Maghreb, the member States of the Economic Community of West African States, and Egypt and the Sudan, as recommended by the Dakar Ministerial Conferences (1984 and 1985). Furthermore, priority subregional co-operation activities in the framework of environment and eco-development include strengthening of the North Saharan green belt project; efforts to combat desertification and desert advance in the South Saharan zone and the Gum Belt; and strengthening of co-operation in research activities on the North-East African aquifer in the Nubian sandstone zone of Egypt and the Sudan, where UNEP continues to provide a co-ordinating office.¹¹⁰

237. At the regional level, the Twenty-first Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU, held at Addis Ababa in July 1985, adopted a

Declaration on the Economic Situation in Africa in which it committed member Governments "not only to cope more efficiently with the current and future emergencies, but also ... to go beyond emergency and get to the root of Africa's food and agricultural crisis". In the ESCAP region, the Ministerial-level Conference on the Environment in Asia, held at Bangkok in February 1985, had as its most significant outcome the unanimous adoption of a Declaration and Framework for Action Plans for the Management of the Asian Environment. The Declaration indicates the measures to be taken to prepare country action plans for the protection and management of the environment, including desertification control. Representatives of UNEP contributed to the outcome of both of these conferences.

238. During the year under review, in conformance with Governing Council decision 12/10, the Executive Director upgraded the Desertification Branch to the Desertification Control Programme Activity Centre (DC/PAC). Furthermore, in response to Council decision 12/10, the Federal Republic of Germany seconded a qualified Junior Professional Officer to DC/PAC, and pledges were received from Japan for the seconding of two professionals to DC/PAC. Negotiations were under way with the Governments of Finland and Norway to second one professional each to assist in the establishment and functioning of a regional office to combat desertification in the SADCC countries.

239. The fifth session of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control (DESCON) took place in Geneva in July 1985. Representatives of 7 UN co-sponsor agencies of DESCON, 14 core members and 21 invited countries as well as other international and regional organizations participated. Fourteen anti-desertification project proposals, with a total cost of \$35.03 million, were presented to the Group for consideration and support. The Group expressed interest in supporting six projects, costing at \$20.82 million. Consultations were subsequently held between donors who had expressed an interest and three Governments that had presented project proposals, in order to determine the level of funding offered and the modalities for implementation.

240. The Group also made important recommendations concerning its future work, including recommendations on the best ways to mobilize resources to assist in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification. It decided that it would hold future sessions before the Governing Council sessions, in order to enable the Executive Director to use the Group's views and recommendations in his presentations to the Council on issues of desertification. To this effect, the Group decided it would hold its sixth session in March 1987, before the fourteenth session of the Council. It also decided that, in every future session, it would focus on a limited number of components of the Plan of Action, to enable it to better monitor its implementation.

241. The Inter-Agency Working Group on Desertification held its first *ad hoc* meeting in Paris in March and its twelfth regular meeting in Rome in September. The *ad hoc* meeting was held in pursuance of the suggestion of the Group, at its eleventh meeting, that one or two meetings to discuss technical and substantive topics should be held. It proved an effective forum for the Group to examine desertification control training programmes and to review actions to be taken in establishing regional networks for sand-dune stabilization and research and training, as called for in Governing Council decision 12/10. The *ad hoc* meeting also identified major gaps in training on desertification and agreed on appropriate measures to be taken by members of the Group to reach the training targets set out in decision 12/10.

242. At its twelfth meeting, the Group reviewed progress in the implementation of decisions made at its last meeting and agreed to schedule a further *ad hoc* meeting to discuss the development of regional networks and co-operation by members of the Group in assisting countries to combat desertification through integrated development. The meeting also considered reports from member agencies concerning their activities in combating desertification, and adopted guidelines for future reporting to ensure that reports would be used productively for generating synthesized information on desertification control activities.

243. At its fortieth session, the General Assembly considered the report of the Secretary-General on Financing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and adopted resolution 40/198 A of 17 December 1985. In the resolution, it noted the dearth of reactions concerning the measures for providing additional resources needed for financing the Plan of Action recommended in three studies prepared by high-level financial experts convened by the Executive Director in accordance with Assembly resolution 32/172 of 19 December 1977. The Assembly considered however, that the expert studies deserved further consideration, and requested the Executive Director to take due account of them under his responsibility with respect to the implementation of the Plan of Action as well as within the framework of the mandate of the Consultative Group on Desertification Control. The Assembly further requested the Secretary-General to report to its forty-second session on additional measures of financing.

244. In March 1985, an expert meeting was held at UNEP headquarters as a follow-up to an earlier meeting (FAO, Rome, 1984) to review progress concerning the Desertification Assessment and Mapping Methodology and Database being developed by FAO/UNEP. The meeting discussed the various methodologies available for monitoring, assessing and mapping desertifications as well as the preparation of a World Atlas of Thematic Maps on Desertification called for in paragraph 89 (b) of the Plan of Action. After reviewing the implications of Council decision 12/10 requesting assistance to countries in applying the methodology for the assessment of desertification, the expert meeting recommended deferment of the request until the refined methodology had been developed and tested in a national pilot case study. It also recommended that, prior to preparation of the World Atlas, the results of the pilot case study should be used in evaluating the various themes and aspects to be mapped. Kenya was proposed as an appropriate country for the pilot case study and negotiations for project formulation were initiated with the Government. In a related activity, planning began on integrating the anticipated results of the Kenya case study into the GRID programme of GEMS, and on the establishment of a desertification database at the national, regional and global levels within GRID.

245. In response to Council decision 12/10, which assigns DC/PAC the priority task of building up a database on desertification, and disseminating data to Governments, work began on the establishment of a Desertification Information System, which would organize, classify and code the thousands of documents in the DC/PAC documents library, as well as country and project files, for entry into a micro-computer. The work entails the creation of several databases which would respond to requests from Governments, the UN, NGOs and donor agencies for information related to desertification.

246. In 1985, as part of a DC/PAC ongoing activity to create awareness about the threat of desertification, and about the Plan of Action, three television documentaries

on desertification were produced. "The crowded desert", a film on India's Thar Desert, and a six-part series, "Seeds of hope", which delved deeply into land degradation problems in the Ethiopian Highlands, were produced by UNEP together with Central Independent Television (United Kingdom). A third film, "Trees for tomorrow", was produced which showed the activities of a DC/PAC project in Southern India involving tree planting, the setting up of nurseries, and afforestation training for rural farmers and children through the "Millions of Trees Club" (NGO). Arabic, English, French, and Spanish versions of the slide show "Harvest of dust", of which the English version was presented at the twelfth session of the Governing Council, were being prepared in 1985 for loan distribution in 1986. DC/PAC also participated in Australian and Japanese television documentaries on desertification and in a BBC radio interview. It also organized several press trips to accompany journalists to areas undergoing desertification in Kenya. Many articles were generated in this way. One number of the *Desertification Control Bulletin* appeared, and the mailing list continued to grow.

247. In October 1985, in response to Governing Council decisions 12/10 and 13/30 which call for greater utilization of NGOs in the fight against desertification, a project involving the creation of "peoples' nurseries", the training of school children and farmers in afforestation, and the planting of trees was launched in the Karnataka and Tamil Nadu states of southern India.¹¹¹ In this venture, UNEP is supporting the NGO Millions of Trees Club. DC/PAC produced a film about the project. A project to establish a network of NGOs active in combating desertification in Africa was also formulated in 1985, to begin implementation in 1986.

248. During the year under review, an "Annotated directory of institutions concerned with desertification", containing more than 500 entries from around the world, was prepared, for publication in 1986. The two-volume *Desertification Control in Africa: Actions (I) and Directory of Institutions (II)* was revised, updated and reprinted based on replies received from distribution of the draft version prepared in response to Governing Council decision 10/18.¹¹² UNEP also completed preparation of a manual on an assessment of water resources in arid and semi-arid regions, to be published in 1986. A report entitled *Research and training for desertification control: the United Nations effort* was published as part of UNEP's goal of catalyzing and co-ordinating training activities within the UN system.

249. With UNEP's assistance, a National Plan to Combat Desertification was formulated in Tunisia, containing 22 priority project proposals. In follow-up, UNEP is assisting the Government in the process of internal national consultations to ensure that the Plan is integrated into the overall national development plan. A UNEP mission to Tunisia in September 1985 assisted the Government to formulate a project proposal to create a seed bank in southern Tunisia, which would provide the seeds necessary for a comprehensive revegetation programme. UNDP-Tunisia agreed to collaborate in the financing of the project. UNEP also initiated a pilot project based on past work achieved under the Integrated Project on Arid Lands in Tunisia, implemented by the Institute of Arid Regions in Medenine and UNESCO.¹¹³ The project will map desertification, study indigenous plants for use in sand-dune fixation, conduct experiments with sylvo-pastoral plantations and carry out training courses in various desertification control fields. During the reporting period, a project to create awareness and educate rural people regarding desertification control matters in southern Tunisia came to an end.¹¹⁴

250. Previous efforts by UNEP to assist Governments in preparing and implementing national plans of action to combat desertification have not been successful. In none of

the countries where such assistance has been provided have the action plans been integrated and implemented within the overall national development plan. The sectoral approach in the preparation of such plans failed to involve the entire Government structure and the public. To correct this shortcoming, UNEP is now adopting the strategy of concentrating its limited resources on selected countries for short-term periods of four to six years. During that period, action will be taken, in co-operation with country and bilateral/multilateral donors, to initiate corrective and preventive desertification measures. UNEP's objectives are to integrate anti-desertification programmes into the overall development plans of the countries concerned and to mobilize country-wide awareness and involvement, which would include the use of national seminars, where desertification and development would be discussed in detail. In this regard, the Executive Director in 1985 initiated consultations with the Government of Sudan, the first country in which the concentration programme is to be applied.

251. In a UNEP-sponsored training course held in the United Republic of Tanzania, in December 1985, five scientists from the Institute of Desert Research, China, organized seminars on aspects of desertification control for local Government officials.¹¹⁵ In September-October, a UNEP sponsored training course on "Afforestation and sand dune fixation in dry zones" was held in Moscow and Ashkabad for 20 specialists from 16 developing countries.¹¹⁶

252. During the year under review, in response to Governing Council decision 12/10, a project proposal for support in creating a network of research and training centres involved in desertification control activities in the ESCAP region was formulated for implementation, scheduled to begin in mid-1986 in association with UNEPCOM. A similar network is being organized in the ESCWA region and UNEP made two missions during the year, one to Saudi Arabia and one to Bahrain, to stimulate this activity.

253. In the Sudano-Sahelian region, UNEP continued to support five UNSO/AGFUND projects.¹¹⁷ Owing to administrative difficulties, however, AGFUND postponed its own support to these projects. It was expected to reconsider its position and reinstate financial support to most of the projects in 1986. A UNEP/UNEP/COM project, funded with AGFUND support, continued in the Lodar area of Democratic Yemen.¹¹⁸ The project involves integrated agricultural development as a means to combat desertification. Local project staff were trained in irrigation and afforestation techniques in the USSR; several thousand tree seedlings were produced in nurseries and were planted in shelterbelts and windbreaks along roads and around the perimeters of farms; two tube wells were installed; and a 36-hectare plot was established to demonstrate soil and water use, control of soil salinity and the introduction of mechanization using the "long strip, long furrow" method of surface irrigation.

Implementation of the Plan of Action in the Sudano-Sahelian region

254. The widespread drought, famine, and untold human suffering of the 1985 crisis in Africa were particularly acute in the Sudano-Sahelian region. Most of the international assistance was therefore in the form of emergency assistance to meet the critical economic situation. The United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO), a joint venture of UNDP and UNEP, working on behalf of UNEP to implement the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region, co-operated closely in these endeavours, especially with the Office of Emergency Operations for Africa (OEOA). UNSO's work focused on the question of linkages — the relationship between

the present crises, their underlying causes and their solutions, which are closely intertwined with environmental factors, especially desertification.

255. For 1985, UNSO continued its resource mobilization activities and raised almost \$13 million in the form of new financial pledges for general and earmarked contributions to the UN Trust Fund for Sudano-Sahelian Activities (this figure does not include the contributions of UNEP and UNDP to the joint venture). During the calendar year, UNSO allocated over \$12 million for new and ongoing projects aimed at combating desertification. The projects were mainly for combating deforestation, including reforestation and energy-related activities; range management; water resources management; soil protection and sand dune fixation; planning, and research. UNSO also took an active part in regional activities in Africa aimed at co-operation and the exchange of information and experience in the areas of drought and desertification.

Combating deforestation

256. Major initiatives in forestry were carried out in Ethiopia in 1985. With an earmarked contribution from DANIDA of \$2.4 million, UNSO expanded a reforestation programme involving 3,000 hectares in the area of Debre Birhan. The survival rate of the seedlings planted was 75 to 80 per cent during the first two years of recently started UNSO-supported fuelwood plantations in Debre Birhan, Nazret and Dese. Original planting targets have also been exceeded. For Dese, UNSO undertook a joint formulation mission with the Finnish International Development Agency (FINNIDA) for a Phase II project which would expand the total area to be planted to 7,500 hectares. The success of these projects can be attributed to the involvement of the people at the planning and implementation stages, to the use of economic incentives such as food and cash for work, to the application of state-of-the-art technology, and to provisions for the basic needs and social mores of the people.

257. During the year under review, UNSO reforestation projects also included extensive village and family woodlots involving agrosylvipastoral schemes. In Burkina Faso, a project for family woodlots in the provinces of Boulkiemde and Sanguié, initially financed with an earmarked contribution of Kr.8 million (\$880,000) from the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), was being continued. Although the project formally ended at the end of 1985, bridging operations were being carried out with savings from Phase I, and UNSO was negotiating for an extension of the project with further SIDA financing. UNSO also received a commitment from FINNIDA, in the amount of Markka 17.6 million (\$3.2 million), for a project in Somalia involving forestry management and inventory, research, species trials, training and community forestry. The project will provide a framework for the long-term forestry development of the country. For Mauritania, UNSO obtained an earmarked contribution of \$862,000 from DANIDA to finance a project of institutional support to the Department for the Protection of Nature, Ministry of Rural Development. The project will assist the Department in the protection of the country's forest resources as well as of its fauna. For Niger, the Government of Norway has pledged an earmarked contribution of Kr.3.2 million (\$400,000) for a follow-up to the project for the establishment and expansion of green-belt plantations around the city of Niamey.

Ecologically sound energy development

258. To reduce the demand for fuelwood, the cutting of which is one of the principal causes of desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region, UNSO in 1985 continued

working on the development of alternative sources of energy on an ecologically sound basis. In Somalia, a project for the utilization of wind energy started in November with financing from an earmarked contribution of \$2.8 million made by DANIDA in 1984. In Cape Verde, where wind turbines have been installed, also with previous DANIDA financing, UNSO investigated project possibilities using wind energy on a more extensive scale. A study was also being made of the possible use of wave energy, in which the Norwegian Agency for International Development (NORAD) had indicated an interest.

259. In Senegal, a project was started in October 1985, with an earmarked contribution of \$848,000 from DANIDA, for the development of peat, which is a natural resource in plentiful supply. The project would involve the carbonization of peat for use as household fuel briquettes together with metal cooking stoves, as a substitute for fuelwood.

260. Another means of reducing the demand for wood as a source of energy is the promotion of the use of fuel-efficient wood-burning stoves. In Gambia, Phase II of a programme for the production and promotion of improved wood-burning stoves started in 1985 with an earmarked contribution of \$638,200 from DANIDA, which also financed the first phase. UNSO also initiated extensive negotiations in 1985 with SIDA and NORAD for the financing of improved wood-burning stove projects in Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania and Niger.

Soil protection and sand dune fixation

261. In the more arid and degraded areas of the Sudano-Sahelian region, the soils have deteriorated to a state where they have become unstable and have formed moving sand dunes, which encroach upon productive lands, towns, roads, oases and even rivers. To help combat this problem, UNSO is carrying out sand dune fixation projects using vegetative approaches, which are considered the most effective and economical for the region. In Somalia, UNSO is involved in three such projects: one in the Adale area, which began in May 1985 with an earmarked contribution of \$400,000 from AGFUND; the second in the Brava area, where a project, started in 1984 with a DANIDA contribution of \$1,116,000, was expanded in October 1985 to include research components using remote sensing to monitor sand movements and vegetative changes; and the third in the Shallambot area. In Senegal, a project was started in July 1985 with an earmarked contribution of Kr.6.8 million (\$770,000) from NORAD for sand dune stabilization.

262. In Cape Verde, Phase II of a project for combating desertification in the Soa Joao Baptista Valley on the island of Santiago started in January 1985 with an earmarked contribution of Kr.4.9 million (\$555,000) from NORAD. The project involves soil protection and conservation; groundwater development; a master plan; and a consciousness-raising programme. Since this should be a sustained, long-term undertaking, active negotiations were taking place with NORAD for an additional contribution of \$400,000 (expected in the spring of 1986).

Water resources development, management and conservation

263. UNSO is supporting various ongoing projects involving small earthen dams, groundwater development and other conventional projects for water resources development for irrigation, household use and watering projects for livestock. In 1985,

UNSO became engaged in projects involving other manifestations of hydrological problems in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

264. For Gambia, a project document with a detailed plan of operation was signed in September 1985. Financed through an earmarked contribution by Australia of \$471,500, the project aims to assist in the construction of a dam and irrigation scheme to increase and sustain the productivity of agricultural lands, *inter alia* by reducing salt water intrusion, which has become more pronounced as a result of the recent drought. The UN Capital Development Fund is actively considering co-financing arrangements.

265. In Cape Verde, UNSO was instrumental in the preparation of projects (a) for the establishment of a desalination plant in Boa Vista, at a cost of \$360,000, and (b) for the provision of spare parts to the Ministry of Rural Development, at a cost of \$390,000. The projects are funded directly from resources of the UN Emergency Operations Trust Fund.

266. In Guinea Bissau, a joint UNSO/DANIDA exploratory mission visited the Bafata-Gabu region, one of the driest of the country, in early 1985. Following subsequent reviews of the most effective ways of managing the water resources of the region, UNSO and DANIDA arranged to send a formulation mission in early 1986 to look into schemes for ecologically sound water resources conservation, harvesting, and agricultural and livestock development.

Range management projects

267. In the field of range management, UNSO obtained an earmarked contribution of \$2,149,000 from DANIDA for a project to establish a centre for the ecological monitoring of pastoral ecosystems in Senegal. Project operations, which started in November 1985, involve aerial photography and reconnaissance, analysis of remote-sensing data, ground truthing, and consciousness-raising for pastoral communities.

268. In Gambia, a project for ecologically sound range-land development and protection started in February 1985. Financed with an earmarked contribution of \$390,000 from AGFUND, as well as additional inputs from UNEP and UNSO general resources, the project aims at improving and sustaining the productivity of range-lands around livestock watering points, where concentrations of livestock often have damaging effects on the environment and accelerate desertification.

269. In view of the importance of camels in the arid and semi-arid ecosystems of the Sudano-Sahelian region, and the lack of systematic and potentially useful knowledge of the subject, UNSO in 1985 agreed to finance a feasibility study to be carried out by the International Livestock Centre for Africa (ILCA), which may lead to the establishment of a camel research centre, either independently or as an affiliate of ILCA.

Planning and programming

270. With their inclusion in the list of countries eligible for assistance through UNSO, planning and programming missions to Ghana and Togo were fielded by UNSO in early 1985. In addition to assisting the Governments concerned in initiating national strategies for combating desertification, UNSO helped formulate specific project proposals, for which it is seeking necessary financial resources. UNSO also supported

and participated in national seminars on desertification in Benin, Burkina Faso and Senegal. The seminars, in which representatives of various technical and planning ministries participated, were useful in the preparation of national strategies and approaches for combating desertification. On a regional basis, UNSO supported and participated in a meeting of representatives of the member States of the Permanent Interstate Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel; the Economic Commission of West African States, the Maghreb countries; Egypt and Sudan. Held at Dakar in November 1985, the meeting brought together representatives of countries stricken by drought and desertification in the different subregions of Africa with a view to providing them with an opportunity to compare experiences and know-how and devise means of co-operative action in their common fight against desertification.

Action taken by the UNEP Governing Council

271. In its decision 13/30 B (para. 4) of 23 May 1985, the Governing Council decided to add the United Republic of Tanzania to the list of countries eligible for assistance through UNSO on behalf of UNEP. The addition of the United Republic of Tanzania to UNSO's desertification control mandate was endorsed by the UNDP Governing Council in June 1985 and by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/175 of 17 December 1985. UNSO initiated contacts with the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and made arrangements for fielding a planning and programming mission to that country in April 1986.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (Budget line 71)

272. This budget line is divided into four sublines: (a) environmental health; (b) the International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals (IRPTC); (c) working environment; and (d) human settlements.

Environmental health (Budget subline 7101)

273. A healthy environment is one of the main pre-requisites for human health as well as for environmental protection. This understanding is the base for close co-operation between UNEP and WHO. There is concerned interest by both organizations in the protection of the environment against agents harmful to man and to his environment. The co-operation between UNEP and WHO is in joint project on chemical, biological and physical safety of man and of the environment.

274. Two concurrent trends are very noticeable as regards environmental health. The first is the increasing risk to the environment and to health as more and more chemicals are released, vented, used or dumped. Many of these chemicals are mutagens or highly toxic, affecting homo sapiens, animal and other biological species. Apart from the damage they cause, in terms of suffering and the death of individual victims, in some cases they can also lead to the extinction of whole species. The second trend, which runs parallel to the first, is that of a constantly growing social demand that positive action be taken to counter the threats of harmful chemical, biological and physical environmental agents.

275. UNEP has a central role to play in catalyzing action, particularly in developing countries, to identify potentially harmful agents,¹¹⁹ to promote the enactment and enforcement of legislation to improve control measures on the use and movement of

such agents,¹²⁰ and to provide advice and technical materials for projects that improve environmental health.

276. The current emphasis by the WHO on primary health care has led to more emphasis being put on community-level activities aimed at identifying and combating diseases such as schistosomiasis (bilharzia). UNEP, in collaboration with the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the Theodor Bilharz Research Institute in Cairo, has earlier established eight demonstration projects in schistosomiasis control. In 1985, the implementation of these projects was reviewed and recommendations were made for future action. Results so far indicate that similar projects, concerning other vectors, may well prove to be the most effective, as they meet the requirements for on-site demonstration demanded by a concerned public.

277. Under the International Programme on Chemical Safety, new priority chemicals were evaluated in 1985, on the basis of which environmental health criteria documents were published to provide relevant national and international institutions with evaluated information on dangerous chemicals and with basic data on their detrimental effects on man and the environment. Supplements to earlier editions of environmental health documents were introduced to update their contents and scope.

278. A readership survey of the usefulness of environmental health criteria documents was also carried out in 70 developing and 30 developed countries. A questionnaire, sent to decision-makers, scientists and administrators in ministries of the environment, health and labour, as well as to government agencies and research institutions, found that 93 per cent of those surveyed said the documents were either useful or very useful. While 66 per cent used the material contained in the documents for information purposes, fully 44 per cent used it for policy-making. The readership survey noted that the circulation figure for the documents was nine times that of the figure for distribution.

279. Two training courses organized in 1985 under the International Programme on Chemical Safety, which is supported by UNEP, resulted in 39 persons being trained to provide developing countries with experienced manpower. One training course (on environmental toxicology and ecotoxicology) was organized in the United Kingdom for administrators, planners, industrialists, engineers and scientists concerned with the disposal of chemicals in such a way as to safeguard public health. The second training course (on preventive toxicology), which was organized in the USSR, upgraded knowledge of agrochemicals with the purpose of improving the formulation of national standards and exposure limits and the development of appropriate measures for hazard control.

280. In 1985, to meet the demand for control of carcinogenic chemicals, UNEP, in co-operation with the International Agency for Research on Cancer, published a manual on environmental carcinogens (halogenated hydrocarbons) which included recommended analytical methods. Also during the reporting period, UNEP, in co-operation with the ECE, evaluated air-borne sulphur pollution and trans-boundary air pollution. This resulted in two reports being published which assess air pollution effects on the environment. According to the reports, there is evidence that damage to the environment is not only the result of direct and episodic exposure to high concentrations of pollutants, but may also be the consequence of synergistic interactions or impacts of low concentrations.

281. UNEP co-operated with FAO and UNEPCOM in the organization in 1985 of a training course in the USSR on food contamination control with special reference to mycotoxins. Sixteen participants from Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gambia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zambia were trained. The training covered a broad spectrum of theoretical and practical information needed to strengthen control measures at country level. Emphasis was given to the organization of mycotoxin control since mycotoxins require special attention in developing countries, as they create both health and economic problems.

282. The fifth annual meeting of the WHO/FAO/UNEP Panel of Experts on Environmental Management for Vector Control was held in 1985. An in-depth review of the Panel's performance since 1981 was reviewed during the meeting, on the basis of which a report will be sent to the Executive Heads of the three participating organizations for a decision regarding the Panel's continuation. Also in 1985, the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) Subcommission on Nutrition (of which UNEP is a member) held its eleventh session in Nairobi. Very basic problems of nutrition were discussed, such as vitamin A deficiency and endemic goiter. A group of Kenyan experts presented working papers on food and nutrition problems and on Government/donor collaborative action in Kenya.

The International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals (IRPTC) (Budget subline 7102)

283. The serious potential threat posed to man and the environment as a result of the increasing production, trade in and use of chemicals became a major focal point during 1985 as a result of accidents such as the Bhopal chemical plant leak and the sodium cyanide spill into the Fly River estuary in Papua New Guinea. More than ever, the need was seen, in most developed countries, for adequate chemicals control legislation, improved standards for process safety in the chemical industry; wide dissemination of easily understandable and reliable information on chemicals; and worker protection and training. Developing countries were facing serious problems in this field owing to lack of infrastructure, machinery, expertise and the information needed to adequately assess and control hazards from chemicals.

284. During the year under review, international organizations and programmes, including UNEP through IRPTC, became increasingly involved in providing information, assistance and advice on many aspects of chemical safety and hazard control. It was realized, however, that insufficient attention had been given in the past to the special problems and needs of developing countries in this respect. Although IRPTC had reported major achievements in relation to the establishment and operation of a global information exchange network, computerized central files on potentially hazardous chemicals and an efficient query-response service, regular participation by network partners was frequently suboptimal and access to the system sometimes difficult. Dissemination of information and data clearly needed improvement, and it was felt that more information was needed from Governments and worldwide users on the usefulness of data compilations for policy-makers and others. The importance of training and assistance programmes for the optimal use of internationally available data and for establishing national information systems on chemicals in developing countries was also stressed.

285. In light of the above, IRPTC expanded its global information exchange network in 1985 involving national institutions, international organizations, NGOs and industry. Training in the establishment and operation of national chemical information systems, in particular in developing countries, has now become a regular part of the work of the Register. Jointly with other international organizations, IRPTC also organizes training courses and seminars on the optimal use of international and other data sets for the protection of human health and the environment against the noxious effects of chemicals. In partnership with other parts of the UN and WHO, IRPTC maintains a global data-base on prohibitions and severely restrictive regulatory measures imposed on chemicals by national Governments. It has also continued to strengthen and improve its query-response service which has become fully operational.

286. During 1985, IRPTC distributed an update of its loose-leaf instruction manual for the preparation of data profiles, entitled "International register of potentially toxic chemicals — Part A", to national correspondents and other partners in the IRPTC network. It also continued to develop its computerized files, with the active assistance of several national correspondents, specialized scientific institutions, expert consultants, and industry. Data profiles containing information on selected chemical and physical characteristics, the use, environmental concentration and behaviour and the human and environmental toxicity of approximately 500 chemicals of international significance are now stored in the IRPTC data bank and are available through the IRPTC Query-Response Service.

287. In 1985, the Query-Response Service continued to receive queries on chemicals from developed and developing countries at an increasing rate (see figure XIII). While 209 queries were received during 1984, over 330 came in during 1985 (43 per cent from developing countries) some of them referring to more than 10 chemicals at a time. Government institutions were involved in 37 per cent of the incoming queries, 46 per cent came from research institutions or individuals, 7 per cent from NGOs and 10 per cent from industry. The major interest was in agrochemicals, which accounted for 44 per cent of the queries. The information requested concerned various aspects of toxicity to human health and the environment, environmental dispersion and behaviour, and waste and spill management. Approximately 25 per cent of the queries were on regulatory measures and national and international recommendations for control of hazards from specific chemicals. Occasionally, IRPTC was unable to answer a query in full, generally because the information required did not yet exist. However, even in these cases, it sent whatever information it possessed that might prove helpful. Identification of such gaps in knowledge of chemicals provides a guide to future research programmes.

288. The IRPTC Legal File, published in 1983, contains data on national and international regulatory measures and recommendations for hazard control on 400 chemicals covering 12 countries and 6 international organizations. The File was expanded considerably during 1984 so as to include all the chemicals for which regulatory information from the 12 participating countries was available in IRPTC. It also contains, since 1985 occupational exposure limits for 1,258 chemicals from 20 countries. Work on the File was continued in 1985 with the assistance of national correspondents from participating countries. The File is currently accessible on-line, world-wide, from the Environmental Chemicals Data and Information Network (ECDIN) of the Commission of the European Communities as a result of an agreement

between UNEP and the Commission to develop co-operation and exchange of information on environmental chemicals.

289. Waste management data on 563 chemicals were collected during 1984 and 1985 in a joint effort with ECDIN. Peer review of the data took place during an expert consultation held in Geneva in April 1985. The file entitled "Treatment and disposal methods for waste chemicals" was printed in 1985 for distribution in early 1986.

290. Two issues of the *IRPTC Bulletin* were published (in English, French, Russian and Spanish) during 1985 and distributed to approximately 9,200 corporate and individual addresses world-wide. The *Bulletin* contains information on activities by IRPTC and other parts of UNEP; the work of other international and national organizations in areas related to chemicals; the results of risk assessments of chemicals; and chemicals which are causing concern and which have been the subject of controls or severely restrictive regulatory measures.

291. With USSR co-operation, IRPTC continued the preparation and publication of the series of "Scientific reviews of Soviet literature on toxicity and hazards of chemicals", which now comprises 94 publications. Reviews on 10 more chemicals were prepared, for publication in 1986, and at the same time were stored in the computerized data bank. Under this co-operative scheme, an English edition of a monograph entitled "Principles of pesticide toxicology" was published in 1985 and distributed to national correspondents.

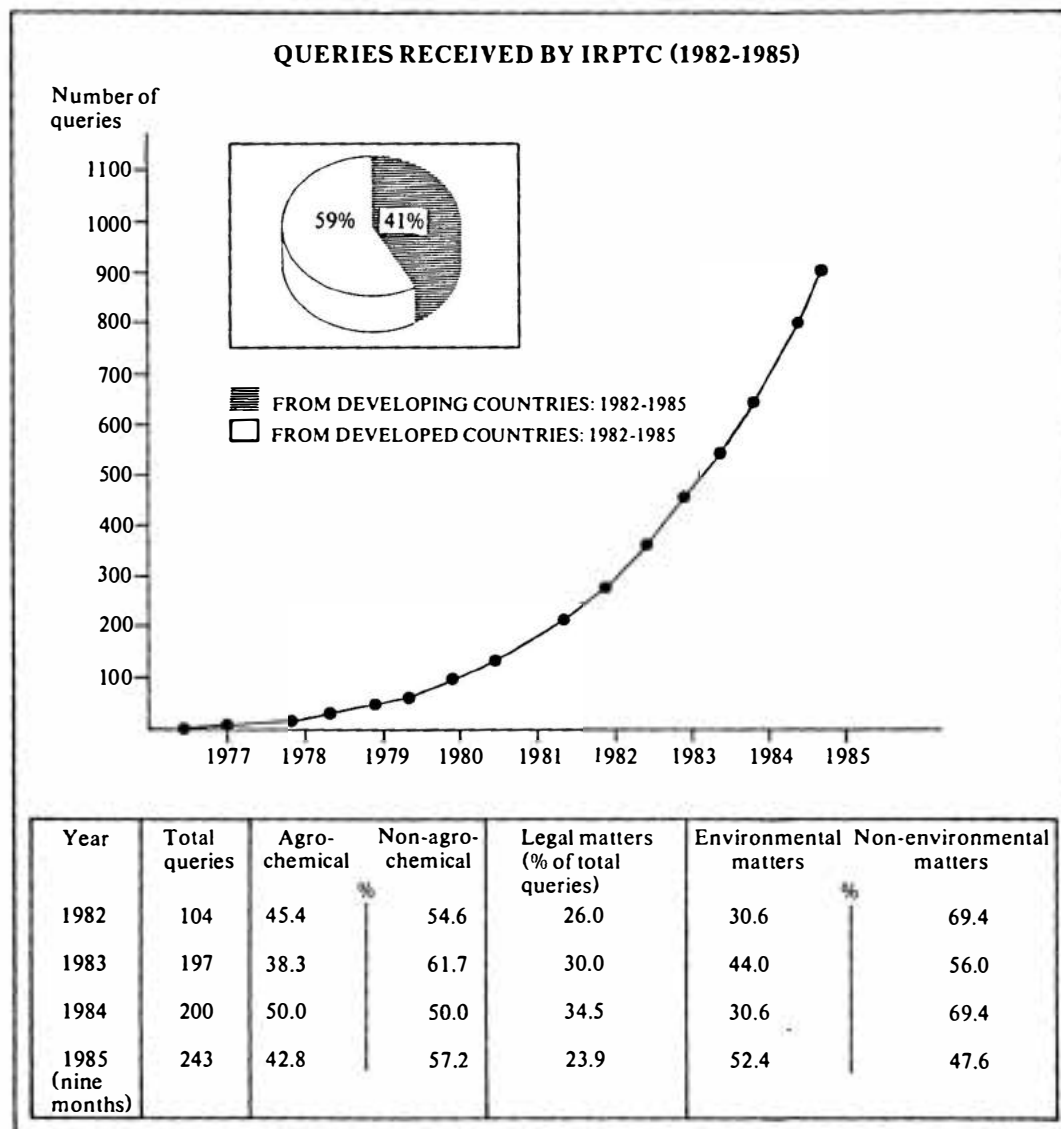
292. IRPTC was involved in the organization of the second international postgraduate training course held under the International Programme on Chemical Safety (IPCS) and referred to in paragraph 279 above. An international expert consultation on toxicometric methodology was also held jointly with IPCS, in Moscow, in November 1985. The experts reviewed a draft document entitled "Recommendations and methods of toxicometry", prepared under the joint project, and made proposals for its finalization. The experts also formulated recommendations to IPCS and IRPTC on, *inter alia*, the future use of the document, which provides basic information on the experiences of CMEA countries in safety-testing of chemicals.

293. Close working links were maintained during the course of 1985 with the new national chemical information systems established in Colombia, Gambia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and the United Republic of Tanzania during 1984 under UNEP's clearing-house experiment. Plans were developed for a second phase, involving six more developing countries.

294. In response to Governing Council decision 12/11, IRPTC continued to send to Governments, relevant international organizations, NGOs and industry for study and action, a report on environmentally dangerous chemical substances and processes of global significance. A revision of the report, based, *inter alia*, on comments received from Governments and others, was begun in 1985.

295. In response to Governing Council decisions 12/14, IRPTC continued to assist in the implementation of the Provisional Notification Scheme for Banned and Severely Restricted Chemicals as recommended by the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts for the Exchange of Information on Potentially Harmful Chemicals (in particular Pesticides) in International Trade at its second session.¹²¹ By the end of December 1985, some 60

Figure XIII. Development of the Query-Response Service of IRPTC



Governments had designated national authorities for participation in the implementation of the scheme, while some Governments had begun to issue notifications of control action for specific chemicals for wide dissemination to other Governments, through IRPTC (see also below).

296. In 1985, IRPTC continued to strengthen its working links with IPCS, particularly with regard to (a) the preparation and further development of short, health-risk evaluation documents on chemicals of international significance, and (b) the development of procedures and the collection of data for evaluating the effects of chemicals on the natural environment. In addition, during the year, IRPTC and IPCS jointly developed a registry of chemicals being tested for toxic effects. The registry, the product of voluntary participation on the part of Government and non-government

sources, provides a novel means to avoid unnecessary duplication of costly testing, while at the same time facilitates the flow of information among Governments and others with a common interest in chemical safety. The relevant data will be stored in the computerized IRPTC Data Bank, and print-outs will be distributed at regular intervals.

297. During the reporting period, IRPTC continued to collaborate with ILO in the further development and updating of a data-base on occupational exposure limits for airborne toxic substances which has now been incorporated in the Legal File of the Register. It also contributed to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 39/229 on protection against products harmful to health and the environment, and assisted the UN Secretariat in the improvement and up-dating of a consolidated list of products whose consumption and/or sale have been banned, withdrawn, severely restricted or, in the case of pharmaceuticals, not approved by Governments, which had been published in 1984. Close contacts were maintained with other parts of the UN, the WHO and other international organizations to avoid duplication of work. Governments and others contributed information for inclusion in the List.

298. A study on the identification and description of substances to which workers are exposed in the work environment and which are easily absorbed through the skin was continued in 1985 jointly with the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Education and the Environmental Chemicals Data and Information Network of the Commission of the European Communities. During the reporting period, IRPTC continued to maintain close contacts with OECD, particularly in relation to its Chemicals Programme and in the implementation of a pilot project to improve access to unpublished information on chemicals. It also continued to serve as the focal point within UNEP for the OECD complementary Information Exchange Procedure on Chemicals. Regular Working contacts were also maintained with CMEA, in particular in relation to the international harmonization of approaches to the testing and evaluation of chemicals.

Working environment (Budget subline 7103)

299. Implementation, in co-operation with ILO, of a project on organizational patterns and institutional arrangements for occupational health and safety at national level was anticipated in 1985, but owing to financial constraints the project could not be started.

Human settlements (Budget subline 7104)

300. The environmental condition of human settlements, urban and rural, and particularly in the developing countries, showed no marked improvement in 1985 — indeed, the quality of life in urban areas showed a slow but steady deterioration. City authorities continued to face difficulties with respect to environmentally sound waste management, the provision of basic services and the preservation of urban ecosystems. Slums and squatter settlements, in which millions continue to make their homes, expand at the fringe of urban centres. Urban sprawl continues to spread over valuable agricultural land, despite the planning agencies' struggle to direct urban growth and provide basic shelter to those places where sprawl does the least damage in exacerbating the food crisis. The situation has been worsened by the pressure created through the massive influx of people into the urban areas from depressed rural hinterlands caused partly by unprecedented drought and other natural calamities.

301. Given this situation, the solution of the problems of environmentally sound human settlements development becomes increasingly elusive. Against this background, UNEP continues to collaborate with various UN agencies, especially UNCHS, to combat this deterioration. Included in this collaborative venture is support for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless (1987) to generate international assistance for priority shelter for the poor.

302. During the year under review, UNEP, in collaboration with UNEPCOM and ESCWA, organized a training course for 18 technicians from 14 Arabic-speaking countries on the environmental aspects of human settlements planning, with special reference to waste management (Moscow and Tbilisi, November 1985). One of the outputs of the course was a report containing guidance material on waste management in rapidly urbanizing areas. It is to be published by ESCWA and UNEP in Arabic and English.

303. Following the completion of the environmental guidelines for human settlements planning¹²² UNEP and UNCHS in 1985 jointly launched a new project to apply the guidelines in four selected metropolitan areas in Latin America, Africa and Asia. The objective is to assist such areas to establish, where they do not exist, the necessary institutional mechanisms by which environmental considerations are routinely taken into account in the planning and management of human settlements. The project will be supervised by a panel of international experts in metropolitan planning selected by UNEP and UNCHS.

304. The joint UNEP/WHO project¹²³ on Environmental Criteria for Housing and Urban Planning continued to make satisfactory progress. During 1985, practical guidelines for improving indoor air quality were completed, and a kit was produced which guides community initiative in controlling insects and rodents. Designed for easy comprehension and application at the community level, the kit has been distributed to selected agencies in 76 countries. Arrangements have been made to translate the technical material into local vernaculars for more practical application. After a period of pilot application, a revised kit will be prepared for wider distribution.

305. Following the joint UNEP/UNCHS technical assistance mission to Brazil in 1984, a feasibility study for the sanitary and environmental improvement of two favelas (namely, salgueiro and laboriaux) was established. The detailed feasibility study is to be submitted, through the clearing-house mechanism, to selected funding agencies.

306. In 1985, UNEP also assisted the Government of Kenya, through its National Museums, in undertaking a project to rehabilitate the Lamu Town Sea Wall. The project is considered a pilot scheme designed to show other cities and towns confronted by coastal erosion problems what to do. Coastal erosion is increasingly becoming a concern and it is felt that the Lamu case study could provide the necessary guidance, especially for small and intermediate cities, on how to tackle this problem. A report is to be prepared from this pilot project for wide distribution.

THE ARMS RACE AND THE ENVIRONMENT (Budget line 81)

307. The public debate on a possible "nuclear winter" following a major global conflict has focussed attention on post-war environmental problems of cataclysmic proportions. However, for UNEP, the arms race presents a very real *pre-war* danger. As military

equipment and munitions are researched, produced and stockpiled for possible future use, the impacts are very much part of the present. Not only is there the risk of accident at any time, but there is also the sad corollary that every expenditure on military effort means a corresponding loss of possible investment into environmentally safe development.

308. UNEP, therefore, has a clear duty to support the strengthening of international co-operation for the cessation of the arms race by stimulating the collection and dissemination of scientific knowledge of the impacts of the arms race on the environment and by bringing to the attention of Governments the environmental consequences of that arms race, particularly the depletion and irrational use of natural resources. The main thrust of UNEP activity in this area has been an ongoing project with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) to publish and distribute scientific literature on the subject to targeted decision-makers.

309. As was the case with earlier publications (*Herbicides in War* and *Environmental Warfare*, both in 1984), future publications may also be expected to be distributed free of charge to UN Missions in New York and Geneva, depository libraries, and over 300 journals and media correspondents. As the books are also on sale to the general public, notices are sent to about 8,500 organizations and book distributors. Fact Sheets based on the books are also published for public information, the distribution being conducted by UNEP, SIPRI and the World Disarmament Campaign headquarters in New York.

310. In September 1985, UNEP, in conjunction with SIPRI, organized a second meeting of the Advisory group on the Arms Race and the Environment, in Geneva, to examine ongoing projects and to make recommendations for future action. In an area as fraught with political considerations as the arms race, participants were invited from different political ideologies as well as from the different regions. In October, UNEP and SIPRI jointly held a symposium on "Global resources and international conflict (environmental factors and strategic policy and action)" in Stockholm. Those attending the symposium represented not only the joint hosts, but also the authors of chapters in a book to be published in 1986 under the same title, and the IUCN.

311. The year under review saw the publication of *Explosive Remnants of War. Mitigating the Environmental Effects*. This book, funded jointly by UNEP and SIPRI, examines the problem of unexploded mines and other munitions in former theatres of war. Such devices cause human suffering and economic damage, and as research into their detection and destruction lags far behind the current trend in increasing wartime expenditure of explosive ordinance, the problem is likely to increase in severity. This problem is especially acute for developing countries where, since 1945, most wars have been fought.

REGIONAL AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION (Budget line 82)

312. Under this budget line UNEP continued to provide support to staff of the UNEP regional offices, including regional advisers; individual experts from developing countries wishing to participate in environment-related meetings, symposia, workshops and seminars; the Environment Co-ordinating Units in the UN regional commissions, with the exception of ECE; and a limited number of small technical co-operation projects.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE APPROVED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR 1984-1985

Introduction

313. This section appears for the first time in the *Annual Report*. It is presented in compliance with a request by the Governing Council that the Executive Director show, at least by budget line, how far the approved 1984-1985 Programme Budget has been implemented.¹²⁴ (See also the Introduction to the present chapter, paras. 6 and 7.)

314. As explained in the next chapter (V), which is devoted to the Environment Fund, the Executive Director was extremely cautious in incurring new project commitments in 1985, principally because of the uncertainties surrounding the payment of contributions to the Fund, but also because of the difficulty, in some programme areas, of incurring new commitments in non-convertible currencies.

315. As can be seen in chapter V, in the biennium as a whole, of the \$53.50 million allocated by the Executive Director, \$45.03 million, or 84.2 per cent, was committed by 31 December 1985. Of those total commitments, \$40.44 million was spent during the biennium. Thus, overall, project expenditures represented 75.6 per cent of allocations issued and 89.8 per cent of commitments incurred. However, project expenditures always fall short of project commitments, generally by about 20 per cent. A shortfall of only 10.2 per cent represented, therefore, an above-average performance of project delivery compared with approved commitments.

316. The principal reason for the difference between expenditures and allocations was the inability to incur new project commitments in the first ten months of 1985, for the reasons given above. Under the circumstances, the Executive Director had to give priority in new project approvals to the Fund programme reserve, which finances projects called for by Governing Council decisions, and where 95 per cent of the allocation was spent. Thus, expenditures on Oceans (budget line 51) were 90 per cent; Earthwatch (41), 88 per cent; and Desertification (62), 87 per cent, while approval of new commitments in Terrestrial ecosystems (61) was held back, and only 50 per cent of the allocation was spent.

317. Implementation under individual budget lines and their sublines is set out below.

Budget line 21. Environment and development

318. Of the \$5,917,500 allocated for the implementation of activities under this budget line, \$4,214,960 were committed, i.e. 71 per cent. Table 2 shows allocations/expenditures under the six sublines of the budget line.

Subline 2101. Integrated approach to environment and development

319. In view of the financial constraints, priority was given under this subline to those projects designed to provide formulation and application of methodologies of analyzing environmental factors in the decision-making process. Delayed implementation of a fairly large NCC project also caused a corresponding delay in the anticipated follow-up activities; these could not be initiated, as originally planned, in the biennium.

Subline 2102. Integration of environment into development co-operation activities

320. As stated in the preceding paragraph, priority was given to projects relating to methodologies of analyzing environmental factors in the decision-making process. As few projects of this nature were included under subline 2102, expenditures during the biennium were considerably less than originally envisaged. Moreover, the delay in the starting of a major project, owing to long negotiations with a co-operating agency, added to the shortfall.

Table 2. Budget line 21: allocations/expenditures by subline

<i>Subline</i>		<i>Allocations</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
2101	Integrated approach to environment and development	749 700	563 962	75
2102	Integration of environment in development co-operation activities	837 650	300 065	36
2103	Energy	1 050 000	566 750	54
2104	Industry and transportation	2 550 150	2 391 702	94
2105	Environmental law and its application	699 700	419 837	60
2106	Natural disasters	30 300	0	0
Total		5 917 500	4 214 960	71

Subline 2103. Energy

321. The shift in programme focus towards questions of more immediate relevance to developing countries, as well as the careful review of projects for approval or extension to ensure they fitted in with the policy of following an action oriented approach, impeded the expenditure of the funds allocated. An allocation of \$207,000 for projects to update the reports on environmental impacts of production and use of energy, and field projects on the utilization of new and renewable energy sources in developing countries, was not spent because of elaborate consultations over the methodology of implementing one project, and difficulties in implementing a field project in a host country.

Subline 2104. Industry and transportation

322. Most of the funds allocated under this subline were utilized. Savings in convertible currencies were mainly achieved by postponing a workshop to the following year and by leaving certain posts unfilled. A planned consultancy using non-convertible currencies could not be implemented, which also partly explains the difference between allocation and expenditure under this budget subline.

Subline 2105. Environmental law and its application

323. The difference between allocations and expenditures was mainly due to savings achieved through strict economical organization of meetings. A delay in the approval of a new project on environmental legislative machinery, due to lengthy negotiations between the two co-operating organizations, also added to the difference between the funds allocated and actual expenditures. The expenditures were also reduced by the support UNEP received in kind and cash from the Governments.

Subline 2106. Natural disasters

324. No commitments were made under this subline, in line with the intentions of the Governing Council decision¹²⁵ on the subject.

Budget line 31. Environmental awareness

325. Of the \$8,949,550 allocated for the implementation of activities under this budget line, \$6,912,297 were committed, i.e. 77 per cent. Table 3 shows allocations/expenditures under the five sublines of the budget line.

Table 3. Budget line 31: allocations/expenditures by subline

<i>Subline</i>	<i>Allocations</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
3101 Environmental education	1 450 450	748 793	52
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3102 Environmental training	1 275 750	945 551	74
3103 Public information	3 900 750	3 416 271	88
3104 INFOTERRA	1 688 400	1 348 863	80
3105 Data and state of the environment	634 200	452 819	71
Total	8 949 550	6 912 297	77

Subline 3101. Environmental education

326. The difference between allocations and expenditures under this subline was due to (a) the postponement, to the end of the biennium, of a meeting on the development of a programme for EET in Asia and the Pacific region; (b) the delay, for technical reasons, in the publication of an instructional manual for environmental education through adult education in Africa; technical delay in the implementation of Phase IV of IEEP; and (d) the postponement, into the 1986/1987 biennium, of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations Committee on Engineering and Environment as well as the production, in Chinese, of a textbook on environmental engineering.

Subline 3102. Environmental training

327. There were several reasons for the difference between allocations and expenditures. A project on the introduction of an environmental component into the management development programmes was extended into the next biennium in order that modules developed under the project might be adopted in programmes in India, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand. The publication of a comprehensive environmental curriculum forming part of the activities of introducing environmental components into training programmes in the African region was not completed in time.

Subline 3103. Public information

328. The difference between allocations and expenditures was the result, mainly, of savings on unfilled posts, postponement or cancellation of activities, and some delays in approval of some projects.

Subline 3104. INFOTERRA

329. The difference between allocations and expenditures was the result of (a) cancellation of some consultancies; (b) a delay in obligating anticipated contracts with Special Sectorial Sources; and (c) savings in staff costs.

Subline 3105. Data and state of the environment

330. All programmed activities were implemented. The difference between allocations and expenditures was the result, mainly, of unprogrammed non-convertible currency allocations.

Budget line 41. Earthwatch

331. Of the \$6,374,550 allocated for the implementation of activities under this budget line, \$5,599,033 were committed, i.e. 88 per cent. Table 4 shows allocations/expenditures under the two sublines of the budget line.

Table 4. Budget line 41: allocations/expenditures by subline

<i>Subline</i>		<i>Allocations</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
4101	GEMS	3 549 550	3 239 311	91
4102	Outer limits and assessment	2 825 000	2 359 722	84
Total		6 374 550	5 599 033	88

Subline 4101. GEMS

332. The difference between allocations and expenditures resulted mainly from unspent funds on consultants, meetings, reporting, equipment and travel.

Subline 4102. Outer limits and assessment

333. The difference between allocations and expenditures resulted mainly from the non-publication of three manuscripts — case studies on the relationship between basic needs satisfaction and the environment. These were not delivered in time, so that final payment on sub-contracts was not made. Economies were also effected through unspent allocations on travel, meetings, sub-contracts and consultants.

Budget line 51. Oceans

334. Of the \$5,750,300 allocated for the implementation of activities under this budget line, \$5,176,386 were committed, i.e. 90 per cent. Table 5 shows allocations/expenditures under the three sublines of the budget line.

Table 5. Budget line 51: allocations/expenditures by subline

<i>Subline</i>		<i>Allocations</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
5101	Global marine environment	462 650	472 710	102
5102	Regional seas	4 875 000	4 432 531	91
5103	Living marine resources	412 650	271 145	66
Total		5 750 300	5 176 386	90

Subline 5101. Global marine environment

335. The funds allocated were fully utilized.

Subline 5102. Regional seas

336. The difference between allocations and expenditures of less than 10 per cent was due to the slight delays in the implementation of projects under this subline during the period of the transfer of the Regional Seas Office from Geneva to Nairobi.

Subline 5103. Living marine resources

337. The implementation of several projects was delayed owing to the transfer of responsibilities and the staff member concerned to OCA/PAC when it moved from Geneva to Nairobi.

Budget line 52. Water

338. Of the \$2,250,150 allocated for the implementation of activities under this budget line, \$1,665,838 were committed, i.e. 79 per cent. The major reason for the shortfall was late approval of projects owing to financial uncertainties.

Budget line 61. Terrestrial ecosystems

339. Of the \$7,899,700 allocated for the implementation of activities under this budget line, \$3,925,668, i.e. 50 per cent, were committed. Table 6 shows allocations/expenditures under the seven sublines of the budget line.

Subline 6101. Soils

340. The difference between allocations and expenditures under this subline is largely the result of uncertainty as to whether counterpart contributions to projects on watershed management could be secured; the uncertainty did not allow UNEP to programme the total amount allocated.

Table 6. Budget line 61: allocations/expenditures by subline

<i>Subline</i>		<i>Allocations</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
6101	Soils	1 649 925	1 065 803	65
6102	Tropical forest ecosystems	1 299 925	326 010	26
6103	Other ecosystems	325 000	165 959	51
6104	Agricultural chemicals	1 399 925	480 722	34
6105	Wildlife and protected areas	1 499 925	753 451	50
6106	Genetic resources	1 200 000	693 366	58
6107	Lithosphere	525 000	440 357	84
Total		7 899 700	3 925 668	50

Subline 6102. Tropical forest ecosystems

341. The difference between allocations and expenditures under this subline is partly caused by the late starting of two projects on tropical forest conservation, prepared in early 1984, which got under way only late in 1985 owing to the difficulties encountered by the co-operating agencies implementing them. However, overall, there have been delays in the implementation of the programme in this area, which are now being rectified.

Subline 6103. Other ecosystems

342. The difference between allocations and expenditures is partly explained by the fact that the termination of one project, originally planned for late 1984, was postponed owing to a delay on the part of the national counterpart organization in submitting the technical and final reports. UNEP had set aside funds for the printing and distribution of those reports. Yet, as in the case of tropical forest ecosystems, there have been unnecessary delays in implementation.

Subline 6104. Management of agricultural chemicals and residues

343. Commitments were made to implement approved activities. However, through their regrouping, this was done at much lower cost than originally estimated. A change in training policy endorsed by the Governing Council and late starts account for most of the rest of the savings. Furthermore, UNEP contribution to the development of an international code of practice on the distribution and use of pesticides was achieved using the Secretariat's own resources, at no cost to the Fund of UNEP.

Subline 6105. Wildlife and protected areas

344. The difference between allocations and expenditures under this subline resulted from delayed implementation of several projects by co-operating/supporting organizations. This, in turn, delayed anticipated follow-up to the projects. A field project also had to be held in abeyance pending the solution of difficulties in the host country.

Subline 6106. Genetic resources

345. The difference between allocations and expenditures under this subline is explained by the fact that most of the project proposals were in direct continuation of ongoing projects. It was considered, therefore, that further development of these proposals should best await the outcome of the ongoing activities. Moreover, delays in the implementation of ongoing projects by co-operating agencies led to the extension of the projects' duration and the rephrasing of the related funding. The failure of some implementing agencies to execute certain project activities for which funds had been allocated also increased the shortfall.

Subline 6107. Lithosphere

346. The slight difference between allocations and expenditures under this subline resulted from the late start of activities, owing to the general financial situation.

Budget line 62. Arid and semi-arid lands ecosystems, including desertification control

347. Of the \$4,925,300 allocated for the implementation of activities under this budget line, \$4,270,426 were committed, i.e. 87 per cent. The small difference resulted from the fact that no new projects were submitted for approval, as it was felt necessary to ensure first and foremost the continued implementation of ongoing projects.

Budget line 71. Health and human settlements

348. Of the \$5,632,350 allocated for the implementation of activities under this budget line, \$4,421,209, i.e. 78 per cent, were committed. Table 7 shows allocations/expenditures under the four sublines of the budget line.

Subline 7101. Environmental health

349. The slight difference between allocations and expenditures under this subline was due to some delay in the final preparation and publication of the Environmental Health Criteria documents.

Table 7. Budget line 71: allocations/expenditures by subline

<i>Subline</i>		<i>Allocations</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
7101	Environmental health	1 725 150	1 507 675	87
7102	IRPTC	2 537 800	2 301 060	91
7103	Working environment	56 900	—	0
7104	Human settlements	1 312 500	612 474	47
Total		5 632 350	4 421 209	78

Subline 7102. IRPTC

350. The small difference between allocations and expenditures under this subline occurred largely as the result of savings on secretarial staff.

Subline 7103. Working environment

351. Low priority was given to activities in this field, delaying agreement on the only project proposal considered.

Subline 7104. Human settlements

352. The difference between allocations and expenditures is explained mainly by the long delay in initiating a demonstration project: the implementing agency started activities only some one and a half years after signature of the project document. In addition, planned activities regarding an ecological approach to human settlements planning did not materialize because of the uncertainty of whether matching funds could be obtained from a co-operating agency.

Budget line 81. The arms race and the environment

353. Of the \$300,300 allocated for the implementation of activities under this budget line, \$230,948 was committed, i.e. 77 per cent. The funds committed were spent. A study on the use of natural resources for military activities was not approved.

Budget line 82. Regional and technical co-operation

354. Of the \$4,500,300 allocated for the implementation of activities under this budget line, \$3,071,105 was committed, i.e. 68 per cent. The reason for the deficit was that commitments which were required early in the year could not be approved in view of the uncertainties of the resources situation and had to be approved gradually at a much later stage.

Notes

- 1 See General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), I, para. 2 (b).
- 2 See chapter III, paras. 5 and 6 for further details.
- 3 General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), III, para. 1.
- 4 Document UNEP/GC.11/7 and Corr.1.
- 5 Under project FP/2101-81-05.
- 6 Under project FP/2101-82-06.
- 7 Under project FP/2101-83-01.
- 8 Under project FP/2101-81-02.
- 9 Under project FP/2101-84-01.
- 10 Under project FP/2101-85-01.
- 11 Under project FP/2102-82-05.
- 12 Under project FP/2103-83-02.
- 13 Under project FP/2103-84-03.
- 14 Under project FP/2103-84-01.
- 15 UNEP/GC.10/5/Add.2, annex, Chap. II.
- 16 Final Act of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Protection of the Ozone Layer (1985).
- 17 UNEP/WG.112/5.
- 18 UNEP/WG.122/3.
- 19 UNEP/GC.13/9/Add.3, annex.
- 20 CMS/Conf.1.9.
- 21 UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/II/Rev.1 and Corr.1.
- 22 UNEP/GC/13/9/Add.1.
- 23 Decision 11/7, Programme Matters, para. 4(c).
- 24 See 1984 *Annual Report*, Chap. IV, para. 41.
- 25 Under project FP/3101-84-03 (2510).
- 26 Under project FP/3102-82-02 (2379).
- 27 Under project FP/3101-84-02 (2461).
- 28 Under project FP/3102-83-01 (2446).
- 29 Under project FP/3102-82-03 (2316).
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- 31 Under project FP/3102-84-01 (2537).
- 32 Under project FP/3102-80-01 (2072).
- 33 Under project FP/3102-82-02 (2379).
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- 35 Under project FP/3102-84-02 (2367).
- 36 See Chapter I, para. 13.
- 37 For more on the Global Meeting, see Chap. II, paras. 54-59.
- 38 UNEP/GC.13/4/Add.1 and Corr.1.
- 39 UNEP/GC.13/4/Add.2.
- 40 GC/11/1.
- 41 UNEP/GC.12/11/Add.2.
- 42 Under project FP/3105-85-01.
- 43 UNEP/GC.13/4.
- 44 Under project FP/4101-79-01.
- 45 Under project FP/4101-83-02.
- 46 Under project FP/4102-84-03.
- 47 Under project ST/4101-85-01.
- 48 Under project ST/4101-85-02.
- 49 Under project ST/4101-85-02.
- 50 Under project FP/6103-83-01.
- 51 Inter-agency Consultation on Integrated Monitoring. Report of the Meeting. Nairobi, 14-16 January 1980.
- 52 Under project FP/4101-83-01.
- 53 Under project FP/4101-85-03.
- 54 Under project FP/4102-83-01.
- 55 Under project FP/4102-83-05.
- 56 Under project FP/4102-82-04.
- 57 Under project FP/4102-82-01.
- 58 UNEP/GC.13/2.
- 59 MARC (1985). Exposure commitment assessment of environmental pollutants, vol. 4: Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), Aluminium, Zinc.
- 60 MARC (1985). Biological monitoring. vol. 1: plants.
- 61 MARC (1985). Historical monitoring. MARC report Number 31.

- 62 Under project FP/SF/4102-84-03.
- 63 Under project FP/4102-83-06.
- 64 The three instruments were open for signature at Nairobi from 21 June 1985 till 20 June 1986.
- 65 Under project FP/5201-84-05.
- 66 Under project FP/5201-83-02.
- 67 Under project FP/5201-85-02.
- 68 Under project FP/5201-77-01.
- 69 Under project FP/5201-85-05.
- 70 Under project FP/5201-85-04.
- 71 Under project FP/5201-84-06.
- 72 Under project FP/5201-83-02.
- 73 Under project FP/5201-84-03.
- 74 Under project FP/5201-84-04.
- 75 Under project FP/6101-83-01.
- 76 Under project FP/6101-80-02.
- 77 Under project FP/6102-84-01.
- 78 Under project FP/CP/6102-85-03.
- 79 Under project FP/6102-85-01.
- 80 Under projects FP/6103-75-02 and FP/6102-77-01.
- 81 Under project FP/6103-84-01.
- 82 Under project FP/6103-83-01.
- 83 Under project FP/6103-81-01.
- 84 Under project FP/6104-84-01.
- 85 Under project FP/6104-85-03.
- 86 Under project FP/6105-84-01.
- 87 Under project FP/6105-84-02.
- 88 Under project FP/6106-82-02.
- 89 Under project FP/6105-84-02.
- 91 Under project FP/6105-79-01.
- 92 Under project FP/6105-81-03.
- 93 Under project ST/6105-84-05.
- 90 Under project FP/6106-82-02.

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- 94 Under project ST/6105-85-02.
- 95 Under project FP/CT/6105-84-04.
- 96 Under projects FP/6105-81-02 and FP/CT/6105-84-04.
- 97 Under project FP/CT/6105-84-04.
- 98 Under project FP/CT/6105-84-04.
- 99 Under project ST/6105-85-02.
- 100 Under project FP/CT/6105-84-04.
- 101 Under project FP/6105-84-03.
- 102 Under project FP/6105-84-03.
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- 110 Under project FP/6201-81-02.
- 111 Under project FP/6201-85-04.
- 112 Under project FP/6201-82-08.
- 113 Under project FP/6201-85-03.
- 114 Under project FP/6201-81-01.
- 115 Under project FP/6201-83-03.
- 116 Under project FP/6201-84-01.
- 117 Under projects FP/6201-82-01, Benin; FP/6201-82-02, Gambia; FP/6201-82-03, Djibouti; FP/6201-82-04, Mauritania; FP/6201-82-05, Burkina Faso.
- 118 Under project FP/6201-82-06.
- 119 See also International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals, subline 7102.
- 120 See also Environmental law, Budget subline 2105.
- 121 UNEP/WG.112/5.
- 122 *Annual Report*, 1984, Chap. IV, para. 226.
- 123 Under project FP/7104-81-02.
- 124 Governing Council 13/3, para.2 (b).
- 125 Decision 11/7, part one, para. 4 (c).

Chapter V

THE ENVIRONMENT FUND

Resources available 1985

Use of resources 1985

The outlook for resources in 1986

The use of resources in 1986-1987

The biennium 1988-1989

Trust funds and other funds

THE ENVIRONMENT FUND

1. This chapter deals with the flow and use of the resources of the Environment Fund in 1985 and the prospects for 1986. It should be read in conjunction with the *Report on New Projects, 1985*, which contains details of new projects approved during the year. It also contains details relating to the management of trust funds and funds provided under project counterpart arrangements.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE 1985 *

2. The resources available to the Environment Fund in 1985 are set out in the following table:

Table 1. Resources available to the Fund, 1985

	(Millions of dollars)		
	CC ^a	NCC ^b	Total
Balance of Fund carried forward from 1984 (including unpaid pledges 1982-1984)	15.59	9.23	24.82
Contributions for 1985 paid by 31 December 1985	23.77	3.33	27.11
Contributions estimated for 1985 but not paid by 31 December 1985	1.47	—	1.47 ^c
Other income (after providing resources for change in financial reserve)	1.62	(0.04)	1.58
Total resources available	42.45	12.52	54.97

* Figures in the text of this chapter are normally rounded and, as a result, they may appear not to tally with the totals shown. Such minor deviations are common to normal rounding practices.

^a Convertible currencies.

^b Non-convertible currencies.

^c This estimate of contributions due was subsequently raised to \$1.59 million.

3. Contributions to the Fund for 1985 were lower than in any year since 1976 and are expected ultimately to achieve a total of only \$28.67 million. Of that total, an amount of \$28.57 million has been paid or pledged, while the remaining \$0.10 million represents contributions estimated by the Executive Director in respect of countries which have paid regularly to the Fund in the past and which paid in 1984. No estimates of contributions have been made in respect of countries that did not pay a contribution for 1984, although a few may yet pay a contribution for both 1984 and 1985. Figure 1 and table 2 show contributions in convertible and non-convertible currencies for the period 1981-1985.

Table 2. Contributions in convertible and non-convertible currencies, 1981-1985

	(Dollars)		
	TOTAL	CC	NCC
1981	30 754 725	26 617 547	4 137 178
1982	29 703 279	25 647 436	4 055 843
1983	28 987 469	25 073 202	3 914 267
1984	29 501 988	25 808 610	3 693 378
1985	28 671 169	25 336 496	3 334 673

4. Contributions to the Fund for 1985 at the expected level indicated above will be nearly \$800,000 lower than the final total for 1984 of \$29.50 million and less than the projected figure of \$30 million used in planning the programme of activities for 1985.¹ However, the level of contributions for 1985 paid in currencies other than United States dollars, when converted to dollar terms, was some \$1.05 million lower than it would have been but for the rise in the exchange value of the dollar in 1985.

5. A total of 92 countries are expected to contribute to the Fund for 1985 compared with 93 that are expected ultimately to contribute for 1984. Papua New Guinea made a contribution to the Fund in 1985 for the first time.

6. The change in the pattern of contributions in 1985 compared with 1984 and the impact of changes in the dollar rate of exchange are illustrated by table 3.

7. The timeliness of contribution payments deteriorated sharply in 1985 and this had a serious impact on the 1985 programme of activities, as is discussed in paragraph 16 below. Only 41 per cent of pledged contributions were paid in the first three quarters of the year, significantly less than the payments received in the same period in any previous year. The rate of payments in the final quarter improved, however, with 54 per cent of total outstanding pledges for the year being received during that quarter, so that by the end of 1985, only about \$1.58 million of the 1985 estimate was outstanding. This figure was much less than the \$9.33 million outstanding at the end of 1984. This pattern of payments is demonstrated in dollar terms in table 4 and figure II and in percentages in figure III.



Figure 1. Contributions in convertible and non-convertible currency,
1981-1985
(Millions of dollars)

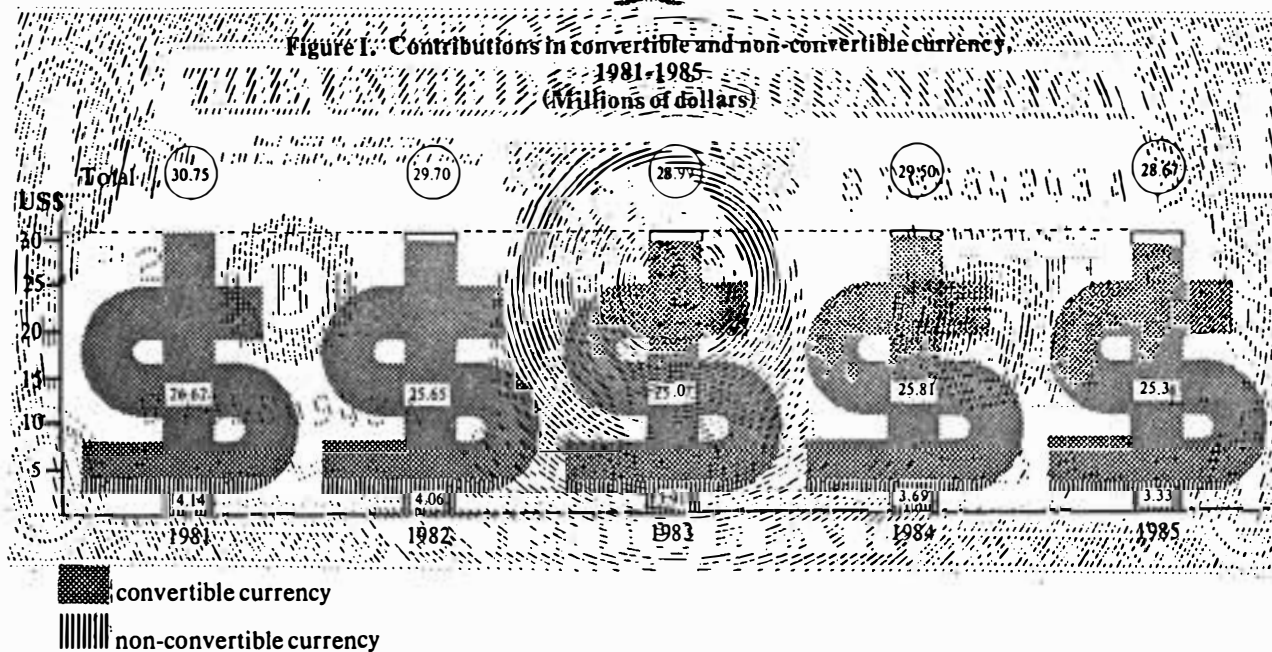


Table 3. Contribution patterns, 1984 and 1985

	No. of countries 1985	Total contributions (Thousands of US dollars)	Change compared with 1984
<i>Countries contributing</i>			
For the first time in 1985	1	13	13
Paid in 1985 and earlier years but not in 1984	1	6	6
Higher level in US dollars	11	279	60
Higher level in local currency	10	2 172	(23)
Same level in US dollars	36	15 234	—
Same level in local currency	26	7 855	(428)
Lower level in US dollars	5	965	(108)
Lower level in local currency	2	2 145	(321)
Nothing in 1985, although pledged and paid in 1984	(3)	—	(30)
	92	28 671	(831)

8. As at 31 December 1985, the outstanding contributions for all years amounted to \$1.75 million, an amount which under United Nations accounting practices is included in the balance of the Fund as at that date. Although the Executive Director is naturally anxious to secure payment of all contributions outstanding, the level as at end 1985 was not regarded as serious and \$0.29 million of this sum was paid in the first quarter of 1986. A summary of the contributions outstanding as at 31 December 1985 is set out in table 5. A detailed list of payments of contributions in respect of 1984 and 1985 and of contributions outstanding as at 31 March 1986 is given in annex V, tables 1 and 2 respectively.

*Table 4. Contributions paid 1981-1985 (cumulative) as at 31 December 1985
(Millions of dollars)*

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Paid by 31 March	4.22	4.10	5.69	7.54	2.69
Paid by 30 June	14.91	16.26	15.87	14.74	10.88
Paid by 30 September	21.74	19.79	21.88	17.74	11.70
Paid by 31 December	29.56	28.79	27.31	20.17	27.09
Paid after 31 December	1.19	0.91	1.68	9.33	1.58 ^a
Totals	30.75	29.70	28.99	29.50	28.67

^a Estimate based on outstanding contributions, pledged or estimated.

*Figure II. Contribution paid 1981-1985 (cumulative) as at
31 December 1985*

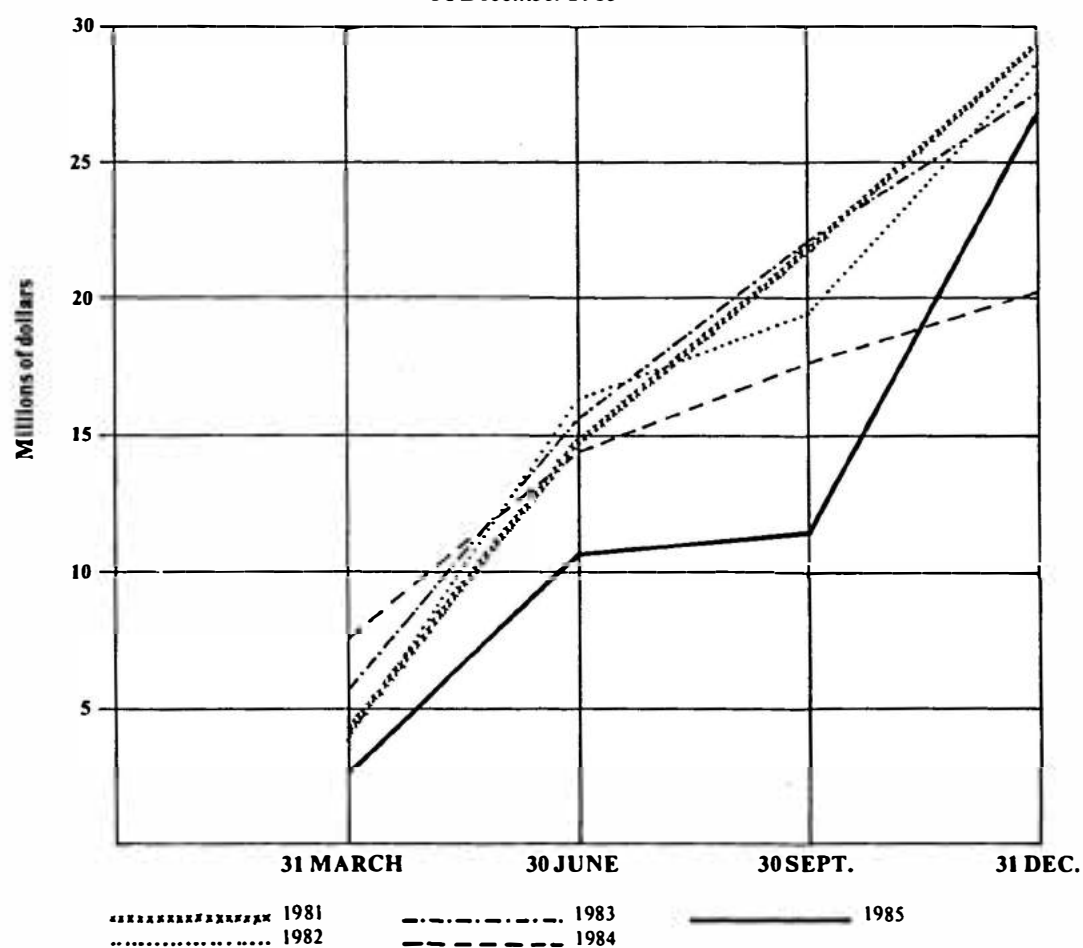


Figure III. Percentages of contributions received per quarter, 1981-1985

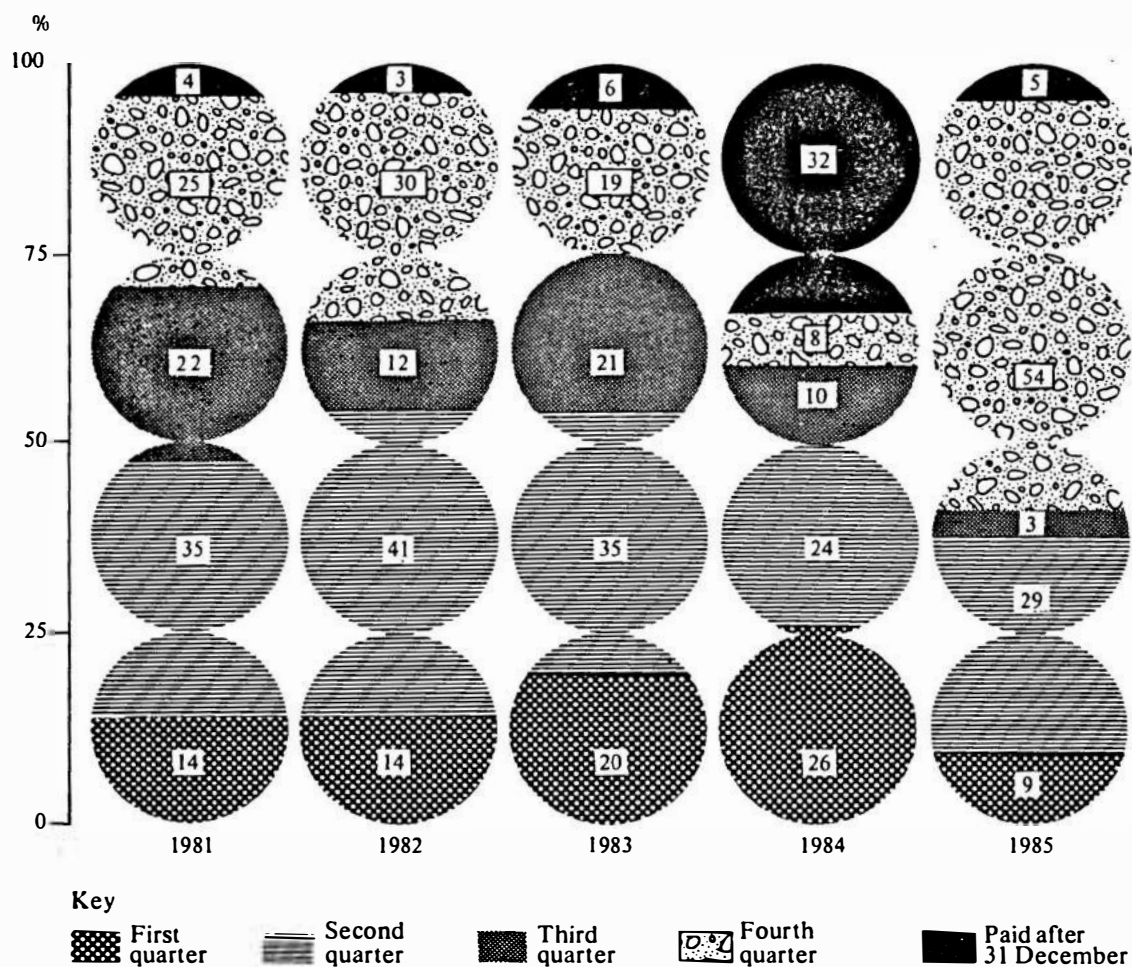


Table 5. Contributions for 1982-1985 outstanding at 31 December 1985

In respect of years	Number of countries with outstanding contributions still recorded	Total amount of contributions outstanding (US dollars)
1982-1983*	6	71 747
1984	14	210 079
1985	32	1 465 572
Total all outstanding contributions	39	1 747 398

* There are no contributions outstanding in respect of years prior to 1982

USE OF RESOURCES 1985

Programme and programme support costs

9. The first charge on the resources of the Fund is the programme and programme support costs budget (PPSC). At its thirteenth session, by decision 13/35, paragraph 2, the Governing Council requested the Executive Director to continue to take all practicable steps to reduce the proportion of programme and programme support costs as soon as possible, in line with the provisions of Council decision 12/19, which requested the Executive Director to attempt to keep those costs within 33 per cent of estimated contributions. In the same paragraph of decision 13/35, however, the Council noted the concern of the Executive Director that he would not be able to limit those costs to that level in 1984-1985

10. In 1985, expenditure on programme and programme support costs totalled \$10.10 million which, on the basis of the estimate of 1985 contributions given in paragraph 3, represented 35.2 per cent of estimated contributions. This proportion compares with 34.2 per cent in respect of 1984. Over the biennium as a whole the proportion of programme and programme support costs to contributions was 34.9 per cent.

11. The practical steps taken by the Executive Director to limit PPSC costs consisted of reducing the Professional staff of the organization by a further five posts as shown in chapter VI, and exercising economies on all objects of expenditure where he had the discretion to do so — a number of costs being largely outside his control. Overall PPSC costs were held at a level below that of 1984 by reducing expenditures on salaries and common staff costs and general operating expenditures, but the figure for contributions to joint activities within the United Nations (in practice the UNEP contribution to the joint activity with the United Nations Development Programme for support of the secretariat of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office) was \$211,783 higher, since the share of the appropriation for 1984 had not been fully used in that year and the remainder was used in the second half of the biennium, i.e., in 1985.

12. A comparison of PPSC costs will show that even in 1980 they were much the same as they were in 1985 if the contribution to UNSO is excluded:

Table 6. Programme and programme support costs, 1980, 1984 and 1985

	1980	1984 (Millions of dollars)	1985
Salaries and common staff costs	7.20	7.09	6.90
Travel on official business	0.61	0.58	0.67
General operating expenses	1.58	2.05	1.81
Other	0.08	0.07	0.12
Total excluding grant to UNSO	9.47	9.79	9.50
Grant to UNSO	—	0.39	0.60
Total PPSC costs	9.47	10.18	10.10

Exchange rate factors, in particular the rise in the value of the US dollar against the Kenya shilling, played some part in this outcome. However, cuts in the cost of Professional staff to a level approximately 30 per cent below the approved level and a reduction in official travel, the costs of which are determined in US dollars and have risen sharply, had a significant influence on the overall total.

Fund programme activities — appropriation, apportionment and allocation * 1984-1989

13. The Governing Council, at its eleventh session, approved an appropriation of \$72 million.² In 1984, the Executive Director allocated a total of \$53.50 million for Fund activities in the biennium 1984-1985, including \$1 million for the Fund Programme reserve as reported in his Annual Report for 1984.³ That allocation represented the level that could be afforded given the contributions to the Fund over that period and the amount that had to be set aside for Programme and Programme Support Costs.

14. Unused (unspent) allocations in 1984 were carried over to 1985 within the total allocation of \$53.50 million. Project expenditures totalled only \$16.90 million in 1984, leaving \$36.60 million available for 1985. This was required to implement the priority I programme of activities approved by the Governing Council for the biennium. The Executive Director had warned⁴ the Governing Council, however, that he would be able to approve new project commitments up to that level only if two conditions were satisfied; that the Executive Director's estimate of 1985 resources was broadly correct; and that no new uncertainties arose as to the likely level of resources in 1986.

15. The first condition was largely met but, as the Executive Director indicated in his later document,⁵ new uncertainties arose in the first quarter of 1985 in connection with the level of contribution to be paid in 1985 by the major donor to the Fund. In addition, the rate of payments of contributions in 1985 fell sharply compared with previous years and 1985 payments did not catch up with those of 1984, until October 1985 as described in paragraph 7 above.

16. In these circumstances, and as he had warned,⁶ the Executive Director had no option but to proceed with the utmost caution in respect of new financial commitments for 1985 and beyond, taking into account that by end March 1985 approved project commitments for 1985 (including commitments unspent in 1984) were already at a level of \$24 million.

17. Even so, project activities totalling \$27.39 million were approved in 1985, as shown in detail in annex V, table 6, compared with \$19.65 million of project commitments approved in 1984. The total includes \$3.39 million rephased from 1984 to 1985 and later years and takes no account of \$2.55 million of 1984 commitments cancelled in 1985 as representing project budget provisions approved for 1984 but no longer required. On a net basis, new commitments approved in 1985 were \$21.45 million.

18. By decision 13/36, the Governing Council approved appropriations of \$60 million for Fund programme activities and \$2 million for Fund programme reserve activities for the biennium 1986-1987. By the same decision, the Executive Director was authorised to enter into forward commitments of up to \$16 million for Fund programme activities

* Definitions of these and other terms used in documents relating to the Environment Fund are given at the end of chapter V.

in 1988-1989. In the light of uncertainties surrounding contributions to the Fund, the Executive Director has not allocated resources for the full amount of the approved appropriation for 1986-1987, but has issued an allocation for Fund programme activities of \$45.20 million, divided between the two years of the biennium: \$27.85 million for 1986 and \$17.35 million for 1987.

19. Total commitments for Fund activities incurred before 1985 and the additional commitments incurred during that year against the various allocations are set out below:-

*Table 7. Total allocations and project commitments 1984-1989
(Millions of dollars)*

	Allocations	Commitments incurred before 1985	Commitments approved in 1985	Total commitments 31 December 1985
1984	30.97	22.84	(5.94)*	16.90
1985	22.53	14.66	13.47	28.13
1984-1985	53.50	37.50	7.53	45.03
1986	28.35	1.20	9.23	10.43
1987	17.85	—	4.68	4.68
1986-1987	46.20	1.20	13.91	15.11
1988-1989	16.00	—	0.01	0.01
Total all years	115.70	38.70	21.45	60.15

20. The allocation to individual budget lines for 1984-1985 was not changed by the Executive Director from that issued in 1984 and described in the Annual Report of the Executive Director 1984. The relevant figures are, however, set out in annex V, table 3, which enables a comparison to be made between the allocations to budget lines and the apportionment approved by the Governing Council. The allocation to budget lines for 1986-1987 is also set out in Annex V table 3. The allocation followed the guidance given in paragraph 10 of decision 13/36, whereby the Executive Director was requested to allocate funds for first priority activities in the first instance, except that the Executive Director also took into account the request made to him in paragraph 5 of decision 13/31 and allocated an additional \$200,000 to IRPTC in non-convertible currency.

Project expenditures in 1985

21. Expenditures on Fund programme activities and Fund programme reserve activities totalled \$23.53 million in 1985 compared with \$16.90 million in 1984. This 1985 level of expenditure was much less than had been projected⁷ earlier, but since it had not

* Amount of 1984 commitments cancelled or rephased to 1985 or later years after equalization of 1984 project commitments with 1984 project expenditures.

been possible to enter into new projected commitments in that year, for the reasons explained in paragraphs 15 and 16 above, the lower level of expenditure was inevitable.

22. It is evident from the figures of project expenditures in 1984-1985 of \$40.43 million that there was a significant under-implementation of the priority I programme of \$53.50 million approved⁸ by the Governing Council for 1984-1985. A greater part of the 1984-1985 programme than originally estimated will as a result, fall into 1986-1987.

Non-convertible currency programme

23. Non-convertible currency project commitments amounting to the equivalent of \$2.05 million were approved in 1985. These new commitments cover a reduction of \$1.27 million in respect of commitments unspent in 1984 and an increase in commitments of \$2.02 million for 1985 and \$1.30 million for 1986-1987 as follows:

Table 8. Non-Convertible currency commitments 1984-1987
(Millions of dollars equivalent)

	Commitments approved before 1985	Commitments approved in 1985	Total commitments 31 December 1985
1984	4.98	(1.27)	3.71
1985	3.25	2.02	5.27
Total 1984-1985	8.23	0.75	8.98
1986	0.49	0.86	1.35
1987	—	0.44	0.44
Total 1986-1987	0.49	1.30	1.79
Total all years	8.72	2.05	10.77

24. Project commitments in non-convertible currencies for 1985, were, at \$5.27 million, higher than the 1984 total of \$4.98 million. The non-convertible currency programme accounted for 18.7 per cent of total project commitments in 1985, which is lower than the proportion of 21.8 per cent in 1984.

25. Eight new non-convertible currency projects were approved in 1985 compared with ten in 1984. In addition, six projects were approved with NCC components, although they were financed mainly in convertible currency.

26. Expenditure in non-convertible currencies on Fund programme activities in 1985 totalled \$4.19 million, details of which are set out by budget line in annex V, table 7. In addition, an amount of \$0.16 million was spent on Programme and programme support costs, making a total expenditure in non-convertible currencies of \$4.35 million in 1985 compared with contributions of \$3.33 million.

27. Bank balances in non-convertible currencies fell from \$8.91 million at the end of 1984 to \$7.78 million at the end of 1985, as a result of three factors: excess of expenditures over new contributions in these currencies; the rise in the value of the United States dollar causing the value of these currencies to be written down, and a higher level of advances to implementing agencies prevailing at the end of 1985.

*Table 9. Bank balances in non-convertible currencies
(US dollar equivalent)*

	31 December 1984	31 December 1985
Bulgarian leva	12 569	22 380
Byelorussian SSR roubles ^a	1 805	14 249
Chinese yuan	140 789	51 428
Cuban pesos	31 635	30 278
Czechoslovakian korunas	4 404	83 159
German Democratic Rep. marks	22 930	87 477
Hungarian forints	2 567	2 232
Polish zlotys	28 425	62 358
Romanian lei	35 418	42 594
Ukrainian SSR roubles ^a	4 216	35 337
USSR roubles ^a	6 383 524	5 226 869
Yugoslavian dinars	21 373	27 108
Convertible roubles ^b	2 216 554	2 098 700
Totals	8 906 402	7 784 169

^a Roubles which are wholly non-convertible.

^b Roubles which can be converted into dollars in prescribed circumstances.

Institutions implementing UNEP projects

28. Details of the agencies responsible for the implementation of Fund projects in 1984 and 1985 are set out in annex V, table 8 and summarized in percentage terms in annex V, table 9. Table 10 shows, in dollar and percentage terms, the distribution of expenditures incurred in 1984 and 1985 by each of the main implementing groups for UNEP projects. Figure IV summarizes, in percentages, the commitment distribution by type of implementing agency for the period 1981-1985.

29. This comparison, shows that, in percentage terms, there have been slight variations in the shares of the Programme implemented internally or by co-operating agencies in 1985. Of the total commitments, 13 per cent were implemented by Governments or governmental organizations as supporting organizations.

Figure IV. Distribution of commitments by institution
implementing fund projects 1981-1985
(Percentage)

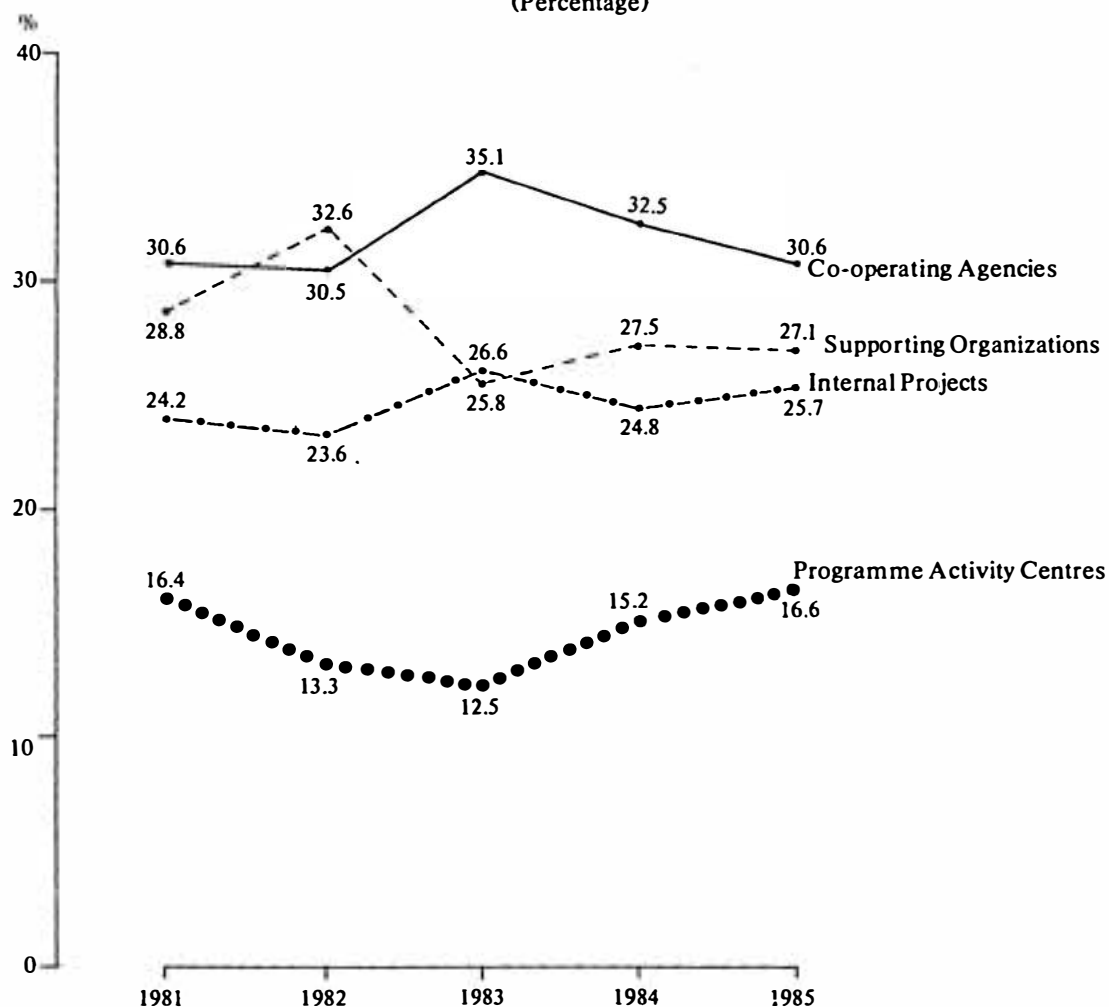


Table 10. Implementation of Fund Programme Activities 1984-1985

	Expenditure 1984		Expenditure 1985	
	Millions of dollars	Percentage	Millions of dollars	Percentage
Co-operating agencies	5.33	31.5	6.60	28.0
Supporting organizations	4.78	28.3	6.72	28.6
Programme activities centres	2.74	16.2	4.14	17.6
Internal projects	4.05	24.0	6.07	25.8
Total	16.90	100.0	23.53	100.0

Geographical distribution of commitments

30. A geographical analysis of Fund expenditures based on the criterion of who benefits primarily is given in annex V, table 10, and in figure V. In percentage terms, with the emphasis on core projects, there was very little difference in the shares of global and inter-regional projects compared with 1984.

Number of projects approved

31. In 1985, 63 new projects were approved by the Fund for implementation, compared with 48 in 1984. Sixty-two projects were closed during 1985. The changes in the numbers of Fund projects since 1973 are as follows:

Table 11. Number of projects financed by the Fund, 1972-1985

	Projects ^a approved during the year	Projects closed during the year	Projects ^b active during the year	Projects ^c open at end of the year
1972-1973	68	—	26	68
1974	126	2	172	192
1975	131	3	249	320
1976	83	88	299	315
1977	73	117	267	271
1978	84	63	287	292
1979	58	99	313	251
1980	64	43	258	272
1981	40	49	261	263
1982	70	41	273	292
1983	44	37	277	299
1984	48	53	254	294
1985	63	62	268	295
Totals	952	657	—	—

^a Defined as projects signed on behalf of the Fund.

^b Defined for this purpose as projects for which an expenditure was recorded in the books of the Fund in the year shown.

^c Defined as active projects, but not formally closed.

Fund programme reserve

32. The Executive Director allocated \$1 million for the Fund programme reserve in 1984-1985 out of the appropriation of \$2 million approved by the Governing Council. Commitments approved against the programme reserve for the biennium accounted for the whole of the \$1.0 million allocated. \$0.95 million was spent. The following three new projects were approved against the reserve: the first African Ministerial Conference on the Environment; a special meeting on sustainable development and peace, in conjunction with the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women; and preparation of a book entitled *Emerging Environmental Issues*. A sum of \$1 million has been allocated by the Executive Director for the Fund programme reserve in 1986-1987.

Balance of the Fund, end 1985

33. Taking into account savings effected in the liquidation of prior years' obligations and the adjustment of prior years' income, Fund expenditure exceeded Fund income by some \$3.48 million compared with a surplus in 1984 of \$4.55 million.

34. The overall balance of the Fund at the end of 1985, excluding the financial reserve of \$7.35 million, was \$21.34 million compared with \$24.82 million at the beginning of the year. The fall in the balance of \$3.48 million was made up of a fall in convertible currency balances of \$2.58 million and a fall in non-convertible currency balances of \$0.90 million. Details of the flow and use of the resources of the Fund in 1985 are set out in table 14.

35. Owing to the fact that some \$15 million of contributions were paid in the last quarter of 1985 when it was too late to incur expenditure in that year, the cash balances of the Fund at the end of the year were, at \$23.6 million, higher than had been expected and higher than is strictly necessary for the management of the Fund, given the Executive Director's expressed guideline that he should aim at having sufficient cash at the end of each year to cover expected disbursements in the first three months of the following year. At the end of 1985, this cash requirement was estimated at \$14 million. At the same time, however, approved project commitments and the 1986 programme and programme support costs totalled approximately \$25 million.

THE OUTLOOK FOR RESOURCES IN 1986

36. At the time this Report goes to press 56 countries had made firm pledges to contribute to the Environment Fund in 1986 for a total of \$19.60 million. On the basis of contributions paid or pledged in 1985 and other information received by the Executive Director, it was estimated that another 33 countries would contribute a further \$10.40 million, bringing the 1986 total of contributions up to approximately \$30 million. The fall in the exchange value of the United States dollar against other currencies in the first quarter of 1986 will increase the dollar value of contributions paid in local currencies. The Executive Director has also been informed that 22 * countries will be increasing their contributions to the Fund in 1986. By 31 March 1986, \$3.83 million had been paid by way of contributions to the Fund compared with \$2.69 million at the same time in 1985. The Executive Director's estimate of the resources he will have available in 1986 is as follows:

* Bahrain, Burundi, Canada, China, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Germany, Federal Republic of, Hungary, Kenya, Malawi, Malaysia, Nepal, Norway, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Spain, Swaziland, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, and Yugoslavia.

Table 12. Estimated resources available to the Fund in 1986

	Convertible Currency CC	Non-Convertible Currency NCC	Total
(Millions of dollars)			
Balance of Fund carried forward from 1985 (including unpaid contributions 1982-1985)	13.01	8.33	21.34
Contributions for 1986 paid by 31 March 1986	3.83	—	3.83
Contributions for 1986 but not paid by 31 March 1986	22.15	4.02	26.17
Other income (including adjustment of resources for reduction in Financial Reserve)	1.88	(0.15)	1.73
Total	40.87	12.20	53.07

THE USE OF RESOURCES IN 1986-1987

37. On the basis of the foregoing estimate of resources, the Executive Director is planning the following Fund programme for 1986:

Table 13. Fund programme for 1986

	CC	1986 NCC	Total
(Millions of dollars)			
Programme and Programme support costs	11.00	—	11.00
Fund programme activities and reserve activities	21.35	7.00	28.35
Less underspending under the preceding line	(4.27)	(2.73)	(7.00)
Total expenditure	28.08	4.27	32.35
Balance to be carried forward to 1987	12.79	7.93	20.72

**Figure V. Geographical distribution of commitments
(Millions of dollars)**

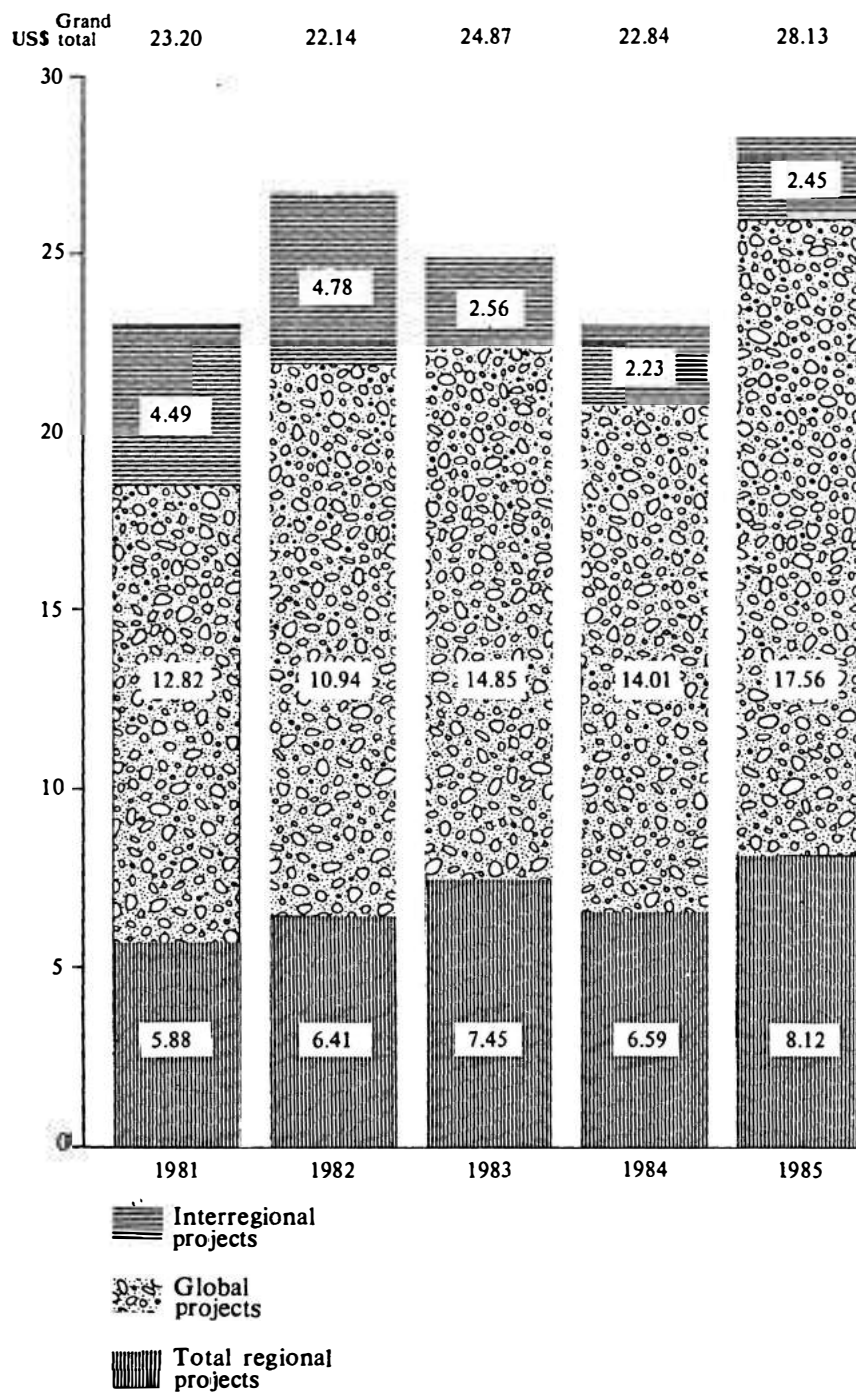
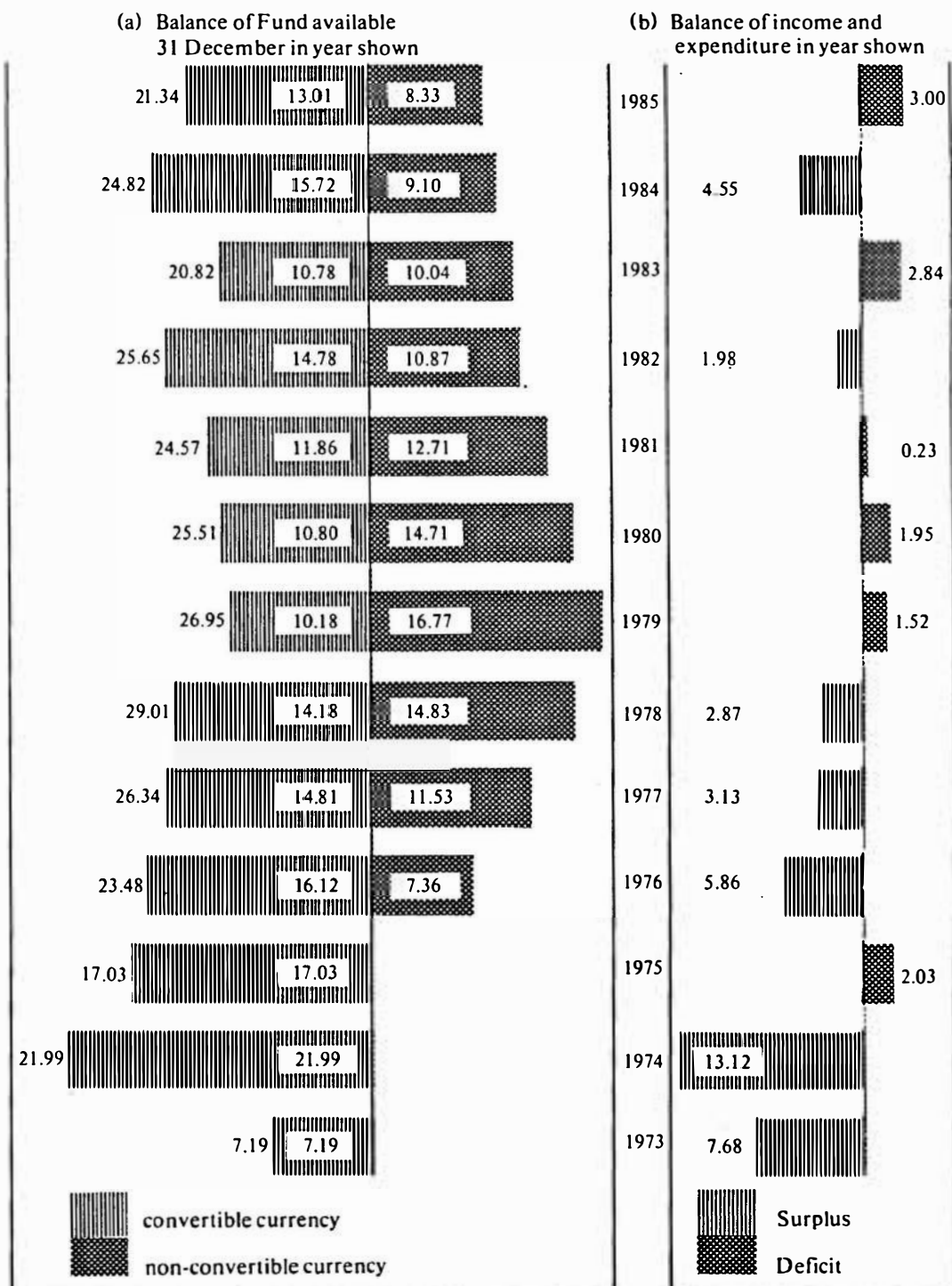


Figure VI. Balance of income and expenditure since the establishment of the Environment Fund (Millions of dollars)



38. In view of the uncertainties surrounding the level of resources in 1986, it becomes doubly difficult to estimate the resources that might be available in 1987 and forward planning of the programme for that year can therefore be regarded as no more than tentative at the present stage. The Executive Director must continue to hope that it will still be possible, within the resources made available to the Fund, to implement the minimum priority I programme of \$53.28 million approved by the Governing Council.

Programme and programme support costs (PPSC)

39. The Governing Council appropriated ⁹ \$26.21 million for PPSC in 1986-1987. The Executive Director, bearing in mind the request of the Council to take all practical steps to reduce the proportion of these costs to contributions as soon as possible, has allocated \$11.08 million for 1986. If the estimated contributions are forthcoming, the percentage of PPSC to contributions will still rise to nearly 37 per cent in spite of the Executive Director's efforts to reduce staff and control other costs. It will also be more difficult to contain PPSC at a lower exchange value for the U.S. dollar and some increase in these costs in dollar terms in both 1986 and 1987 seems inevitable. The Executive Director is therefore planning further reductions in PPSC expenditure to secure additional economies and is provisionally estimating the 1986 expenditures as \$11 million.

Fund programme and programme reserve activities

40. As indicated in paragraph 18 above, the Executive Director allocated a sum of \$45.20 million for Fund programme activities in 1986-1987: \$27.85 million for 1986 and \$17.35 million for 1987. He also allocated \$1.00 million for Fund programme reserve activities covering both years. Considering the total allocated for Fund programme activities in relation to the appropriation of \$60 million approved for the biennium by the Governing Council, of which \$47.28 million represented priority I activities and \$6.0 million the estimated cost of activities delayed and carried forward from 1985, it is clear that not even the whole of the 1986-1987 priority I activities will be implemented. The Executive Director estimates, however, that if contributions, even at a level of \$30 million, are paid in good time, it will be possible for him to increase the allocation to the level of \$53.28 million to enable the priority I programme and activities carried forward from 1985 to be implemented.

Balance of the Fund, 1986 and 1987

41. Owing to the surge in the payment of contributions in the last two months of 1985, the balance of the Fund carried over from 1985 to 1986 was higher than expected, providing a platform for new project commitments in 1986. Table 14 shows the flow and use of resources, setting out the actual figures for 1985 and the projected figures for 1986 and 1987, based on total contributions of \$60 million in 1986-1987 and an allocation for Fund activities of \$54.28 million (including \$1 million for the Fund programme reserve). Figure VI shows the balance of income and expenditure since the establishment of the Environment Fund.

*Table 14. Flow and use of resources of the fund — actuals for 1985, projections for 1986 and 1987
as at 31 March 1986
(Million dollars)*

	1985 Actuals			1986 Projection			1987 Projection		
	CC*	NCC**	Total	CC*	NCC**	Total	CC*	NCC**	Total
<i>Resources</i>									
Balance of Fund on 1 January including unpaid pledges of previous years	15.59	9.23	24.82	13.01	8.33	21.34	12.79	7.93	20.72
Contributions paid by 31 March 1986	23.77	3.33	27.11	3.83	—	3.83	—	—	—
Estimated contributions due for years shown	1.47	—	1.47	22.15	4.02	26.17	25.98	4.02	30.00
Miscellaneous income	1.95	0.12	2.07	1.00	—	1.00	1.00	—	1.00
Conversion from non-convertible currency balances (PPSC) ***	0.16	(0.16)	—	0.15	(0.15)	—	—	(0.15)	(0.15)
Change in financial reserve	(0.49)	—	(0.49)	0.73	—	0.73	—	—	—
	42.45	12.52	54.97	40.87	12.20	53.07	39.77	11.80	51.57

(Table 14 continued)

	1985 Actuals			1986 Projection			1987 Projection		
	CC*	NCC**	Total	CC*	NCC**	Total	CC*	NCC**	Total
<i>Claims on Resources</i>									
Programme and programme support	10.10	—	10.10	11.00	—	11.00	11.50	—	11.50
Fund programme activities									
and Fund programme reserve									
activities (i + ii + iii + iv + v)	22.90	5.21	28.11	21.35	7.00	28.35	23.23	9.70	32.93
(i) Signed commitments Fund									
programme activities	22.41	5.21	27.62	11.34	1.33	12.67	4.45	0.53	4.98
(ii) Rephasing of commitments									
from previous years	—	—	—	3.56	1.02	4.58	4.27	2.73	7.00
(iii) Necessary extensions and									
new projects	—	—	—	5.95	4.65	10.60	14.01	6.44	20.45
(iv) Signed commitments Fund									
programme reserve									
activities	0.49	—	0.49	0.14	—	0.14	—	—	—
(v) Fund programme reserve									
required	—	—	—	0.36	—	0.36	0.50	—	0.50
Project commitments to be									
cancelled or rephased to									
later years	(3.56)	(1.02)	(4.58)	(4.27)	(2.73)	(7.00)	(4.65)	(4.85)	(9.50)
Total project expenditure (b-c)	19.34	4.19	23.53	17.08	4.27	21.35	18.58	4.85	23.43
Total claims (a) + (d)	29.44	4.19	33.63	28.08	4.27	32.35	30.08	4.85	34.93
Balance of Fund on 31 December									
including unpaid pledges	13.01	8.33	21.34	12.79	7.93	20.72	9.69	6.95	16.64

* Convertible currencies.

** Non-convertible currencies.

*** Programme and Programme Support Costs.

THE BIENNIUM 1988-1989

42. The Executive Director does not expect to incur a high level of commitments for activities in 1988-1989 during the 1986-1987 biennium, although some forward commitments will be necessary. Accordingly, as in the past, he has secured Governing Council approval of a \$16 million ceiling to cover forward commitments for 1988-1989 Fund programme activities. Only \$0.01 million commitments for those years had been incurred by 31 March 1986.

TRUST FUNDS AND OTHER FUNDS

43. Since the thirteenth session of the Governing Council, one new general trust fund has been established under the procedures established by the United Nations, and article V of the general procedures governing the operations of the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme. Under the United Nations procedures set out in the Secretary-General's Bulletins ST/SGB/188 and ST/AI/285, authority to establish technical co-operation trust funds has been delegated to the Executive Director of UNEP by the Controller, on behalf of the Secretary-General, and three such trust funds which are described below, have since been established by the Executive Director. One trust fund has been closed since the thirteenth session of the Governing Council and the total number of trust funds administered by UNEP is now 18.

44. Details of the income and expenditure of each of these trust funds and of the other funds covered by this report will be given in the Financial Report and Accounts for the second year of the biennium 1984-1985.¹⁰

45. Developments with respect to each of these and other funds since the Executive Director last reported to the Governing Council¹¹ are described below.

Trust funds

Regional Trust Fund for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates

46. This Trust Fund was established¹² in 1978 and is due to expire on 30 June 1987 after having been extended three times by decisions of the Governing Council¹³.

47. The balance of resources in the Trust Fund on 1 January 1985, namely \$691,076, together with interest earned during 1985, provided resources of \$757,681 to continue United Nations activities in support of the Kuwait Action Plan, the main part of the Action Plan being financed direct by the parties to the Convention. Project expenditure for 1985 totalled \$288,091. Activities will continue in 1986 with the available balance.

Trust Fund for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution

48. This Trust Fund was established¹⁴ in 1979 and has been extended three times by decisions¹⁵ of the Governing Council. It is now due to terminate at the end of 1987.

49. Contributions of \$3.08 million from the parties were received by the Trust Fund in 1985. These, together with the balance of \$4,391,514 carried forward from 1984 and interest earned in 1985, provided resources of \$8,628,832 to continue activities in 1985 and later years. Total project expenditures in 1985 amounted to \$3,295,655 and preliminary forward commitments of \$1,510,000 were earmarked for 1986. At the end of 1985, contributions totalling \$0.49 million were still outstanding, but the uncommitted resources to be carried forward to 1986 will be sufficient for the basic budgets of the 1986 activities approved by the parties under the Action Plan.

Trust Fund for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

50. Established in 1979,¹⁶ this Trust Fund has since been extended three times by the Governing Council¹⁷ and is now due to terminate on 31 December 1987.

51. Contributions totalling \$0.60 million were paid during the year which, together with a balance of \$353,306 carried forward from 1984 and interest earned in 1985, provided total resources of \$1,025,640. Total expenditure in 1985 amounted to \$678,142 and a balance of \$865,877 was carried forward to 1986. Outstanding contributions to this Trust Fund had accumulated to \$523,933 by the end of the year and since the parties to the Convention had budgeted for the full expenditure of those contributions, the management of the Trust Fund and its programme continued to give cause for concern.

Trust Fund for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the West and Central African Region

52. Established in 1981,¹⁸ this Trust Fund has since been extended twice by the Governing Council¹⁹ and is now due to terminate on 31 December 1987.

53. The Trust Fund became operational in June 1985, when contributions reached the minimum level of \$250,000 required by its terms of reference before commitments could be incurred. Collections during 1985 amounted to \$0.32 million and total project expenditures in 1985 were \$14,831. At the end of 1985, contributions of \$1.9 million were still outstanding but a balance of \$2,447,719 was available as at 1 January 1986. Activities financed from this Trust Fund are expected to accelerate in 1986, and \$432,790 had been committed by 31 March 1986.

Regional Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme

54. Established in 1981,²⁰ this Trust Fund has since been extended twice by the Governing Council²¹ and is now due to expire on 31 December 1987.

55. Contributions of \$0.56 million were paid into the Trust Fund in 1985 which, together with the balance of \$1,164,432 brought forward from 1984 and interest earned in 1985, provided total resources of some \$1,872,378 to finance activities in 1985 and later years. Project expenditures in 1985 totalled \$330,058. At the end of 1985, contributions to the Trust Fund totalling \$0.74 million were still outstanding and the balance of the Fund carried forward was \$2.3 million. With the opening in Kingston, Jamaica of the Regional Co-ordinating Unit for the Caribbean Action Plan expected in 1986, activities financed by this Trust Fund are likely to accelerate, and \$166,675 had been committed by 31 March 1986.

Regional Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Action Plan for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the East Asian Seas

56. This Trust Fund was established in 1981²² and extended twice by the Governing Council.²³ It is due to terminate on 31 December 1987.

57. Contributions of \$109,600 were paid to this Trust Fund in 1985 which, together with the balance of \$103,970 brought forward from 1984 and interest earned in 1985, provided a total of \$225,098 to finance activities. A total of \$(1,206) was spent in 1985. Outstanding contributions as at 31 December 1985 amounted to \$38,000 but the balance of the Fund carried forward to 1986 was \$264,304, and an additional \$46,397 had been committed by 31 March 1986.

Regional Seas Trust Fund for the Eastern African Region

58. By its decision 13/34, paragraph 5, the Governing Council approved the establishment of this Trust Fund on a contingency basis, subject to the consent of the Secretary-General, should the Governments of the East African region so request. The Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Eastern African Region was held in Nairobi, from 17 to 21 June 1985, and the Governments requested that a trust fund be established.²⁴ The Secretary-General was accordingly requested to approve its establishment and he has since done so.

Trust Fund for Regional Training Workshop on Environmental Management

59. This Trust Fund was closed in August 1985, all activities having been completed.

Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Promote Technical Co-operation and Assistance in Industrial, Environmental and Raw Material Management, financed by the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA)

60. Following agreement with the Government of Sweden, this Trust Fund was established in 1985 for a period of one year and formally noted by the Governing Council²⁵. SIDA contributed a total of \$136,009 in 1985 which, together with the interest earned in 1985, provided total resources of \$148,299. Expenditure on activities financed by the Trust Fund totalled \$89,658 in 1985.

Special Purpose Trust Fund for the Government of Denmark for the Provision of Junior Professional Officers

61. Two junior Professional officers were appointed on 6 April 1983 and 31 August 1984 respectively. One of them resigned in November 1985 and the contract of the other is due to expire on 31 December 1986. Resources carried forward from 1984 to 1985 amounting to \$118,052, together with interest earned in 1985, provided resources of \$124,930 for 1985. Total expenditures in 1985 amounted to \$97,132.

Special Purpose Trust Fund for the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for the Provision of Junior Professional Officers

62. Two junior Professional officers were appointed, on 18 August 1983 and 30 July 1985 respectively. Contributions for 1985 amounting to \$73,400, together with the balance carried forward from 1984 and interest earned in 1985, provided resources of

\$126,124 for 1985. Total expenditures for 1985 amounted to \$33,650 and commitments for 1986 total \$51,632. The contracts of the two junior Professional officers are due to expire on 17 August 1986 and 29 July 1986 respectively.

Special Purpose Trust Fund for the Government of Norway for the Provision of Junior Professional Officers

63. Under a Trust Fund established in 1979 with the consent of the Secretary-General and in agreement with the Government of Norway, Norway agreed to provide UNEP with junior Professional officers. At present, however, there are no junior Professional officers from Norway working with UNEP.

Special Purpose Trust Fund for the Government of Japan for the Provision of Junior Professional Officers

64. Under a trust fund established in June 1985 with the consent of the Secretary-General and in agreement with the Government of Japan, Japan agreed to provide UNEP with junior Professional officers. Contributions for 1985 amounting to \$46,086, together with \$1,446 interest accumulated during 1985, provided resources of \$47,532. One junior Professional officer was appointed on 5 November 1985, for a period of one year ending 4 November 1986. Expenditures for 1985 amounted to \$12,450.

Trust Fund for the Sasakawa Environment Prize

65. The Trust Fund for the establishment of an Environment Prize was established in 1982²⁶ with the approval of the Governing Council and the consent of the Secretary-General. The Fund was based on an initial endowment of \$1 million provided by the Japan Shipbuilding Industry Foundation. Since expenditures related to the prize and its administration are financed out of income earned by the Trust Fund, the Fund has no terminal date.

66. Interest earned on investments in 1985 amounted to \$98,961. Expenditures in 1985 amounted to \$76,468, of which \$50,000 represented the total value of the annual prize.

67. The 1985 Sasakawa Prize was awarded on 3 June 1985 to Professor Gilbert F. White, who is the Director of the Natural Hazards Research Applications and Information Centre at the University of Colorado in the United States of America and to Mr. Hasan Asmaz of Turkey, who is the President of the Turkish Association for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources. The \$50,000 award was divided equally between the two recipients.

United Nations Trust Fund for the Environment Stamp Conservation Fund

68. The balance of \$494,599 carried over from 1984 together with interest earned in 1985, amounted to total resources of \$526,618 for 1985. A total of seven nature and natural conservation projects are being financed from this Trust Fund. The Trust Fund has no expiry date, but the activities presently financed under it are expected to be completed by the end of March 1987. Total Commitments for 1985 and 1986 amounted to \$376,350 and \$74,207 respectively as at 31 December 1985. The seven activities being financed by this Trust Fund are:

- (i) Monitoring the status of Species and Ecosystems: A contribution to the Global Environment Monitoring System (IUCN);
- (ii) Guidelines for Public Participation in

Conservation Programmes (Kenya Wildlife Fund Trustees); (iii) Benign Research on Whales (NARA/Sri Lanka); (iv) Monitoring the status of Cetaceans (Whales, Dolphin Porpoises) CMC/IUCN); (v) Monitoring of the status of European and North American Cervid Populations (Cambridge University); (vi) Wildlife Management Fellowships (Internal); and (vii) ICUN's contribution to the Implementation of the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation, Management and Utilization of Marine Mammals (IUCN).

Technical Assistance Trust Fund for the Provision of Short-Term Experts to Developing Countries

69. This Trust Fund, financed by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, was established in 1984 by the Executive Director in connection with the Clearing-house, under the authority delegated by the Secretary-General, and noted by the Governing Council²⁷ in 1985. The purpose of this Trust Fund is to provide developing countries with the services of short-term experts in various environmental fields.

70. The resources carried over from 1984, \$53,093, together with interest earned in 1985 provided total resources of \$57,810 in 1985. The total 1985 expenditures amounted to \$41,385.

Technical Assistance Trust Fund for an Integrated Pilot Project on Environmental Management and Protection of Andean Ecosystems (Cajamarca/Peru)

71. This Trust Fund, which is financed by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, was established in October 1984 for a period of three years, and noted by the Governing Council.²⁸

72. The purpose of the Trust Fund is to finance an Integrated Pilot Project on Environmental Management and Protection of Andean Ecosystems (Cajamarca/Peru).

73. The balance of \$193,380 carried over from 1984 together with interest earned and the 1985 contribution of \$303,541, provided total resources of \$522,629 in 1985. Total 1985 expenditures amounted to \$194,874, and \$678,678 had been committed by 31 March 1986.

Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for Technical Co-operation for Control of Environmental Health Hazards and Promotion of Chemical Safety financed by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany

74. This Trust Fund was established for a period of two years by the Executive Director in December 1985, under the authority delegated by the Secretary-General, following the agreement established between UNEP and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany. No contributions were received in 1985, but total pledges amount to DM 400,000 for 1986-1987.

75. The Trust Fund will support the project, "Technical Co-operation for Control of Environmental Health Hazards and Promotion of Chemical Safety", under which programmes will be developed in the following major areas: inventory and assessment of causes of environmental hazards; monitoring of environmental quality and human exposure to environmental hazards; legislation and standards on chemical safety; management and control of environmental hazards including alternative pest management; prevention of chemical and technological risks; and organization of training on environmental hazards and promotion of chemical safety.

Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Support the Clearing-house Mechanism through Provision of Consultancies on Strategies for Dealing with Serious Environment Problems, financed by the Government of the Kingdom of Norway

76. This Technical Co-operation Trust Fund was established for a period of two years in August 1985 following the agreement established between UNEP and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway. Contributions totalling \$150,000 were pledged for 1985-1986, but no funds were received in 1985.

77. The Trust Fund will support the consultancy services to be provided by the Clearing-house to assist developing countries in formulating strategies to deal with serious environmental problems and specific projects which can be proposed to donors.

Other funds

Trust Fund for the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

78. At its first meeting, held at Bonn from 21 to 26 October 1985, the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals adopted resolution 1/2, which requested "the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, with the approval of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, to seek the consent of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the establishment of a Trust Fund for an initial period of three years". The Trust Fund was proposed in recognition of the fact that the Parties to the Convention "shall bear responsibility for the financing of the administration of the Convention and that, in accordance with (decision 12/14, part IV of the Governing Council) the initial contribution of UNEP will cease by the end of 1987". It was of course not possible for the Executive Director to consult the Governing Council before 1 January 1986, the date on which the Parties asked for the Trust Fund to become effective. He felt, however, that the Governing Council would wish him to meet the wishes of the Parties in this matter and has therefore gone ahead and secured the consent of the Secretary-General to the establishment of the Trust Fund. As there is no session of the Governing Council in 1986, he intends to establish the Trust Fund under his administration on an interim basis until his action is confirmed by the Governing Council at its fourteenth session.

Special Account to finance the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

79. The Special Account was established in March 1979²⁹ to receive funds to finance the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification. During 1985, no new pledges were announced but Chile paid its 1985 pledge of \$5,000. The total amount paid to the Special Account since its inception was still, however, only \$161,886 as at 31 December 1985 and interest earned as at that date provided total resources of \$209,134. None of the money in the Trust Fund had been committed for projects up to 31 December 1985.

Revolving Fund (Information)

80. No publication projects were financed from the Revolving Fund in 1985 but additional revenue of \$28,656 was credited to the Fund, which contained a balance of \$143,620 at the end of the year.

Counterpart contributions

81. In accordance with Governing Council decision 10/26, paragraph 4, the Executive Director continued to seek resources additional to those provided by contributions to the Environment Fund. Additional pledges of contributions totalling \$956,822 were secured as counterpart contributions for 12 specific projects in 1985 and a further \$81,932 for 3 projects in 1986.

82. Twelve governments (Austria, Canada, Chile, Egypt, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Papua New Guinea and Spain) contributed \$779,926 for 1985, while the European Atomic Energy Community, the European Economic Community, several industrial corporations and numerous non-governmental organizations contributed a total of \$176,896. Details of the counterpart contributions including the projects they finance are attached as Annex V Table 11.

Definitions

In this document and other documents relating to the Environment Fund, the following definitions are used:

Appropriation	The amount of resources voted by the Governing Council for specific purposes (for a financial period), against which the Executive Director is authorized to incur obligations and make payments for those purposes up to the amount so voted.
Apportionment	The division of the appropriation between different budget lines, as determined by the Governing Council.
Allocation	The assignment entered into by the Executive Director, or under authority delegated by him, involving a liability against resources allocated within the appropriation and apportionments determined by the Governing Council.
Commitment	An engagement entered into by the Executive Director or under authority delegated by him, involving a liability against resources allocated within the appropriation and apportionments determined by the Governing Council.
Expenditure	Total charges incurred against a commitment, whether paid or unpaid.
Convertible Currency or CC	Currencies that can be exchanged and paid immediately into the bank account of the United Nations Environment Programme in New York.
Non-Convertible Currency or NCC	Currencies that can be utilized solely or mainly within the territories of the respective donors and which cannot be exchanged and paid into bank accounts of UNEP, with the exception of convertible portions specifically authorized by the contributing countries.

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Chapter VI

**THE SECRETARIAT, ITS
ORGANIZATION AND
PERSONNEL**

The secretariat of UNEP

Expenditure administered by the secretariat

Organization

Recruitment and personnel

THE SECRETARIAT, ITS ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL

THE SECRETARIAT OF UNEP

1. The secretariat of UNEP is financed mainly from two sources, the regular budget of the United Nations and the voluntary contributions to the Environment Fund. The Environment Fund finances the secretariat through the programme and programme support costs (PPSC) budget and through Fund programme activities i.e. projects. There are also a few posts and other costs financed through trust funds.
2. The Secretariat comprises staff in the Professional and General Service categories. The professional posts occupied as at 31 December 1985 are shown in table 1 and figure I, with the corresponding figures for 1984.

Table 1. Professional posts on the approved manning table

	Number of Posts			
	1984		1985	
	Approved	Occupied	Approved	Occupied
Regular budget	49 ^a	47 ^a	49 ^a	44 ^b
Programme and programme support costs	103 ^c	76 ^c	103 ^c	71 ^c
JPO ^d agreements (trust funds)	3	3	5	5
Special account for support to trust funds	5	2	7	4
Environment Fund projects	48	36	50	37
Trust fund projects	11	10	13	11
Counterpart financed activities	4	4	2	1
Total^e	223	178	229	173^e

^a Including 5 Field Service posts in Cable Unit serving all United Nations Offices at Gigiri.

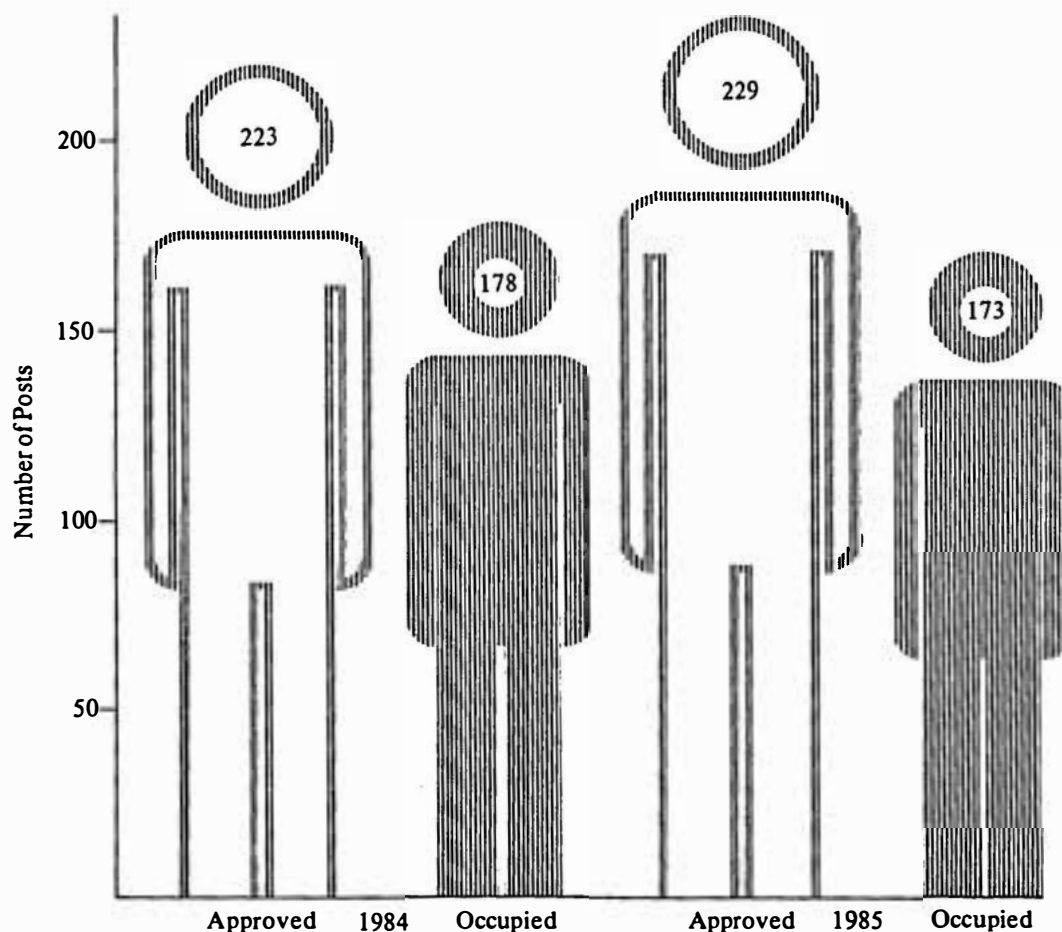
^b Including 4 Field Service posts in Cable Unit serving all United Nations Offices at Gigiri.

^c Including one post lent to UNCHS.

^d Junior Professional Officers.

^e Excluding two short-term Professionals charged to temporary assistance funds.

Figure 1. Professional posts on the approved manning table (1984-1985)



3. As at December 1985 the proportion of Professional post vacancies was 25 per cent of total approved posts, while the proportion for PPSC posts was 31 per cent, Professional occupied posts having been reduced by five since 1984. The Governing Council has requested the Executive Director to keep PPSC expenditures as close as possible to 33 per cent of the annual contributions to the Environment Fund, and because of this, 20 PPSC posts were frozen in 1985 and no attempt has been made to fill them. Four project posts were also frozen during the year, and recruitment was deliberately held back on other PPSC and project posts.

4. During 1985, as can be seen from table 1, there was an increase from three to five in Junior Professional Officers (JPOs). These are young officers whose posts are fully funded by their Governments, under agreement with UNEP, for a limited period of service. The five JPOs provided valuable assistance to the more senior UNEP staff, at a time when Professional staffing was being cut down owing to financial constraints. As UNEP staff members, they are included in the staffing figures presented in the present chapter.

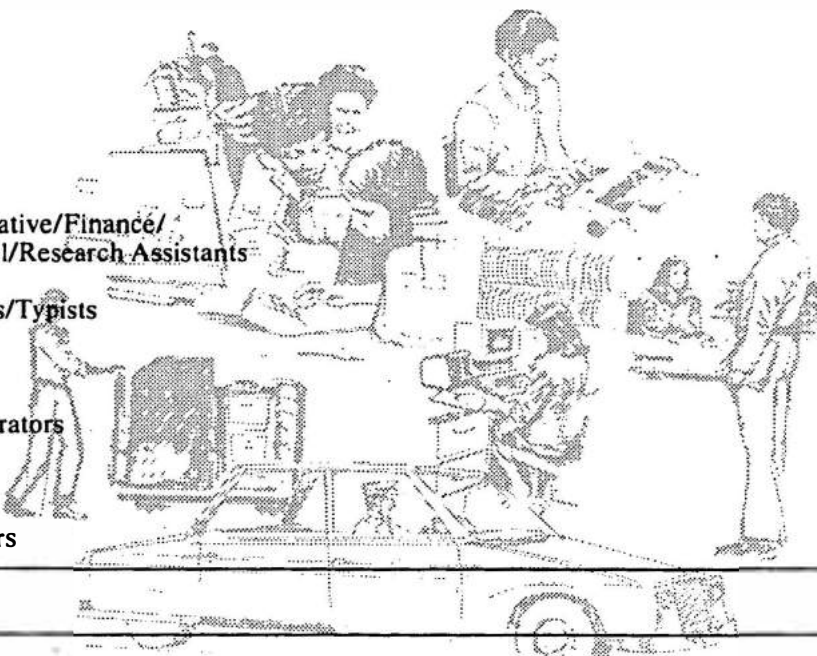
5. The General Service (non-Professional staff) categories consist of 361 posts of which 338 were occupied as at 31 December 1985. The financing of these posts is shown in table 2.

Table 2. Source of financing of General Service posts^a

	Number of Posts 1985	
	Approved	Occupied
Regular Budget	60	59
Programme and programme support costs	206	198
Special account for support to trust funds	8	8
Environment Fund projects	71	57
Trust fund projects	14	14
Counterpart financed activities	2	2
	361	338

6. The broad occupational grouping of the General Service staff held against approved posts is shown in table 3.

Table 3. Occupational grouping of General Service



Administrative/Finance/ Personnel/Research Assistants	117
Secretaries/Typists	145
Clerks	45
Telex Operators	8
Drivers	15
Messengers	8
	338

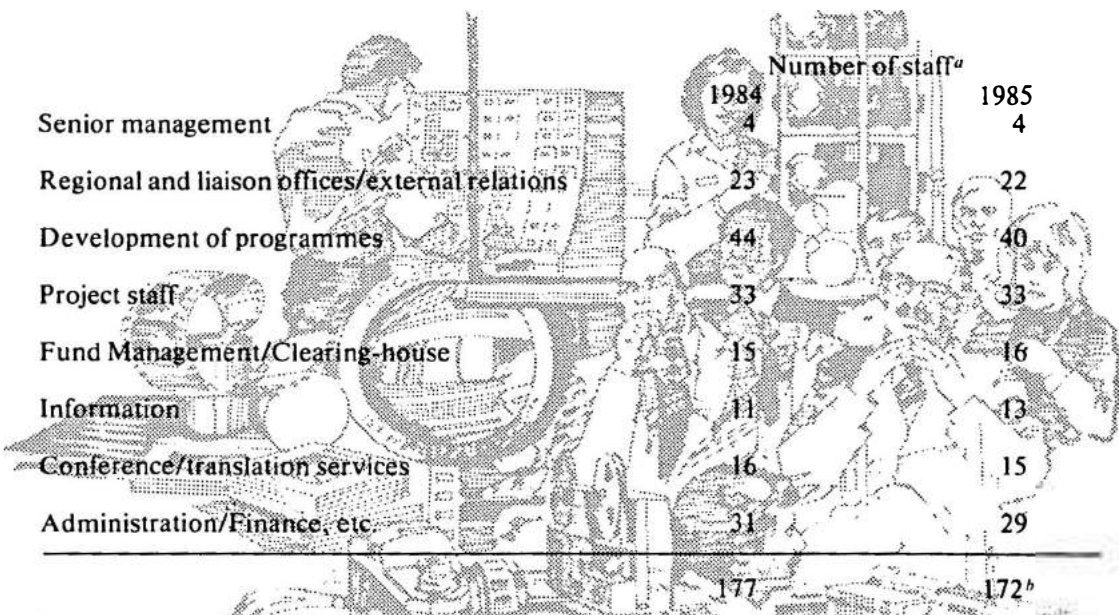
^a These figures do not include a further 29 General Service staff members employed against temporary assistance funds, 11 financed by the Regular Budget, 7 from PPSC and 11 from trust funds etc.

7. UNEP has maintained the general level of its work programme with a lower level of Professional staff by redistributing tasks previously undertaken by Professionals to staff in the General Service categories. This has been an important component of the Executive Director's cost-saving measures.

8. UNEP is committed to increased support for office automation including electronic data processing and information systems. During 1985, considerable emphasis was placed on enhancing the use of modern technology in order to achieve greater work productivity with the limited manpower resources. Micro-computers were introduced in 1985 and UNEP staff at all levels were given training in the use of computers and word-processors so that the equipment would be used to the maximum. During the year under review, the number of electronic data processing terminals was increased from 30 to 45 and the number of printers from 10 to 18.

9. The distinction between the small core secretariat financed out of the regular budget and the programme support secretariat financed from the Environment Fund as established at Stockholm has become difficult to uphold in practice. The UNEP staff members have a contract of service either with UNEP or with the United Nations, while serving with UNEP. Their functions mostly involve duties covering the broad mandate of UNEP and cannot easily be separated into those which are related to the programme activities and those which are not. However, a broad picture of the distribution of functions among the 174 Professional staff members occupying posts on 31 December 1985 is given in table 4, with the corresponding figures for 1984.

Table 4. Distribution of Professional staff by function



	Number of staff ^a	
	1984	1985
Senior management	4	4
Regional and liaison offices/external relations	23	22
Development of programmes	44	40
Project staff	33	33
Fund Management/Clearing-house	15	16
Information	11	13
Conference/translation services	16	15
Administration/Finance, etc.	31	29
	177	172 ^b

^a Excluding one post loaned to UNCHS.

^b Excluding 2 professionals charged to temporary assistance funds, one in translation services and one, an architect, in administration.

10. It is the Executive Director's considered view that the Environment Fund still carries a disproportionate share of the secretariat costs. In fact it still carries a number of staff whose functions are a legitimate responsibility of the regular budget. The Executive Director will therefore continue to seek opportunities to secure further transfers of posts from the programme and programme support costs budget to the regular budget of the United Nations.

EXPENDITURE ADMINISTERED BY THE SECRETARIAT

11. The total expenditure administered by UNEP has risen from approximately \$6 million in 1973 to a peak of \$45.5 million in 1985, reflecting the increasing importance of trust fund programmes in the work of UNEP. An analysis of the source of financing of the expenditure in 1983, 1984 and 1985 is set out in table 5.

Table 5: Expenditure, by source of financing, administered by UNEP

	1983	1984 (\$ Million)	1985
Regular budget	5.2	5.1	4.9
Programme and programme support costs	9.5	10.2	10.1
Fund programme activities	24.9	16.9	23.5
Trust fund activities	3.9	4.5	5.2
Special account trust funds	0.3	0.4	0.6
Counterpart finance	1.2	1.3	1.2
Revolving Fund (Information)	(0.0)	0.0	0.0
	45.0	38.4	45.5

12. Stringent economy in all programmes was imposed throughout the year in view of the financial situation facing the organization and the Governing Council's concern about the level of administrative costs compared with the level of voluntary contributions. Although the PPSC budget cannot be considered as representing the administrative costs of the organization, it is worth noting that PPSC costs in 1985 were only 6.6 per cent higher than in 1980, and would have been very little higher if the annual contribution to the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office had been excluded from the figures.

13. This result was achieved mainly through a reduction of \$310,000 in personnel costs. General operating expenses such as rentals, which are largely non-discretionary and therefore difficult to control, rose by \$238,000, and Fellowships and training grants by \$34,000. The issue of PPSC costs is discussed further in Chapter V, paragraph 11.

ORGANIZATION

14. There have been no major organizational changes in the Secretariat since publication of the 1984 Annual Report of the Executive Director. The Oceans and Coastal Areas Programme Activity Centre moved from Geneva to Nairobi in September 1985, as planned, and further consideration was given to an organizational restructuring of the

Office of the Programme. No conclusions have been reached on this restructuring by the end of the year, but decisions were expected following completion of the detailed review of the past programme of UNEP undertaken early in 1986.

15. As at 31 December 1985, 72 per cent of the Professional and 79 per cent of the General Service staff were stationed at UNEP headquarters, Nairobi as shown in table 6.

Table 6. UNEP Professional and General Service staff, by duty station

Duty Station	Number of posts 1985	
	Professionals	General Service
Nairobi	124	266 ^a
Geneva	13	20
Athens	6	10
Paris	5	6
Lausanne	5	4
New York	4	7
Mexico	4	8
Bangkok	3	6
Bahrain	2	6
Peru	2	1
Washington	1	1
London	1	—
Vienna	1	2
Tunis	1	1
Bonn	—	1
	172	338 ^a

^a Excluding 2 professionals and 29 staff in the General Service employed in Nairobi as temporary assistance as at 31 December 1985.

16. Under authority delegated by the General Assembly, the Executive Director supervised the completion of the construction of the United Nations Office at Nairobi on the Gigiri site and the day to day administration of the complex has now been assumed by the United Nations Common Services Unit. A visitors' pavillion has been constructed and arrangements were in hand at the end of the year for it to be run by the United Nations Information Centre on behalf of all the organizations based at Gigiri.

17. With the transfer of the UNESCO offices from downtown Nairobi to Gigiri, United Nations staff members occupying the United Nations Office at Nairobi as at 31 December 1985 totalled 910, of whom 421 were UNEP staff members, representing 78 per cent of total UNEP staff.

RECRUITMENT AND PERSONNEL

18. An analysis by nationality of the 172 Professional staff members occupying posts in UNEP as at 31 December 1985 is set out in annex II to the present report. The Executive Director has continued his policy of endeavouring to maintain overall geographical distribution of staff in UNEP in accordance with General Assembly resolutions, both for regular budget posts strictly subject to geographical distribution and posts funded from other sources. The representation of women continues to be an important concern of the Executive Director. As at 31 December 1985 the percentage of women in Professional Posts in UNEP has been maintained at 20 against a United Nations target of 25.

19. In light of the financial constraints on UNEP the Executive Director continued to require a very high standard of performance from staff in all categories as a criterion for extending appointments.

20. In 1985, 37 Professional staff left the organization: two were transferred to other United Nations organizations, four retired, five left on completion of their project assignments, 14 resigned, and 12 contracts were not renewed.

21. No progress was made in recruiting candidates from unrepresented countries in spite of determined efforts by the Executive Director. All such countries were advised that specific vacancies had been set aside for recruitment from unrepresented countries but only four countries were able to nominate candidates and those were from under-represented rather than unrepresented countries.

Annex I

MEMBER STATES OF THE UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL

A. Member States during 1985

Algeria	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Argentina	Malaysia
Australia	Malta
Austria	Mexico
Belgium	Nepal
Botswana	Niger
Brazil	Nigeria
Bulgaria	Norway
Cameroon	Oman
Canada	Panama
Chile	Papua New Guinea
China	Peru
Colombia	Philippines
Côte d'Ivoire	Poland
Finland	Rwanda
France	Saudi Arabia
Germany, Federal Republic of	Sri Lanka
Ghana	Sudan
Haiti	Togo
Hungary	Tunisia
India	Turkey
Indonesia	Uganda
Italy	Ukrainian SSR
Jamaica	USSR
Japan	United Kingdom
Jordan	United States
Kenya	Venezuela
Kuwait	Yugoslavia
Lesotho	Zaire

B. Member States during 1986 *

Algeria	Malta
Argentina	Mexico
Australia	Nepal
Austria	Netherlands
Barbados	Niger
Belgium	Nigeria
Botswana	Norway
Brazil	Oman
Bulgaria	Panama
Canada	Papua New Guinea
Chile	Poland
China	Rwanda
Colombia	Sri Lanka
Congo	Sudan
Denmark	Swaziland
France	Syrian Arab Republic
Germany, Federal Republic of	Thailand
Ghana	Togo
Haiti	Tunisia
India	Turkey
Indonesia	Uganda
Jamaica	Ukrainian SSR
Japan	USSR
Jordan	United Kingdom
Kenya	United States
Kuwait	Venezuela
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Zaire
Malaysia	Zambia

* As the terms of office of Hungary and Yugoslavia expired on 31 December 1985, it was announced that further consultations were needed with regard to the election of two Eastern European States to the Governing Council. It is understood that the election of the two Eastern European States will take place at the resumed fortieth session of the General Assembly in 1986. Meanwhile, the secretariat has been informed that the Eastern European Group has nominated Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

Annex II

DISTRIBUTION OF UNEP STAFF IN THE PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY AND ABOVE BY REGION, NATIONALITY AND LEVEL AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1984 ^a

Region and country of nationality	Occupied posts subject to geographical distribution	Number	Occupied posts not subject to geographical distribution ^b	Number	Total
<i>Asian States</i>					
Afghanistan	—	—	1 P-4	1	1
Bangladesh	—	—	1 D-2	1	1
Burma	1 D-1	1	—	—	1
China	1 P-3	1	1 D-1, 1 P-4, 1 P-2	3	4
Democratic Yemen	1 P-5	1	—	—	1
India	1 D-2	1	1 P-5, 2 P-4	3	4
Japan	1 D-1, 1 P-2	2	2 P-5, 3 P-2	5	7
Jordan	—	—	1 P-5	1	1
Lebanon	—	—	1 P-3	1	1
Pakistan	1 P-5	1	1 P-3	1	2
Philippines	—	—	1 P-4	1	1
Sri Lanka	—	—	1 P-4	1	1
Syrian Arab Republic	—	—	1 L-5	1	1
Turkey	—	—	1 P-2	1	1
Viet Nam	—	—	1 P-2	1	1
Yemen	—	—	1 D-1, 1 P-1	2	2
SUBTOTAL		7		23	30
<i>Eastern European States</i>					
Czechoslovakia	—	—	1 P-4	1	1
Hungary	—	—	1 P-5	1	1
Poland	1 P-5, 1 P-4	2	—	—	2
USSR	1 ASG, 1 P-4	2	5 P-4, 2 P-3, 1 P-2	8	10
Yugoslavia	—	—	1 D-2, 1 P-5	2	2
SUBTOTAL		4		12	16

Region and country of nationality	Occupied posts subject to geographical distribution	Number	Occupied posts not subject to geographical distribution ^b	Number	Total
<i>Western European and other states</i>					
Australia	—	—	1 D-1, 1 P-4	2	2
Austria	—	—	1 P-3	1	1
Belgium	—	—	2 P-4	2	2
Canada	—	—	2 P-5, 1 P-3, 1 P-2	4	4
Denmark	1 P-3	1	1 P-2, 1 P-1	2	3
Finland	—	—	1 D-1, 1 P-2,	2	2
France	2 P-4	2	1 D-2, 1 D-1, 1 P-5, 1 P-3, 1 P-2	5	7
Germany, Federal Republic of	1 D-1, 1 P-5, 1 P-3	3	1 ASG, 1 P-5, 1 P-3, 3 P-2	6	9
Greece	1 P-5, 1 FS-5 *	2	—	—	2
Iceland	—	—	1 P-4	1	1
Ireland	1 FS-5	1	2 P-3, 1 P-2	3	4
Italy	1 D-1	1	1 D-2, 2 P-4, 1 P-3	4	5
Netherlands	—	—	1 D-2, 1 P-3, 1 P-2	3	3
New Zealand	—	—	1 P-2	1	1
Norway	—	—	1 P-2	1	1
Spain	—	—	1 P-3	1	1
Sweden	1 P-4	1	1 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 P-2	3	4
Switzerland	—	—	1 P-4, 1 P-1	2	2
United Kingdom	1 P-5, 1 P-4 1 P-2	3	1 D-2, 1 D-1, 1 P-5, 1 P-4, 3 P-3	7	10
United States of America	1 ASG, 1 P-5, 1 P-3	3	1 D-1, 5 P-5, 1 P-3	7	10
SUBTOTAL		17		57	74
<i>Latin American States</i>					
Argentina	—	—	2 P-3	2	2
Brazil	1 D-2	1	—	—	1
Chile	1 FS-3 *	1	2 P-5, 1 P-4	3	4
Colombia	—	—	1 P-5	1	1
Dominican Republic	—	—	1 P-3	1	1
Guatemala	—	—	1 P-4	1	1
Guyana	—	—	1 P-4	1	1
Haiti	1 P-2	1	—	—	1
Jamaica	—	—	1 D-2, 1 P-2	2	2
Panama	1 P-4	1	—	—	1
Peru	—	—	1 D-2	1	1
SUBTOTAL		4		12	16

Region and country of nationality	Occupied posts subject to geographical distribution	Number	Occupied posts not subject to geographical distribution ^b	Number	Total
<i>African States</i>					
Algeria	—	—	1 P-1	1	1
Egypt	1 USG, 1 P-5	2	1 P-4	1	3
Ethiopia	1 FS-3 *	1	1 P-5	1	2
Gambia	—	—	1 P-4	1	1
Kenya	1 D-2	1	1 P-5, 2 P-3, 1 P-2, 4 P-1	8	9
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1 D-1	1	1 P-4, 1 P-3	2	3
Mali	—	—	1 D-1	1	1
Morocco	—	—	1 P-3	1	1
Mozambique	—	—	1 P-3	1	1
Rwanda	—	—	1 P-4	1	1
Seychelles	—	—	1 D-1	1	1
Somalia	—	—	1 P-5	1	1
Sudan	—	—	1 D-2, 1 P-3	2	2
Swaziland	—	—	1 P-5	1	1
Tunisia	—	—	1 P-4, 1 P-3	2	2
Uganda	1 P-5	1	1 P-5, 1 P-3	2	3
United Republic of Tanzania	—	—	1 P-3, 1 P-2	2	2
Zaire	—	—	1 P-4	1	1
SUBTOTAL		6		30	36
TOTAL		38		134	172

^a The breakdown by region and country in the present annex does not correspond to that of the United Nations. As membership in the Governing Council is distributed among the five regions listed in General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), it was decided to present this list in terms of the same regional groupings.

^b This includes staff on regular budget temporary posts and Fund posts, and all language staff.

* Field service staff.

Annex III

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS ISSUED IN 1985

A. PRINTED PUBLICATIONS

Title	Produced by	Financed by	Languages
<i>Integrated approach to environment and development, and integration of environment into development co-operation activities (Budget sublines 2101 and 2102)</i>			
Guidelines to Environment Impact Assessment in Developing Countries	UNEP	UNEP	E
Environmental Aspects of the Activities of Transnational Corporations: A Survey	UN Centre on Transnational Corporations	UNEP	E
<i>Energy (Budget subline 2103)</i>			
Integrated Rural Energy Planning	Butterworths	UNEP/International Society for Ecological Modelling (ISEM)	E
<i>Industry and transportation (Budget subline 2104)</i>			
Environmental Guidelines for the Diesel Vehicle	UNEP	UNEP	E
Guidelines for the Environmental Management of Alumina Production	UNEP	UNEP	E
Pollution Abatement and Control Technology (PACT) Publication for the Pulp and Paper Industry	UNEP	UNEP	E
Low and Non-Waste Technologies	UNEP	UNEP	E
Guidelines on Risk Management and Accident Prevention in the Chemical Industry	UNEP	UNEP	F

Title	Produced by	Financed by	Languages
<i>Industry and Environment- review:</i>			
Vol. 6, No. 3: "Energy and resource conservation in the aluminium industry"	UNEP	UNEP	S
Vol. 6, No. 4: "The Chemical Industry and the Environment"	UNEP	UNEP	FS
Special Issue No. 4: "Industrial Hazardous Waste Management"	UNEP	UNEP	S
Vol. 7, No. 1: "Tourism and the Environment"	UNEP	UNEP	FS
Vol. 7, No. 2: "Environmentally-sound technology for industry"	UNEP	UNEP	S
Vol. 7, No. 3: "Control, consultation or incentives for industrial environmental management?"	UNEP	UNEP	FS
Vol. 7, No. 4: "Environmental aspects of the direct reduction route to steel making"	UNEP	UNEP	ES
Special Issue No. 5: "World Industry Conference on Environmental Management (WICEM) — Outcome and Reactions"	UNEP	UNEP	F
Vol. 8, No. 1: "Environmental aspects of mining and ore-dressing of non-ferrous metals"	UNEP	UNEP	E
Vol. 8, No. 2: "Environmental Management in oil refineries and terminals"	UNEP	UNEP	E
Vol. 8, No. 3: "Agrochemical and their impact on the environment"	UNEP	UNEP	E

Title	Produced by	Financed by	Languages
<i>Environmental Law and its application (Budget subline 2105)</i>			
Environmental Law Guidelines and Principles Series:			
No.1 — Stockholm Declaration	UNEP	UNEP	ACEFRS
No.2 — Shared Natural Resources	UNEP	UNEP	ACEFRS
No.3 — Weather Modification	UNEP	UNEP	ACEFRS
No.4 — Offshore Mining and Drilling	UNEP	UNEP	ACEFRS
No.5 — World Charter for Nature	UNEP	UNEP	ACEFRS
No.6 — Banned and Severely Restricted Chemicals	UNEP	UNEP	ACEFRS
No.7 — Marine Pollution from Land-based Sources	UNEP	UNEP	ACEFRS
Environmental Law in UNEP	UNEP	UNEP	ACEFRS
Montevideo Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law	UNEP	UNEP	ACEFRS
Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer	UNEP	UNEP	ACEFRS
<i>Environmental education and training (Budget sublines 3101 and 3102)</i>			
<i>Connect</i> , vol. X, Nos. 1,2,3	UNESCO	UNEP/ UNESCO	AEF
The International Environmental Education Programme booklet KNOW HOW	UNESCO	UNEP/ UNESCO	EFS
Environmental education: module for pre-service training of social science teachers and supervisors for secondary schools. Environmental Education Series No. 9	UNESCO	UNEP/ UNESCO	E
Environmental education: module for in-service training of social science teachers and supervisors for secondary schools. Environmental Education Series No. 10	UNESCO	UNEP/ UNESCO	E
A guide on environmental values education. Environmental Education. Series No. 13	UNESCO	UNEP/ UNESCO	E

Title	Produced by	Financed by	Languages
Interdisciplinary approaches in environmental education. Environmental Education Series No. 14	UNESCO	UNEP/ UNESCO	EF
Vers une pédagogie de solution de problèmes en éducation relative à l'environnement. Environmental Education Series No. 15	UNESCO	UNEP/ UNESCO	F
Répertoire international de périodiques sur l'éducation relative à l'environnement. Environmental Education Series No. 16	UNESCO	UNEP/ UNESCO	F
A comparative survey of the incorporation of environmental education into school curricula. Environmental Education Series No. 17	UNESCO	UNEP/ UNESCO	E
Environmental Management Training	ILO	UNEP/ILO	E
Living in the Environment: A source book for environmental education	UNESCO	UNEP/ UNESCO	E
<i>Public information (Budget subline 3103)</i>			
Six issues of <i>UNEP News</i>	UNEP	UNEP	EFS
Conserving the future	UNEP	UNEP	EFS
Environment: A Dialogue Among Nations	UNEP	UNEP	EFS
Radiation: Doses, Effects, Risks	UNEP	UNEP	E
<i>INFOTERRA (Budget subline 3104)</i>			
International Directory of Sources, 1985 Vols. A-D	UNEP	UNEP	EFS

Title	Produced by	Financed by	Languages
Index of Sources (Cumulative) Vols. A-C, January 1985 Vols. A-D, September 1985	UNEP	UNEP	EFS
<i>INFOTERRA Bulletin</i> , Vol. VII, Nos. 1-6	UNEP	UNEP	EFS
<i>Data and the state of the environment (Budget subline 3105)</i>			
Guidelines for the preparation of national state-of-the- environment reports (with special reference to developing countries)	UNEP	UNEP	E
Environmental Refugees	UNEP	UNEP	E
<i>Global Environmental Monitoring System (GEMS) (Budget subline 4101)</i>			
Satellite remote sensing of total herbaceous biomass production in the Senegalese Sahel: 1980-1984	FAO/UNEP	UNEP	E
Urban air pollution worldwide	MARC	UNEP/WHO	E
<i>Water Quality Bulletin</i> , vol. 10, Nos. 2 and 3	WHO	UNEP	E
Analytical quality control guidelines for water laboratories	WHO	UNEP/WHO/ UNESCO/WMO	E
Guidelines for the study of dietary intakes of chemical contaminants	WHO	UNEP/WHO/FAO	ES
Human exposure to suspended particulate matter in Beijing, People's Republic of China	WHO	UNEP/WHO	E
Assessment of human exposure to lead: Comparison between Belgium, Malta, Mexico and Sweden	Karolinska Institute, Stockholm	UNEP/WHO	E
The global climate system: A critical review of climate system during 1982-1984	WMO	UNEP/WMO	E
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The environmental dimension in development planning: main issues in Latin America (LC/L.362)	ECLAC	UNEP	ES
Summary record of the sixth session of the Committee of International Development Institutions on the Environment	UNEP	UNEP	E
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<i>Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts for the Elaboration of a Global Framework Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer</i>			
Financial implications of the implementation of the Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer: Revised estimates and comments by WMO (UNEP/WG.94/13/Add.1 and Add.2/Rev.1)	UNEP	UNEP	AEFRS
Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Protection of the Ozone Layer (UNEP/IG.53/2 and Corr.1)	UNEP	UNEP	ACEFRS
Fifth revised draft Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (UNEP/IG.53/3)	UNEP	UNEP	ACEFRS
Final report of the Working Group (UNEP/IG.53/4)	UNEP	UNEP	ACEFRS
Declarations made at the time of adoption of the Final Act of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Protection of the Ozone Layer (UNEP/IG.53/5/Rev.1)	UNEP	UNEP	ACEFRS

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Final report of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Working Group of Experts on the Protection of the Marine Environment against Pollution from Land-based Sources (UNEP/WG.120/3)	UNEP	UNEP	AEFRS
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<i>Public information (Budget subline 3103)</i>			
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<i>INFOTERRA (Budget subline 3104)</i>			
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Report of the inter-secretariat meeting on Arab regional co-operation for the protection and development of the marine environment and coastal areas resources	UNEP	UNEP	E
Report on the implementation of project WACAF/2	UNEP	UNEP	EF
Report of the fourth meeting of the Monitoring Committee on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme	UNEP	UNEP	EFS
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Report of the consultation on data processing requirements for the Mediterranean Action Plan	UNEP	Mediterranean Trust Fund	EF
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Report of the meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (Athens, 14-15 June 1985)	UNEP	Mediterranean Trust Fund	EF
Report of the Blue Plan Steering Committee Meeting (Sophia Antipolis, 3-4 July 1985)	UNEP	Mediterranean Trust Fund	EF

Title	Produced by	Financed by	Languages
Final Report of the consultation on data processing requirements for MAP	UNEP	Mediterranean Trust Fund	EF
BLUE PLAN Progress Report — First Term 1985	UNEP	Mediterranean Trust Fund	EF
Report of the Working Meeting of UNCHS, UNDRO and PAP Representatives on a co-operative programme for seismic risk reduction in the Mediterranean Region	UNEP	Mediterranean Trust Fund	E
Report of the seminar on land-use planning in Mediterranean Earthquake zones	UNEP	Mediterranean Trust Fund	EF
<i>Living marine resources (Budget subline 5103)</i>			
Report of the first consultative meeting on the protection of marine living resources	UNEP	UNEP	E
Report of the second consultative meeting on the protection of marine living resources	UNEP	UNEP	E
<i>Water (Budget line 52)</i>			
Proceedings of International Seminar on the Environmental Impact and Assessment of Water Resources Projects, vols. I and II	Water Resources Development Training Centre, (WRDTC), India	UNEP/Government of India	E
Environmentally sound management of fresh water resources	UNEP	UNEP/IWRA	E
Environmentally sound management of water resources projects	UNEP	UNEP/WRDTC	E

Title	Produced by	Financed by	Languages
Diagnostic study on the present state of the ecology and the environment of the Zambezi river system	UNEP in co-operation with the basin Governments	UNEP	E
<i>Management of agricultural chemicals and residues (Budget subline 6104)</i>			
Report of the twelfth session of the FAO/UNEP Panel of Experts on Integrated Pest Control	FAO	FAO/UNEP	E
Report of the second session of the Project Steering Committee for the Latin American Inter-Country Programme on the Development and Application of Integrated Pest Control in Cotton Growing	FAO	UNEP	E
Report of the third session of the Project Steering Committee for the African Inter-Country Programme on the Development and Application of Integrated Pest Control in Cotton Growing	FAO	FAO/UNEP	E
Report of the fourth international meeting on Perception and Management of Pests and Pesticides (PMPP)	PMPP Secretariat, Open University, United Kingdom	UNEP	E
<i>Wildlife and protected areas (Budget subline 6105)</i>			
Establishment of African ivory export quotas associated control procedures	UNEP	UNEP/CITES Trust Fund	EFS
The World Trade in Raw Ivory, 1983 and 1984	Wildlife Trade Monitoring Unit	UNEP/CITES Trust Fund	E

Title	Produced by	Financed by	Languages
<i>Genetic resources (Budgetsubline 6106)</i>			
Integrated coffee processing technology: Case-studies on emerging technologies	Guatemala MIRCEN	UNEP	E
Methodology on data banks for animal genetic resources	FAO	FAO/UNEP	E
Monograph on the animal genetic resources of the USSR	FAO/UNEP/COM	FAO/UNEP/UNEP/COM	ER
<i>Arid and semi-arid lands ecosystems and desertification (Budget line 62)</i>			
Forestry in UNEP: Integrated programme to combat desertification	UNEP	UNEP	E
Report of the fifth session of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control	UNEP	UNEP	EFS
Report of the first <i>ad hoc</i> meeting of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Desertification	UNEP	UNEP	E
Report of the twelfth meeting of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Desertification	UNEP	UNEP	E
Cultivating climatically marginal lands: agricultural drought follows the plough	UNEP	UNEP	E
Prevention of encroachment on arable land — UNEP activities	UNEP	UNEP	E
Afforestation in integrated programme to combat desertification	UNEP	UNEP	E

Title	Produced by	Financed by	Languages
Effects on health of ecological alterations resulting from desertification	UNEP	UNEP	E
Heads in the sand: A new appraisal of arid lands management	UNEP	UNEP	E
Report of the Expert Meeting on Desertification Assessment, Mapping and Database	UNEP	UNEP	E
Seminar Paper: Desertification in Africa	UNEP	UNEP	E
<i>International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals (IRPTC) (Budgetsubline 7102)</i>			
Recommendations on methods of toxicometry: Scientific document	Government of the USSR/UNEP	UNEP	ER
Report of the international consultation on toxicometric methodology	Government of the USSR/UNEP	UNEP	ER
<i>Human settlements (Budgetsubline 7104)</i>			
Report on community initiative for insect and rodent control	UNEP/WHO	UNEP	EF

Annex IV

MEETINGS HELD IN 1985

A. EXPERT GROUP MEETINGS

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer
<i>Integrated approach to environment and development, and integration of environment into development co-operation activities (Budget sublines 2101 and 2102)</i>			
Expert group meeting on interrelationships between people, resources, environment and development in the Himalayan foothills	New Delhi, 29 April–1 May	UNEP	Government of India/UNEP
Third expert group meeting on environmental accounting and its use in development policy and planning	Paris, 29 September– 2 October	UNEP	World Bank/ UNEP
<i>Energy (Budget subline 2103)</i>			
Expert group meeting on the assessment and management of environmental risks of energy	Geneva, 18-19 June	IAEA/WHO/ UNEP	IAEA/WHO/ UNEP

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer
Interagency consultant/ expert meeting on environmental and health risks of energy systems	New York, 19-22 November	IAEA/WHO/ UNEP	IAEA/WHO/ UNEP
<i>Industry and transportation (Budget subline 2104)</i>			
Expert group meeting on information on industry and environment	Paris, 14-16 January	UNEP	UNEP
<i>Environmental law and its application (Budget subline 2105)</i>			
<i>Ad Hoc</i> Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts for the Elaboration of a Global Framework Convention on the Protection of the Ozone Layer—Second part of the fourth session	Geneva, 21-25 January	UNEP/Govern- ments of the United States, Finland, and Norway	UNEP
Working Group of Experts on the Protection of the Marine Environment against Pollution from Land-based Sources—Third session	Montreal, Canada, 11-19 April	UNEP/Govern- ment of Canada	UNEP/Govern- ment of Canada
<i>Ad Hoc</i> Working Group of Experts for the Exchange of Information on Potentially Harmful Chemicals (in particular Pesticides) in International Trade — Second session	Rome, 28 January— 1 February	UNEP	UNEP

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer
<i>Ad Hoc</i> Working Group of Experts on the Environmentally Sound Management of Hazardous Wastes—Third session	Cairo, 4-9 December	UNEP	UNEP/Government of Egypt
<i>Environmental education and environmental training (Budget sublines 3101 and 3102)</i>			
Meeting of experts from governments and the academic and scientific communities in the Asia and Pacific region to develop a programme of action for environmental education and training	Bangkok, 11-15 November	UNEP	UNEP
<i>Data and state of the environment (Budget subline 3105)</i>			
Expert group meeting on the state of the environment 1985 for environmental aspects of emerging agricultural technologies	Nairobi, 10-11 January	UNEP	UNEP
Expert group meeting on the state of the environment 1985 for population and the environment	Nairobi, 14-15 January	UNEP	UNEP
Review meeting of the steering committee for the preparation of the environmental data report	London, 24-28 June	UNEP	UNEP

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer
Review meeting of the steering committee for the preparation of the environmental data report	London, 19-22 November	UNEP	UNEP
<i>Outer limits, research and assessment (Budget subline 4102)</i>			
Expert group meeting on photosynthesis in relation to bio-productivity	Nairobi, 5-8 March	UNEP	UNEP
Fourth meeting of the UNEP Scientific Advisory Committee for the World Climate Impact Studies Programme	Vienna, 4-8 February	UNEP	UNEP
<i>Global marine environment (Budget subline 5101)</i>			
Fifteenth session of GESAMP	New York, 25-29 March	UN/UNEP/ UNESCO/FAO/ WHO/WMO/IMO/ IAEA	UN
Meeting of GESAMP Working Group 22 on land/sea boundary flux of pollutants	Roscoff, France 8-12 July	UNEP/IOC/ UNESCO	IOC/UNESCO

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer
Meeting of GESAMP Working Group 1 on the evaluation of the hazards of harmful substances carried by ships	London, 7-11 October	UNEP/IMO	IMO
Meeting of GESAMP Working Group 13 on potentially harmful substances	Lyon, France 4-8 November	UNEP/WHO	WHO
Seventh session of IOC/UNEP Group of Experts on Methods, Standards and Inter-calibration	Monaco, 13-20 November	IOC/UNEP	IOC/UNEP
First meeting of GESAMP Working Group 24 on integrated global ocean monitoring	Batumi, USSR 2-6 December	UNEP/WMO	UNEP/UNEP COM
Meeting of GESAMP Working Group 26 on the state of the marine environment	Rome, 9-18 December	UNEP	UNEP/FAO
<i>Regional seas (Budget subline 5102)</i>			
Meeting of Mediterranean experts on water resources development on islands and isolated coastal areas	Split, Yugoslavia, 28-29 January	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP
Meeting on inter-Arab co-operation	Athens, 16-17 February	UNEP/Mediterranean Trust Fund	UNEP

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer
Meeting of experts on integrated planning and management of coastal zones	Split, Yugoslavia, 18-19 February	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP
Meeting of the Steering Committee for the Blue Plan	Sophia Antipolis, France, 21-23 February	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP
Expert group meeting on data processing requirements for the various components of the Mediterranean Action Plan	Athens, 14-15 March	Mediterranean Trust Fund	UNEP
Expert meeting on the rehabilitation and reconstruction of historic settlements	Split, Yugoslavia, 18-19 March	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP
Expert meeting on land-use planning in earthquake zones	Split, Yugoslavia, 1-2 April	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP
Fourth intercalibration exercise and consultation meeting on microbiological methods for coastal water quality monitoring	Split, Yugoslavia, 15-20 April	Mediterranean Trust Fund	WHO
IMO/UNEP interregional meeting of experts on regional arrangements for co-operation in combating major incidents of marine pollution	London, 29 April—3 May	IMO/UNEP	IMO
Joint meeting of Blue Plan and PAP focal points	Athens, 6-9 May	Mediterranean Trust Fund	UNEP

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer
Eighth meeting of the Inter-Agency Advisory Committee on MED POL	Athens, 26 May	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP
Third meeting of the Working Group for Scientific and Technical co-operation for MED POL	Athens, 27-31 May	Mediterranean Trust Fund	UNEP
Interregional meeting on coral reef management	Tahiti, 27 May—1 June	UNEP/SPREP/COBSEA	UNEP
Meeting of experts on contingency planning for marine pollution emergencies	Abidjan, 24-28 June	IMO/UNEP	IMO
Second meeting of the Study Group on Mediterranean Scenarios	Sophia Antipolis, France, 1-2 July	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP
Fourth meeting of the Steering Committee for the Blue Plan	Sophia Antipolis, France, 3-4 July	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP
Meeting of experts on the South-east Pacific Action Plan	Quito, 8-11 July	UNEP/IOC/CPPS	CPPS/IOC
Meeting of experts on the effects of pollution on marine ecosystems	Blanes, Spain, 7-11 October 1985	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP/FAO
Working meeting of Mediterranean Regional Activity Programme-Priority Activity Programme experts in the field of aquaculture	Split, Yugoslavia, 16-18 October	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer
Meeting of ROCC operational focal points to review and update the Guide for Oil Pollution Combating in the Mediterranean	Valletta, 12-15 November	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP
Meeting of experts in the field of soil protection	Split, Yugoslavia, 25-27 November	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP
Fourth expert meeting on a draft convention for the protection and development of the natural resources and environment of the South Pacific region	Noumea, 18-28 November	UNEP	SPREP
Third meeting of the Study Group on Mediterranean Scenarios	Sophia Antipolis, France, 6-7 December	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP
Meeting of Government experts on the technical implementation of the protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution from Land-based Sources	Athens, 9-13 December	Mediterranean Trust Fund	UNEP
Expert meeting on solid and liquid waste management	Split, Yugoslavia, 16-18 December	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	PAP/RAC
Expert meeting on the application of environmental impact assessment to PAP activities	Split, Yugoslavia, 19-20 December	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	PAP/RAC

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer
<i>Living marine resources (Budget subline 5103)</i>			
Consultative meeting on the protection of marine living resources	Geneva, 7-8 March	UNEP	UNEP
Second consultative meeting on the protection of marine living resources	Gland, Switzerland, 28-30 October	UNEP/IUCN	UNEP/IUCN
<i>Water (Budget line 52)</i>			
Inter-agency consultative meeting on the Zambezi project	Geneva, 5 February	UN agencies	UNEP
First meeting of the Working Group of Experts on the Zambezi River System	Nairobi, 24-26 April	UNEP	UNEP
Third meeting of the UNEP Advisory Group on Water Resources	Nairobi, 13-16 August	UNEP	UNEP
Second meeting of the Working Group on Large-scale Water Development Projects	Athens, 2-5 December	UNEP	UNEP
Joint UNEP/WHO/UNDP/World Bank review meeting on the evaluation of the health hazards of wastewater and excreta use	Engelberg, Switzerland, 1-4 July	UNDP/ World Bank/ UNEP/ WHO	International Reference Centre for Waste Disposal

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer
<i>Soils (Budget subline 6101)</i>			
Project advisory meeting on the application of land/soil management in mountain ecosystems	Tbilisi, USSR, 15-26 June	Government of Bulgaria/UNEP	UNEP/COM
Project advisory meeting on the impact of agricultural management on the environment	Moscow, 10-15 October	UNEP/UNEP/COM	UNEP/COM
<i>Management of agricultural chemicals and residues (Budget subline 6104)</i>			
Fourth International Meeting on Perception and Management of Pests and Pesticides (PMPP)	Chiang Mai, Thailand, 5-14 January	FAO/UNEP/WHO/International Geographical Union/Clark University, United States	National Biological Control Research Centre, Bangkok, in association with the PMPP Secretariat, Open University, United Kingdom
FAO/UNEP/Government of China expert consultation on developing country capabilities for biological control of agricultural pests	Guangzhou, China 16-22 June	UNEP/FAO/Government of China/Thai-German Programme on Integrated Pest Control	UNEP/FAO/Government of China

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer
<i>Wildlife and protected areas (Budget subline 6105)</i>			
Expert workshop on Indo-Malayan protected area systems review	Corbett National Park, India, 4-8 February	UNEP	UNEP/IUCN
Expert workshop on vicuna management field techniques	Arica, Chile, 18-23 March	UNEP	CONAF/University of Tarapaca/IUCN/UNEP/FAO
Expert Workshop on Antarctica	Bonn, April	UNEP	SCAR/IUCN/UNEP
Expert workshop on Afro-tropical protected area systems review	Kasungu National Park, Malawi, 13-15 June	UNEP/IUCN	UNEP/IUCN
Expert workshop on Oceanian protected area systems review	Apia, Samoa, 24 June—3 July	UNEP/IUCN	UNEP/IUCN
Expert workshop on polar bear action plan	Edmonton, 9-11 August	UNEP/IUCN	UNEP/IUCN
Expert workshop on African elephant and rhino action plan	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 21-22 September	UNEP/IUCN	UNEP/IUCN
Expert workshop on primate action plan for Madagascar	Antananarivo, 30-31 October	UNEP/IUCN	UNEP/IUCN
Expert workshop on Asian elephants and rhinos	Bangalore, India, 5-8 November	UNEP/IUCN	UNEP/IUCN

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer
<i>Genetic resources (Budget subline 6106)</i>			
Meeting of expert group on applied microbiology	Nairobi, 6-9 March	UNEP	UNEP
FAO/UNEP expert consultation on methodology for data banks for animal genetic resources	Rome, 25-28 June	UNEP/FAO	FAO
FAO/UNEP expert consultation on the re-introduction of the Przewalski Horse into its native habitat in Mongolia	Moscow, 29-31 May	UNEP/FAO	UNEP/COM/FAO
Third design meeting of the International Microbial Strain Data Network Working Group	Helsinki, 9-11 August	UNEP	UNEP/American Type Culture Collection
<i>Lithosphere (Budget subline 6107)</i>			
First session of the International Scientific Council on Geology and Environmental Problems	Yalta, USSR, 14-16 May	UNEP/UNESCO/ Government of the USSR	UNEP/COM
<i>Arid and semi-arid lands ecosystems and desertification (Budget line 62)</i>			
Expert meeting on the Desertification Assessment and Mapping Methodology and Database	Nairobi, 11-14 March	UNEP	UNEP

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer
Expert consultation on the role of forestry in combating desertification	Saltillo, Mexico, 24-30 June	FAO	FAO
Expert meeting to follow up on DESCON-5 project proposal	Cairo, 6-7 November	UNEP	UNEP/Government of Egypt
Expert meeting to follow upon DESCON-5 project proposal	Damascus, 11-12 November	UNEP	UNEP/Government of the Syrian Arab Republic
<i>Human settlements (Budget subline 7104)</i>			
Joint UNEP/WHO panel working group meeting on design and planning of insect and rodent control in residential centres	New York, 18-24 August	UNEP/WHO	UNEP/WHO
Joint UNEP/WHO panel meeting to review draft document "Environmental Health Criteria for Urban Planning: Children in Human Settlements"	Geneva, 15-16 October	UNEP/WHO	UNEP/WHO
<i>The arms race and the environment (Budget line 81)</i>			
Second meeting of the Advisory Group on the Arms Race and the Environment	Geneva, 25-27 September	UNEP	UNEP

B. WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND OTHER MEETINGS

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
<i>Integrated approach to environment and development, and integration of environment into development co-operation activities (Budget sublines 2101 and 2102)</i>				
Workshop on integration of conservation objectives in development projects: demonstration and guidelines	Morges, Switzerland, 9-13 December	UNEP	IUCN	
International seminar on environmental management for local and regional development	Nagoya, Japan, 9-13 June	UNEP/UN Centre for Regional Development	UN Centre for Regional Development	
Regional seminar on the environmental dimension in development planning	Buenos Aires, 17-19 June	UNEP	ECLAC	
Sixth meeting of the Committee of International Development Institutions on the Environment	Washington, D.C., 3-5 June	UNEP	World Bank/UNEP	
<i>Industry and transportation (Budget subline 2104)</i>				
First meeting of the UNEP Environmental Consultative Committee on the Iron and Steel Industry	Geneva, 28-29 March	UNEP	UNEP	28

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
Third European Environmental Film Festival	Dortmund, Federal Republic of Germany, 12-17 April	European Cultural Foundation/UNEP	European Cultural Foundation	250
Seminar on the prevention and control of industrial pollution	Abidjan, 23-26 July	Government of Côte d'Ivoire/ UNEP	Government of Côte d'Ivoire/ UNEP	80
International Symposium on Clean Technologies	Karlsruhe, Federal Republic of Germany, 7-18 October	Government of the Federal Republic of Germany/UNEP	Government of the Federal Republic of Germany/UNEP/ German Aerospace Research Establishment/Nuclear Research Centre, Karlsruhe	60
Conference on industry and the environment	Ankara, 24-25 October	Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Turkey/UNEP	Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Turkey/UNEP	180
Informal seminar to further international co-operation for the environmental management of industrial process safety and hazards	Geneva, 2-5 December	UN Centre on Transnational Corporations/ UNEP	UN Centre on Transnational Corporations/ UNEP	40
Information meeting with industrial sectoral organizations (as part of the follow-up to WICEM)	Paris, 21 June	UNEP	UNEP	

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
<i>Environmental law and its application (Budget subline 2105)</i>				
Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Protection of the Ozone Layer	Vienna, 18-22 March	UNEP/Government of Austria	UNEP	
<i>Environmental education and environmental training (Budget sublines 3101 and 3102)</i>				
International Training Workshop on Youth and the Environment	Moscow, 23-29 September	UNEP/IUCN	IUCN	
Regional seminar on university and the environment in Latin America and the Caribbean	Bogota, 28 October— 1 November	UNEP	UNEP	
Joint ECA/UNEP/ADB workshop on the incorporation of environmental components into the training programmes of ECA-sponsored institutions	Abidjan, 18-23 November	UNEP/ECA	ECA	
ILO/UNEP regional seminar on environment and development for employers' organizations of French-speaking Africa	Abidjan, 2-6 December	ILO/UNEP	ILO	
Meeting of focal points of the Environmental Training Network for Latin America and the Caribbean to review and adopt measures for the operation of the Network in 1986-1987	Caracas, 2-6 December	Government of Venezuela	UNEP	

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
Regional seminar on university and the environment in Arab States	Qatar, 14-18 December	UNEP/UNESCO	UNEP/UNESCO	
Workshop on youth for the environment as part of UNEP's contribution to the International Youth Year	Nairobi, 25-26 November	UNEP	UNEP	
<i>Public information (Budget subline 3103)</i>				
International Workshop on Alternative Methods of Communication for Environment and Development	Ahmedabad, India, 15-19 October	UNEP/Environmental Services Group of the World Wildlife Fund/Indian Space Research Organization/Worldview International Foundation	UNEP/Environmental Services Group of the World Wildlife Fund/Indian Space Research Organization/Worldview International Foundation	
Inaugural meeting of the UNEP Information Advisory Committee	Geneva, 18-19 November	UNEP	UNEP	
Seminar of Journalistic Attachment Programme	Nairobi, May	UNEP	UNEP	
Global meeting of NGOs on Environment and Development	Nairobi, 4-8 February	UNEP/ELC	ELC	

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
Workshop on women and the environment (during Forum '85)	Nairobi, July	UNEP/ELC	ELC	
<i>INFOTERRA (Budget subline 3104)</i>				
INFOTERRA National Seminar for China	Beijing, 6-8 June	Government of China	Government of China/UNEP	
INFOTERRA National Seminar for the Ukrainian SSR	Kiev, 29-30 July	Government of the Ukrainian SSR	Government of the Ukrainian SSR/UNEP	
INFOTERRA National Seminar for Bulgaria	Sofia, 11-12 November	Government of Bulgaria	Government of Bulgaria/UNEP	
<i>Global Environmental Monitoring System (GEMS) (Budget subline 4101)</i>				
Advanced very high resolution radiometer (AVHRR) workshop on grassland monitoring	Nairobi, 25 February—1 March	UNEP	UNEP	
Symposium on integrated global monitoring of the biosphere	Tashkent, USSR, 13-20 October	UNEP	Government of the USSR/UNEP	
<i>Outer limits, research and assessment (Budget subline 4102)</i>				
Workshop on the transport of carbon and minerals in major world rivers	Tianjin, China, 13-17 May	SCOPE/UNEP/ Government of China/Government of the Federal Republic of Germany	Tianjin University, China/Hamburg University, Federal Republic of Germany/ Shanghai Institute of Plant Physiology, China	

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
Meetings of the Steering Committee for the Workshop on Chlorofluorocarbons	London, 17-18 September Brussels, 6 December	UNEP	UNEP	
Seminar on the ozone layer for developing country scientists	Nairobi, November	UNEP	UNEP	
Second Joint UNEP/ICSU/WMO assessment of the role of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in climate variations and their associated impacts	Villach, Austria 7-15 October	UNEP	UNEP	29
Workshop on El Niño and Southern Oscillation (ENSO) events	Lugano, Switzerland, 11-15 November	UNEP/United States National Center for Atmospheric Research	UNEP/United States National Center for Atmospheric Research	
<i>Regional seas (Budget subline 5102)</i>				
Seminar on aspects of the prevention of oil pollution in the Mediterranean Sea	Athens, 11-13 February	CONCAWE/E and P FORUM/UNEP	CONCAWE/E and P FORUM/UNEP	
Intersecretariat meeting on Arab regional co-operation for the protection and development of the marine environment and coastal areas resources	Athens, 16-17 February	UNEP	UNEP	

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	Tunis, 21-22 March	Mediterranean Trust Fund/ UNEP	UNEP	
Workshop of legal and technical experts on the contingency plan for the combating of oil pollution in the South-east Pacific in cases of emergency	Panama City, 25-27 March	IMO/CPPS/UNEP	IMO/CPPS	
Fourth meeting of the Steering Committee for the Marine Environment of West and Central Africa	Abidjan, 15-17 April	UNEP	UNEP	
Intergovernmental review meeting of the Action Plan for the WACAF region/First meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Abidjan Convention	Abidjan, 18-20 April	UNEP	UNEP	
Fourth Meeting of the Co-ordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia	Manila, 22-23 April	UNEP	UNEP	
Meeting of Directors of United Nations Information Centres on the Mediterranean Action Plan	Athens, 23-25 April	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP	
Fourth meeting of the Council for the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME)	Kuwait, 24-25 April	ROPME/UNEP	ROPME	

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
Third Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme	Cancun, Mexico, 24-26 April	UNEP	UNEP	
Seminar on rehabilitation and reconstruction of historic settlements	Split, Yugoslavia, 22-24 May	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP	
Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	Athens, 14-15 June	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP	
Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Eastern African region	Nairobi, 17-22 June	UNEP	UNEP	
Seminar on land-use planning in earthquake zones	Cetinje, Yugoslavia, 27-29 June	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP	
Second Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the South-east Pacific	Galapagos, 15-18 August	UNEP/CPPS	CPPS	
Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	Genoa, Italy, 9-13 September	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP/ Government of Italy	UNEP	

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
International Conference on Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea	Split, Yugoslavia, 2-5 October	Mediterranean Trust Fund	UNEP	
Consultation meeting on the correlation between coastal water quality and health effects	Follonica, Italy, 21-25 October	Mediterranean Trust Fund/ UNEP/WHO	UNEP/WHO	
Consultation Meeting of PAP/ RAC, UNDRO and UNCHS within the framework of land-use planning in earthquake zones	Split, Yugoslavia, 23-25 October	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP	
Workshop on marine pollution monitoring in the WACAF region	Dakar, 28 October—1 November	IOC/UNEP/FAO/WHO/IAEA	IOC	
Fifth intercalibration exercise and consultation meeting on microbiological methods for coastal water quality monitoring	Marseilles, France, 18-23 November	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP/WHO	UNEP/WHO	
<i>Water (Budget line 52)</i>				
Interregional Seminar on Assessment and Evaluation of Multiple Objective Water Resources Projects	Budapest, 14-18 October	UNEP/ UNDTCD/ Government of Hungary	UNDTCD/ Government of Hungary	55
International Seminar on Environmental Impact Assessment of Water Resources Projects	Roorkee, India, 12-14 December	UNEP/ UNESCO/ Government of India	Water Resources Development Training Centre, Roorkee	170

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
International Workshop on Hygienic Criteria of Drinking Water Quality	Tashkent, USSR, 13-24 May	UNEP	WHO/ UNEPCOM	12
International Workshop on Hygienic Criteria of Drinking water Quality	Kiev, 14-25 October	UNEP	WHO/ UNEPCOM	16
<i>Soils (Budget subline 6101)</i>				
Training workshop on land/soil management in mountain ecosystems	Sochi, USSR, 29 September—17 October	Government of Bulgaria/ UNEP/ UNEPCOM	UNEP/ UNEPCOM	22
Workshop on ecological management problems of irrigated farming in arid and semi-arid zones	Moscow, Tashkent, Ura-Tube, Repetec, and Ashkabad, USSR, October	UNEP/ UNEPCOM	UNEP	20
<i>Other ecosystems (Budget subline 6103)</i>				
Internal evaluation of the integrated pilot project on the environmental management and protection of Andean ecosystems	Lima, 14-15 November	National Planning Institute of Peru/UNEP	UNEP/Government of Peru	

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
<i>Management of agricultural chemicals and residues (Budget subline 6104)</i>				
Third meeting of the Project Steering Committee for the FAO/UNEP African Inter-country Programme for the Development and Application of Integrated Pest Control in Cotton Growing	Nairobi, 11-15 March	UNEP/FAO	FAO/UNEP	
The Seventh International Congress of Protozoology	Nairobi, 22-29 June	International Commission of Protozoology/ UNEP/FAO/ WHO/UNICEF	The local organizing committee for the Congress, on behalf of the International Commission of Protozoology	
<i>Wildlife and protected areas (Budget subline 6105)</i>				
Twelfth general meeting of the Ecosystem Conservation Group (ECG), and second <i>ad hoc</i> ECG meeting on <i>in-situ</i> conservation of genetic resources	Gland, Switzerland, 10-12 April	Costs borne by participants	UNEP	25
Fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CITES Convention	Buenos Aires, 22 April—3 May	UNEP/CITES Trust Fund/ CITES Parties/ Argentine Government	UNEP/Argentine Government	450
Twelfth meeting of the CITES Standing Committee	Buenos Aires, 27 April	UNEP/CITES Trust Fund/ CITES Parties/ Argentine Government	UNEP/Argentine Government	15

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
Third South Pacific National Parks and Reserves Conference	Apia, Samoa 24 June—3 July	UNEP/IUCN/ Governments of New Zealand and Australia	SPREP/IUCN/ UNEP	25
Thirteenth meeting of the CITES Standing Committee	Lausanne, Switzerland, 28 October— 1 November	UNEP/CITES Trust Fund/ CITES Parties	UNEP	15
First meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals	Bonn, 21-26 October	UNEP/Government of the Federal Republic of Germany	UNEP/Government of the Federal Republic of Germany	99
<i>Genetic resources (Budget subline 6106)</i>				
International workshop on <i>Rhizobium</i> /legume inoculants	Porto Alegre, Brazil, 22-25 October	UNEP	UNEP/Porto Alegre MIRCEN	65
Fifth International Congress of the Society for the Advancement of Breeding Researches in Asia and Oceania	Bangkok, 25-29 November	UNEP/Kasetsart University	Kasetsart University	
Seventh International Conference on Global Impacts of Applied Microbiology	Helsinki, 12-16 August	UNEP/UNESCO/ UNIDO	UNESCO	150

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
<i>Arid and semi-arid lands ecosystems and desertification (Budget line 62)</i>				
First <i>ad hoc</i> meeting of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Desertification	Paris, 11-15 March	UNEP/UN Agencies	UNEP	12
Fifth session of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control	Geneva, 18-24 July	UNEP	UNEP/Co-sponsors	58
Twelfth meeting of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Desertification	Rome, 9-11 September	UNEP	UNEP/Co-sponsors	14
Regional training seminar on the use of agro-meteorological and hydrological data in assessment and combat of drought and desertification in Africa	Addis Ababa, 4-9 November	WMO/UNEP/ FAO	WMO	47
<i>Environmental health (Budget subline 7101)</i>				
Second meeting of the collaborating institutions on water-borne diseases	Cairo, 11-13 March	UNEP/AGFUND	Theodore Bilharz Research Institute	24
Meeting of the secretariat of the Panel of Experts on Environmental Management for Vector Control	Geneva, 28-31 May	WHO/FAO/ UNEP	WHO	10

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
<i>International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals (IRPTC)</i> (Budget subline 7102)				
Consultation of experts on treatment and disposal methods for waste chemicals	Geneva, 29 April— 3 May	UNEP	UNEP	
International consultation of experts on toxicometric methodology	Moscow, 18-22 November	UNEP	IPCS/UNEP/ UNEPCOM	

C. TRAINING COURSES

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
<i>Environmental education and training</i> (Budget sublines 3101 and 3102)				
Eighth international graduate course on resource management and environmental impact assessment in developing countries	Dresden, German Democratic Republic, October 1984— July 1985	UNEP/UNESCO/ Government of the German Democratic Republic	UNEP/UNESCO/ Government of the German Democratic Republic	15
<i>INFOTERRA</i> (Budget subline 3104)				
Training course on basic INFOTERRA operations for newly designated English- and French-speaking national focal points	Nairobi, 28-31 October	UNEP	UNEP	20

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
<i>Regional Seas (Budget subline 5102)</i>				
Training course on oil pollution	Athens, 11-13 February	CONCAWE/Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	CONCAWE/UNEP	
Training course on oil spill control in the South-east Pacific Region	Panama City, 18-22 March	IMO/CPPS/UNEP	IMO/CPPS	
Training course on preparation and operation of a work site for on-shore combating of oil pollution (MEDEXPOL 85)	Marseilles, France, 14-18 October	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP	UNEP	
Training course on monitoring of contaminants in the coastal marine environment	Barcelona, Spain, 4-14 November	Mediterranean Trust Fund/UNEP/Municipality of Barcelona	UNEP/Municipality of Barcelona	
<i>Living marine resources (Budget subline 5103)</i>				
Observer training course on dolphin/tuna interactions	Cumana, Venezuela, 28 August— 5 September	UNEP	IATTC	
Observer training course on dolphin/tuna interactions	Ensenada, Mexico, 2-17 December	UNEP	IATTC	
Observer training course on dolphin/tuna interactions	Manta, Ecuador, 10-11 December	UNEP	IATTC	
Observer training course on dolphin/tuna interactions	Guayquil, Ecuador, 4-6 December	UNEP	IATTC	

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
<i>Water (Budget line 52)</i>				
Training course on water pollution control	Sophia Antipolis, France, 2-20 June	UNEP/CEFIGRE	CEFIGRE	25
Training course on environmentally sound water resources management	Harare, 7-18 October	UNEP	CEFIGRE	15
Training course on rural water supply and sanitation	Bangkok, November/December	UNEP/CEFIGRE	CEFIGRE	20
Training Workshop on the chemistry of natural waters	Kishinev, USSR, 23-26 October	UNEP	UNEP/COM	15
<i>Tropical forest ecosystems (Budget subline 6102)</i>				
Regional training course on computer-based quantitative methods for environmental biologists	Singapore, 22 April—11 May	UNEP/UNESCO	UNESCO	20
Training workshop on agroforestry in the humid tropical zones of West and Central Africa	Makokou, Gabon, 1-8 July	UNEP/UNESCO	UNESCO	25
Training course on entomological research in tropical forest ecosystems	Abidjan and Tai Côte d'Ivoire 23 November—6 December	UNEP/UNESCO	UNESCO	25

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
<i>Management of agricultural chemicals and residues (Budget subline 6104)</i>				
Training course for self-reliance in ecological pest management in the tropics	Yaounde, Cameroon, 30 November— 21 December	UNEP/ICIPE/ Regional Centre for Training in Plant Protection	ICIPE, in association with the Regional Centre for Training in Plant Protection	
<i>Genetic resources (Budget subline 6106)</i>				
Training course on conservation and utilization of plant genetic resources	Birmingham, United Kingdom, January	UNEP/IBPGR/ University of Birmingham	University of Birmingham	17
Training course on plant genetic resources evaluation, utilization and management	Birmingham, United Kingdom, January	UNEP/IBPGR/ University of Birmingham	University of Birmingham	2
Training course on <i>in situ</i> conservation of plant genetic resources	Birmingham, United Kingdom, November	UNEP/IBPGR/ University of Birmingham	IBPGR/ University of Birmingham	
Training course on the endomycorrhizae in the Middle East and other semi-arid areas	Cairo, January	UNEP/Cairo MIRCEN/British Council	Cairo MIRCEN	36

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
<i>Arid and semi-arid lands ecosystems and desertification control (Budget line 62)</i>				
Desertification control training seminar in China	Lanzhou, China, 10-30 June	UNEP	UNEP/Government of China	17
Afforestation and sand dune fixation in dry zones	Moscow and Ashkhabad, USSR, 6-30 September	UNEP	UNEP/ UNEPCOM	20
<i>Environmental health (Budget subline 7101)</i>				
Training course on food contamination control with special reference to mycotoxins	Moscow and Yerevan, USSR, 29 April— 21 June	UNEP/FAO/ UNEPCOM	UNEP/FAO/ UNEPCOM	16
International course on environmental toxicology and ecotoxicology	Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 6-13 September	WHO/UNEP/ ILO	Heriot Watt University	25
Second international post-graduate course in preventive toxicology	Moscow, Kiev and Kishinev, USSR, 23 September— 12 October	WHO/UNEP/ ILO/UNEP COM	UNEP COM	14
Training course on schistosomiasis control	Cairo, 17 November— 17 December	UNEP/Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology/ Theodore Bilharz Institute	Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology/ Theodore Bilharz Institute	8

Title	Venue and dates	Financed by	Organizer	Number of participants
<i>International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals (IRPTC)</i> (Budget subline 7102)				
Second international post-graduate training course in preventive toxicology: agrochemicals	Moscow and Kiev, 23 September—12 October	UNEP	IPCS/ UNEP	14
<i>Human settlements</i> (Budget subline 7104)				
Training course on the environmental aspects of human settlements planning	Moscow and Tbilisi, USSR, November	UNEP/UNEP/COM ESCWA	UNEP/UNEP/COM ESCWA	18

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Table 1

**CONTRIBUTIONS PAID TO THE
ENVIRONMENT FUND FOR 1984 AND 1985
(Dollars)**

Country	1984	1985
Algeria	11 000	11 000
Argentina	70 000	70 000
Australia	386 775	320 310
Austria	300 000	300 000
Bahamas	500	500
Bangladesh	5 167	5 224
Barbados	1 000	1 000
Belgium	171 375	—
Benin	1 713	—
Botswana	902	561
Brazil	20 000	—
Bulgaria	10 152	10 152
Byelorussian SSR	16 666	14 338
Cameroon	—	11 680
Canada	903 000	848 900
Chile	5 000	5 000
China	96 552	64 926
Colombia	35 000	35 244
Congo	7 370	—
Costa Rica	103	—
Côte d'Ivoire	4 211	—
Cyprus	2 000	2 000
Czechoslovakia	24 773	25 316
Democratic Yemen	1 840	2 000
Denmark	322 047	358 887
Egypt	24 340	24 340
Finland	600 000	600 000
France	758 586	751 222
Gabon	—	6 000
German Democratic Republic	133 787	118 936
Germany, Federal Republic of	1 596 028	1 418 216
Greece	7 000	—
Hungary	21 041	21 539
Iceland	4 500	4 500
India	100 000	104 003
Indonesia	12 000	12 000
Ireland	19 234	19 621
Italy	249 420	279 883
Japan	4 000 000	4 000 000
Jordan	5 000	10 000
Kenya	45 000	7 757
Kuwait	200 000	200 000

Table 1 (continued)

Country	1984	1985
Lao People's Democratic Republic	6 000	2 027
Lesotho	388	—
Luxembourg	5 218	5 200
Malawi	1 291	2 904
Malaysia	15 000	15 000
Malta	1 526	1 361
Mexico	29 494	10 295
Mongolia	880	792
Morocco	10 277	—
Nepal	1 000	1 000
Netherlands	502 076	481 105
New Zealand	63 066	55 755
Nigeria	20 289	—
Norway	772 211	736 937
Oman	10 000	15 000
Pakistan	4 984	5 000
Panama	3 500	4 000
Papua New Guinea	—	12 445
Philippines	2 349	8 919
Poland	24 590	20 464
Portugal	3 000	3 000
Qatar	10 000	—
Saudi Arabia	500 000	500 000
Seychelles	100	100
Singapore	1 000	1 000
Somalia	203	—
Spain	258 876	269 986
Sri Lanka	3 000	3 000
Swaziland	1 074	441
Sweden	2 079 168	1 824 754
Switzerland	491 135	376 045
Syrian Arab Republic	12 721	—
Thailand	10 000	10 000
Trinidad and Tobago	5 000	5 000
Tunisia	15 180	—
Turkey	6 000	6 000
Ukrainian SSR	41 026	38 653
United Kingdom	915 000	1 063 125
United States	9 924 938	9 000 000
USSR	3 361 540	3 030 867
Venezuela	100 000	57 333
Yugoslavia	8 640	2 414
Zambia	7 353	6 522
Zimbabwe	5 134	4 017
Total	29 407 308	27 265 514

Table 2

**OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1984 and 1985
AS AT 31 MARCH 1986
(Dollars)**

COUNTRY	1984	1985	Total
Belgium	—	236 667	236 667
Benin	—	1 624	1 624
Brazil	—	20 000	20 000
Cameroon	15 533 ¹	—	15 533
Congo	—	7 370	7 370
Costa Rica	—	103	103
Côte d'Ivoire	—	5 222	5 222
Democratic Yemen	1 602 ²	—	1 602
Ecuador	5 000	5 000	10 000
Egypt	—	5 411	5 411
Ghana	9 570	—	9 570
Greece	—	7 000	7 000
Guinea	1 000	1 000	2 000
Jamaica	3 745	3 745	7 490
Kenya	—	37 243	37 243
Lesotho	—	388	388
Morocco	—	10 277	10 277
Nigeria	11 711	32 000	43 711
Papua New Guinea	—	555	555
Peru	55 000 ³	—	55 000
Qatar	—	10 000	10 000
Somalia	66	269	335
Sudan	7 211	15 000	22 211
Syrian Arab Republic	—	14 663	14 663
Togo	500	—	500
Tunisia	—	15 180	15 180
Uganda	2 350 ⁴	2 000	4 350
United Republic of Tanzania	4 776 ⁵	—	4 776
United States	—	924 938	924 938
Zaire	49 144 ⁶	50 000	99 144
TOTAL	167 208 ⁷	1 405 655	1 572 863

¹ Includes \$6 657 outstanding for 1982-1983.

² Includes \$1 602 outstanding for 1982-1983.

³ Includes \$35 000 outstanding for 1982-1983.

⁴ Includes \$350 outstanding for 1982-1983.

⁵ Includes \$4 776 outstanding for 1982-1983.

⁶ Includes \$24 144 outstanding for 1982-1983.

⁷ Includes \$72 529 outstanding for 1982-1983.

Table 2 (continued)

COUNTRY	1984	1985	Total
<i>Summary</i>			
Total contributions:	29 501 988	28 671 169	58 173 157
Total paid:	29 407 309	27 265 514	56 672 823
Amount unpaid:	94 679	1 405 655	1 500 334

Table 3

**APPROPRIATION FOR FUND PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES, ITS
APPORTIONMENT BY BUDGET LINE AND THE ALLOCATIONS
MADE TO BUDGET LINES BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BIENNIUMS 1984-1985 AND 1986-1987**

Budget line	Appropriation ^a	Allocation	Apportionment	Allocation	Appropriation ^b	Allocation	Apportionment	Allocation
	apportionment		1984-1985		apportionment		1986-1987	
	(Thousands of dollars)		(Percentages)		(Thousands of dollars)		(Percentages)	
21 Environment and development	8 050	5 918	11.50	11.27	6 360	4 350	10.6	9.6
31 Environmental awareness	12 000	8 950	17.13	17.05	9 120	6 940	15.2	15.4
41 Earthwatch	8 500	6 375	12.14	12.14	9 770	7 325	16.3	16.2
51 Oceans	7 400	5 750	10.58	10.95	6 780	5 140	11.3	11.4
52 Water	3 000	2 250	4.29	4.28	3 000	2 290	5.0	5.1
61 Terrestrial ecosystems	10 800	7 900	15.44	15.05	7 260	5 540	12.1	12.2
62 Desertification	6 700	4 925	9.57	9.38	6 000	4 565	10.0	10.1
71 Health and human settlements	7 150	5 632	10.21	10.73	6 190	4 890	10.3	10.8
81 Arms race and the environment	400	300	0.57	0.57	360	270	0.6	0.6
82 Regional and technical co-operation	6 000	4 500	8.57	8.57	5 160	3 890	8.6	8.6
Total Fund programme activities	70 000	52 500	100.00	100.00	60 000	45 200	100.0	100.0
Fund programme reserve	2 000	1 000			2 000	1 000		
Grand Total	72 000	53 500			62 000	46 200		

^a Decision 11/10, para 16.

^b Decision 13/36, para. 9.

Table 4

**1984-1985 AND 1986-1987 ALLOCATIONS AND COMMITMENTS FOR FUND
PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES AND FUND PROGRAMME RESERVE
ACTIVITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1985
(Dollars)**

Budget line	1984-1985		1986-1987	
	Allocations	Commitments	Allocations	Commitments
21 Environment and development	5 917 500	4 793 691	4 350 000	1 219 161
31 Environmental awareness	8 949 550	7 695 856	6 940 000	2 073 715
41 Earthwatch	6 374 550	5 925 941	7 325 000	2 126 623
51 Oceans	5 750 300	5 590 493	5 140 000	1 821 041
52 Water	2 250 150	2 024 405	2 290 000	452 053
61 Terrestrial ecosystems	7 899 700	4 363 801	5 540 000	1 393 793
62 Desertification	4 925 300	4 600 150	4 565 000	2 088 828
71 Health and human settlements	5 632 350	5 129 732	4 890 000	2 079 617
81 Arms race and the environment	300 300	231 705	270 000	—
82 Regional and technical co-operation	4 500 300	3 666 884	3 890 000	1 818 400
Total Fund programme activities	52 500 000	44 022 658	45 200 000	15 073 231
Fund programme reserve	1 000 000	1 009 959	1 000 000	42 000
Grand Total	53 500 000	45 032 617	46 200 000	15 115 231

Table 5

**1985 COMMITMENTS FOR FUND PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES
AND FUND PROGRAMME RESERVE ACTIVITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1985
(Dollars)**

Budget line	Allocation 1985	Total commitments 1985	1985 commitments incurred before 1985	1985 commitment incurred during 1985
21 Environment and development	3 975 716	2 851 908	835 149	2 016 759
31 Environmental awareness	5 975 882	4 722 188	2 813 439	1 908 749
41 Earthwatch	4 275 207	3 826 598	2 084 884	1 741 714
51 Oceans	3 597 247	3 437 440	2 043 192	1 394 248
52 Water	1 979 579	1 753 834	494 000	1 259 834
61 Terrestrial ecosystems	6 580 529	3 044 630	1 469 982	1 574 648
62 Desertification	3 025 853	2 700 703	928 245	1 772 458
71 Health and human settlements	3 707 517	3 204 899	2 063 069	1 141 830
81 Arms race and the environ- ment	183 142	114 547	116 705	(2 158)
82 Regional and technical co-operation	2 810 811	1 977 395	1 672 392	305 003
Total Fund programme activities	36 111 483	27 634 142	14 521 057	13 113 085
Fund programme reserve	484 936	494 895	135 500	359 395
Grand Total	36 596 419	28 129 037	14 656 557	13 472 480

Table 6

**NEW COMMITMENTS APPROVED DURING THE YEAR 1985 FOR
FUND PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES AND FUND PROGRAMME RESERVE ACTIVITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1985
(Dollars)**

Budget line	Total commitments approved in 1985	Commitments approved for 1985	Commitments approved for 1986	Commitments approved for 1987	Commitments approved for 1988
21 Environment and develop- ment	3 228 920	2 016 759	914 161	298 000	—
31 Environmental awareness	3 828 425	1 908 749	1 140 141	779 535	—
41 Earthwatch	3 541 337	1 741 714	113 623	686 000	—
51 Oceans	3 215 289	1 394 248	1 293 080	527 961	—
52 Water	1 711 887	1 259 834	368 053	84 000	—
61 Terrestrial ecosystems	2 613 508	1 574 648	687 240	340 560	11 060
62 Desertification	3 753 070	1 772 458	1 353 944	626 668	—
71 Health and human settlements	3 098 947	1 141 830	1 059 617	897 500	—
81 Arms race and the environment	(2 158)	(2 158)	—	—	—
82 Regional and technical co-operation	2 003 703	305 003	1 261 450	437 250	—
Total Fund programme activities	26 992 928	13 113 085	9 191 309	4 677 474	11 060
Fund programme reserve	401 395	359 395	42 000	—	—
Grand Total	27 394 323	13 472 480	9 233 309	4 677 474	11 060

Table 7

**ALLOCATIONS AND EXPENDITURES 1984 AND 1985 BY CONVERTIBLE AND
NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1985**

(Millions of dollars)

Budget line	Convertible currency				Non-convertible currency			
	Allocations	1984 Expendi- ture	Allocations	1985 Expendi- ture	Allocations	1984 Expendi- ture	Allocations	1985 Expendi- ture
21 Environment and development	2.93	1.73	2.32	2.11	0.43	0.21	0.24	0.16
31 Environmental awareness	3.66	2.30	3.15	3.21	1.57	0.67	0.58	0.73
41 Earthwatch	3.05	1.82	2.37	3.36	0.65	0.28	0.30	0.14
51 Oceans	2.90	2.07	2.56	2.94	0.22	0.08	0.07	0.08
52 Water	0.85	0.21	0.69	1.01	0.46	0.06	0.25	0.39
61 Terrestrial ecosystems	2.69	0.27	2.36	1.56	2.02	0.60	0.83	1.05
62 Desertification	1.88	1.13	1.60	1.72	1.04	0.77	0.40	0.65
71 Health and human settlements	2.02	1.04	1.35	1.53	1.02	0.84	1.25	0.97
81 Arms race and the environment	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.06	—	—	—
82 Regional and technical co-operation	2.00	1.64	1.85	1.36	0.61	0.05	0.03	0.02
Total Fund programme activities	22.10	12.78	18.38	18.91	8.08	3.60	3.95	4.19
Fund programme reserve	0.80	0.41	0.05	0.43	—	0.11	0.15	—
Grand Total	22.90	13.19	18.43	19.34	8.08	3.71	4.10	4.19

Table 8

DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECTS AND EXPENDITURES BY INSTITUTION IMPLEMENTING FUND PROJECTS 1984 AND 1985 (Dollars)

	Expenditure 1984	No. of projects	Expenditure 1985	No. of projects
<i>Co-operating agencies</i>				
ECA	363 959	2	312 726	3
ECE	117 245	2	107 170	2
ECLAC	278 884	2	196 961	2
ESCWA	162 389	1	132 506	1
ESCAP	195 192	2	111 168	2
FAO	1 183 877	22	1 132 300	23
IAEA	53 510	1	158 039	1
IARC	—	1	—	—
ILO	114 376	4	183 866	4
IMO	28 464	3	84 344	2
IOC/UNESCO	18	1	—	—
UNCHS	(70 033)	3	301 082	5
UNCTC	9 600	1	—	—
UNDIESA	58 311	1	92 933	1
UNDRO	(600)	1	—	—
UNDTCD	39 710	2	152 038	2
UNESCO	1 153 969	19	813 932	23
UNICEF	34 358	1	—	—
UNIS	7 200	1	—	—
UNRISD	25 371	2	—	—
UNSO	598 481	6	859 701	6
WHO	709 372	13	1 517 713	11
WMO	265 180	10	447 470	9
Total co-operating agencies	5 328 833	101	6 603 949	97

Table 8 (continued)

	Expenditure 1984	No. of projects	Expenditure 1985	No. of projects
<i>Supporting organizations</i>				
<i>(a) Governments</i>				
Australia	—	—	2 052	1
China	451 245	3	(15 830)	2
Colombia	13 429	1	2 349	1
Democratic Yemen	30 536	1	307 999	1
Egypt	—	—	125 741	1
Indonesia	23 139	1	(5 998)	1
Kenya	—	1	228 627	4
Malaysia	9 562	1	40 778	1
Mongolia	19 126	1	6 653	1
Niger	3 510	1	—	—
Peru	4 610	1	113 846	1
Philippines	33 830	2	8 784	2
Somalia	(554)	1	—	—
Sri Lanka	9 256	1	15 737	1
Sudan	—	—	100 216	1
Thailand	—	—	12 332	2
Tunisia	29 489	1	31 651	1
USSR	1 582 366	11	2 100 095	11
Venezuela	(23 490)	1	20 294	1
Total Governments as supporting organizations	2 186 054	28	3 095 326	33

Table 8 (continued)

	Expenditure 1984	No. of projects	Expenditure 1985	No. of projects
<i>Supporting organizations</i>				
(b) <i>Others</i>				
AAEA	45 050	1	40 146	1
AFME	—	—	43 381	1
AL AHAM	3 108	1	39 085	2
ALECSO	10 000	1	—	—
ASRT	12 958	1	219 891	1
BBC	6 463	1	—	—
BEIJER	17 967	1	2 434	1
BFS	21 623	1	49 460	1
CARICOM	42 522	1	37 774	1
CCA	8 000	1	—	—
CEFIGRE	68 000	1	100 000	1
CHECO	311 834	1	387 788	2
CITES	44 362	1	—	—
COSPAR	15 669	1	68 001	1
CPPS	105 254	1	230 682	1
CSC	(18 168)	1	—	—
ELC	301 646	5	218 642	4
ESL/NRC	46 472	1	19 528	1
FEEMA	4 561	1	—	—
FSDC	2 479	1	3 249	1
GGSMF	—	—	22 081	1
HARWELL LAB	4 872	1	—	—
IAHS	15 000	1	—	—
IBPGR	29 283	1	45	1
ICAITI	—	—	29 000	1
ICE	996	1	—	—
ICIPE	—	—	80 956	2
IDE	—	—	34 715	1
IFIAS	5 499	1	—	—
IGPL	9 279	1	—	—
IIASA	91 095	1	87 605	1
IIED	40 000	1	177 336	3
INDERENA	34 109	1	—	—
IPAGRO	—	—	32 000	1
IPS	70 000	2	—	—

Table 8 (continued)

	Expenditure 1984	No. of projects	Expenditure 1985	No. of projects
ISEM	19 923	1	15 076	1
IUCN	198 713	10	726 505	14
KING'S COLLEGE	207 627	2	175 099	2
LUS	19 000	1	5 000	1
NRC-FRG	(11 852)	1	13 560	1
NWLSEA	(450)	1	14 374	1
OAS	35 557	1	22 268	1
PAP/RAC	—	—	20 000	2
PFA	30 270	1	9 477	2
SCAR	—	—	33 794	1
SCOPE	339 494	5	197 284	6
SDA	30 570	1	20 000	1
SIPRI	118 574	2	112 374	1
SPC	255 312	1	312 241	1
UOR	—	—	1 969	1
WDC	—	—	18 000	1
Total other supporting organizations	2 592 671	62	3 620 820	67
Programme activity centres	2 742 899	4	4 137 045	5
Internal projects	4 053 124	55	6 074 770	66
Grand Total	16 903 581	250	23 531 910	268

Table 9

**SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES BY INSTITUTIONS
IMPLEMENTING FUND PROJECTS 1981-1985
(Percentages)**

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Co-operating agencies	30.6	30.5	35.1	31.5	28.1
Supporting organizations	28.8	32.6	25.8	28.3	28.5
Internal projects	24.2	23.6	26.6	24.0	25.8
Programme activity					
Centres	16.4	13.3	12.5	16.2	17.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 10

**GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF FUND EXPENDITURES
1981-1985
(Dollars)**

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Africa	1 705 416	1 875 308	2 932 120	2 034 281	2 877 964
Asia	1 859 437	1 645 556	2 108 254	1 414 406	2 064 742
Latin America	1 378 737	1 878 378	1 925 638	988 227	1 134 215
North America	122 527	203 774	30 854	22 154	39 806
Europe	819 607	810 699	458 106	227 478	197 096
Total regional	5 885 724	6 413 715	7 454 972	4 686 546	6 313 823
Inter-regional	4 499 194	4 785 040	2 561 221	1 730 031	2 038 135
Global	12 822 043	10 947 040	14 856 618	10 487 004	15 179 952
Grand Total	23 206 961	22 145 795	24 871 811	16 903 581	23 531 910

Table 11

COUNTERPART CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1985 AND 1986

Activity	US dollars	
	Pledges for 1985	Pledges for 1986
Meeting of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts for the Elaboration of a Global Framework Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer:		
Austria	27 000	
Canada	23 400	
Norway	10 000	
	60 400	
Ongoing consultative relationship with specific industries:		
Nippon Light Metal Co.	37 500	
France	5 680	
ALCAN	8 750	
International Primary Aluminium Institute	20 000	
	71 930	
International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals:		
Netherlands	50 000	
European Atomic Energy Community	2 834	
European Economic Community	10 055	
	62 889	
Conservation of migratory species of wild animals:		
Federal Republic of Germany	66 400	
International Symposium on Clean Technologies:		
Federal Republic of Germany	100 000	
International Symposium on Solid Waste Management:		
Federal Republic of Germany	1 917	

Table 11 (continued)

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Pledges for 1985</i>	<i>US dollars Pledges for 1986</i>
First African Ministerial Conference on the Environment:		
Egypt	36 510	
Ivory/crocodile project (CITES):		
European Economic Community Ivory Co-ordination Unit (CITES secretariat)	24 326	—
General Merchandise Importer's Association of Japan	13 483	17 867
Friendlien	2 866	—
	16 349	17 867
Reforestation projects in developing countries:		
National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan	45 000	
Fifth meeting of the conference of the Parties to CITES		
World Wildlife Fund (United States)	9 082	
Environment Education Centre, (United States)	3 000	
	12 082	
Establishment of a network of environmental training institutions for Latin America and the Caribbean:		
Spain	33 000	
Chile	5 000	
	38 000	
Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention:		
Italy	18 019	
Trust Fund: the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution:		
Greece	400 000	

Table 11 (continued)

<i>Activity</i>	<i>US dollars</i>	
	<i>Pledges for 1985</i>	<i>Pledges for 1986</i>
<i>Caiman Latin America Project (CITES)</i>		
All Japan Association of reptile skins and leather industries		10 000
Itarettila (Italy)		5 000
Trading — SRL (Bolivia)		3 300
Syndicat National des tanneurs de Reptile Français (France)		3 000
John G. Mahler Co. (United States)		2 500
Tanneries et cuirs d'Indochine (France)		5 000
Stadtsparkasse — (Federal Republic of Germany)		3 333
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Fonseca Fur and Hide (United States)		2 000
France-Croco		1 600
W. Muller (GmbH) Federal Republic of Germany		1 666
		39 065
Special project unit the CITES secretariat:		
International Fur Trade Federation		25 000
GRAND TOTAL	956 822	81 932



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