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Auf die schriftliche Anfrage der Abgeordneten zum Nationalrat Herbert Fux und Genossen vom 7. November 1988, Nr. 2894/J, betreffend Beitrag Österreichs zur Rettung der Regenwälder, beehre ich mich, soweit die Zuständigkeit meines Ressorts angesprochen wird, folgendes mitzuteilen:

Zu 1.:

Im Geschäftsbericht der Weltbank über das Geschäftsjahr 1987 (1. Juli 1986 - 30. Juni 1987) wird darauf hingewiesen, daß die Bank zwar bereits die größte Einzelquelle für die Finanzierung von Projekten zur Konservierung und Entwicklung tropischer Wälder sei, daß sie aber dennoch ihr Kreditvolumen für Forstprojekte, die aus umweltpolitischer Sicht gerechtfertigt sind, mehr als verdoppeln wolle, und zwar von 152 Mio. US-\$ im Geschäftsjahr 1987 auf 350 Mio. US-\$ im Geschäftsjahr 1989. Da höhere Kredite für die Forstwirtschaft allein den Entforstungsprozeß der tropischen Wälder nicht aufhalten können, bemüht sich die Bank sicherzustellen, daß ihre forstwirtschaftlichen Investitionen durch entsprechende Maßnahmen in den Kreditnehmerländern unterstützt werden.

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Im Geschäftsjahr 1988 (1. Juli 1987 bis 30. Juni 1988) hat die Bank den Umfang ihrer Aktivitäten auf dem Umweltsektor bedeutend erweitert. Das Ziel dessen ist einerseits, die Bemühungen zur Bekämpfung der negativen Umweltfolgen einzelner Projekte auszudehnen und solche Vorhaben zu kennzeichnen, die besonders auf Umweltprobleme ausgelegt sind; andererseits will man mit Nachdruck Eingriffsmöglichkeiten entwickeln, die das Umweltverhalten auf einer breiten Basis beeinflussen. Besondere Aufmerksamkeit gilt in diesem Zusammenhang den Gefahren der Abholzung in Ländern mit tropischen Regenwäldern, den schwerwiegenden Umweltproblemen in Afrika südlich der Sahara (Versteppung und Versalzung) und anderen Ländern mit akutem Brennholzangel.

Zu 1.a):

Im Rahmen der Weltbank gibt es keine eigene Mitgliedschaft beim Tropenwaldaktionsprogramm. Österreich beteiligt sich an diesem Aktionsprogramm aber durch seine Beitragsleistungen zur Weltbank.

Zu 1.b):

Der aktuelle Stand an Aktivitäten im Rahmen des Tropenwaldaktionsprogrammes ist der meinem Schreiben angeschlossenen Darstellung, die mir der österreichische Vertreter im Direktorium der Weltbank zugeleitet hat, zu entnehmen. Ich ersuche, für das durch die Übertragung mittels Telefax bedingte äußere Erscheinungsbild dieser Darstellung Verständnis zu haben.

Zu 1.c):

Wie mir berichtet wird, nimmt der Leiter der zuständigen Abteilung der Weltbank zu dem Vorwurf, daß nur 10 % des Aktionsplanbudgets der Erhaltung der Regenwälder gewidmet sind, wie folgt Stellung: "Daß nur 10 % der Zielgröße des Tropenwaldaktionsplanes (TFAP) in Höhe von 5 Mrd. US-\$ über 10 Jahre zur Konservierung der Regenwälder verwendet werden sollen, ist eine Fehlinterpretation des TFAP-Berichtes. In diesem Bericht wird eindeutig festgestellt, daß zur Konser-

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vierung der tropischen Regenwälder substantielle Investitionen für die Entwicklung des Agrarbereichs und Wiederaufforstungsaktivitäten notwendig seien, um den rund um die Waldgebiete lebenden Menschen zu ermöglichen, ihre landwirtschaftliche Produktion zu intensivieren und alternative Quellen für Brennholz und andere Produkte zu finden und auszubauen."

Die genannten 5 Mrd. US-\$ sollen in etwa für folgende Zwecke verwendet werden:

- 916 Mio. US-\$ zur Unterstützung der Landwirtschaft
- 1.500 Mio. US-\$ für Brennholz und Land- und Forstwirtschaft
- 1.300 Mio. US-\$ für industrielle Verwendung
- 1.000 Mio. US-\$ für institutionellen Auf- und Ausbau
- 448 Mio. US-\$ für Konservierung (Erhaltung von Nationalparks)

Die in der Anfrage erwähnten 10 % beziehen sich offenbar nur auf die 448 Mio. US-\$ für die Erhaltung von Nationalparks. Für die langfristige Konservierung der Regenwälder sind jedoch die übrigen erwähnten Positionen ebenso wichtig und deshalb auch Teil des Aktionsprogrammes.

Zu 2.a):

Österreich ist bei der Weltbank zusammen mit Belgien, Ungarn, Türkei und Luxemburg in einer gemeinsamen Stimmrechtsgruppe vertreten, wobei Belgien mit dem höchsten Stimmenanteil in der Gruppe den Leiter des Vertretungsbüros stellt, der die Gruppe bei Sitzungen und auch bei Abstimmungen vertritt. Abweichend von anderen multilateralen Institutionen erlauben die Statuten der Weltbank kein sogenanntes "split voting" innerhalb einer Stimmrechtsgruppe, sondern der Exekutivdirektor muß mit einer Stimme für alle fünf Länder sprechen. Es gibt also nur ein Abstimmungsverhalten des belgischen Exekutivdirektors.

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Die Politik dieser Stimmrechtsgruppe wird in Diskussionen der vertretenen Länder auf Ministerebene allgemein festgelegt. Es handelt sich hierbei um umfassende Diskussionen der in der Weltbank anstehenden Fragen einschließlich der ökologischen. Der belgische Exekutivdirektor handelt nach diesen allgemeinen Instruktionen bei der Beurteilung von einzelnen Projekten. In der Regel werden Projekte mit Konsens angenommen. Gegenstimmen und Stimmenthaltungen sind selten.

Grundlinie der österreichischen Stimmrechtsgruppe ist es, nicht durch negative Abstimmungen im Direktorium, sondern bereits in der Vorbereitungsphase von Projekten durch informelle Kontakte mit dem Bankmanagement die Projektqualität zu verbessern. Zu bemerken ist, daß sich insbesondere die kreditnehmenden Länder der Stimmrechtsgruppe (Türkei und Ungarn) gegen eine kritische Haltung des belgischen Exekutivdirektors bei Projekten in anderen Ländern stellen, da sie Nachteile bei ihren eigenen Kreditprogrammen befürchten.

Da nach Ansicht des Vertretungsbüros in Washington die Weltbank schon seit geraumer Zeit ökologischen Aspekten in allen Projekten Beachtung schenkt und darüber hinaus bestrebt ist, Projekte, die zur Erhaltung der natürlichen Umwelt beitragen, zu fördern, ergab sich kein Anlaß zu einzelnen Projekten aus ökologischen Überlegungen eine ablehnende Haltung einzunehmen. Die Österreich vertretende Stimmrechtsgruppe hat sich deshalb bisher noch bei keinem Darlehen der Weltbank an Brasilien der Stimme enthalten bzw. gegen dieses Darlehen gestimmt.

Zu 2.b):

In Anbetracht der zur Frage 2.a) dargelegten Gründe ergibt sich keine Notwendigkeit für neue Anweisungen. Es ist jedoch darauf hinzuweisen, daß in österreichischen Reden vor Jahrestagungen der Weltbank und auch der regionalen Entwicklungsbanken stets auf die miteinander kausal eng verbundenen Hauptprobleme der meisten Entwicklungsländer, nämlich Armut,

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Bevölkerungswachstum und ökologische Störungen, hingewiesen und vor allem stärkeres Engagement im Kampf gegen die Armut gefordert wird, wodurch der Bevölkerungsexplosion Einhalt geboten werden kann und somit auch ökologische Belastungen reduziert werden können.

Zu 6.:

Über künftige Förderungen durch die Bundesregierung von Projekten, die der Erhaltung der Regenwälder bzw. der Neuaufforstung dienen, kann aus der Sicht meines Ressorts derzeit keine Aussage gemacht werden.

Zu 3. bis 5.:

Hinsichtlich dieser Fragen darf ich auf die Zuständigkeit des Bundesministers für auswärtige Angelegenheiten und des Bundesministers für wirtschaftliche Angelegenheiten verweisen.

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**zur Antwort des Bundesministers für Finanzen
auf die schriftliche Anfrage Nr. 2894/J,
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From: The Coordinator, Tropical Forestry Action Plan, FAO

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TAP UPDATE No. 11

Introduction. The TAP UPDATE is designed to provide timely information on Tropical Forestry Action Plan activities, meetings, publications and related activities. It is issued periodically in English. It is an information document only, and should not be considered as an official statement of any of the organizations or agencies named. Material included in the TAP UPDATE is taken from information received in the office of the FAO TAP Coordinator. Your cooperation in keeping the Coordinator's Office informed on all relevant information for use in the TAP UPDATE will be greatly appreciated.

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Part 1. News On TAP Management

1.1 Status of TAP Field Activities

1.1.1 Angola: U.S. Fernando Pauziano Mucala, Minister of Agriculture of Angola, visited FAO on 16 March 1989 and discussed with the Director of the Forestry Department the forest situation of his country. Raphaela was given to TAP and how it can be applied to Angola. The Minister requested the assistance of FAO in the preparation of a forestry sector plan for Angola in line with TAP's framework. Preparatory work is scheduled to start early 1989.

1.1.2 Argentina: The TAP Coordinator, M. Noin, and M. Pavoni (FAO) visited the country in August 1987 for preliminary discussions with Government officials. A draft national forestry sector development plan has been prepared. M. Pavoni, FAO Forestry Officer visited the country in July 1988 to discuss the preparation of the round table with donors' participation (type III) which is scheduled 28-30 November 1988.

Type I round table: seminar or workshops organized to bring together all interested national partners in order to have nationwide participation in the preparation of the Action Plan, right from the beginning.

Type II round table: national seminar for acceptance of draft TAP reports to obtain political involvement, commitment and support, to make sure that all parties are well informed and feel involved and to define and propose follow-up actions that are necessary after the TAP report is adopted by the Government.

Type III round table: Host Government and participating agencies discussion on the effective implementation of the National Forestry Action Plan, to follow-up on the recommendations as regards funding and carrying up of identified programs and projects.

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1.1.3 Myriodopolis. The Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Country Programming Mission has identified a major plan project for possible formulation to reach towards the end of 1989. Specific requests for TFAP approval have not been received, but it is understood that the Government is considering this.

1.1.4 Dolingo. FAO consultant, L. Lando has prepared a background paper on the forestry sector of the country in January 1988. Details of sector review were worked out by J.B.M. Arnold, team leader, on his visit to the country in February 1988. Field work of the mission took place in May-June 1988, with ODA as the lead agency and with the participation of FAO, CIDA and USAID. The report is being finalized for submission to the Government. Round table with donors participation (type IIX) is foreseen mid-1989.

1.1.5 Dhucan. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is planning a major plan project with 32 n/a consultancy commitment. Some link with project BRU/83/016 has been proposed, which will help to make links with the TFAP.

1.1.6 Dolivia. A project document (DOL/87/015) to finance partially a TFAP review mission was signed by the lead agencies UNDP and FAO in Mar 1988. FAO consultant Gerardo Lanza, team leader, visited Dolivia from 1 to 30 April 1988 to initiate the preparatory work and to establish the national secretariat for the TFAP. The mission started its field work in June 1988 and is scheduled to finalize by mid October. The Mission Report is expected to be ready in late 1988. Participating agencies are: UNDP, FAO, BID, Switzerland, Japan, The Netherlands, F.R.Germany and UNDP. A round table with donors participation (type IIX) is foreseen for June 1989.

1.1.7 Durkian Paoe. A FAO/ICP project to carry out a study on forestry's contribution to the country's economic development has been finalized by FAO consultant M. Adolbert Harap, team leader, and national consultants Alfredo Zeuge and G. Jacques Quodraogo. The report has been submitted to the Government. A request from the Government for ICP project to finance national seminar (type IX), scheduled for November/December 1988, has been approved. A round table with donors' participation (type IIX) is scheduled for March/April 1989.

1.1.8 Durundi. An enquiry on the modality of organizing a TFAP exercise for the country has been received and a reply sent to the FAO Representative for transmission to the Government.

1.1.9 Cameroon. A seminar (type IX) to discuss the TFAP review mission, the draft report, findings and recommendations, was held in Yaounde from 28 to 29 January 1988 with the participation of national experts and representatives from UNDP, FAO, the African Development Bank and Canada. The TFAP mission report has been completed by L. Gatlue, team leader, and M. Ze Moku, Director, Forest Service of Cameroon. The mission report has been approved by the Government and was distributed to participating agencies late June 1988. IICD has completed the field work of forest policy review and the final report is being prepared. The round table with donors' participation (type IIX) was foreseen for November/December 1988 in Yaounde, but postponement to early 1989 is likely.

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1.1.10 Colombia. The National TFAP for Colombia, conducted by specialists with the assistance of the Netherlands, started with a workshop that took place from 6 to 9 October 1987 during which a detailed workplan was developed. The workshop was attended by specialists and representatives of donor countries, Development agencies and NGOs. FAO was represented by A. Contreras, Forestry Officer. The basic plan, as prepared by the Colombians, was presented to governmental authorities on 27 January 1988. M.R. de Montalombert, TFAP coordinator n.i., visited Colombia end of April 1988 to review the progress of the TFAP exercise. FAO Investment Centre and World Bank mission visited the country from 22 June to 7 July. The draft TFAP for Colombia is expected to be ready in December 1988. Round table with donors' participation (type III) is foreseen in March 1989.

1.1.11 Congo. A request for a TFAP review mission from the Minister of Forestry Economics was received (30 October 1987). FAO Forestry Officer P. Tesha visited the country from 3-12 December 1987 and discussed the Action Plan with government authorities and the UNDP representative. It was agreed in principle that UNDP could approve a small project to finance the TFAP mission and FAO would act as the executing agency. The project document has been prepared and submitted to UNDP. The preparatory work has been scheduled for late 1988 but detailed arrangements for the mission remain to be confirmed.

1.1.12 Costa Rica. An FAO consultant Mr Francisco Ortuño visited the country from 5 to 7 October to prepare the terms of reference of a TFAP technical mission which is going to prepare the TFAP documents for the national forestry development programme.

1.1.13 Côte d'Ivoire. The FAO/WFP (team leaders) formulation mission visited the country from 24 October to 6 November 1987. FAO consultant R. Carriot joined the mission and has prepared proposals for technical assistance within the framework of the TFAP. A report has been prepared and submitted to the Government. The report is in line with the National Forestry Plan. A World Bank evaluation mission with CDC and CIDA participation visited the country in June 1988.

1.1.14 Cuba. FAO consultant G. Fernandes Torres visited the country (11 October-3 November 1987) and discussed arrangements for a TFAP review mission. The report of the mission has been finalized and sent to the Government. Government's reaction was received early October 1988 and indicated the intention to hold a type III round-table in 1989.

1.1.15 Dominican Republic. The review mission report was finalized by FAO (lead agency with UNDP) and submitted to the Government in January 1988. A national TFAP workshop was held from 14 to 16 April. FAO Forestry Officer, Manuel Paveri, visited the country on 25 April. FAO consultant Mr Francisco Ortuño Medina is preparing a revision of the forestry policy law for the country, as a direct follow-up of the mission report's recommendations. A request for further assistance for the finalization of project profiles has been received. A round table with donors' participation (type III) is foreseen for January/February 1989. UNDP will continue its support extending its UNDP/TFAP project.

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1.1.16 Ecuador. Mauro Hein, TFAP Coordinator, visited the country from 7-11 March 1988 and held detailed discussions with governmental authorities and with a representative from IIRD. The TFAP for Ecuador is being prepared by national specialists with financial support from The Netherlands and consultants from IIRD. A round table with donors' participation (type III) is foreseen in March/April 1989. FAO provided consultancy for the preparation of the project profiles and will assist the overall organization of the round table.

1.1.17 Guineal Guinea. As a follow-up to the meeting of FAO's Director-General with the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Addis Ababa, an FAO Forestry Officer will visit the country in 1988 for preliminary discussions on TFAP. The European Economic Commission (EEC), France and IUCN have expressed their willingness to participate in the TFAP activities.

1.1.18 Ethiopia. The Ethiopian vice-Minister of Natural Resources & Conservation, Main Department, Ministry of Agriculture, in a meeting held on 13 September 1987 with FAO forestry officers, expressed the interest of his Government in having a substantive TFAP mission visit his country in order to: (i) review the sector and critically analyze the government's draft development program; (ii) improve existing project outlines and propose more, as necessary; (iii) to prioritize development actions and make proposals for a donor meeting which Ethiopia wishes to convene at the time of launching the programme. A preliminary mission by C. Chandrasekharan (FAO Forestry Officer), E.V. Payvan (Consultant) and A. Choi (FAO Project Staff) visited the country from 1 to 22 June 1988. The report of the mission was sent to the government and to the interested donors in early September 1988. A project is under consideration for financing by UNDP and the Government to finance a follow-up sector review. A type II round-table with donors participation is foreseen for late November 1988 to discuss the project profiles prepared during the preliminary mission and the subsequent follow-up actions.

1.1.19 Flji. The project document for FLI/88/006 "Forestry Sector Development Study" has been signed. Preliminary field work started in May 1988 and the sector review will be carried out by FAO/UNDP (lead agencies during July-December 1988). A round-table with donors' participation (type III) is scheduled for mid-1989.

1.1.20 Chano. A forestry identification/preparatory mission was carried out by WB/FAO (lead agencies) from 5 to 25 February 1987. This was followed by formulation and appraisal missions under the auspices of the WB/FAO Cooperative Programme and ODA and the final negotiations for an IDA/ODA sponsored forestry project are being finalized.

1.1.21 Guinea. The TFAP review mission field work has been completed under the leadership of France and the report has been accepted by the Government. A national seminar (type II) to discuss the mission findings and recommendations is scheduled to be held in October 1988. France has informed that a round table (type III) is foreseen in January 1989.

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1.1.22 Guyana. Field work for the sector review was carried out in May 1988 with participation of UNDP, FAO and CIDA. Reports are being prepared under the supervision of J. Willson, the team leader of CIDA (lead agency). National seminar (type II) is foreseen in early 1989 and a round table with donors' participation (type III) is scheduled for May/June 1989.

1.1.23 Eritrea. A request for assistance has been received by FAO. Preliminary mission to explain the national authorities the TFAP process and to discuss the nature of the exercise was scheduled in June 1988 but it had to be postponed.

1.1.24 Honduras. A round-table to discuss a proposal for a National TFAP, prepared by local experts with the assistance of UNDP/FAO, was held in Tegucigalpa from 25 to 30 January 1988 and was attended by representatives from 16 countries and 15 international organizations, as well as representatives of many national institutions, the private sector, and rural organizations. The UNDP/FAO project, HON/88/003, will be the phase of the national TFAP which will coordinate and promote the implementation of the agreements reached at the round-table by the different national and international participants.

1.1.25 Indonesia. A preliminary mission by M.R. de Montalambert, Chief FODP, was carried out from 7 to 9 December 1987. The national Five Year Plan is to be drawn up within the framework of the TFAP. FAO Forestry Officer Chandrasekharan visited the country in early April 1988 to follow the work being done. The Minister of Forestry expressed support for Indonesian participation in the TFAP to FAO Forestry Officer P. Wardle who visited the country in June to assist the national authorities in the preparation of the round table with donors' participation (type III) which is scheduled for March 1989. The five year plan for forestry sector will be presented by the President 1 January 1989 and it will form basis for Indonesian presentation to the round table of March.

1.1.26 Jamaica. In a visit to FAO in June 1988, Jamaica's Prime Minister indicated to FAO's Director General the interest of his Government for a TFAP exercise. As a follow-up Mr. Thelen, FAO Regional Officer, visited the country at the end of June and prepared a project document for UNDP financing. The project has been submitted to the government but is being revised in light of the urgent problems arising from the recent hurricane.

1.1.27 Laos. A preparatory mission was carried out by consultant D. Wright from the Asian Development Bank. Subsequently FAO Regional Forestry Officer Y.S. Rao visited the country and prepared a draft proposal. UNDP/FAO have been asked to lead the exercise and a project document will be prepared to be submitted to UNDP by the Government. Preparatory donor meeting was held by the government from 1 to 3 September. Local or regional representatives of ADB, FAO, SIDA and WB were present. The sector review has been scheduled for early 1989. Round table with donors' participation (type III) is foreseen in mid-1989.

1.1.28 Lesotho. A request for assistance has been received by FAO. Preliminary work for the exercise is scheduled for late 1988 and the sector review is expected to start in early 1989. National round table (type I) is foreseen for November 1988.

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1.1.29 Madagascar. TFAP mission has been delayed until the World Bank's third forestry project is prepared based on the work of FAO/UNDP project MAG/82/015 and TGP/MAG/1102.

1.1.30 Malaysia. M.R. de Montcalmfort, Chief TGP, visited Malaysia (10-12 December 1987) and discussed the ongoing national TFAP exercise. Ministry of Primary Industries organized a national workshop on TFAP 11-1 July 1988. Mr. Wardle, FAO Forestry Officer, visited the country in June discussed the workshop and Mr. P. Razana, Director Forest Industries in PO/FAO participated in it. The National Tropical Forestry Action Plan is expected to be finalized and approved by the Government in October 1988 and an international round table (type IX) is scheduled for early 1989.

1.1.31 Malì. The terms of reference and modus operandi of the TFAP review mission have been prepared, discussed and agreed upon at a meeting (FAO HQ, 23 November 1987) with M.N. Samoehe, Director of Forestry. FRANE is the lead agency. A preparatory mission by J. Gadamé (team leader), J. Clémont and FAO Forestry Officer M.N. Kissa was carried out from 21-26 February 1988. A report prepared by Gadamé was sent to those agencies that have shown interest to participate in the mission. Team leader visited the country in July and is now preparing detailed TORs for the TFAP mission. Round table type II is foreseen for June 1989.

1.1.32 Mauritania: The review mission within the framework of the project MAU/86/007 - "Plan directeur de lutte contre la désertification" started in March 1988. Draft preparatory mission report has been produced and the report is expected to be ready by the end of September. FAO's (lead agency with UNDP) consultant Mr. Abdou is the team leader. Round table type II is foreseen in November 1988 and round table type III is scheduled for May 1989.

1.1.33 Mexico: A TFAP preparatory mission was carried out by FAO consultant Fernando Barrionuevo in July 1987. A preliminary document indicating the focus of TFAP exercise for Mexico has been prepared. The exercise concentrates on the conservation and development of the tropical forest resources of Southern Mexico. Mr. L.J. Cantelero, Executive Secretary of the National Forestry Commission (CONAFOR) visited FAO 21-23 June to discuss the national TFAP. The TFAP mission started its field work in August, Mr. Mike Terelli, FAO consultant being the team leader. Other participating agencies and organizations are GTZ, ICONA (Spain), ODA, UNDP and UNEP. Mission report is expected to be ready early November. National seminar (type II) is foreseen in November 1988 and round table with donors participation in March 1989.

1.1.34 Nepal. A Master Plan is being finalized for the development of the forestry sector by ANDE. The report has identified priority programmes and average annual investment requirements of US \$ 63 million for the next 22 years. FAO consultants: M. Gama (team leader), D.B. Thorud and G. Watt visited Nepal from 1-30 March 1988 in order to carry out a review of the Master Plan at the request of the Government. The final report has been submitted to the Government. A round table on the Master Plan, organized by the Ministry of Finance, with donors and high-level national participation was held 19 May 1988. L. Ljunggren represented FAO at the round table. The plan was well received by the donor community as well.

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as by the Governments. A copy of the executive summary is available on request from Rabi Bises, Project Manager, M.P.O.D. Project, Ministry of Forestry and Soil Conservation, Kuchinadu, Nepal and from FAO Forestry Department.

1.1.35 Nicaragua. A draft forestry development plan was prepared by Swedish consultants and submitted to the Government. The scope of the plan which is industrially biased will be broadened for which purpose an Income Paper is under preparation by the Government and SIDA as lead agency. Two Swedish consultants were in the country in September to assist in preparing the Income Paper.

1.1.36 Pakistan. A preliminary mission was carried out by Lancaster (UNDP), Bauche (ADB) and Ribbel (FAO) in March 1987. The World Bank carried out a mission to the country from 18 April to 11 May 1988 to review the Forestry Master Plan. FAO consultant Mr. K.M. Bajracharya announced specifically technical cooperation in line with the framework of the TFAP. A preparatory mission on a Master Plan Study was carried out by the Asian Development Bank with FAO's participation from 23 May to 12 June 1988. The mission reached broad understanding with the Government and UNDP on most aspects of the Master Plan study including the Terms of Reference.

1.1.37 Panama. The sector review mission has been finalized 24 June 1988 by J. Leyton, the team leader. UNDP/FAO are the lead agencies and the mission was integrated by consultants from IDB, Sweden, Japan and by national experts. National seminar (type II) was held from 8 to 10 June 1988. An international round-table is foreseen in early 1989.

1.1.38 Papua New Guinea. An official request for TFAP assistance has been received and World Bank offered to act as lead agency. ADB, FAO, GTZ, IIED, IUCN, Japan, and UNDP have expressed their preliminary willingness to participate in the exercise. World Bank preliminary mission (T. Siano & J. Douglas) is scheduled for the last week of October to discuss with the government the scope of the exercise. Draft Issues Paper is expected to be completed in November. Subject to agreement of the government and interested donors, the main mission is tentatively planned for February 1989.

1.1.39 Peru. The TFAP mission led by CIDA (Canada) completed its work in May 1987. The mission's report has been finalized and submitted to the Government in August 1988. Round table with donors' participation (type III) is foreseen for end 1988.

1.1.40 Philippines. The terms of reference for a master plan project have been prepared by ADB and the project is awaiting approval. The project is expected to be implemented from July 1988. A copy of the draft TOR can be obtained from the ADB.

1.1.41 Senegal. FAO has received a request from the Government to update the National Forestry Plan in the light of TFAP. E.H. Sène, FAO Forestry Officer, visited the country from 14 to 17 December 1987 in order to hold preliminary discussions on TFAP. TOR for the mission, prepared by FAO, have been approved by the government. Designation of the international lead agency is expected shortly. National seminar on TFAP is foreseen for September 1989.

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1.1.42 Salomon Islands. A preliminary request for the TFAP assistance has been received. The Government is expected to decide on the type and scope of the mission.

1.1.43 Sierra Leone. A mission by the FAO's Investment Centre visited the country in February 1988 following the preparation of the Master Plan and has developed an investment programme with a five-year time horizon carried out an appraisal mission to the country during May-June 1988. It was requested to carry out a review and a complementary mission on the Master Plan in early 1989. Round Table (type III) to be organized for mid 1989.

1.1.44 Sierra Leone: UNDP (lead agency with FAO) has approved a project document to finance 10 months consultancy for the TFAP review mission to the country. The Issues Paper has been prepared by Ten Allen, the team leader. Forestry Sector Review mission has started its field work in early July 1988. National seminar is foreseen for April/May 1989 and round table with donors participation (type III) late 1989.

1.1.45 Senegal. A preliminary mission to the country was carried by M. Khouroum in January 1987. A TFAP project document to finance the exercise has been approved by UNDP (lead agency with FAO) and will be sent to interested donors in early October.

1.1.46 Suriname. A request has been received for TFAP assistance.

1.1.47 Tanzania. The Issues Paper and TOR for the Sector Review mission have been prepared and submitted to the Government by Mr. R.P. Yonazi, national team leader and Mr. M. Simola, international team leader of PINNIDA (lead agency). Preparatory work for the sector review mission has been completed by national experts. A workshop to evaluate the results will take place from 4 to 5 October. The sector review will start 24 October and it will be arranged through four batches. The review is expected to be completed by February 1989. Interested donors and international organizations have been contacted.

1.1.48 Thailand. Following a visit by the Prime Minister of Thailand to Helsinki in May 1988, it was announced that the Government of Finland would provide funds through UNDP for a Forest Sector Master Plan. FAO participation in the preparation of the Master Plan is foreseen. The modal operandi has yet to be decided.

1.1.49 Togo. FAO Forestry Officer M. Kelts visited Togo from 9-20 February 1988 in order to discuss with governmental authorities details of the TFAP review mission. Project document has been sent to the government for submission to the UNDP (lead agency with FAO).

1.1.50 Venezuela. A National Forestry Plan is being prepared and completed by national experts. A round-table type III is foreseen for June 1989.

1.1.51 Viet Nam. An official request for TFAP assistance has been received by FAO. Draft project document has been prepared for the submission to the UNDP which will be the lead agency together with FAO.

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Prodec will be done to the International donors (SIDA, Switzerland and World Bank) as soon as clearances have been received from the Government. Background paper prepared by the Government has been received by FAO.

1.1.52 Zaire. E.H. Ocho, FAO Forestry Officer, visited the country (10-23 October 1987) for preliminary discussions with governmental authorities. FAO consultant H. Lillolund has prepared a draft Issues Paper for the review mission. The Team Leader is Mr. Carlos Sireto, collected by CIDA, the lead agency. The preliminary mission by Sireto and Ocho (FAO Forestry Officer) visited the country from 31 May to 7 June. FAO is preparing a Forest Policy Review in Zaire with the support of the World Bank.

1.1.53 CARICOM countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, St. Christopher and Nevis, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, Montserrat, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago. A request has been received for TFAP assistance and preliminary discussions were held in Jamaica in April 1988 on the occasion of the Latin America Forestry Commission meeting. FAO/CF Forestry Officer, Richard Owen, visited Trinidad and Tobago and discussed future TFAP activities. An exploratory mission by FAO Forestry Officer A. Contreras and US Forest Service Officer Mr. Nelson visited the islands in June-July and prepared an issues paper and TOR for the full mission which is scheduled for April 1989. The Proposal for Action was to be discussed at a ministerial level meeting in September 1988.

1.2 Coordination and Communication

1.2.1 Mr. William Reilly, President of WWF-US and the Conservation Foundation visited the TFAP coordinator for an exchange of information concerning WWF-US field activities particularly in Latin America and concerning the TFAP implementation and the participation of NGOs in national operations.

1.2.2 The IUCN Tropical Forest Programme is producing country issues papers on biological diversity conservation in tropical moist forests. Some of these have been specifically tailored to the needs of TFAP missions and others produced in response to demands from other agencies concerned with forest resource development. Agencies wishing to receive copies of existing papers may obtain them from IUCN in Cambridge or Gland, Switzerland (Avenue du Mont-Blanc, CH-1196 Gland, Switzerland, Tel. (022) 647 181, Telex: 619 605 iucn ch, Telefax: (022) 644 238). IUCN is also prepared to accept commissions to prepare further papers if required. TFAP countries for which papers already exist are as follows: Colombia, Ecuador, Guinea, Indonesia (Kalimantan), Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Tanzania. In addition, IUCN is just completing a detailed study of forest conservation priorities in the Central African region. This study will culminate in a workshop in Gabon in November at which a regional action plan for forest ecosystem conservation will be

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adequated. National reports on forest resources conservation will then be prepared for Cameroon, C.A.R., Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tom, Congo and Zaire. The final reports will be available early in 1989.

1.2.3 A seminar on desertification control with reference to the Algerian experience in the establishment of the "Green Belt" was held in Algiers from 2 to 3 October as a satellite activity to the third session of the Condes Conference. Mr. Sdao, FAO Forestry Officer participated the seminar. The seminar discussed the TAP and the state of its implementation, the contribution of the TAP to arid zone forestry and desertification control, practical steps to be taken by countries interested in a TAP exercise etc.

1.2.4 7th Meeting of the TAP Forestry Advisors' Group to be held
The seventh meeting of the TAP Forestry Advisors' Group on harmonizing international forestry development cooperation will be held from 9 to 11 November 1988 in Tokyo, Japan.

1.2.5 ITTO Council Meeting to be held
The Fifth Session and the Third Session of the Permanent Committees of the ITTO Council will be held in Tokyo, Japan from 9 to 16 November 1988.

1.2.6 Bellagio II Meeting to be held
The Second Bellagio Strategy Meeting on Tropical Forests will be held in UK from 30 November to 1 December 1988.

The purpose of the meeting is to reach a consensus among major development assistance agencies, developing country leaders, NGOs, and the research community on institutional options for strengthening the contributions of research towards reversing tropical deforestation and establishing sustainable patterns. The meeting will give special emphasis on research strategies to implement the Tropical Forestry Action Plan.

1.2.7 African Forestry Commission Session to be held
8th Session of African Forestry Commission will be held from 1 to 5 May 1989 in Malawi and it will discuss the regional relevance of TAP for Africa. The 9th Session of AFC Working Party on Wildlife Management and National Parks will proceed (26-28 April in Malawi) the Commission Session.

1.2.7 Committee on Forest Development in the Tropics Session to be held
9th Session of the Committee on Forest Development in the Tropics will be held from 11 to 15 September 1989 in Reno, Italy.

1.2.8 Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission Session to be held
14th Session of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission will be held from 4 to 8 December 1989 in Philippines.

1.3 Exhibitions

1.3.1 "Tropical Rainforests. A Disappearing Treasure" an exhibition organized by the Smithsonian Institute at the S. Dillon Ripley Center in Washington D.C., USA. The exhibition will be open till 2 January 1989.

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ANNEX 1

STATUS OF THE TROPICAL FORESTRY ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION
IN THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES (33 countries)

(as of 30 September 1988)

1. FORESTRY SECTOR REVIEWS COMPLETED (10 countries)

- Burkina Faso (FAO) Report available
- Cameroon (UNDP/FAO) Report available
- Côte d'Ivoire (FAO/WBCF)
- Dominican Republic (UNDP/FAO)
- Ghana (FAO/WBCF)
- Guinea (France)
- Guyana (CIDA)
- Nepal (AID)
- Panama (UNDP/FAO)
- Peru (CIDA)

2. ONGOING FORESTRY SECTOR REVIEWS (33 countries)

- Belize (ODA)
- Bolivia (UNDP/FAO)
- Colombia (The Netherlands)
- Congo (UNDP/FAO)
- Cuba
- Ethiopia (UNDP/FAO)
- Fiji (UNDP/FAO)
- Jamaica (UNDP/FAO)
- Laos (UNDP/FAO)
- Lesotho
- Mali (France)
- Mauritania (UNDP/FAO)
- Mexico (FAO)
- Nicaragua (SIDA)
- Pakistan (AID)
- Papua New Guinea (WB)
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone (UNDP/FAO)
- Somalia (UNDP/FAO)
- Sri Lanka (FAO)
- Tanzania (FINNIDA)
- Togo (UNDP/FAO)
- Zaire (CIDA)
- Viet Nam (UNDP/FAO)
- CARICOM Islands:
 - * Antigua and Barbuda
 - * Barbados
 - * St. Christopher and Nevis
 - * Dominica
 - * Grenada
 - * St. Lucia
 - * Montserrat
 - * St. Vincent and the Grenadines
 - * Trinidad and Tobago

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3. COMPLETED TYP COUNTRY-LEVEL EXERCISES CONDUCTED BY NATIONALS
(1 country)
 - Honduras
4. ON-GOING TYP COUNTRY-LEVEL EXERCISES CONDUCTED BY NATIONALS
(5 countries)
 - Argentina
 - Ecuador
 - Indonesia
 - Malaysia
 - Venezuela
5. REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE RECEIVED (6 countries)
 - Angola
 - Costa Rica
 - Equatorial Guinea
 - Haiti
 - Suriname
 - Thailand