

RENEWABLE ENERGIES

Recognizing the lack of resources available to LDC's,

Noting the need for diverse energy sources throughout the world,

Building upon the achievements made at Johannesburg in September 2002,

Reaffirming the importance of the Kyoto Protocol, Agenda 21 and especially its key principle of "Common but Differentiated Responsibilities",

Cognizant of the current indispensable nature of oil to the world economy,

Concerned about the impact of fossil fuel consumption on the environment,

The Commission on Sustainable Development,

- 1) Recommends the establishment of new funding sources to help ease the costly transition from a non-renewable energy based economy to one adopting renewable energy sources in developing countries;
- 2) Urges developed countries to provide educational, technical and financial assistance to countries who demonstrate a need and desire for increasing the use of renewable energy sources with the following provisions:
 - a) That the funding process and related activities occur in a transparent manner;
 - b) That transparency be ensured either by existing NGO's or by a new NGO created for the specific purpose of overseeing the legitimate allocation of aid;
- 3) Requests that the future transition towards renewable energy occurs in tandem with changes in the demand and in the degree of world dependence for non-renewable energy sources;
- 4) Suggests that countries with a high dependence on non-renewable energies have an elaborate contingency plan to help deal with changes in this demand;
- 5) Encourages further research and development in non-renewable energy sources and in technologies that would allow for the cleaner production and consumption of fossil fuels.
- 6) Supports further progress in renewable energy through:
 - a) explore new ideas such as better usage of alternative forms of energy such as hybrid cars and the development of the hydrogen cell
 - b) the global cooperation and sharing of new information and technology
 - c) improvement of biomass combustion methods to increase efficiency;
- 7) Calls upon developed nations to provide examples and leadership in the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

