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Summary

1. Ministers and heads of delegations of 133 United Nations Member States attending the twenty-third session of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at UNEP headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, from 21 to 25 February 2005 met to discuss the environmental underpinnings of the Millennium Development Goals and to put

(b) Goal No.7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability – in relation to water, sanitation and

summit meeting later in the year. The present President's summary attempts to draw on the major thrusts of the discussion among ministers and other heads of delegation attending the meeting, rather than provide a consensus view on all points.

President's summary of the discussions by ministers and heads of delegations at the twenty-third session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme

20-22 November 2002, Nairobi, Kenya

ANNEX 2: CHECKLIST OF THE Millennium Development Goals

- Involvement of the poor, particularly the rural poor, women and youth in the development of environmentally sound strategies for the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals at the local and community levels, should be ensured, as a central component of the success of such strategies.

- UNEP should enhance its cooperation with international financial institutions, and also with specialized agencies and programmes in the United Nations system.

B. Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability in relation to water, sanitation and human settlements

provide the services upon which human life depends, are particularly relevant to water resources. The illegal transboundary movement of toxic materials and chemicals and hazardous waste also threatens

that environmentally sustainable water use is integrated into poverty reduction strategies and national development plans.

- UNEP should focus more on drawing together different voices and partners.
- UNEP should be more active in international forums, such as the Economic and Social Council and the international financial institutions, in an endeavour to drive home the vital contribution of environmental sustainability in meeting water and other targets.

C. Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women – gender and environment

12. Sustainable development is not possible without the empowerment of women and gender



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