

We trust PACEM IN MARIBUS is keeping close touch with the UNCSTD developments and hope it will work to develop

*Amike*

# A PEOPLES' INPUT TO UNCSTD

THE U.N. CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

"Science is too important to be left to the scientists." It is also too important to be left to U.N. delegates. Science and technology affect the lives of all people. Science has brought many benefits. It has also brought many dangers. And, the benefits have not been equitably distributed.

UNCSTD (The U.N. Conference on Science and Technology for Development) gives a time frame and a mechanism for reevaluating and redirecting science and technology toward the betterment of the lives of people in all parts of the world. If we, the people, are to participate constructively in this world-wide dialogue we must start now.

It is not enough to wait, as in past U.N. Conferences, until a month or two before the official meeting to become active. National leaders have already started preparing position papers. The U.N. Secretariat has already started preparing the official Conference Documents. The people too must start now discussing the impact of science and technology on their daily lives, on their community's well being, on the resources of the planet, and on World Order.

Past U.N. Conferences have invited token representation by "the people" through selected NGOs (non-governmental organizations) which watched official delegates from nearby hotel rooms. At the U.N. Conference on Human Settlements (Vancouver, 1976) a broader spectrum of non-governmental groups participated in their own HABITAT FORUM in which people-to-people communication on important world problems became as important as the dialogue with the official delegates. The potential of the Habitat Forum was diminished by the general chaos engendered by the lack of preparatory communication among the NGOs.

For UNCSTD a broad coalition is developing to create a constructive peoples' input to (or in parallel with) the U.N. Conference. You are invited to participate.

The *A.T. Resolution* on the other side of this page is suggested as a core statement of our concern. Each participant is urged to endorse this general statement, to add its own addenda, and to expand on relevant portions of the basic declaration of principles.

Similarly, each group or individual participant is to develop its own activities to fit with its own local conditions and its capabilities.

One concern we hope to bring to UNCSTD is the development of community level technologies. Currently the primary motivations for R&D (research and development) are for National defense, National prestige, or to meet the wants of the affluent segments of already over-industrialized urban societies. Attention needs to be given to alternatives which meet both the basic physiological and psychological needs of people.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

Write an editorial on a peoples' input to UNCSTD for your newsletter or other periodical (include the *A.T. Resolution*).

Put discussion of UNCSTD and the *A.T. Resolution* on the agenda of club meetings.

Coordinate an A.T. Teach-in at your local school or university.

Identify local problems of and needs for science and technology.

Develop your own position paper on science, technology and human development.

Prepare an A.T. exhibit or seminar to be held in conjunction with the regional preparatory meeting.

Urge local newspapers, radio and t.v. stations to provide news on UNCSTD.

Let others in the network know what positions you are preparing and what actions you are taking or planning.

Plan to be at the UNCSTD regional preparatory meeting and the Conference itself.

## PEOPLE TO CONTACT

*The "collective independence" developing for UNCSTD relies on broad support for independent actions. Among those you should let know about your positions and your actions toward a peoples input to UNCSTD are:*

*Other members of the Network*

Mr. Joco de Costa, Secretary General UNCSTD, Rm 31161A, United Nations Building, New York, NY 10017 USA

Hon. Patsy Mink, Assistant Secretary OES, Dept. of State, Wash., D.C. 20520 USA

*Other national and international leaders*

## THE UNCSTD TIME TABLE

**February 1977 to April 1978**

Preparation of National Papers

**June & July 1978**

Regional Preparatory Meetings

**September 1978 to June 1979**

Preparation of Conference Documents

by U.N. Secretariat

**August/September 1979**

Convening of UNCSTD

(Place to be determined)

## SOME PARTICIPATING GROUPS

**TRANET** (7410 Vernon Sq. Dr., Alexandria, VA 22306 USA)

**Environmental Conservation** (15 Chemin F. Lehman, 1218 Grand Saconnex, Geneva, SWITZERLAND)

**Natural Life** (Box 640, Jarvis, NOA 1JO, CANADA)

**La Gueule Ouvert** (117, Avenue de Choisy, 75 013 Paris, FRANCE)

**People and Energy** (CSPI, 1757 "S" St., NW, Washington, DC 20009)

**The Elements** (1901 "Q" St., NW, Washington, DC 20009)

**Doing It!** (Box 303, Worthington, OH 43086 USA)

**Future Studies Centre** (15 Kelso Rd., Leeds LS2 9PR, ENGLAND)

**Northwest Regional Foundation** (P.O. Box 5296, Spokane, Washington 99201 USA)

**Mushroom Magazine** (c/o Waitati P.O., 2 Waitati, Otago NEW ZEALAND)

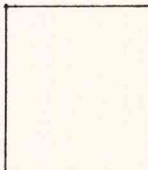
**The Workbook** (P.O. Box 4524, Albuquerque, N.M. 87106 USA)

**ADAB News** (549F, Road 14, Dhammondi, Dacca-5, BANGLADESH)

Can we add your name to the list ?

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*yes*



A TRANSNATIONAL RESOLUTION ON ALTERNATIVE/APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE  
U.N. CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR (HUMAN) DEVELOPMENT

*FULLY CONVINCED THAT SCIENCE (KNOWLEDGE) AND TECHNOLOGY (KNOW-HOW) ARE THE PRINCIPLE TOOLS BY WHICH LARGE SEGMENTS OF HUMANKIND HAVE OBTAINED PHYSICAL COMFORT AND FREEDOM FROM WANT, BUT*

*RECOGNIZING THAT INAPPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES SPRINGING FROM SCIENCE HAVE LED TO WASTE OF RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND INTOLERABLE LIVING CONDITIONS FOR MANY PEOPLE, AND*

*NOTING WITH CONCERN THAT BOTH AMONG NATIONS AND WITHIN ALL NATIONS THE BENEFITS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ARE INEQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED, AND*

*DISAPPOINTED THAT THE U.N. AND ITS MEMBER GOVERNMENTS HAVE NEGLECTED THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF "ALTERNATIVE APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES", AND*

*FEARING THAT CURRENT INAPPROPRIATE SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES HAVE PLACED HUMANKIND IN GRAVE SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND PHYSICAL DANGERS,*

*APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY GROUPS AND CITIZENS IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD STRONGLY URGE THE U.N., ITS TECHNICAL AGENCIES, AND ITS MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO:*

- DEVELOP NEW POLICIES AND PROGRAMS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH GIVE GREATER ATTENTION TO THE BASIC NEEDS OF PEOPLE,
- EMPHASIZE AND SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGIES WHICH: ARE IN HARMONY WITH NATURE, ARE CULTURALLY FITTING, PROVIDE MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT, ARE LOW COST, ARE SMALL SCALE, ARE EASILY MAINTAINED, AND WHICH LEAD TO LOCAL SELF-RELIANCE AND THE DIGNITY OF HUMANS AS WELL AS THEIR PHYSICAL COMFORT,
- CONSCIOUSLY REDIRECT TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRAMS AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TOWARD IMPROVING THE WELL BEING AND AUTONOMY OF THE LESSER ADVANTAGED NATIONS, COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS.