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THE WORLD COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT was created as an independent body in December 1983 as a consequence of a resolution adopted by the 38th Session of the General Assembly. That resolution called upon the Secretary-General to appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission and in turn directed them to jointly appoint the remaining members, at least half of whom were to be selected from the developing world. The Secretary General appointed Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland of Norway, then leader of the Norwegian Labour Party, later Prime Minister of Norway, as Chairman and Dr. Mansour Khalid, the former Minister of Foreign Affairs from Sudan, as Vice-Chairman. They together appointed the remaining members of the Commission.

THE COMMISSION'S MANDATE during its three years of existence was to re-examine the critical issues of environment and development and to formulate new and concrete action proposals to deal with them; to assess and propose new forms of international co-operation that could break out of existing patterns and foster needed change; and to raise the level of understanding and commitment everywhere. During its existence, the Commission functioned as an independent body. It was thus able to address any issues, to solicit any advice, and to formulate and present any proposals and recommendations that it considered pertinent and relevant.

THE COMMISSION'S WORK began with its first official meeting in Geneva in October of 1984. During that meeting, the Commission agreed that its processes would be open, visible, and participatory and that in conducting its work, strategies would be employed to ensure it of receiving the broadest range of views and advice on the key issues it was addressing.

The Commission therefore decided that it would hold deliberative meetings in all the regions of the world and that it would take the occasion of those meetings to get a first-hand view of environment and development issues in those regions. It also decided to use these visits to hold open Public Hearings where senior government representatives, scientists and experts, research institutes, industrialists, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the general public could openly express their concerns to the Commission and submit their views and advice on issues of common concern.

These public Hearings, which were a unique feature of the Commission, have become its "trademark", demonstrating both to the Commissioners and the participants that the issues addressed by the Commission are indeed of global concern and do transcend national boundaries and different cultures. Hundreds of organizations and individuals gave testimony during the Public Hearings and over 500 written submissions, constituting more than 10,000 pages of material, were received by the Commission in connection with them.

Deliberative meetings, site visits, and/or Public Hearings of the Commission were held in Geneva, Jakarta, Oslo, Sao Paulo, Brazilia, Vancouver, Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa, Halifax, Quebec City, Harare, Nairobi, Moscow and Tokyo. Special working sessions of the Commission were also held in Geneva, Moscow and West Berlin.

To further widen its base of information and service, the Commission appointed a group of expert Special Advisors to assist it and the Secretariat in the analysis of key issues it was considering. These included experts in Food Security, Agriculture, Forestry, International Economic Relations, Energy, Science and Technology, Law, Industry, Security and Youth Affairs.

To assist in its work in four key areas, Energy, Industry, Food Security and Legal Rights and Responsibilities, the Commission constituted Advisory Panels of leading experts to advise it on the recommendations and conclusions it should consider making. The reports of these four Panels were submitted to the Commission for its consideration during its meeting in Canada in May of 1986 and have since been published under the titles Energy 2000, Industry 2000, Food 2000 and Legal Principles for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development.

During the course of its work, the Commission also engaged experts, research institutes, and academic centres of excellence from around the globe to prepare more than 75 studies and reports relating to the key issues it was addressing.

All of the principal background materials received and reviewed by the Commission during its deliberations, including the expert studies, the advisory panel reports, the written submissions made to the public hearings and transcripts of the verbal testimony given during those hearings has been compiled into an Archive Collection on Sustainable Development known as the Brundtland Collection.

THE WORLD COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT.

Copies of this archive collection have been placed in <u>six</u> academic centres around the globe for research and analysis by academics and the public-at-large:

The Chinese Academy of Science in Beijing

The United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi

The Bariloche Foundation in Rio Negro, Argentina

Development Alternatives in New Delhi

The Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Science in Budapest

The Indonesian National Research Institute in Jakarta, and

The National Center for Science and Technology in Riyadh.

The original collection of papers has been deposited with the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa and one additional set is held at the Centre for our Common Future in Geneva.

October 1989

LA COMMISSION MONDIALE SUR L'ENVIRONNEMENT ET LE DEVELOPPEMENT (CMED) est un organe indépendant constitué en décembre 1983 en application d'une résolution adoptée à la 38e session de l'Assemblée générale des Nations-Unies. Par cette résolution, le secrétaire général était chargé de nommer les président et vice-président de la Commission, lesquels désigneraient conjointement les autres membres, dont la moitié au moins devaient être choisis dans les pays en développement. Le secrétaire général a nommé Mme Gro Harlem Brundtland, alors chef du Parti travailliste norvégien et M. Mansour Khalid, ancien ministre des Affaires étrangères du Soudan, respectivement présidente et vice-président.

SON MANDAT — Au cours de ses trois années d'existence, la CMED a rempli son mandat en réétudiant les questions critiques d'environnement et de développement et formulant des propositions en vue d'une action novatrice, concrète et réaliste pour traiter ces problèmes; en évaluant et proposant de nouvelles formes de coopération internationale qui s'écartent des schémas existants, influencent les politiques et les faits dans le sens des changements qui s'imposent, et améliorer la compréhension des problèmes et le niveau d'engagement dans le monde. Le caractère indépendant de la CMED lui a conféré une grande liberté à l'égard des questions à examiner, des conseils à demander et lui a permis de formuler les propositions et recommandations jugées pertinentes et appropriées.

SES TRAVAUX -- La CMED a tenu sa première réunion officielle à Genève en octobre 1984. Au cours de cette rencontre, il a été décidé que les débats de la Commission seraient publics, participatifs et que dans la conduite de ses travaux, elle appliquerait des stratégies qui lui apporteraient le plus grand éventail possible d'opinions et de conseils sur les grandes questions qu'elle examinera.

En conséquence, la Commission a décide d'organiser des séances de délibérations dans toutes les régions du monde, ce qui lui donnerait l'occasion de prendre connaissance directement des problèmes d'environnement et de développement de ces régions. Elle a décidé en outre de mettre à profit sa présence dans différents pays pour tenir des séances publiques auxquelles des hauts fonctionnaires, des scientifiques et des experts, des membres d'instituts de recherche, des industriels, des représentants d'organismes non gouvernementaux et le grand public, pourraient librement faire part de leurs préoccupations à la Commission et exprimer leur opinion sur des questions d'intérêt commun.

Ces séances publiques, qui sont une activité propre à la Commission, lui ont donné son "image de marque" et apportent la preuve à ses membres comme à ceux qui participent à ces séances que les questions traitées par la Commission présentent un intérêt mondial qui déborde tout cadre national et culturel. Par centaines, individus et organismes collectifs ont apporté leur témoignage au cours des séances publiques et plus de 500 communications représentant que que 10 000 pages écrites, ont été reçues par la Commission.

La Commission a tenu des séances délibératives, des audiences publiques et effectué des excursions sur les lieux à Genève, Djakarta, Oslo, Sao Paolo, Brasilia, Vancouver, Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa, Halifax, Québec, Harare, Nairobi, Moscou et Tokyo. Des séances de travail spéciales ont eu lieu à Genève, Moscou et Berlin-ouest.

Pour élargir son champs d'information et de services, la Commission a mis sur pied groupe de conseillers spéciaux chargés de l'aider, ainsi que le Secrétariat, dans l'étude des grandes questions agricoles, forestières, juridiques, énergétiques, industrielles ainsi que des problèmes relatifs à la sécurité alimentaire, aux relations économiques internationales, à la science et à la technologie, à la sécurité et à la jeunesse.

Pour collaborer à ses travaux dans trois domaines clés (énergie, industrie et sécurité alimentaire, droits et responsabilités juridiques), la Commission a constitué des comités consultatifs d'experts de renom chargés de la conseiller sur les recommandations et les conclusions qu'elles devrait envisager. Les quatre comités ont présenté leur rapport à la Commission lors de sa réunion de mai 1986 au Canada. Ces rapports ont été publiés sous les titres Energy 2000, Industry 2000, Food 2000 et Legal Principles for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development.

Au cours de ses travaux, la Commission s'est assuré les services de spécialistes, d'instituts de recherche et de centres universitaires d'excellence du monde entier pour préparer plus de 75 études et rapports sur les questions clés.

Enfin, les principaux documents reçus et étudiés par la Commission au cours de ses délibérations, y compris les rapports d'experts et des comités consultatifs, les communications ainsi que les transcriptions des témoignages présentés en audience publique, ont été réunis dans la Collection Brundtland (Archive Collection on Sustainable Development).

Cette collection a été déposée dans \underline{six} centres académiques du monde afin qu'elle soit accessible aux chercheurs et au grand public, soit :

The Chinese Academy of Science (Beijing)

Programme des Nations-Unies pour l'environnement (Nairobi)

Fondation Bariloche (Rio Negro, Argentine)

Development Alternatives (New Delhi)

The Institute for World Economics de l'Académie hongroise des sciences (Budapest)

Institut indonésien de recherches (Jakarta)

Centre national des sciences et de la technologie (Riyad)

La collection originale a été déposée à Ottawa, au Centre de recherches pour le développement international (CRDI), qui possède en outre une copie de l'ensemble pour la réunion Notre avenir à tous, à Genève.

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Please note that there are no minutes available for the following meetings:

5th Meeting Ottawa May 21 – June 2, 1986

6th Meeting Harare Sept. 14 - 20, 1986

7th Meeting Moscow

Dec. 6 - 12, 1986

8th Meeting (Final) Tokyo Feb. 20 - 27, 1987

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December 19, 1983

The 38th Session of the General Assembly adopts Resolution 38/161 welcoming the establishment of the Commission

Late December, 1983

Secretary General of the United Nations appoints Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland as Chairman, and Dr. Mansour Khalid as Vice-Chairman, of the Commission

May 15 - 16, 1984 - Geneva

An Organizational Session of the Commission was held in Geneva, Switzerland to adopt its rules of procedure and operation and to select the Secretary General

May 28, 1984

The Chairman of the Commission attended the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Inter-sessional Preparatory Committee (IIPC) of the UNEP Governing Council in Nairobi

June, 1984

Jim MacNeill was appointed Secretary General of the Commission

July, 1984

A Secretariat was established in Geneva, temporarily at the Centre de Morillon and later at the Palais Wilson

October 1- 3, 1984 - Geneva, 1st Official Meeting of the Commission

The Inaugural Meeting of the Commission was held at the International Conference Center in Geneva, Switzerland. An Official Opening Ceremony was held on Monday, October 1, 1984 with statements by Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Chairman, H.E. Leon Schlumpf, the President of the Swiss Confederation and the Hon. Bumbei Hara, former Japanese Minister of the Environment.

During this meeting the Commission agreed upon its Mandate, the key issues it would address in the course of its deliberations, the strategy it would employ to achieve its objectives and the workplan and timetable that would be used to guide its work. Immediately following that meeting, the Commission publicly released its principal working document, 'Mandate for Change'.

During the Inaugural Meeting, the Commission held discussions on issues of common concern with the Executive Director of UNEP, the Secretary General of WMO and the Director General of IUCN. It also appointed a Finance Committee under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chairman, Dr. Khalid with Commissioners Agnelli, Okita and Strong as members.

November 28, 1984

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman attended a consultative meeting of the IIPC in Nairobi

March 25 - 31, 1985 - Jakarta, 2nd Official Meeting of the Commission

The 2nd Official Meeting of the Commission was held at the Hotel Borobudur in Jakarta, Indonesia. An Official Opening Ceremony was held on Wednesday, March 27, 1985, with statements by Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Chairman, H.E. Emil Salim, the Indonesian Minister of State for Population and Environment and H.E. President Suharto, President of the Republic of Indonesia..

During this meeting the Commission held first discussions on Population, Science and Technology and on International Economic Relations and agreed the workplans for its analysis in the areas of Energy, Industry, Food Security, Human Settlements, Decision Support Systems and International Cooperation. The Commission also agreed upon a public information strategy for its work and reviewed its budget and financial resources.

Discussions were also held during the meeting with the Executive Director of UNHCS and the Chairman of the IIPC of UNEP.

While in Indonesia, the Commission also made several site visits and held public hearings:

On Monday, March 25, 1985, it visited the National Biological Institute, the Cibodas Nature Reserve and the Bogor Environmental Study Center.

On Tuesday, March 26, 1985, the Commission held three public hearing sessions where it discussed Indonesian environment and development issues with leading scientists, economists, religious leaders and representatives from Government Agencies and Indonesian NGOs and citizen action groups.

On Saturday and Sunday, March 30 and 31, 1985, the Commission travelled to East Kalimantan for a visit to a rural religious school, a briefing on reafforestation at an environmental research center, a meeting with representatives of the provincial government and citizen action groups in Samarinda and an aerial visit to the Kalimantan Forest.

May 12 - 13, 1985

The first meeting of the Commission's Advisory Panel on Food Security, Agriculture, Forestry and Environment under the chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan was held in Geneva.

June 4 - 5, 1985

The first meeting of the Commission's Expert Group on Environmental Law, under the Chairmanship of Robert Munro, Special Advisor to the Commission, was held at the Peace Palace in the Hague.

<u>June 21 - 28, 1985</u> - Oslo, 3rd Official Meeting of the Commission

The 3rd Meeting of the Commission was held at the Hotel Sheraton and Inforama Conference Center in Sandvika, Norway (outside Oslo). An Official Opening Ceremony was held on Monday, June 24, 1985 with statements by Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Chairman, Mrs. Rakel Surlien, Norwegian Minister of Environment and Mr. Kare Willoch, the Prime Minister of Norway.

At this meeting the Commission had a second discussion on Population and on Science and Technology. It also gave special attention to the African crisis, began its discussions on Energy, Industry and Food Security, agreed revisions to its principal working document, 'Mandate for Change', agreed a work program for International Economic Relations and considered a first preliminary outline and format for its final report. At this meeting, the Commission also appointed a small working group of Commissioners on International Economic Relations to assist the Secretariat. The members included Commissioners Ramphal, Strong, Okita, Sahnoun and Stanovnik. During the meeting, the Commission also had discussions with several experts on subjects being considered, i.e., Dr. Rolando Garcia and Prof. Chen Changdu on population, Mr. Lester Brown and Dr. Swaminathan on the African crisis, Dr. Surendra Patel on science and technology, Dr. Ian Torrens on acid rain and Mr. Harvey Yakowitz on hazardous waste.

While in Norway, the Commission also sponsored a press seminar for European and developing country journalists (organized and conducted by Earthscan), made several site visits and held public hearings:

On Friday, June 21, the Commission visited the Oral Wetland Nature Reserve, the RAIN Project on Acid Rain Measurement and the Elkem A/S Fiskaa Verk factory, all in Southern Norway.

On Saturday June 22, the Commission visited two privately owned fish farms and two experimental wave power plants near Bergen.

On Sunday, June 23, Earthscan ran a media seminar for a select group of European and developing country journalists.

On Monday and Tuesday, June 24 & 25, the Commission held open public hearings which were attended by some 250 representatives of European NGOs, governments, industry, scientific institutes and the public at large.

<u>June 30 - July 1, 1985</u>

The first meeting of the Commission's Advisory Panel on Energy, Environment and Development under the Chairmanship of H.E. Enrique Iglesias was held in Geneva.

<u>September 10 - 11, 1985</u>

A meeting of the Commission's Working Group on International Economic Relations was held in Geneva.

September 29 - 30, 1985

The first meeting of the Commission's Advisory Panel on Industry and Sustainable Development under the Chairmanship of Umberto Colombo was held in Geneva.

October 25 - November 4, 1985 - Sao Paulo, the 4th
Official Meeting of the
Commission

The 4th Official Meeting of the Commission was held at the Conference Center of Companhia de Technologia de Saneamento Ambiental (CETESB) in Sao Paulo, Brazil. An Official Opening Ceremony was held on the 28th of October with statements by Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Chairman, Sr. Jose Pedro de Oliveira Costa, the Executive Secretary of the Sao Paulo State Council for the Environment, Dr. Werner Zulauf, the President of CETESB, and Joao Oswaldo Leiva, the Secretary of Works and Environment of the State of Sao Paulo on behalf of the Governor of the State of Sao Paulo.

At this meeting the Commission's principal focus was on International Economic Relations and the Environment, Legal Principles for Environmental Protection, Tropical Forests and Human Settlements. It also considered a Preliminary Outline of its final report and a proposal for a popularized version of the final report and it approved a revised Budget for the remainder of the Commission's work. During the meeting, the Commission had discussions with several experts on subjects being considered, i.e., Marc Dourojeanni on Moist Tropical Forests and Jorge Hardoy on Human Settlements.

While in Brazil, the Commission also sponsored a press seminar for European and developing country journalists (organized and conducted by Interpress), made several site visits and held public hearings:

On Friday, 25 October, 1985, the Commission visited the Sierra do Mar (the last remaining portion of Brazil's Atlantic rain forest), Cubatao (one of the world's worst polluted cities and the location of the largest industrial center in Brazil) and Ultrafertile, a petrochemical plant located in Cubatao.

On Saturday, 26 October, 1985, the Commission visited the Paracicaba region of Sao Paulo state for a tour of Usina Ester, an alcohol production plant in Cosmopolis and a tour of the sub-tropical forest reserve in Santa Genebra.

On Saturday, November 2, 1985, the Commission travelled by plane to Manaus and on Sunday, November 3, travelled by boat up the Rio Negro River to visit the Anavilhanas Research Station.

On Monday, November 4, 1985, there was an overland trip to the site of WWF-US's Minimum Critical Size Forest Project near Manaus.

Public hearings were organized both in Sao Paulo and Brazilia. The public hearings in Sao Paulo were held at CETESB on Monday, October 28 and Tuesday, October 29, 1985. There were five separate sessions of hearings: Session 1 on the Debt Crisis and its Impact on Environment and Development, Session 2 on Human Settlements, Session 3 on Tropical Forests, Session 4 on Industrial Pollution and Session 5 on Open Issues.

The public hearings in Brazilia were held on Thursday, October 30, 1985, and there were five subjects discussed: Tropical Forests, the International Debt Crisis and its Impact on Environment and Development, Human Settlements, Energy, and Environmental Law.

March 7, 1986

The Secretary General attended a consultative session of the IIPC in Nairobi

March 24 - 26, 1986

The second meeting of the Commission's Advisory Panel on Energy, Environment and Development was held in Kuwait.

April 10 - 11, 1986

The second meeting of the Commission's Advisory Panel on Industry and Sustainable Development was held in Geneva.

April 14 - 16, 1986

The second meeting of the Commission's Advisory Panel on Food Security, Agriculture, Forestry and Environment was held in Geneva.

May 21 - June 2, 1986 - Ottawa, 4th Official Meeting of the Commission

The 4th Official Meeting of the Commission was held at the Lester Pearson Conference Center in Ottawa, Canada. An Official Opening Ceremony was held on the 26th of May with statements by Prime Minister Brundtland, the Chairman, H.E. Tom MacMillan, the Canadian Federal Minister of the Environment and Mrs. Monique Vezina, the Canadian Minister for External Relations.

At this meeting the Commission considered first drafts of chapter 1 (Environment and Development: Recent Trends), chapter 2 (Environment and Development Connection), chapter 4 (Imperatives for Greater International Co-operation) and chapter 11 (International Economic Relations and the Environment). It also received and considered the final reports of its three Advisory Panels on Energy, Food Security and Industry, reviewed and revised the outline of its final report, reviewed its budget and had discussions with the Chairman and other members of the Bureau of UNEP's IIPC. During the meeting, the Commission also had discussions with the Chairman of each of the Advisory Panels.

While in Canada, the Commission also sponsored a press seminar for North American journalists (organized and conducted by World Paper), made several site visits, had numerous meetings with provincial officials and held public hearings:

On Thursday, May 22, 1986, the Commissioners toured the Fraser River Estuary in Vancouver, British Columbia and received a briefing on its management program. They also attended a luncheon meeting and briefing with government, industry and NGO representatives from the province of British Columbia. That evening a group of Commissioners flew to South Moresby Island to meet with the Haida Indians and the remainder of the Commission departed for Edmonton.

On Friday, May 23, 1986, the Commission flew to Fort McMurray in the Province of Alberta for a visit to, and a briefing on, the syncrude development project being conducted there by Suncor, Inc. While in Fort McMurray the Commission also met with representatives of the Northern Flood Bank Indians.

On Saturday, May 24, 1986, the Commission met in Edmonton in an all day closed session with the members of the Canadian Council of Resource and Environment Ministers. In addition to the Commission, also in attendance were the Canadian Provincial Ministers of Environment and Natural Resources and the Federal Minister of the Environment.

On Sunday, May 25, 1986, the Commission spent the day in Toronto on Lake Ontario for a briefing by government and scientific representatives on the Great Lakes transboundary issues between Canada and the United States.

Public hearings were held at the Lester Pearson Building in Ottawa on Monday and Tuesday, October 26 and 27, 1986. In attendance during the two days of hearings were over 500 representatives of Canadian provincial and federal governments, businesses, institutes, NGOs, trade unions, students and universities. There were five separate sessions during the hearings: Session 1 on Environmental Management and Economic Development, Session 2 on Industry and Sustainable Development, Session 3 on International Cooperation: Environmental Security, Session 4 on Development Assistance and the Environment, and Session 5 on Environmental Education and Communication and the Views of Youth.

On the evening of Wednesday, May 28, 1986, a special open session of the Commission was held to receive and debate written submissions made to the Commission by U.S. NGOs on the concept of sustainable development.

On Saturday, May 31, 1986, the Commission attended a full day public seminar in Halifax, Nova Scotia sponsored by the Province of Nova Scotia, Environment Canada and Dalhousie University for government representatives, scientists, NGOs, youth representatives and researchers. Three principal themes were discussed: Voluntary and Private Sector Involvement in Environment and Economic Development Policy Issues, Local and Provincial Mechanisms for Environmental Management and Economic Development, and Regional Oceans Management.

On Sunday, June 1, 1985, the Commission attended a public hearing in Quebec City, Quebec sponsored by the government of Quebec and attended by environmental and industrial groups, universities, government representatives and indigenous people. They also made a site visit to view the effects of acid rain on the forests of Quebec.

On Monday, June 2, 1985, the Commission flew to James Bay, Quebec for a visit to, and a briefing on, the Hydro Quebec Hydroelectric project. While there the Commission met with representatives of the Inuits and the Cree Indians.

June 18 - 20, 1986

The second meeting of the Commission's Expert Group on Environmental Law was held at the Peace Palace in the Haque.

July 21 - 30, 1986

The Vice-Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Commission, had discussions on the Commission's work with the Foreign Ministers and/or Heads of State of 19 African countries during the OAU's 1986 Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting and Summit.

<u>September 14 - 20, 1986</u> - Harare, 6th Official Meeting of the Commission

The 6th Official Meeting of the Commission was held at the Sheraton Conference Center in Harare, Zimbabwe. An Official Opening Ceremony was held Wednesday, September 17, 1986 with statements by Prime Minister Brundtland, the Chairman, Mr. Victoria Chitepo, the Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism of Zimbabwe, and H.E. Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe.

At this meeting the Commission had before it preliminary drafts of all of the chapters of its final report (other than Chapter 10 on the Global Commons). It began its meeting with a general discussion of the principal messages and themes of its report and then moved to a discussion of the specific contents of each chapter. For two days during the course of this meeting the Commission broke into small drafting groups and revised each of the preliminary draft chapters before returning to plenary session for a review of all revisions made during the drafting sessions.

During the meeting, the Commission had a private meeting with Dr. Julius Nyerere, the former President of Tanzania.

While in Zimbabwe, the Commission also made one site visit and held public hearings:

On Sunday September 14, 1986, the Commission flew to the Eastern Highlands of Zimbabwe to view the Sabe River catchment area and for briefings on sugar cane plantation production.

On Thursday, September 18, 1985, the Commission held an all day public hearing for representatives of African regional organizations and NGO's from Zimbabwe and the southern African region.

September 21 - 23, 1986

Following its meeting in Harare, the Commission flew to Nairobi, Kenya for a series of meetings and public hearings:

On Sunday, September 21, 1986, the Commission met with representatives of the foreign and local press in Nairobi for a briefing on the work of the Commission and its meeting in Harare.

On Monday, September 22, 1986, the Commission met in joint session with the Bureau of UNEP's IIPC for discussions on the Commission's report and the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond which was being prepared by the IIPC.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1986, the Commission held public hearings at UNEP's headquarters in Nairobi with representatives from Kenyan and other African NGO's. A large contingent of Kenyan youth were also present.

<u>December 6 - 12, 1986</u> - Moscow, 7th Official Meeting of the Commission

The 7th Official Meeting of the Commission was held at the World Trade Center in Moscow, U.S.S.R. An Official Opening Ceremony was held on the 8th of December with statements by Prime Minister Brundtland, the Chairman and Mr. K. M. Dyumajev, the Deputy Chairman of the U.S.S.R. State Committee for Science and Technology.

At this meeting the Commission reviewed and discussed revised drafts of all of the chapters of its final report. It also considered a first draft of an Executive Statement and Table of Contents for the report, considered and agreed on a revised Outline of the report and discussed a proposed public information program for the period following the scheduled launch of the report in the spring of 1987.

During its stay in Moscow, the Commission had a private meeting in the Kremlin with Mr. Shcherbina, the Chairman of the State Energy Bureau for a briefing on the Chernobyl incident and met in joint session with Gosplan, the U.S.S.R. State Committee for Economic Planning.

Public hearings were also held in Moscow on Monday, December 8, 1986, and on Thursday, December 11, 1986. Ιn attendance at both hearings were representatives from the Socialist Republics of the Soviet Union, representatives of scientific academies and universities, government officials from the other COMECON countries and Soviet youth and environmentalists. There were seven separate sessions of public hearings: Session 1 on State Management of the Environment, Session 2 on Nuclear Energy, Industrialization and the Environment, Session 3 on the Role of Non-Governmental Organizations, Sessions 4 and 5 on the Management of Natural Resources in Socialist Countries, Session 6 on Education and the Environment, and Session 7 on International Relations and the Environment.

January 12 - 14, 1987

A special working group meeting of Commissioners Khalid, Sokolov, Lang, and the Secretary General, assisted by the Commission's Special Advisor on Security, Johan Jorgen Holst, was held in Moscow to review the draft final chapter of the Commission's report on Peace and Security.

January 29 - 31, 1987

A special working session of the Commission was held at the Steigenberg Hotel in Berlin (West) to consider revised drafts of Chapters 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12 of the Commission's final report. During this meeting the Commission also considered a revised draft of the Executive Statement of the report and a revised draft Table of Contents with suggested chapter titles.

<u>February 20 - 27, 1987</u> - Tokyo, 8th Official Meeting of the Commission

The 8th and final official meeting of the Commission was held at the Akasaka Prince Hotel in Tokyo, Japan. An Official Welcoming Session was held on Tuesday, February 24th, 1987, with statements by Prime Minister Brundtland, the Chairman, Toshiyuki Inamura, the State Minister and Director General of the Japanese Environment Agency, and Bumbei Hara, a former Japanese Minister of Environment.

An Official Closing Ceremony was held Friday, February 27th, 1987, with statements by Dr. Khalid, the Vice-Chairman (on behalf of the Chairman, who had to depart Tokyo suddenly upon the death of her Foreign Minister) and Prime Minister Nakasone of Japan. The Tokyo Declaration, which had been adopted by the Commission during its meeting in Japan was issued at this Closing Ceremony.

During this meeting the Commission agreed the final contents of all chapters of its final report and the text of the Executive Statement (which was renamed as an 'Overview'). It also agreed the title of the final report, 'Our Common Future' and the text of the Tokyo Declaration which was issued immediately following the close of the meeting.

While in Tokyo the Commissioners participated in a special press symposium on environment and development which was organized by the Yomiuri Shimbun for Japanese and foreign journalist and held on Friday, February 20th.

A special public symposium on the Tokyo Declaration was also held on Friday, February 27, 1987, for over 500 attendees representing the government and agencies of Japan, NGOs, the scientific community, youth groups and universities.

April 27, 1987

The Commission's final report, 'Our Common Future' was launched in London, England at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Center. In launching the report, the Chairman presented it to 12 young people from around the globe, each of whom had participated in the public hearings held by the Commission during the course of its work. The launch ceremony was attended by over 250 representatives from the international and local press and was carried live throughout Europe on Superchanel.

April 28, 1987

At a luncheon sponsored by the Environmental and Energy Study Institute and the Environmental and Energy Study Conference, the Chairman and Commissioner Ruckelshaus presented the report to representatives of the U.S. Congress, Administration, environmental organizations, business and industry, the media, and representatives of the World Bank and UNEP. Following the luncheon there was an official presentation of the report by the Chairman to Alan Hill, the Chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

While in Washington, the Chairman also discussed the report with Vice-President Bush and Secretary of State Schultz during bilateral meetings she had with them.

April 29, 1987

The Secretary General presented the report to the Environment Committee of the Organization of Economic Development in Paris

May 5 - 6, 1987

During two days of meetings attended by the Chairman and Commissioners Hauff, Lang and MacNeill, the Commission's report was presented to, and debated with, Ministers and senior government officials of 18 European Economic Community and EFTA governments and with representatives of European non-governmental organizations. A presentation of the report was also made to the Belgian and international press.

During her stay in Brussels, the Chairman also discussed the report with the President of the EEC, Commissioners from the EEC, and Prime Minister Martens of Belgium.

May 8 - 10, 1987

Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson of Sweden, the Chairman and Commissioner Ramphal presented the report to the Nordic Conference on Environment and Development attended by some 250 representatives of Nordic aid agencies, the scientific community and NGOs.

May 11 - 12, 1987

At a two-day meeting hosted by the Hungarian Government in Budapest and attended by Norwegian Foreign Minister Stoltenberg (representing the Chairman), the Vice-Chairman and a regional representative group of Commissioners, the Commission's report was presented to, and debated with, Ministers and senior government representatives from 10 COMECON countries, as well as with representatives from the COMECON Secretariat and Hungarian environmental and youth groups. A presentation of the report was also made to the Hungarian and Eastern European press.

May 13 - 15, 1987

Commissioners Strong and MacNeill presented the report in New York City to the 'Only One Earth Forum' sponsored by the Rene Dubois Center

June, 1987

Commissioner Ramphal and Prime Minister Siaga of Jamaica presented the report to the Caribbean Heads of State Summit in Kingston, Jamaica

June 6 - 9, 1987

The Commission's report was presented in Nairobi by the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and a geographically representative group of Commissioners to the African Environment Ministers Conference, the Governing Council of UNEP and representatives of African non-governmental organizations and the international media.

June 9, 1987

The Commission's report was presented by the Vice-Chairman and Commissioners Sahnoun and Stanovnik in Cairo, Egypt to the Board of Governors of the African Development Bank, African Finance Ministers and representatives of the World Bank, the IMF and other regional development banks.

July 1 - 2, 1987

During a two-day meeting hosted by the Chinese government in Beijing and attended by the Vice-Chairman and a small group of Commissioners, the report was presented to, and debated with, senior Chinese government officials, including the Vice-Premier Li Peng, to representatives of Chinese youth, to Chinese economic and environmental experts and to the Chinese media.

July 6 - 7, 1987

During a two-day meeting hosted by the Indian Government and attended by Prime Minister Gandhi, the Chairman and a small group of Commissioners, the report was presented to, and discussed with, Ministers and senior government and NGO representatives from 12 South and Southeast Asian

countries. A presentation of the report was also made to the Indian and international media.

July 16 - 19, 1987

The Commission's report was presented in Madrid by the Secretary General to a three-day seminar on Environmental Policy sponsored by the Spanish Government.

July 27 - 28, 1987

At the request of the Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity, the Chairman, accompanied by Commissioners Khalid, Sahnoun and Shaib, presented the report in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to the 23rd Summit of African Heads of State and Government.

While in Addis Ababa, the Chairman had private discussions on the report with, and made personal presentations of it to, the Presidents of Algeria, Ethiopia, Egypt, Tanzania, the Congo, Uganda and Zambia, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, the Vice-President of Nigeria, the Secretary General of the OAU and the Executive Director of the ECA.

August 15, 1987

Commissioners Ruckelshaus and MacNeill presented the report to a meeting of leading industrialists sponsored by the International Environmental Bureau at the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies.

August 31 - September 5, 1987

During a three country visit headed by the Vice-Chairman and attended by a small group of Commissioners, the Commission's report was presented in:

Brazil, to the President, the Foreign Minister, the President and members of the Brazilian Congress, senior government representatives, representatives of the Brazilian ecological movement and NGOs and to the press;

Argentina, to the President, the Foreign Minister, representatives of Argentinian NGOs and to the press;

Peru, to the Minister of Economic Planning, the Vice-Foreign Minister, representatives of Peruvian NGOs and to the press.

At the end of this trip Commissioners Botero and Neto presented the report to the press and government officials in Colombia

<u>September 11 - 17, 1987</u>

Commissioners Strong, Salim, Ruckelshaus, MacNeill and the Chairman presented the report to over 1000 representatives of US and international NGOs at the 4th World Wilderness Congress in Denver and Estes Park, Colorado. David Rockefeller, Secretary of the Treasury Baker and Canadian Minister of Environment, Tom McMillan also participated.

September 17 - 18, 1987

During a two-country visit headed by Norwegian Foreign Minister Stoltenberg (on behalf of the Chairman) and attended by a small group of Commissioners, the Commission's report was presented in:

Uruguay, to the President, the Foreign Minister, senior government officials and representatives of NGOs and the media;

Venezuela, to the President, the Foreign Minister, senior government officials and representatives of NGOs and the media. While in Venezuela, the Commission also had the opportunity to present its report to the Foreign Ministers of 13 Latin American governments gathered for the SELA meeting in Caracas.

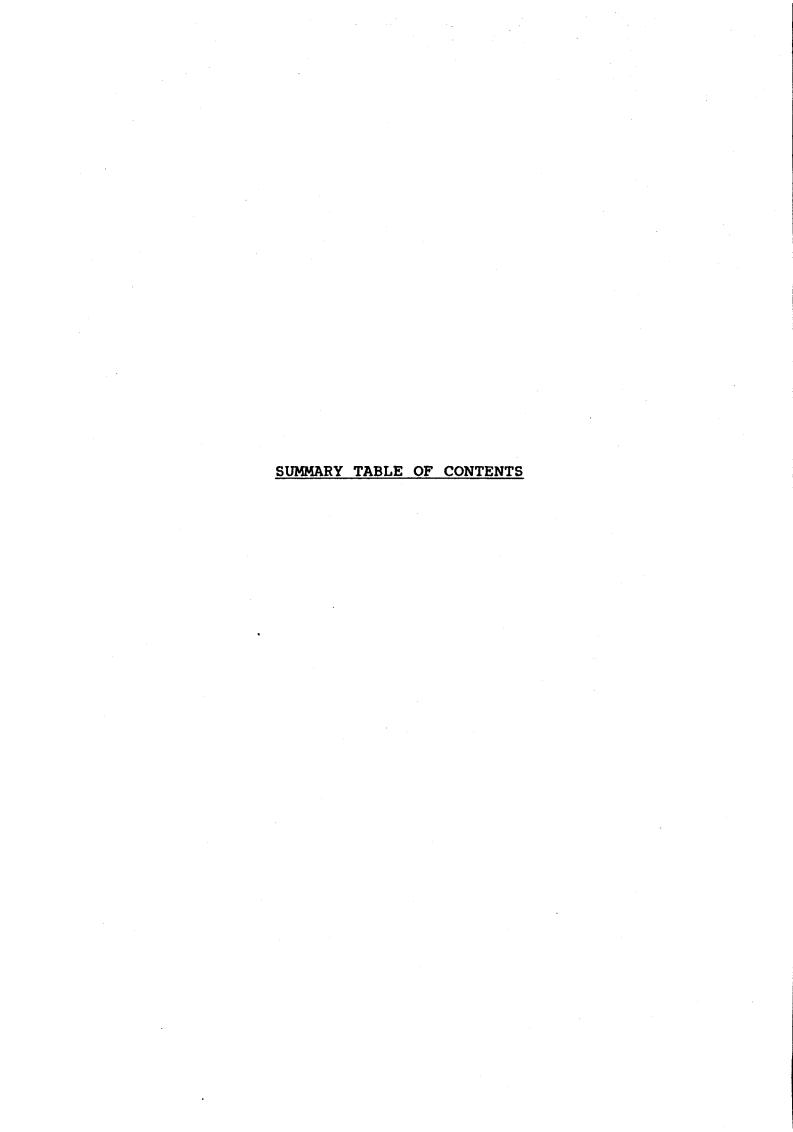
October 19, 1987

The Commission's report was presented by the Chairman to a special plenary session of the 42nd Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. In addition to the Chairman, as Prime Minister of Norway, Prime Minister Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe, represented the Non-Aligned countries, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India, Prime Minister Poul Schluter of Denmark, represented the European countries, President Gayoom of the Maldives and ministers and senior government representatives from 20 other governments participated in the debate.

31 December, 1987

The Commission officially ceased its operations.

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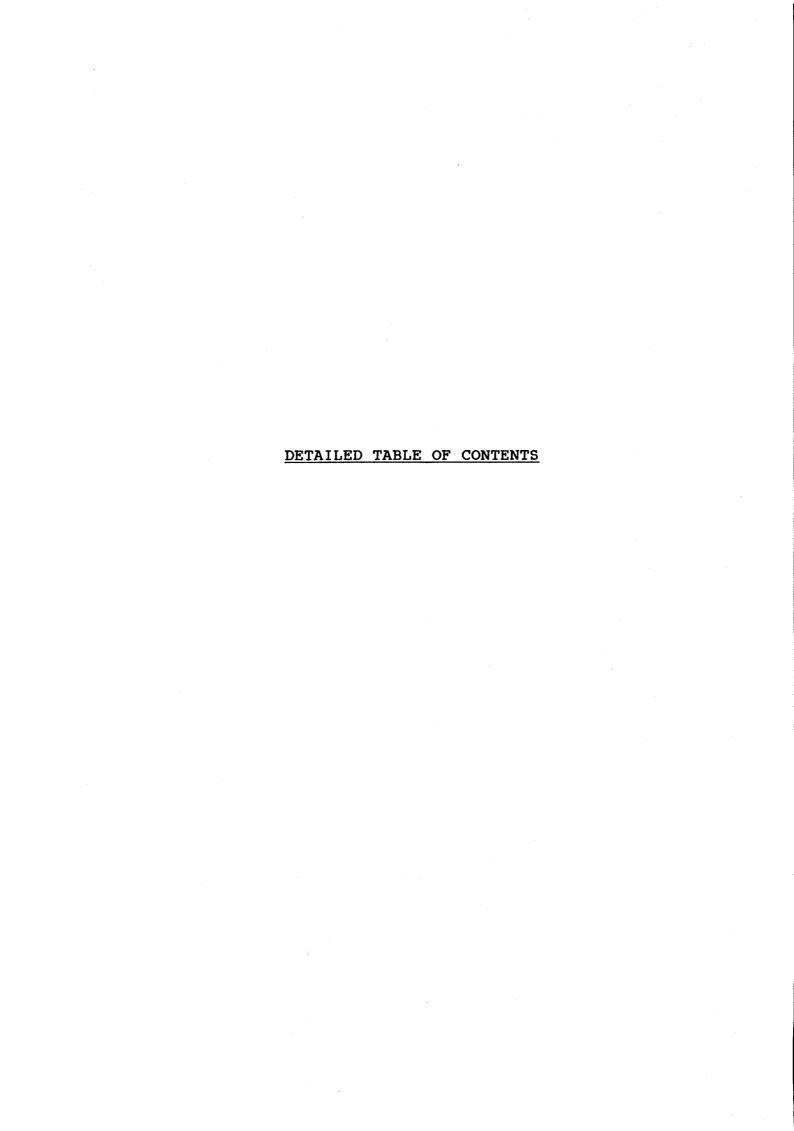
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