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### SOME USEFUL RESOURCES

### WORLD RANK

The World Bank publishes numerous reports, evaluations and studies, that can be requested from their publications office: The World Bank Box 7247-8619 Philadelphia, PA 19170-8619

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Information about specific Bank projects or Bank policies can be requested from: The World Bank - Public Information Centre pic@worldbank.org fax: 1 202 5221500 1818 H Street, NW, Washington DC 20433

gopher.worldbank.org or the Bank's WWW home page:

http://www.worldbank.org/

### NGLS

The United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS) specialises in North-South development issues and facilitates dialogue and co-operation between NGOs and the UN.

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- UN-NGLS, Rm. 6015, 866 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017, USA Fax: +1 (212) 963-8712

E-mail: ngls@igc.apc.org

ILO's 174 Conventions, and 181 Recommendations cover areas that include basic human rights, employment, social policy, labour relations, labour administration, working conditions and social protection.

Mr. R. Harari, Official Relations Branch, ILO, 4 route des Morillons, CH-1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland. tel: (41-22) 799.6369 fax: (41-22) 7883894

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has since 1990 annually published a Human Development Report containing the Human Development Index (HDI), which attempts to measure the relative socio-economic progress of nations. The 1997 issue focuses on the followup to the Copenhagen commitment on poverty eradication, which from 1995, has been UNDP's first priority. Internet: gopher.undp.org or http://www.undp.org/

For sustantial information on initiatives undertaken by the United Nations in relation to poverty alleviation, please consult: Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development United Nations, Room DC2-1362 New York, NY10017, USA Fax: (1-212) 963-3062 e-mail: kan@un.org

UNICEF publishes annual reports on progress made by each country in implementing the agreements of the Children's Summit, held in New York in 1990 «The State of the World's Children 1997» focusing on child labour may be requested from UNICEF: UNICEF House, 3 UN Plaza, New York, NY,10017, USA In addition it annually publishes a report called: «The Progress of Nations», which ranks the countries of the world according to their performance in child health, nutrition, education, family planning, and progress for women. (UNICEF: ISBN: 92-806-3170-5)

The United Nations Research Institute for Social Development. UNRISD is an independent research agency subsidised by governments, development organisations and others. «After the Social Summit: implementing the Programme of Action», is an UNRISD report on a round-table seminar on the Summit's follow-up UNRISD Reference Centre, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland. Tel: (41-22) 798.84.00 fax: (41-22) 7400791

«New commitments, new oppurtunities» is a handbook for NGOs published jointly by UNDP and NGLS. Focusing on the World Summit for Social Development and on the issue of poverty eradication, it aims at promoting NGO participation in implementing the WSS D agreements.

## SOME GLOBAL NGO RESOURCES

The **«Human Rights in Developing Countries Yearbook»**, compiled by human rights institutions in Norway, Austria, the Netherlands, and Sweden, reports annually on the human rights (including social and economic rights) situation in a number of developing countries with which an aid relationship exists. Published by Kluwer Law International, The Hague/London/Boston.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL is *«a world-wide movement of people acting on the con-viction that governments must not deny individuals their rights».* Al's yearly country by country report is available from: Amnesty International Publications, 1 Easton Street, London WC1X 8DJ, UK. Tel (44-71) 413 55 00

**«THE REALITY OF AID» REPORT** is an independent review of international aid. This report is published annually by an international working-group of ICVA members for the Reality of Aid project.

Eurostep: European Solidarity Towards Equal Participation of people, 115 rue Stevin, 1040 Brussels. tel: 32.2.2311659/2311709 fax: 32.2.2303780

THE INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (IDS) in Sussex and the Overseas Development institute (ODI) in London, do a great deal of research on social development

IDS Publications, Brighton BN1 9RE, England tel: (0273) 606261

**INTER PRESS SERVICE (IPS)** is an international NGO which *«promotes a new glo-bal communication strategy by increasing two-way communication as the key to widening democratic participation in social action»*.

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TWN-Africa publishes «African Agenda»: TWN-Africa, P.O.Box 8604, Accra-North, Ghana. Fax:+233 (21) 231687.

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**THIRD WORLD NETWORK-LATIN AMERICA** publishes the monthly magazine *«Re-vista del Sur»* and the fortnightly *«Tercer Mundo Económico»*: Red del Tercer Mundo Jackson 1136, Montevideo, Uruguay fax: +598 (2) 4019222.

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TWN features are available electronically through the APC networks in the conference <twn.features>, and in Spanish in the conference redtm.analisis. Through the Internet, they can be found at: qopher.chasque.apc.org;70/4

THE SUNS, SOUTH-NORTH DEVELOPMENT MONITOR is a daily feature service monitoring international negotiations from Geneva. Chief Editor and Geneva TWN representative: Chakravarti Raghavan, rm c504, Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva

10, Switzerland. Fax: +41 (22) 7401672.

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**THE «WORLD GUIDE»** published every two years by the Instituto del Tercer Mundo provides a country-by-country compendium of history, society and politics from a Southern perspective, including maps and statistics. The weekly updating service in Internet includes articles, reports and bibliographic references allowing the reader to bring up to date the information and data appearing in the Guide. Instituto del Tercer Mundo Casilla de Correos 1539 Montevideo 11000, Uruguay fax: +598 (2) 4019222.

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The International Council For Social Welfare (ICSW) is an international non governmental organisation operating for the cause of social welfare, social justice and social development. It publishes *«Social Development Review»* which focuses on the monitoring of governmental and non-governmental action referred to the World Summit on Social Development.

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**DAWN (DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES WITH WOMEN FOR A NEW ERA)** aims at spotting the causes of gender, class and race inequalities, through research, analysis, education and international relations, and works towards the building of alternative views and strategies.

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**NGONET** is an information service for NGOs on global negotiation processes. It distributes document collections on the major recent UN conferences in diskettes and makes information available on-line through the APC networks and the Internet gopher.chasque.apc.org

http://www.chasque.apc.org/ngonet

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**WORLDWATCH INSTITUTE** in its *«State of the World 1996»* discusses the major environmental challenges and explores ways of achieving sustainability. Published by Worldwatch Institute, Gaby Young, Earthscan Publications Ltd., Pentonville Road, London N19JN, UK. Fax: 44–177/278 1142.

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Or visit the Social Watch home page in the Internet: http://www.chasgue.apc.org/socwatch/

# SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION ON KEY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

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