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Chapter II

ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

A. Date and place of the Conference

1. The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development was held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 3 to 14 June 1992, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 45/211 of 21 December 1990 and its decision 46/468 of 13/April 1992. During that period the Conference held 19 plenary meetings.

B. Pre-Conference consultations

2. Pre-Conference consultations open to all States invited to participate in the Conference were held at Rio de Janeiro on 1 and 2 June 1992 to consider a number of procedural and organizational matters. These and other informal consultations were conducted under the chairmanship of His/Excellency Professor Celso Lafer, Minister of External Relations of Brazil. The report on the consultations (A/CONF.151/L.1) was submitted to the Conference and its recommendations were accepted as the basis for the organization of the Conference's work.

C. Attendance

3. The following States and regional economic integration organizations were represented at the Conference:

Afghanistan	Botswana
Albania	Brazil
Algeria	Brunei Darussalam
Angola	Bulgaria
Antigua and Barbuda	Burkina Faso
Argentina	Burundi
Armenia	Cambodia
Australia	Cameroon
Austria	Canada
Azerbaijan	Cape Verde
Bahamas	Central African Republic
Bahrain	Chad
Bangladesh	Chile
Barbados	China
Belarus	Colombia
Belgium	Comoros
Belize	Congo
Benin	Cook Islands
Bhutan	Costa Rica
Bolivia	Co [^] te d'Ivoire
Croatia	Lebanon
Cuba	Lesotho
Cyprus	Liberia
Czechoslovakia	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Liechtenstein
Denmark	Lithuania
Djibouti	Luxembourg
Dominica	Madagascar
Ecuador	Malaysia
Egypt	Maldives
El Salvador	Mali
Equatorial Guinea	Malta
Estonia	Marshall Islands
European Economic Community	Mauritania
Ethiopia	Mauritius
Fiji	Mexico
Finland	Micronesia (Federated States of)
France	Monaco
Gabon	Mongolia
	Morocco

Gambia	Mozambique
Germany	Myanmar
Ghana	Namibia
Greece	Nauru
Grenada	Nepal
Guatemala	Netherlands
Guinea	New Zealand
Guinea-Bissau	Nicaragua
Guyana	Niger
Haiti	Nigeria
Holy See	Norway
Honduras	Oman
Hungary	Pakistan
Iceland	Panama
India	Papua New Guinea
Indonesia	Paraguay
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Peru
Iraq	Philippines
Ireland	Poland
Israel	Portugal
Italy	Qatar
Jamaica	Republic of Korea
Japan	Republic of Moldova
Jordan	Romania
Kazakhstan	Russian Federation
Kenya	Rwanda
Kiribati	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Kuwait	Saint Lucia
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Latvia	Samoa
San Marino	Tunisia
Sao Tome and Principe	Turkey
Saudi Arabia	Tuvalu
Senegal	Uganda
Seychelles	Ukraine
Sierra Leone	United Arab Emirates
Singapore	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Slovenia	United Republic of Tanzania
Solomon Islands	United States of America
Spain	Uruguay
Sri Lanka	Vanuatu
Sudan	Venezuela
Suriname	Viet Nam
Swaziland	Yemen
Sweden	Yugoslavia
Switzerland	Zaire
Syrian Arab Republic	Zambia
Thailand	Zimbabwe
Togo	
Trinidad and Tobago	

4. The observer for Palestine attended the Conference.

5. The following associate members of the regional commissions were represented by observers:

American Samoa

Aruba
Hong Kong
Netherlands Antilles
Niue
Puerto Rico
United States Virgin Islands

6. The following national liberation movements were represented by observers:

African National Congress (South Africa)
Pan Africanist Congress of Azania

7. The following United Nations offices were represented at the Conference:

Department of Economic and Social Development
Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a
Convention on Biodiversity
Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a
Framework Convention on Climate Change

8. The secretariats of the following regional commissions were represented at the Conference:

Economic Commission for Africa
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

9. The following United Nations bodies and programmes were also represented:

Economic and Social Council
International Court of Justice
United Nations Children's Fund
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
United Nations Development Fund for Women
United Nations Development Programme
United Nations Environment Programme
United Nations Population Fund
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in
the Near East
United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office
United Nations University
World Food Programme
United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Office of the
United Nations International Drug Control Programme
World Food Council
International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement
of Women
United Nations Institute for Training and Research
United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

10. The following specialized agencies and related organizations were represented:

International Labour Organisation
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
International Civil Aviation Organization
World Health Organization
World Bank
International Monetary Fund
Universal Postal Union
International Telecommunication Union
World Meteorological Organization
International Maritime Organization
World Intellectual Property Organization
International Fund for Agricultural Development
United Nations Industrial Development Organization
International Atomic Energy Agency
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

11. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented by observers:

African Development Bank
African Timber Organization
Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation
Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee
Asian Development Bank
Caribbean Community and Common Market
Central American Bank for Economic Integration
Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific
Commonwealth Secretariat
Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
Council of Europe
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
European Investment Bank
Inter-American Development Bank
Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
International Committee of the Red Cross
International Energy Agency
International Joint Commission
International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund
International Tropical Timber Organization
Latin American Economic System (SELA)
League of Arab States
OPEC Fund for International Development
Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
Organization of African Unity
Organization of American States
Organization of the Islamic Conference
Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
Permanent South Pacific Commission
South African Development Coordination Conference
South Asia Cooperative Environmental Programme
South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
South Pacific Forum Secretariat
South Pacific Regional Environment Programme
World Tourism Organization

12. A large number of non-governmental organizations attended the Conference.
The list of non-governmental organizations participating is given in document
A/CONF.151/PC/L.28 and Add.1-14.