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Brief Description	<p>UNEP would be enhanced to fulfill its global mandate by giving the GC/GMEF:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Universal membership through a UNGA resolution. 2. A mandate to lead the development of a UN wide environmental strategy 3. The role and mandate of GEF Assembly 4. A permanent science-policy interface based on GEO 5. A multi-scaled policy review mechanism. <p>In addition, UNEP’s capacity to assist in science and implementation of MEAs will be enhanced by: reinforced regional offices, desk officers, or/in national offices with more financing for capacity-building and technology transfer activities.</p>	<p>Under Article 57 of the UN Charter a World Environment Organization (WEO) would be established as the global body for the environment. It would be based on the models of existing UN specialized agencies such as the WHO, FAO which are a hybrid between normative and operational. Article 63 would provide the basis to define the relationship of the specialized agency with the UNGA, the UN system, and overarching coordinating bodies such as ECOSOC. The article could be used to establish the relationship and role of providing policy guidance with other UN and specialized agencies working on environmental issues or with MEAs.</p>	<p>The effectiveness of present IEG structures could be enhanced by developing a consortium arrangement for environmental sustainability, as a substructure of the institutional framework for sustainable development.</p>	<p>ECOSOC could be merged with CSD into a council on sustainable development. UNEP’s GMEF could be replaced by a functional commission on environment under ECOSOC. Alternative reforms considered have been to transform CSD into a Council to replace the Trusteeship Council or to make CSD an organ of the General Assembly like the Human Rights Council.</p>	<p>Establish an umbrella organization possibly based on existing intergovernmental and secretariat entities with some structured relationship with other institutions who are working in the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.</p>

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Objective and Function	<p><u>Objective:</u> Improve implementation of environmental policies.</p> <p><u>Function:</u> Empower UNEP to fulfill its current mandate by providing it more legitimacy, & enhanced operational capacity at the regional & national levels.</p>	<p><u>Objective & Function:</u> A world authority for the environment.</p>	<p><u>Objective:</u> Enhance human well-being by identifying and facilitating the management of environmental risks and opportunities which impact health, security, wealth, and social relations.</p> <p><u>Function:</u> Work through a consortium of existing organization to review impact of environmental change on human well-being; give broad policy guidance on mitigation, adaptation, & sustainable use; promote capacity development; & review effectiveness of policies.</p>	<p><u>Objective:</u> Enhance human well-being.</p> <p><u>Function:</u> Work through a consortium of existing organizations to keep under review the state of human well-being; give broad policy guidance on sustainable development & the convergence of the three pillars; promote capacity development; & review effectiveness of sustainable development policies.</p>	<p><u>Objective:</u> Advance human well-being.</p> <p><u>Function:</u> Work through associated organizations to keep under review the state of human well-being; give broad policy guidance on sustainable development & the convergence of the three pillars; promote capacity development; & review effectiveness of sustainable development policies.</p>

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Mandate/ legal personality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No change to UNEP mandate. - GC/GMEF would become a universal body, with membership open to all governments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Autonomous with full legal personality as an international organization. - Mandated to direct & coordinate environmental issues within UN system. - Provide leadership on global environmental matters. - Shape environmental science agenda. - Provide institutional framework for implementing & monitoring environmental agreements. - Set norms, standards, & rules. - Articulate evidence based policy options. - Provide technical support to countries - Monitor and assess trends. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mandated by UN General Assembly resolution, for a targeted plan and consortium arrangement. - Could determine relationship of existing organizations to the consortium based on an instrument, approved by the organizations' respective governing bodies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mandated by a UN General Assembly resolution based on prior consultations with member states, which considers revisions to the mandates of ECOSOC and UNEP. Arrangements and implications of transforming CSD into a Council could also be explored. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mandate reflecting objectives and functions of the new organization could be developed through the negotiation of an independent legal instrument and/or a UN General Assembly resolution. - Umbrella organization could be partly or wholly based on existing inter-governmental and secretariat structures. - Could develop an instrument(s) to determine the relationship of associated organizations to the umbrella organization in accordance with their existing mandates. - Instrument(s) could be considered approved by the respective governing bodies.

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Funding arrangement/ Financial Implications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reforms to enhance UNEP’s mandate have few financial implications. - Reforms to enhance UNEP's operational capacity would require an increase of roughly \$250 million a year-achieved through the combination of assessed contributions & voluntary & non-core donor funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessed contributions based on UN scale & system will contribute to core funds. - Activities could be funded through a trust fund, such as a Global Fund, or technical assistance fund. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funded through an arrangement based on existing financial elements of the organizational structures on which the Consortium is built. - An arrangement for enhanced complementarity between the funds could be explored. - A key consideration would be to ensure a net total increase of return on current investment toward enhancing human well-being. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reforms could be funded through an arrangement based on existing financial elements of the organizational structures involved in the reform. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could be funded through an arrangement based on existing financial elements of organizational structures on which the umbrella organization is built, combined with new and complementary fund for core activities. - A key consideration would be to ensure a net total increase of return on current investment toward enhancing human well-being

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Organizational structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimal changes. - Built on existing structures. - GC/GMEF to have adoption & recommendatory powers. - The CPR would act as the intersessional body preparing the agenda for GC/GMEF. - GC/GMEF would create a permanent science-policy interface based on the GEO. - Create a committee to review implementation of national environmental policies & identify areas needing assistance. - Every 2-3 years the GC/GMEF would meet in special session to fulfill the role of the GEF Assembly providing strategic and overarching guidance to the GEF Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A General Council would be the supreme decision making body, comprised of all members to meet annually. - Regionally balanced executive body of 40-50 members to meet intersessionally & prepare decisions for General Council. - General Council will develop subsidiary committees to undertake specialized work. For example, on MEAs interlinkages, policy and implementation review, and science and technology advice. - Additional option of a Ministerial Conference to meet every 3 years to ensure political buy-in, and set medium strategy and direction of WEO. 	<p>Organization of the consortium arrangement for environmental sustainability would include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Overall governing body at a high level within the UN system, possibly with universal membership; 2) An advisory board possibly consisting of representatives from the governing bodies of associated organizations; 3) An executive head & a secretariat, possibly with secondments from associated organizations; 4) Strategic programme to support knowledge infrastructure, a capacity building framework, and financial management; 5) An executive committee of senior officials from associated organisations. 	<p>Reforms could result in different organizational structures based on whether or not sustainable development was anchored in a reformed ECOSOC, or through a new commission under the General Assembly.</p> <p>A reformed ECOSOC encapsulating CSD could be supported by a consortium arrangement, such as an umbrella organization.</p> <p>The commission on environment could be supported by a structure based on UNEP and possibly a consortium arrangement, such as a streamlining of existing structures.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Overall governing body w/ a limited representative or universal membership; 2) Advisory board possibly consisting of representatives of governing bodies of associated organizations; 3) Executive head & secretariat, possibly with secondments from associated organizations; 4) A strategic programme & a financial arrangement; 5) Executive committee of senior officials from associated organizations.

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Relationships with MEAs & UN Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respect the autonomy of the MEAs & existing UN bodies while providing strategic, proactive advice on global environmental sustainability, cross cutting issues, linkages & synergies. - Review the performance of the implementation of policy on all levels and set the scientific agenda for the environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The General Council would have legal authority over the MEAs & provide direction & guidance for COPs. - Common secretariat for all of its agreements - Govern all of its agreements through subsidiary committees of the General Council. - Each of the MEAs could be brought under and common institutional framework set by a General Agreement. - Membership differentiated based on existing membership in each MEA, eventually harmonized over the medium term. - Relations of WEO to other UN bodies customized through agreement with UN, in accordance with Article 63 of the UN Charter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A governing body could be undertaken by subsidiary body of the UN General Assembly, such as UNEP GC/GMEF, or a new functional commission under ECOSOC. -An advisory board could be established through creation of a new body to consist of representatives from the COPs of the MEAs and governing bodies of other organizations associated with the consortium. - UNEP GC could oversee the programme activities, such as knowledge infrastructure and capacity building.. - Secretariat could consist of UNEP secretariat, complemented by secondments. -Executive committee could be based on existing bodies involved in interagency cooperation. - Consortium could evolve over time according to long term vision and plan based on targets for institutional development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reform would elevate both sustainable development and environment in the UN system, which may enhance human well-being. -Environmental considerations may be mainstreamed into other policy sectors. - May facilitate the implementation of the MEAs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relate to existing institutions & possibly encapsulate others. - Governing body & advisory board could relate to UNGA & ECOSOC, and possibly governing bodies of Breton Woods institutions. - Executive head could report to UN Secretary General -Secretariat could be based on existing UN Secretariat structures. - Basis for the executive committee for sustainable development exists in current interagency coordination bodies in the UN.

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Added value compared to IEG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Avoid further institutional fragmentation, redundancies, and overlap. - Help govern a sprawled and diffused system. - Achieved by building on existing structures and realigning current institutions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consolidate existing bodies into a central authoritative body for the environment. - Reduce fragmentation and provide legal institutional umbrella on top of existing institutions and MEAs. - Counter-balance existing institutions under the umbrella of sustainable development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation of a consortium arrangement for environmental sustainability, as a substructure of the institutional framework for sustainable development, could be combined with the options of functional reform. - Promote effectiveness, efficiency, & coherence in the IEG pillar, maintaining the benefits of structural diversification & specialization. - A consortium anchored at the intergovernmental and interagency level could facilitate cooperation among associated organisations. 	<p>The reform would help promote sustainable development and anchor it in all its three pillars.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Help evolve the concept of sustainable development & anchor it in all three pillars. - Umbrella organization would facilitate cooperation on safeguarding human well-being including through mitigation of and adaptation to environmental change, and sustainable use of natural resources.

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Relation to objectives, functions, gaps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fulfill most of the objectives & functions identified by the Consultative Group. - Securing sufficient & predictable funding, & ensuring a responsive approach to meeting a country's needs still dependent on level of financing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WEO could be designed to meet all objectives & functions identified by the Consultative Group. 	<p>Incremental development of a consortium development could help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pool scientific capacities & strengthen the science policy interface. - Enhance the overall authoritative voice for environmental sustainability. - Strengthen the overall governance of the IEG pillar. - Strengthen and mainstream the convergence between the three pillars of sustainable development. - Utilize financial and secretariat resources in a more cohesive and responsive approach to countries' needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create an overall framework for pursuing the goals, implementing the functions, and addressing the gaps considered by the Consultative Group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An umbrella organization would help create and overall framework for pursuing the goals, implanting the functions, and addressing the gaps under consideration by the Consultative Group.

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