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We support the conclusions and the recommendations of the panel, but suggest that there is a need to focus attention on the following two major issues:

1. The funding system. The GEF process must be empowered, but with an approach of more flexibility for the civil society activities.
2. If it is possible, the unified and coherent UN structure at the national level must play a key role as a dialogue facilitator between the government bodies and civil society organizations, as the UNDP Profor Programme was trying to do (a policy dialogue between government, private sector, and civil society on environmental issues).