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This is the view that Hopelink International holds about the New UN Coherence Report:

### **1. A Strengthened UN Environment Programme:**

As indicated in the report there is the need to build a strong and even a stronger UN Environment Programme. A strengthened UN Environment Programme will set the platform for improving the standard of life .It is a good recommendation.

### **2. Strengthening the UN System for environment and sustainable development: Options on the roles of UN agencies, programmes and funds:**

It is a fact that to some extent, there has existed incoherence between UN funds, UN programmes and UN agencies. Unless developing countries have reached a developed stage, there seems to be no way that developing can deal successfully with multiple agencies.

In order to help to promote further development we have to accept this recommendation in good faith.

### **3. Efficiencies and substantive coordination of major multilateral environmental agreements:**

There is the need for effective coordination of major multilateral environmental agreements. This is to help achieve better results.

### **4. Financing for environment and sustainable development: Options for Global Environment Facility:**

The Global Environment Facility should be really strengthened as the major financial mechanism for the global environment. It really needs to have a significant increase in resources to address the challenge posed by environmental issues, which go a long way to affect social, health, and economic status of people.

### **5. Options for an independent and authoritative assessment of the current UN system of the international environmental governance:**

I believe that institutional governance has an impact on the achievements of the institution. Once we want to position ourselves to be able to give better service in

the interest of humanity, assessment of the current UN system of the international environmental governance is a good suggestion.

**6. Sustainable Development: Option for ECOSOC and the Commission on Sustainable Development:**

The points outlined (on page 24) under the recommendation asking that sustainable development should be mainstreamed into the work of the UN's ECOSOC (page 23) are to be highly considered. This is in the good interest of humanity.

**7. Establishment of a UN Sustainable Development Board:**

Of a truth, there is a need for the establishment of such a body as the UN Sustainable Development Board. As we are advancing, humanitarian needs and issues are becoming more complex and as such we need effective leadership and new governance mechanism as suggested by the report in order for UN to do better. It is a step in the right direction.