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	Level of Freedom (free (F), partly free (PF), not free (NF))		Level of Civil Liberties (1=most free, 7= least free)		Polity Index of Democracy/Autocracy (-10=fully autocratic, 10=fully democratic)	Percent of Parliamentary Seats Held by Women	Corruption Perceptions Index (10=least corrupt, 0=most corrupt)	Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) Per Million Population		Press Freedom (1-30=free, 31-60=partly free, 61-100=not free)	Freedom of Information Legislation, Status in 2002	Radios Per 1,000 Population 1997	Internet Users Per 1,000 Population 2001
	1991-1992	2001-2002	1991-1992	2001-2002				1990	2000				
	1992	2002	1992	2002				2000	2002				
WORLD	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	30	43	..	..	419	81
ASIA (EXCL. MIDDLE EAST)	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	6	9	..	..	258	42
Armenia	PF	PF	5	4	5	3	..	..	129	60	pending	225	..
Azerbaijan	PF	PF	5	5	-7	11	2.0	..	45	77	..	22	3
Bangladesh	F	PF	3	4	6	2	0.4	6	9	63	pending	49	1
Bhutan	PF	NF	5	6	-8	9	..	108	62	72	..	50	1
Cambodia	NF	NF	6	5	2	9	..	8	30	68	..	119	1
China	NF	NF	7	6	-7	22	3.5	1	2 a	80	in effect	339	26
Georgia	NF	PF	5	4	5	7	..	..	125	53	in effect	556	5
India	PF	F	4	3	9	9	2.7	2	3	42	pending	121	7 b
Indonesia	PF	PF	5	4	7	8	1.9	6	9 c	53	pending	157	19
Japan	F	F	2	2	10	10	7.1	19	28	17	in effect	956	455
Kazakhstan	PF	NF	4	5	-4	11	2.7	..	26	69	..	422	..
Korea, Dem People's Rep	NF	NF	7	7	-9	20	..	8	10	96	..	154	..
Korea, Rep	F	F	3	2	8	6	4.2	28	45	30	in effect	1,033	518
Kyrgyzstan	PF	NF	4	5	-3	7	..	..	48	68	..	111	..
Lao People's Dem Rep	NF	NF	7	6	-7	..	..	22	43	82	..	148	2
Malaysia	PF	PF	4	5	3	15	5.0	63	83	71	..	420	252
Mongolia	F	F	3	3	10	11	..	55	140	31	..	154	16
Myanmar	NF	NF	7	7	-7	..	..	6	9	96	..	92	0
Nepal	F	PF	3	4	6	6	..	20	33	60	pending	39	3
Pakistan	PF	NF	5	5	-6	..	2.3	9	10	57	pending	105	3
Philippines	PF	F	3	3	8	17	2.9	20	26	30	in effect	161	26
Singapore	PF	PF	4	5	-2	12	9.2	382	477	68	..	672	365
Sri Lanka	PF	PF	5	4	5	4	..	53	69	63	pending	208	8
Tajikistan	PF	NF	3	6	-1	12	..	..	28	80	..	141	1
Thailand	PF	F	4	3	9	10	3.2	20	29	30	in effect	235	56
Turkmenistan	PF	NF	5	7	-9	26	..	..	32	91	..	256	2
Uzbekistan	PF	NF	5	6	-9	7	2.7	..	14	84	in effect	456	6
Viet Nam	NF	NF	7	6	-7	26	2.6	4	10	82	..	109	5
EUROPE	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	163	..	..	732	196
Albania	PF	PF	4	4	5	6	..	28	227	48	in effect	243	3
Austria	F	F	1	1	10	25	7.8	350	529	24	in effect	753	322
Belarus	PF	NF	4	6	-7	18	..	..	72	82	..	299	42
Belgium	F	F	1	2	10	25	6.6	365	541	9	in effect	793	281
Bosnia and Herzegovina	..	PF	..	4	..	5	..	..	128	53	in effect	257	11
Bulgaria	F	F	3	3	8	26	3.9	111	244	29	in effect	543	77
Croatia	PF	F	4	2	7	16	3.9	..	390	33	pending	340	..
Czech Rep	..	F	..	2	10	14	3.9	..	292	25	in effect	803	136
Denmark	F	F	1	1	10	38	9.5	654	914	9	in effect	1,139	450
Estonia	F	F	3	2	6	18	5.6	..	1,007	18	in effect	708	312
Finland	F	F	1	1	10	37	9.9	540	829	10	in effect	1,492	432 e
France	F	F	2	2	9	11	6.7	80	118	17	in effect	950	263
Germany	F	F	2	2	10	31	7.4	66	75	15	..	948	366
Greece	F	F	2	3	10	9	4.2	209	335	30	in effect	478	132
Hungary	F	F	2	2	10	8	5.3	153	329	23	in effect	690	149
Iceland	F	F	1	1	10	35	9.2	4,161	5,819	8	in effect	956	693
Ireland	F	F	1	1	10	14	7.5	596	941	16	in effect	695	233
Italy	F	F	1	2	10	9	5.5	66	98	27	in effect	878	278
Latvia	F	F	3	2	8	17	3.4	..	499	19	in effect	713	71
Lithuania	F	F	3	2	10	11	4.8	..	358	19	in effect	513	68
Macedonia, FYR	..	PF	..	4	6	7	..	..	300	46	pending	205	34
Moldova, Rep	PF	PF	4	4	7	13	3.1	..	103	59	in effect	747	14
Netherlands	F	F	1	1	10	33	8.8	271	392	15	in effect	980	333
Norway	F	F	1	1	10	36	8.6	649	918	9	in effect	915	602
Poland	F	F	2	2	9	21	4.1	45	87	18	in effect	523	99
Portugal	F	F	1	1	10	19	6.3	234	390	15	in effect	304	359 f
Romania	PF	F	5	2	8	9	2.8	39	100	35	in effect	319	45
Russian Federation	PF	PF	3	5	7	6	2.3	..	19	60	..	418	30
Serbia and Montenegro	NF	PF	5	3	7	6	..	150	137	45	pending	297	57
Slovakia	..	F	..	2	9	14	3.7	..	359	22	in effect	966	..
Slovenia	F	F	3	2	10	12	5.2	..	904	20	pending	405	302
Spain	F	F	1	2	10	27	7.0	86	134	17	in effect	333	185
Sweden	F	F	1	1	10	43	9.0	370	559	8	in effect	932	521
Switzerland	F	F	1	1	10	22	8.4	479	673	8	pending	1,002	407
Ukraine	PF	PF	3	4	7	8	2.1	..	28	60	in effect	889	12
United Kingdom	F	F	2	2	10	17	8.3	85	128	18	in effect	1,432	403
MIDDLE EAST & N. AFRICA	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	42	49	..	..	258	22
Afghanistan	NF	NF	7	7	-7	..	..	7	7	..	..	114	..
Algeria	PF	NF	4	5	-3	4	..	28	33	62	..	244	2
Egypt	PF	NF	5	6	-6	2	3.6	24	28	77	..	339	9
Iran, Islamic Rep	NF	NF	5	6	3	3	..	12	14	75	..	279	6
Iraq	NF	NF	7	7	-9	8	..	29	22	96	..	222	..
Israel	F	F	2	3	10	13	7.6	401	383 h	30	in effect	526	243
Jordan	PF	PF	4	5	-2	3	4.9	180	133	60	..	372	42
Kuwait	NF	PF	5	5	-7	0	..	253	369	49	..	650	101
Lebanon	PF	NF	4	5	..	2	..	182	291	74	..	687	..
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	NF	NF	7	7	..	..	..	78	78	88	..	273	4
Morocco	PF	PF	5	5	-6	1	..	37	47 i	58	..	243	13
Oman	NF	NF	6	5	-9	..	..	117	148	68	..	621	46
Saudi Arabia	NF	NF	6	7	-10	..	..	39	48	80	..	326	14
Syrian Arab Rep	NF	NF	7	7	-7	10	..	36	36	78	..	276	4
Tunisia	PF	NF	5	5	-3	12	5.3	102	125	73	..	143	42
Turkey	PF	PF	4	5	7	4	3.6	22	33	58	..	181	37
United Arab Emirates	NF	NF	5	5	-8	0	..	191	295	74	..	318	339 j
Yemen	PF	NF	5	6	-2	1	..	25	18	65	..	65	1

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	1992	2002	1992	2002				2000	2002				
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	12	..	40	59	198	..
Angola	PF	NF	4	6	-3	16	..	28	38	79	..	52	4
Benin	F	F	3	2	6	6	..	85	115	30	..	107	4
Botswana	F	F	2	2	9	17	6.0	283	419	30	pending	155	..
Burkina Faso	NF	PF	5	4	-3	11	..	45	58	39	..	35	2
Burundi	NF	NF	6	6	-1	20	..	52	71	77	..	69	1
Cameroon	NF	NF	6	6	-4	6	2.0	53	70	68	..	163	3
Central African Rep	PF	PF	5	5	6	7	..	90	115	69	..	80	1
Chad	NF	NF	6	5	-2	2	..	38	51	74	..	236	0
Congo	PF	PF	4	4	-6	12	..	173	198	53	..	123	..
Congo, Dem Rep	NF	NF	5	6	interregnum	..	..	17	117	86	..	386	0
Côte d'Ivoire	PF	PF	4	4	4	9	2.4	58	67	66	..	153	4
Equatorial Guinea	NF	NF	7	6	-5	5	..	270	362	80	..	427	2
Eritrea	..	NF	..	6	-6	15	..	..	40	79	..	318	3
Ethiopia	PF	PF	5	5	1	8	..	9	13	61	..	197	0
Gabon	PF	PF	3	4	-4	11	..	355	422	52	..	183	..
Gambia	F	PF	2	5	-5	..	..	359	385	65	..	165	13
Ghana	NF	F	6	3	2	9	3.4	55	60	27	pending	244	2
Guinea	NF	NF	5	5	-1	9	..	43	67	74	..	52	2
Guinea-Bissau	PF	PF	5	5	6	8	..	124	213	56	..	44	3
Kenya	NF	NF	6	5	-2	4	2.0	43	54	67	pending	109	16
Lesotho	PF	PF	4	4	in transition	11	..	187	233	46	..	53	2
Liberia	NF	NF	6	6	0	11	..	170	140	77	..	274	0
Madagascar	PF	PF	4	4	7	8	..	42	44	31	..	216	2
Malawi	NF	PF	6	3	7	9	3.2	47	59	54	pending	269	2
Mali	PF	F	4	3	6	12	..	43	55	23	..	56	3
Mauritania	NF	PF	6	5	-6	..	..	130	155	61	..	149	3
Mozambique	PF	PF	4	4	6	30	..	20	31	48	..	44	1
Namibia	F	F	3	3	6	20	5.4	108	372	34	pending	141	25
Niger	PF	PF	5	4	4	1	..	38	46	49	..	70	1
Nigeria	PF	PF	4	5	4	3	1.0	12	14	57	pending	200	..
Rwanda	NF	NF	6	6	-4	26	..	45	68	87	..	76	3
Senegal	PF	PF	3	4	8	19	2.9	103	118	39	..	141	10
Sierra Leone	PF	PF	5	5	interregnum	9	..	115	132	62	..	237	2
Somalia	NF	NF	7	7	interregnum	..	..	29	23	88	..	60	0
South Africa	PF	F	4	2	9	28	4.8	38	67	23	in effect	338	70
Sudan	NF	NF	7	7	-7	10	..	23	25	87	..	257	2
Tanzania, United Rep	NF	PF	5	4	2	22	2.2	27	32	49	pending	281	8
Togo	NF	PF	5	5	-2	5	..	124	146	68	..	227	11
Uganda	NF	PF	6	5	-4	25	1.9	33	45	42	..	127	2
Zambia	F	PF	3	4	1	12	2.6	84	105	65	pending	109	2
Zimbabwe	PF	NF	4	6	-5	10	2.9	81	114	83	in effect	96	8
NORTH AMERICA	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	23	33	..	..	2,012	493
Canada	F	F	1	1	10	24	8.9	96	133	16	in effect	1,047	435
United States	F	F	1	1	10	14	7.6	15	22	16	in effect	2,118	500
C. AMERICA & CARIBBEAN	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	72	89	..	..	317	35
Belize	F	F	1	2	..	14	..	1,270	2,010	24	in effect	613	78
Costa Rica	F	F	1	2	10	..	4.5	300	348	17	..	274	93
Cuba	NF	NF	7	7	-7	28	..	54	89	96	..	353	11
Dominican Rep	F	F	3	2	8	15	3.1	91	106	30	..	181	22
El Salvador	PF	F	4	3	7	10	3.6	105	132	35	..	465	..
Guatemala	PF	PF	5	4	8	9	2.9	82	92	49	pending	79	17
Haiti	NF	NF	7	6	-2	9	..	65	74	72	..	55	4
Honduras	F	PF	3	3	7	6	2.7	108	124	43	..	412	..
Jamaica	F	F	2	3	9	16	..	287	347	17	in effect	476	38
Mexico	PF	F	4	3	8	16	3.7	21	27	40	in effect	330	35
Nicaragua	PF	PF	3	3	8	21	2.4	130	151	32	pending	265	..
Panama	PF	F	2	2	9	10	3.7	318	354	30	in effect	300	..
Trinidad and Tobago	F	PF	1	3	10	17	5.3	488	625	30	in effect	532	92
SOUTH AMERICA	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	44	55	..	..	460	60
Argentina	F	PF	3	3	8	31	3.5	57	74	37	pending	681	80
Bolivia	F	F	3	3	9	10	2.0	116	141	25	pending	676	..
Brazil	F	PF	3	3	8	7	4.0	14	18	32	..	433	46
Chile	F	F	2	2	9	10	7.5	103	140	22	..	354	201
Colombia	PF	PF	4	4	7	12	3.8	36	45	60	in effect	524	27 m
Ecuador	F	PF	3	3	6	15	2.3	84	101	40	..	377	25
Guyana	PF	F	4	2	6	20	..	482	583	23	..	561	124
Paraguay	PF	PF	3	3	7	8	..	144	171	51	..	182	11
Peru	PF	F	5	3	in transition	18	4.1	55	66	30	in effect	273	115 n
Suriname	PF	F	4	2	..	18	..	634	832	25	..	729	35
Uruguay	F	F	2	1	10	12	5.1	328	450	25	pending	603	119
Venezuela	F	PF	3	5	7	10	2.8	68	76	44	..	472	53
OCEANIA	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	209	291	..	..	1,065	..
Australia	F	F	1	1	10	27	8.5	138	196	10	in effect	1,376	372 o
Fiji	PF	PF	4	3	in transition	6	..	538	797	33	pending	639	18
New Zealand	F	F	1	1	10	31	9.4	489	687	8	in effect	997	287
Papua New Guinea	F	F	3	3	10	2	..	121	149	26	pending	86	..
Solomon Islands	F	PF	1	4	..	0	..	477	631	24	..	141	4
DEVELOPED DEVELOPING	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	112	..	..	1,028	286
DEVELOPING	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	17	24	..	..	245	26

a. Data for China include Tibet, but not Hong Kong or Macao. b. Estimates are for fiscal year beginning 1 April. c. Data for Indonesia include East Timor. d. Although Freedom of Information laws exist, weaknesses in the legislation have prompted criticism. e. As of June, 2001. f. As of September, 2001. g. Law enacted but not yet in force. h. Data for Israel include the occupied territories. i. Data for Morocco include Western Sahara. j. Internet dial-up customers. k. The main thrust of the law passed in Zimbabwe was to give the government extensive powers to control the media by requiring the registration of journalists and prohibiting the "abuse of free expression." l. Data as of 30 September. m. Ministry of Communications' estimate. n. OSIPTTEL estimate. o. Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics.

VARIABLE DEFINITIONS AND METHODOLOGY

Level of Freedom is designated by Freedom House as Free (F), Partly Free (PF), or Not Free (NF). In Free countries, a broad range of political rights and civil liberties are respected. Partly Free countries have a mixed record on political rights and civil liberties, often accompanied by corruption, weak rule of law, and the inordinate political dominance of a ruling party. In Not Free countries, basic political rights and civil liberties are denied. A country's freedom rating reflects both political rights and civil liberties, each measured on a scale of 1 to 7. If a country's combined average political rights and civil liberties ranking is between 1 and 2.5, the country is "Free." Countries with averages between 3 and 5.5 are "Partly Free"; greater than 5.5, "Not Free." For more information, please refer to the web page maintained by Freedom House: <http://www.freedomhouse.org/research/freeworld/2001/methodology.htm>.

Level of Civil Liberties is rated on a scale of 1 to 7, with 1 representing the most free and 7 representing the least free. Countries with a rating of 1 generally have an established and equitable rule of law with free economic activity. A rating of 2 indicates some deficiencies, while a rating of 3, 4, or 5 indicates varying degrees of censorship, political terror, and prevention of free association. Countries with a rating of 6 experience severely restricted freedom of expression and association coupled with political terror (e.g., political prisoners). A rating of 7 indicates virtually no freedom. Freedom House notes that a poor rating for a country "is not necessarily a comment on the intentions of the government, but may indicate real restrictions on liberty caused by non-governmental terror." To determine each rating, researchers answer a series of survey questions. The survey team may make some small adjustments for factors such as extreme violence. The 14 civil liberties questions, available on-line at <http://www.freedomhouse.org/research/freeworld/2001/methodology3.htm>, are classified in four categories: Freedom of Expression and Belief, Association and Organizational Rights, Rule of Law and Human Rights, and Personal Autonomy and Economic Rights.

The **Polity Index of Democracy/Autocracy** is a scale from -10 to +10 measuring the degree to which a nation is either autocratic or democratic. A score of +10 indicates a strongly democratic state; a score of -10 a strongly autocratic state. A fully democratic government has three essential elements: fully competitive political participation, institutionalized constraints on executive power, and guarantee of civil liberties to all citizens in their daily lives and in political participation. A fully autocratic system sharply restricts or suppresses competitive political participation. The chief executives are chosen by an elite group and exercise power with few institutionalized constraints. Some countries are labeled "interruption," indicating an interruption in government due to foreign occupation; "interregnum," marking an interregnum period after the complete collapse of a centralized political authority; or, "in transition," indicating a transitional or provisional government in control as new institutions are planned. The Polity index does not measure impacts unless they affect the central governing structure. A complete explanation of the index is available in the Polity IV Project Dataset User's Manual, on-line at <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/cidcm/inscr/polity/polreg.htm>.

Percent of Parliamentary Seats Held by Women is calculated based on the total number of seats in parliament and the number of seats occupied by women. When there is both an Upper House (Senate) and a Lower House of parliament, the total number of women in both houses is divided by the total number of seats in both houses. Data are current as of March 1, 2002. The Interparliamentary Union compiles these data based on information provided by national parliaments.

The **Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI)** measures the degree to which corruption is perceived to exist among public officials and politicians. Ratings range in value from 10 (least corrupt) to 0 (most corrupt). The survey measures public sector corruption—the abuse of public office for private gain. In the CPI, data from 14 surveys are combined to measure the perceptions of local residents, expatriates, business people, academics, and risk analysts. Assessments from the past three years (1999–2001) are combined. A country is included in the CPI only if there are data available from three or more surveys. For further information, please consult: J.G. Lambsdorff. 2001. Background Paper to the 2001 Corruption Perceptions Index. Available on-line at <http://www.transparency.org/cpi/2001/dnld/methodology.pdf>.

Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs) Per Million Population is the number of NGOs with offices or members in a particular country divided by the population. NGOs are identified by the Union of International Associations based on seven organizational aspects: aims, membership, structure, officers, finance, relations with other organizations, and activities. The following types of organizations are included in this data set: federations of international organizations; universal membership organizations; intercontinental membership organizations; regionally defined membership organizations; organizations emanating from places, persons, or other bodies; and organizations having a special form, including foundations and funds.

Press Freedom is an index, defined by Freedom House as "the degree to which each country permits the free flow of information" on a scale of 1 to 100. Countries with a score between 1 and 30 are considered to have a "Free" media; 31 to 60, "Partly Free"; and 61 to 100, "Not Free." Freedom House emphasizes that this survey does not measure press responsibility; rather, it measures the degree of freedom in the flow of information. Data are collected from overseas correspondents, staff travel, international visitors, the findings of human rights organizations, specialists in geographic and geopolitical areas, the reports of governments, and a variety of domestic and international news media. The final index measures three separate categories of influence on the media: national laws and administrative decisions; censorship and intimidation; and quotas, licensing biases, or government funding.

Freedom of Information (FOI) Legislation requires disclosure of government records to the public. There are now 48 countries with comprehensive general applicability FOI laws, plus a dozen or so countries with FOI-related constitutional provisions that can be used to access information. A country's guarantee of public access to information is classified in one of three categories:

In Effect: These countries legally guarantee public access to government records through constitutional provisions or FOI legislation.

Pending: Thirty additional countries are considering adopting freedom of information acts.

No Data: Marked by "...", these are countries where no FOI legislation exists or no data are available concerning FOIA status.

Data are collected by Privacy International on a country-by-country basis and were last updated in July, 2002.

Radios Per 1,000 Population is the number of radio receivers used for broadcast to the general public, divided by a country's population in thousands. Private sets installed in public places

are also included, as well as communal receivers. The World Bank obtains their data from statistical surveys conducted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Internet Users Per 1,000 Population measures the number of people per thousand of a country's population who have used the internet at any point in time during a specific year. Data are supplied by annual questionnaires sent to telecommunication authorities and operating companies. These results are supplemented by annual reports and statistical yearbooks of telecommunication ministries, regulators, operators, and industry associations. In some cases, estimates are derived from International Telecommunications Union background documents or other references.

FREQUENCY OF UPDATE BY DATA PROVIDERS

All data sets are updated annually, with the exception of the parliamentary and Internet data. These data sets are updated every 2–4 months. Data on radio receivers have not been collected on a global scale since 1999 (survey year 1997), when UNESCO discontinued their Statistical Yearbook.

DATA RELIABILITY AND CAUTIONARY NOTES

Many of the data in this table are index calculations and therefore contain an unavoidable amount of subjectivity. Indices can measure ideas and behaviors instead of a discrete physical quantity. While these data can illustrate rough comparisons and trends over time, rigid score comparisons and rankings are discouraged.

Polity Index of Democracy/Autocracy. The Polity IV data are subject to substantial cross-checking and inter-coder reliability checks. The least reliable calculations are typically the most recent, due to “the fluidity of real-time political dynamics and the effects this immediacy may have on the assignment of Polity codes in a semi-annual research cycle”.

Percent of Parliamentary Seats Held by Women. Data change with each national election; for the most recent statistics, please consult the IPU website at <http://www.ipu.org/wmn-e/classif.htm>. Some governments and political parties have established formal or informal quotas for women in various legislative positions. For more information on gender quotas, please consult the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) on-line at <http://www.idea.int/gender/quotas.htm>.

Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI). CPI is based solely on perceptions instead of hard empirical data such as cross-country comparisons of prosecutions, or media coverage of corruption. Empirical data are not used because they may measure the extent of anti-corruption efforts instead of the extent of corruption. A spreadsheet with standard deviations, permutation test results, and a list of the surveys used for each country is available on-line at <http://www.gwdg.de/~uwwv/2001.htm>.

Nongovernmental Organizations Per Million Population. The compilation of such a massive data set inevitably leads to misreporting and underreporting of organizations. Many of the data are self-reported and not evaluated for accuracy by the

Union of International Associations. Government-controlled NGOs, criticized for their ability to benefit government officials and subvert the original purpose of a non-governmental organization, may be included in some country totals. Regional totals may include double counting of NGOs present in more than one country. Comparisons between countries should be made with care, as actual estimates of the number of NGOs vary widely.

Freedom of Information Legislation. While the FOI data have been thoroughly researched, there are unavoidable difficulties in assigning each country to one of three categories. Some countries have laws guaranteeing access, but the laws are not enforced. Still others guarantee access to government documents in specific sectors, but exclude access in other sectors. For a complete description of the FOI status for each country, please refer to the Freedom of Information web site maintained by Privacy International <http://www.privacyinternational.org/issues/foia>.

Radios Per 1,000 People. In some countries, definitions, classifications, and methods of enumeration do not entirely conform to UNESCO standards. In addition, many countries impose radio license fees to help pay for public broadcasting, discouraging radio owners from declaring ownership.

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TECHNICAL NOTES

The ten treaties described below are a small subset of the hundreds of multilateral agreements drafted in recent decades at the global level. The table indicates the year that a country has either signed or ratified a particular agreement. By signing a treaty, a state recognizes the authentic text, intends to complete the procedures for becoming legally bound by it, and is committed not to act against the treaty's objectives before ratification. Ratification (or its equivalents of acceptance, approval, or accession) binds the state to observe the treaty. Depending on a country's system of governance, signing the treaty may be simply an executive decision while ratification requires legislative approval. Treaties vary both in international levels of participation and the extent to which they are legally binding. To a large extent, compliance lies with the individual countries and depends on informed self-interest, peer pressure from other countries, and public opinion. Effectiveness of any international convention or treaty is determined not only by the number of country ratifications, but also by the rigor of its implementation, monitoring, and enforcement.

The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

This covenant details the basic civil and political rights of individuals and nations. The rights of nations include: the right to self-determination, and the right to own, trade, and dispose of their property freely, and not be deprived of their means of subsistence. Among the rights of individuals are the right to life; the right to liberty and freedom of movement; the right to equality before the law; the right to presumption of innocence until proven guilty; the right to appeal a conviction; the right to privacy; freedom of thought, conscience, and religion; freedom of opinion and expression; and freedom of assembly and association. For more information, please see <http://www.hrweb.org/legal/undocs.html>.

The International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights. This covenant describes the basic economic, social, and cultural rights of individuals and nations, including the rights to self-determination; wages sufficient to support a minimum standard of living; equal pay for equal work; equal opportunity for advancement; form trade unions; strike; paid or otherwise compensated maternity leave; free primary education and accessible education at all levels; and copyright, patent, and trademark protection for intellectual property. In addition, this convention forbids exploitation of children, and requires all nations to cooperate to end world hunger. For more information, please see <http://www.hrweb.org/legal/undocs.html>.

CITES: The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, or CITES, is an international agreement between governments to ensure that the survival of wild animals and plants is not threatened by international trade. It has been in force for almost 30 years; today, it accords varying degrees of protection to more than 30,000 species of animals and plants, whether they are traded as live specimens, fur coats, or dried herbs. CITES is legally binding on countries that have joined the Convention and provides a framework to be respected by each Party, which has to adopt its own domestic legislation to make sure that CITES is implemented at the national level. More information is available at <http://www.cites.org>.

UNFCCC: The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is the centerpiece of global efforts to combat global warming. Adopted in 1992 at the Rio Earth Summit, its ultimate objective is the "stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic (human-made) interference with the climate system. Such a level should be achieved within a

time-frame sufficient to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change, to ensure that food production is not threatened and to enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner." For more information, please consult the UNFCCC Secretariat at <http://www.unfccc.int/resource/docs/convkp/conveng.pdf>.

Kyoto Protocol: The Kyoto Protocol was established in 1997 by the third session of the Conference of Parties (COP-3) to the UNFCCC. With ratification, developed countries commit themselves to reducing their collective emissions of six greenhouse gases. Emissions need to be at least 5 percent lower than 1990 levels by a deadline ranging from 2008 to 2012. Compared to emissions levels that would be expected by 2010 without emissions-control measures, the Protocol target represents a 30 percent cut. Both developed and developing countries agree to take measures to limit emissions and promote adaptation to future climate change impacts; submit information on their national climate change program and inventories; promote technology transfer; cooperate on scientific and public research; and promote public awareness, education, and training. The rules for entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol require 55 Parties to the Convention to ratify the Protocol, including Annex I Parties accounting for 55 percent of that group's carbon dioxide emissions in 1990. As of September 2002, 94 countries had ratified the Protocol, but only 37 percent of Annex I (industrialized country) emissions were represented. More information is available in A Guide to the Climate Change Convention Process, on-line at <http://www.unfccc.int/resource/process/guideprocess-p.pdf>.

CBD: The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity is one of the key agreements adopted at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. The Convention establishes three main goals: the conservation of biodiversity, sustainable use of the components of biodiversity, and sharing the benefits arising from the commercial and other utilization of genetic resources in a fair and equitable way. The convention is legally binding; countries that join it are obliged to implement its provisions, such as reporting on what has been done to implement the accord and the effectiveness of these activities. The national reports, particularly when seen together, are one of the key tools for tracking progress in meeting the Convention's objectives. More information is available on-line at <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/guide.asp>.

Biosafety Protocol: Adopted in January 2000 as a subsidiary agreement to the CBD, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety allows governments to signal whether or not they are willing to accept imports of agricultural commodities that include Living Modified Organisms (LMOs). Living Modified Organisms—often known as genetically modified organisms (GMOs)—are becoming part of an increasing number of products, including foods and food additives, beverages, drugs, adhesives, and fuels. In addition, the treaty deals with access to and sharing of the benefits from commercial use of genetic material, such as pharmaceutical products. More information is available on-line at <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/guide.asp>.

CCD: The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification is an international Convention dedicated to addressing the problems of land degradation in the world's drylands, caused primarily by human activities and climatic variations. Since the Convention entered into force in 1996, countries affected by desertification are implementing the Convention by developing and carrying out national, sub-regional, and regional action programs. The Convention states that these programs must adopt a democratic, bottom-up approach designed to allow local people to help themselves reverse land degradation. More information is available at <http://www.unccd.int/main.php>.

Stockholm Convention: The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) is a global treaty to protect human health and the environment from POPs, which remain intact in the environment for long periods of time, become widely distributed geographically, accumulate in the fatty tissue of living organisms, and are toxic to humans and wildlife. The Convention was adopted in May 2001. Upon signature of the Convention, the first step toward implementation is the development of national action plans to eliminate or reduce the release of POPs into the environment. For more information, please consult the Stockholm Convention website at <http://www.pops.int>.

Year of World Trade Organization Membership indicates the year in which a country joined the World Trade Organization (WTO). The WTO began in 1995, expanding on the international trade rules set forth by its predecessor, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). The WTO's purpose is to help trade flow as freely as possible without any undesirable side effects and to ensure that trade rules and tariffs are transparent and equitable among nations. It also serves as a forum for trade negotiations and dispute settlements. In theory, any state or customs territory having full autonomy in the conduct of its trade policies may join the WTO, after lengthy negotiations concerning market access, tariff rates, and other policies in goods and services. Governments marked as "observers" are expected to start accession negotiations within five years of becoming observers.

Aarhus Convention: The UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, or Aarhus Convention, was first adopted in June 1998. The Convention is open to the 55 members of the UNECE as well as to non-member states. According to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, "Although regional in scope...the Aarhus Convention is global. It is by far the most impressive elaboration of principle 10 of the Rio Declaration, which stresses the need for citizen's participation in environmental issues and for access to information on the environment held by public authorities..." The Convention will include regular reporting requirements and biennial meetings among member states. More information is available on-line at <http://www.unece.org/env/pp>.

Agenda 21, created as a result of the 1992 Earth Summit, is a comprehensive plan of action to be taken globally, nationally, and locally by organizations of the United Nations system, governments, and major groups in every area with human impacts on the environment.

National Agenda 21 Reporting Status indicates if a country has submitted a report on the status of its implementation of Agenda 21 in relation to the specific themes. Countries with reports "pending" submission are participants in the Agenda 21 process that have not yet submitted reports in 2002. "Non-reporting" countries are not participating in the Agenda 21 process. Country reports focus on social, economic, and environmental issues, including: combating poverty; energy; health; transport; agriculture; atmosphere; biodiversity; forests; freshwater; hazardous, solid, and radioactive wastes; land management; oceans; and toxic chemicals.

Local Agenda 21 Municipalities: The number of municipalities involved in the Local Agenda 21 (LA21) process denotes the number of government authorities that have made a formal commitment to LA21 or are actively undertaking the process.

As part of the Agenda 21 process, local governments are called to create their own agenda outlining local priorities. The following criteria were used to identify local authorities undertaking the LA21 process: The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) conducted two separate surveys of global LA21 participation—in 1996 and in 2001. While the data can provide a rough approximation of the number of municipalities involved in LA21s, it does not indicate either (1) the extent of a municipality's involvement or (2) the size of the municipality. Many of the local participants were "self-reported" adherents to LA21 practices, introducing some degree of reporting bias. The survey did not have a clearly defined sample size, so rigorous statistical analysis of the results is not possible.

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VARIABLE DEFINITIONS AND METHODOLOGY

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is the net inflow of investment to acquire a lasting management interest (10 percent or more of voting stock) in an enterprise operating in an economy other than that of the investor. It is the sum in million current U.S. dollars of equity capital, reinvestment of earnings, other long-term capital, and short-term capital, as shown in the balance of payments. FDI can show foreign perceptions of investment opportunities in a given country. Data are based on balance of payments information reported by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), supplemented by data from the OECD and official national sources.

Exports of Goods and Services as a Percent of GDP represents the value of all goods and other market services provided to the rest of the world as a proportion of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Exports include the value of merchandise, freight, insurance, transport, travel, royalties, license fees, and other services, such as communication, construction, financial, information, business, personal, and government services. They exclude labor and property income (formerly called factor services) as well as transfer payments. These data show, among other things, the level to which a country's economy is susceptible to world price fluctuations.

Balance of Trade is the net exports (exports minus imports) in million current U.S. dollars of goods and services for a particular country. It includes all transactions between residents of a country and the rest of the world involving a change in ownership of goods and services. If a country's exports exceed its imports, it has a trade surplus—a "positive" trade balance. If imports exceed exports, the country has a trade deficit—a "negative" trade balance. A change in the trade balance may indicate a change in a country's economic health or in the relative cost of domestic products when compared with international prices. Data are based on International Monetary Fund (IMF) databases, supplemented with estimates by World Bank staff. More information can be found in the IMF's Balance of Payments Manual 1993 (available on-line at <http://www.imf.org/external/np/sta/bop/BOPman.pdf>). Sources include customs data, monetary accounts of the banking system, external debt records, information provided by enterprises, surveys to estimate services transactions, and foreign exchange records.

External Debt as a Percent of GNI is the total debt owed to nonresidents repayable in foreign currency, goods, or services as a percentage of gross national income (GNI). It is the sum of public, publicly guaranteed, and private nonguaranteed long-term debt, use of International Monetary Fund (IMF) credit, and short-term debt. GNI is the sum of value added by all resident producers plus any product taxes not included in the valuation of output plus net receipts of primary income from abroad. Data are gathered by the World Bank using loan-by-loan reports on long-term public and publicly guaranteed borrowing, along with information on short-term debt collected by the countries, or from creditors through the reporting systems of the Bank for International Settlements and the OECD. These data are supplemented by information on loans and credits from major multilateral banks, loan statements from official lending agencies in major creditor countries, and estimates from World Bank and IMF staff.

Military Expenditure as a percent of GDP is defined by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) as "all current and capital expenditure on: (a) the armed forces, including peacekeeping forces; (b) defense ministries and other government agencies engaged in defense; (c) paramilitary forces associated with military operations; and (d) military space activities" as a proportion of gross domestic prod-

uct. Expenditures include the cost of procurements, personnel, research & development, construction, operations, maintenance, and military aid to other countries. Civil defense, veteran's benefits, demobilization and destruction of weapons are not included as military expenditures. SIPRI obtains military expenditure data from primary sources, secondary sources quoting primary data, and other sources, including specialist journals and newspapers. When a country's definition of military expenditure differs from SIPRI's, estimates are made based on analysis of official government budget statistics.

Public Health Expenditure as a percent of GDP is the proportion of the gross domestic product (GDP) used for recurrent and capital spending from government budgets and social health insurance funds. Health expenditures include preventative and curative health services, family planning activities, nutrition activities, and emergency aid designated for health. Provision of water and sanitation are not included. Health expenditure estimates are those provided to the World Bank from the World Health Organization's World Health Report in 2000 and 2001. These data are supplemented with information from The European Observatory on Health Care Systems, OECD, and World Bank country and sector studies.

Public Education Expenditure as a percent of GDP is the proportion of gross domestic product (GDP) used for public spending on public education plus subsidies to private education at the primary, secondary, and tertiary levels. Foreign aid for education is excluded; spending for religious schools, which constitutes a sizable portion of educational spending in some developing countries, may also be excluded. According to the World Bank, education expenditure as a share of GDP reflects a country's "effort in education." Education expenditure estimates are provided to the World Bank by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Institute for Statistics. UNESCO compiles their data from annual financial reports of central governments and state, provincial, or regional administrations.

Official Development Assistance (ODA) records the actual receipts of financial resources or of goods or services valued at the cost to the donor, less any repayments of loan principal during the same period. Data are reported in million current US dollars. Grants by official agencies of the members of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) are included, as are loans with a grant element of at least 25 percent, and technical cooperation and assistance. The data on development assistance are compiled by the DAC and published in its annual statistical report, Geographical Distribution of Financial Flows to Aid Recipients, and the DAC annual Development Cooperation Report. **Official Development Assistance as a percent of GNI** is calculated as a proportion of gross national income (GNI, formerly GNP), and can be used to measure the level of importance of foreign aid to a country's economy.

A Parent Corporation is the portion of a transnational corporation (TNC) that controls assets of other entities outside of its home country. Typically, "control" is defined as an ownership of more than 10 percent of a corporation's equities or its equivalent for an unincorporated enterprise. A TNC is defined by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) as an "incorporated or unincorporated enterprise composed of parent enterprises and their foreign affiliates." **Foreign Affiliates** are corporations in which an investor residing in another country has a lasting interest in the management of the enterprise, typically owning more than 10 percent of a corporation's equities or its equivalent for an unincorporated enterprise. UNCTAD requests data from national governments and publishes data precisely as reported.

Corporations with ISO 14000 Certification is defined as the number of companies in each country that have received ISO 14000 certification by December of any given year. National standards institutes from individual countries have created the ISO 14000, which provides voluntary environmental management systems standards. Companies adhering to the ISO 14000 implement environmental management systems, conduct environmental audits, and evaluate their environmental performance. Their products adhere to environmental labeling standards, and waste streams are managed through life cycle assessments. The International Organization for Standardization compiles data on all countries through an annual survey.

FREQUENCY OF UPDATE BY DATA PROVIDERS

All data sets are updated annually, with the exception of the data on transnational corporations and education expenditure. These are updated intermittently. Most data updates include revisions of past data.

DATA RELIABILITY AND CAUTIONARY NOTES

Foreign Direct Investment. Because of the multiplicity of sources, definitions, and reporting methods, data may not be comparable across countries. Data do not include capital raised locally, which has become an important source of financing in some developing countries. In addition, data only capture cross-border investment flows when equity participation is involved and thus omit nonequity cross-border transactions.

Exports as a percent of GDP. Data on exports are compiled from customs reports and balance of payments data. Although the data on exports and imports from the payments side provide reasonably reliable records of cross-border transactions, they may not adhere strictly to appropriate definitions of valuation and timing, or correspond with the change-of-ownership criterion. Neither customs nor balance of payments data usually capture the illegal transactions that occur in many countries. Goods carried by travelers across borders in legal but unreported shuttle trade may further distort trade statistics.

Balance of Trade. Because of the variety of sources, data may be inconsistent. Differences in collection methods—such as timing, definitions of residences and ownership, and exchange rate valuations—contribute to net errors and omissions. In addition, smuggling and other illegal or quasi-legal transactions may be unrecorded or misreported.

External Debt as a percent of GNI. Variations in reporting rescheduled debt affect cross-country comparability. Other areas of inconsistency include country treatment of arrears and of nonresident national deposits denominated in foreign currency. With the widening spectrum of debt instruments and investors and the expansion of private nonguaranteed borrowing, data are increasingly difficult to measure. Military debt is often underreported.

Military Expenditure as a percent of GDP. Many values are uncertain or estimated. SIPRI cautions that military expenditure does not relate directly to military capability or security.

Public Health Expenditure as a percent of GDP. Data on public spending at the sub-national level are not aggregated in all countries, making total health expenditure difficult to measure. Few developing countries have health accounts that are methodologically consistent with national accounting procedures. Health care systems are not always defined clearly.

WHO cautions that these data should only be used for an “order of magnitude” estimate; cross-country comparisons should be avoided.

Education Expenditure as a percent of GDP. In some cases, data refer only to the Ministry of Education's expenditures, excluding other authorities that spend money on educational activities. The World Bank cautions that these data do not measure effectiveness or levels of attainment in a particular educational system.

Official Development Assistance. Because data are based on donor country reports, they do not provide a complete picture of the resources received by developing and transition economies for three reasons. First, flows from DAC members are only part of the aggregate resource flows to these economies. Second, the data that record contributions to multilateral institutions measure the flow of resources made available to those institutions by DAC members, not the flow of resources from those institutions to developing and transition economies. Third, because some of the countries and territories on the DAC recipient list are normally classified as high-income, the reported flows may overstate the resources available to low- and middle-income economies.

Parent Corporations and Foreign Affiliates. Regional and global totals represent a sum of available data and may therefore be incomplete. Some countries count the number of foreign-sponsored projects instead of the number of actual companies; in this case, some double counting has occurred. Because of the range of survey years and the acceptance of survey data “as-is” from national governments, cross-country comparisons should be made with caution.

ISO 14000 Certification. A small amount of double counting occurs due to joint assessments of a single company. In addition, some underreporting may occur in all countries. No distinction is made between accredited and non-accredited institutions, and certifications may be for a single site or for multiple sites. Survey data are only as reliable as the reports of each national institute, and ISO does not ensure the accuracy of this data. The ISO 14000 standards have been criticized because they do not require companies to provide public reports on their environmental performance.

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VARIABLE DEFINITIONS AND METHODOLOGY

Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Constant 1995 Dollars is the sum of gross value added by all resident and nonresident producers in the economy plus any taxes and minus any subsidies not included in the value of the products. Data are expressed in millions of U.S. dollars. The gross domestic product estimates at purchaser values (market prices) are the sum of GDP at purchaser values (value added in the agriculture, industry, and services sectors) and indirect taxes, less subsidies. It is calculated without making deductions for depreciation of fabricated assets or for depletion and degradation of natural resources. National accounts indicators for most developing countries are collected from national statistical organizations and central banks by visiting and resident World Bank missions. The data for high-income economies come from OECD data files (see the OECD's National Accounts, 1988–1999, volumes 1 and 2). The United Nations Statistics Division publishes detailed national accounts for United Nations member countries in National Accounts Statistics: Main Aggregates and Detailed Tables and updates in the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics. To obtain comparable series of constant price data, the World Bank rescales GDP and value added by industrial origin to a common reference year, currently 1995. WRI calculates **GDP per Capita** by dividing World Bank GDP figures by the population estimates of the United Nations Population Division.

Average Annual Growth Rate is a calculation of the average percent growth between (and including) 1991 and 2000, using least-squares growth rate calculation. Growth rates are calculated by WRI using a least-squares regression. The least squares growth rate is estimated by fitting a linear regression trend line to the logarithmic annual values of the variable in the relevant period. The calculated growth rate is an average rate that is representative of the available observations over the entire period. It does not necessarily match the actual growth rate between any two periods.

Purchasing Power Parity, per capita is gross domestic product, per person, converted to international dollars using Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) rates. An international dollar has the same purchasing power in a given country as a United States dollar in the United States. In other words, it buys an equivalent amount of goods or services in that country. The estimates are a blend of extrapolated and regression-based numbers, using the results of the International Comparison Programme (ICP). The ICP benchmark studies are essentially multilateral pricing exercises. For 62 countries data come from the most recent round of surveys (1996); the rest are from the 1993 round and have been extrapolated to the 1996 benchmark. Estimates from countries not included in the surveys are derived from statistical models. PPP studies recast traditional national accounts through special price collections and the disaggregation of GDP by expenditure components. National statistical offices report ICP details. The international dollar values, which are different from the U.S. dollar values of GDP, are obtained using special conversion factors designed to equalize the purchasing powers of different currencies. This conversion factor, the PPP, is defined as the number of units of a country's currency required to buy the same amounts of goods and services in the domestic market as \$1 would buy in the United States. PPP estimates tend to lower per capita GDPs in industrialized countries and raise per capita GDPs in developing countries. Data are expressed in current international dollars.

Distribution by Sector is the percent of total output of goods and services which are a result of value added by a given sector. These goods and services are for final use occurring within the domestic territory of a given country, regardless of the allocation to domestic and foreign claims. Value added is the net output of a sector after adding up all outputs and subtracting

intermediate inputs. It is calculated without making deductions for depreciation of fabricated assets or depletion and degradation of natural resources. The industrial origin of value added is determined by the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) revision 3.

Agriculture corresponds to ISIC divisions 1–5 and includes forestry and fishing. **Industry** corresponds to ISIC divisions 10–45 and includes manufacturing (ISIC divisions 15–37). It comprises value added in mining, manufacturing, construction, electricity, water, and gas. **Services** correspond to ISIC divisions 50–99 and they include value added in wholesale and retail trade (including hotels and restaurants), transport, and government, financial, professional, and personal services such as education, health care, and real estate services. Also included are imputed bank service charges, import duties, and any statistical discrepancies noted by national compilers as well as discrepancies arising from rescaling.

Income Inequality data is taken from household surveys collected by World Bank regional offices or government agencies. It is based on either income or expenditure. Data are compiled by the World Bank's Development Research Group using primary household survey data obtained from government statistical agencies and World Bank country departments. The Gini index and income distribution for high income countries are calculated directly from the Luxemburg Income Study database, using an estimation method consistent with that applied for developing countries. Data are collected through nationally representative household surveys administered between 1985 and 2000. They are based either on expenditure or per capita income, depending on the survey. Each distribution is based on percentiles of population—rather than of households—with households ranked by income or expenditure per person.

Survey Year is the year in which the survey that collected the data was administered.

The **Gini Index** is a measure of income inequality. A score of zero implies perfect equality while a score of 100 implies perfect inequality. If every person in a country earned the same income, the Gini Index would be zero; if all income was earned by one person, the Gini Index would be 100. The Gini index is calculated by compiling income distribution (or expenditure) data to attain a single number which indicates the extent of income inequality within a country. A Lorenz curve plots the cumulative percentages of total income received against the cumulative number of recipients, starting with the poorest individual or household. Graphically, this displays the amount of wealth that segment of the population earns. The Gini index measures the area between the Lorenz curve and a hypothetical (45-degree) line of absolute equality, expressed as a percentage of the maximum area under the line.

Percent Share of Income is equal to the percentage share of all income in a given country which is earned by a given fifth of the population. Where the original data from household surveys were available, they have been used to directly calculate the income (or consumption) share by quintile. Otherwise, shares have been estimated from the best available grouped data. The distribution indicators have been adjusted for household size, providing a more consistent measure of per capita income or consumption.

International Poverty Line data are based on nationally representative primary household surveys conducted by national statistical offices or by private agencies under the supervision of government or international agencies and obtained from government statistical offices and World Bank country departments. **Population Living Below \$1/day** is the percent of the population of a country living on less than \$1.08 a day at 1993

international prices, (equivalent to \$1 in 1985 prices, adjusted for purchasing power parity). **Population Living Below \$2/day** is the percent of the population of a country living on less than \$2.15 a day at 1993 international prices, (equivalent to \$2 in 1985 prices, adjusted for purchasing power parity). These poverty measures are based on surveys conducted mostly between 1994 and 1999, by the World Bank's Development Research Group. The commonly used \$1 a day (or \$2/day) standard, measured in 1985 international prices and adjusted to local currency using purchasing power parities (PPPs) is used because it is typical of the poverty lines in low-income countries. PPP exchange rates, such as those from the Penn World Tables or the World Bank, are used because they take into account the local prices and goods and services not traded internationally. These data are based on surveys which were administered to households in each individual country. Surveys asked households to report either their consumption or their income. Whenever possible, consumption has been used as the welfare indicator for deciding who is poor. When only household income was available, average income has been adjusted to accord with either a survey-based estimate of mean consumption (when available) or an estimate based on consumption data from national accounts.

Net National Savings as a Percent of GNI: Net national savings are equal to gross national savings (gross domestic product minus final consumption plus net income and net current transfers from abroad) minus the value of consumption of fixed capital (the replacement value of capital used up in the process of production). The United Nations system of national accounts defines gross national income as "the aggregate value of the balances of gross primary incomes for all sectors; (gross national income is identical to gross national product as hitherto understood in national accounts generally)."

Adjusted Net Savings as a Percent of GNI: Adjusted net savings (previously "genuine savings") are equal to net national savings plus education expenditure and minus energy depletion, mineral depletion, net forest depletion, and carbon dioxide damage. Adjusted Net Savings is an indicator of sustainability. Persistently negative rates of savings must lead, eventually, to declining well-being. It measures the true rate of savings in an economy after taking into account investments in human capital, depletion of natural resources, and damage caused by pollution. For a more complete description of the methodology used by the World Bank, please visit the World Bank website on Adjusted Net Savings: <http://lnweb18.worldbank.org/ESSD/essdext.nsf/44ByDocName/GreenAccountingAdjustedNetSavings>.

FREQUENCY OF UPDATE BY DATA PROVIDERS

The World Bank publishes the World Development Indicators each year in April. The United Nations Population Division publishes the World Population Prospects every two years. Most data updates include revisions of past data. Data may therefore differ from those reported in past editions of the World Resources Report.

DATA RELIABILITY AND CAUTIONARY NOTES

Gross Domestic Product: The World Bank produces the most reliable global GDP estimates available. However, it should be noted that these data do not account for differences in purchasing power. (To see national accounts data without these differences, see PPP (purchasing power parity) estimates.) Informal economic activities sometimes pose a measurement problem, especially in developing countries, where much economic activity may go unrecorded. Obtaining a complete picture of the economy requires estimating household outputs pro-

duced for local sale and home use, barter exchanges, and illicit or deliberately unreported activity. Technical improvements and growth in services sector are both particularly difficult to measure. How consistent and complete such estimates will be depends on the skill and methods of the compiling statisticians and the resources available to them.

Income Inequality and International Poverty: Because the underlying household surveys differ in method and in the type of data collected, the distribution indicators are not strictly comparable across countries. These problems are diminishing as survey methods improve and become more standardized, but achieving strict comparability is still impossible. Two sources of noncomparability should be noted. First, surveys can differ in many respects, including whether they use income or consumption expenditure as the living standard indicator. The distribution of income is typically more unequal than the distribution of consumption. In addition, the definition of income usually differs among surveys. Consumption is usually a much better welfare indicator, particularly in developing countries. Second, households differ in size (number of members) and in the extent of income sharing among members. And individuals differ in age and consumption needs. Differences among countries in these respects may bias comparisons of distribution.

International Poverty Line: Many issues arise in measuring household living standards. The choice between income and consumption as a welfare indicator is one issue. Income is generally more difficult to measure accurately, and consumption accords better with the idea of the standard of living. But consumption data are not always available, and when they are not there is little choice but to use income. Household income can also differ widely, for example, in the number of distinct categories of consumer goods identified. Survey quality varies and even similar surveys may not be strictly comparable. Comparisons across countries at different levels of development also pose a potential problem because of differences in the relative importance of consumption of nonmarket goods. The local market value of all consumption in kind (including consumption from own production, particularly important in underdeveloped rural economies) should be included in the measure of total consumption expenditure. Similarly, the imputed profit from production of nonmarket goods should be included in income. Most survey data now include valuations for consumption or income from own production. Nonetheless, valuation methods vary. For example, some surveys use the price in the nearest market, while others use the average farm gate selling price.

Adjusted Net Savings (ANS): The data which were used to calculate ANS are mostly from official sources, and are generally considered to be reliable. Due to methodological or data limitations, the calculation omits several important resources including soils, fish, water resources, and water and air pollutants. The calculation is at best an approximation and should not be used as a stand-alone measure of the savings rate of a particular country. These data are useful as a comparison measure and to demonstrate trends over time.

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VARIABLE DEFINITIONS AND METHODOLOGY

Data on agricultural production, yield, and trade published by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) are generally gathered by surveys sent to, and filled out by, individual country governments or agencies. These results are compiled by FAO, who supplement missing or inaccurate data with their own estimates.

Average Production of Cereals refers to the amount of cereals produced in a given country or region each year. Data are reported in thousand metric tons. **Cereals** include wheat, barley, maize, rye, oats, millet, sorghum, rice, buckwheat, alpiste/canary seed, fonio, quinoa, triticale, wheat flour, and the cereal component of blended foods. Data relate to crops harvested for dry grain only. Harvesting losses, threshing losses, and unharvested portions of the crop are not included. Production therefore includes the quantities of the commodity sold in the market (marketed production) and the quantities consumed or used by the producers (auto-consumption). Cereal crops harvested for hay or harvested green for food, feed, or silage or used for grazing are excluded, although mixed grains and buckwheat are included. The time reference on crop production is based on the calendar year (Jan. to Dec.). That is to say, the data for any particular crop are reported under the calendar year in which the entire harvest or the bulk of it took place. In a number of cases, crops harvested during a split year (starting in November and ending in February, for example) may appear under two different calendar years.

Average Cereal Crop Yields refers to the amount of grain produced per unit of harvested area of cereals in a given country or region each year (i.e. average yield = total production / harvested area). Data are reported in kilograms per hectare of cropland. Area data relate to harvested area. Some countries report sown or cultivated area instead; however, in these countries the sown or cultivated area does not differ significantly in normal years from the area actually harvested, either because practically the whole area sown is harvested or because the area surveys are conducted around the harvest period. For most countries, FAO does not directly record yield data but instead divides production data by the area harvested for a particular country and year. In all cases, yields are computed from detailed area and production data.

Variation in Domestic Cereal Production, expressed as a percentage, is found by taking the average variation (absolute deviation from mean) of cereal production between 1992 and 2001 and dividing this by the mean production. This is an indicator of whether cereal production is stable enough to ensure a predictable food supply. Please refer to the definition of cereal production for more information.

Net Trade of Cereals as a Percent of Consumption indicates whether countries are able to produce sufficient grain for domestic consumption. It is calculated by dividing net imports (imports minus exports) by total cereal consumption (production + imports - exports). Import and export data have, for the most part, been supplied to FAO by governments through magnetic tapes, national publications and, most frequently, FAO questionnaires. Official trade data have sometimes been supplemented with data from unofficial sources, or trade information supplied by other national or international agencies or organizations. Cereal food aid shipments are included in FAO's import and export calculations. Information on food aid shipments has been provided to FAO by the World Food Program (please see <http://www.wfp.org>).

Average Meat Production Per Capita refers to the mass of meat in kilograms produced annually per person in a given country. Values were calculated by dividing the amount of meat

produced (in kilograms) by the population of a given country in a given year. Total meat production comprises horse meat, poultry meat and meat from all other domestic or wild animals such as camels, rabbits, reindeer, and game animals. Both commercial and farm slaughter are included. Meat production for most species is calculated by multiplying the number of animals slaughtered by the average dressed carcass weight. Dressed carcass weights exclude offal and slaughter fats. Data relate to animals slaughtered within national boundaries, irrespective of their origin. Production data were collected mostly from annual FAO surveys completed by governments. Data have been grouped in 12-month periods ending 30 September of the years stated in the tables. For example, animals enumerated in a given country at any time between 1 October and 30 September of the following year are shown under the latter year.

Irrigated Land as a Percentage of Total Cropland refers to the proportion of cropland equipped to provide water to crops. These include areas equipped for full and partial control irrigation, spate irrigation areas, and equipped wetland or inland valley bottoms.

Cropland includes arable and permanent cropland. Arable land is land under temporary crops (double-cropped areas are counted only once), temporary meadows for mowing or pasture, land under market and kitchen gardens, and land temporarily fallow (less than five years). Abandoned land resulting from shifting cultivation is not included in this category. Permanent cropland is land cultivated with crops that occupy the land for long periods and need not be replanted after each harvest, such as cocoa, coffee, and rubber; this category includes land under flowering shrubs, fruit trees, nut trees, and vines, but excludes land under trees grown for wood or timber. Data on land use are reported by country governments in questionnaires distributed by the FAO. However, for this variable, a significant percentage of data is based on FAO estimates, and some data are based on unofficial estimates.

Average Annual Fertilizer Use measures the amount of the nutrients nitrogen (N), potash (K_2O), and phosphate (P_2O_5) consumed annually per unit of cropland (see above for more information on cropland data). Data are reported in kg per hectare of cropland. Some countries report data based on the fertilizer year, from 1 July–30 June. For these countries, 1999 data were actually collected from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000. Data are collected through the FAO fertilizer questionnaire.

Average Daily Per Capita Calorie Supply refers to the amount of available food per person, per day, expressed in kilocalories (1 kilocalorie = 1 Calorie = 4.19 kilojoules). **Calorie Supply From Animal Products** refers to the amount of available food from animal products per person, per day. Animal products include: all types of meat and fish; animal fats and fish oils; edible offal; milk, butter, cheese, and cream; and eggs and egg products. FAO compiles statistics on apparent food consumption based on Supply/Utilization Accounts (SUAs) maintained in FAOSTAT. SUAs are time series data dealing with statistics on supply and utilization. For each product, the SUA traces supplies from production, imports, and stocks to utilization in different forms—addition to stocks, exports, animal feed, seed, processing for food and non-food purposes, waste (or losses), and lastly, as food available to the population, where appropriate. For internal consistency, total supply balances with total utilization. In many cases, commodities are not consumed in the primary form in which they are presented, e.g., cereals enter the household mainly in processed form like flour, meal, husked or milled rice. To take this fact into account, the caloric value has been derived by applying the appropriate food composition factors to the quantities of the processed commodities, not by examining primary commodities. Per

capita supplies are derived from the total supplies available for human consumption by dividing the quantities of food by the total population actually partaking of the food supplies during the reference period. In almost all cases, the population figures used are the mid-year estimates published by the United Nations Population Division.

FREQUENCY OF UPDATE BY DATA PROVIDERS

Data from FAO are updated annually, with the exception of production data, which are updated three times each year, and trade data, which are updated semiannually. Population data used in per capita calculations are updated every two years by the United Nations Population Division. These updates often include revisions of past data.

DATA RELIABILITY AND CAUTIONARY NOTES

Agricultural data on production and trade reported to FAO are governed by established accounting practices and are therefore generally considered to be reliable. However, countries vary in the quality of data they have available to report. In addition, problems arise in compiling these data into internationally comparable agricultural statistics and in estimating data that are missing. Each variable in FAO's database can have as many as 30,000 data points associated with it for different countries and years. Officials need to ascertain, based on limited information, which one of various figures reported by various sources (national publications, FAO questionnaires, international publications, etc.) is the most recent or the most reliable. Variable definitions and coverage do not always conform to FAO recommendations, and therefore may not always be completely consistent across countries.

Production of subsistence crops and livestock is seldom reported in records of sales and processing, resulting in missing data points. Estimates of missing data are usually made by following the observed trend of the commodity in question in previous years, while also considering the trends in neighboring countries. When a complete time series is missing for a particular data set, FAO officials base their estimates on first-hand accounts through country visits and data from neighboring

countries. For more information, please refer to <http://www.fao.org/ES/ESS/index.htm>.

Cereal Production and Yields rely on accurate estimates of the sown and harvested crop area. However, in many countries, governments change the area sown each year to control prices and production through subsidies and other programs. Weather, soil quality, and seed availability often affect crop area in developing countries.

Average Meat Production estimates rely on accurate production figures from processing plants and import/export figures of live animals. Trade data are usually given by number rather than by weight, and the size of most domestic animals can vary by a factor of 10 or more depending on the age and condition of the animal. As a result, estimates of "average carcass weight" used to determine meat production vary in accuracy.

Average Annual Fertilizer Use data are excluded for some countries with a relatively small area of cropland, such as Iceland and Singapore. In these cases, the calculation of fertilizer consumed per hectare of cropland yields an unreliable number.

Per Capita Calorie Supply figures shown in the commodity balances represent only the average supply available for the population as a whole and do not necessarily indicate what is actually consumed by individuals. Even if data are used as approximations of per capita consumption, it is important to note that there could be considerable variation in consumption among individuals. Food supply data are only as accurate as the underlying production, trade, and utilization data.

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VARIABLE DEFINITIONS AND METHODOLOGY

An **IUCN Management Protected Area** is defined by IUCN as "an area of land and/or sea especially dedicated to the protection and maintenance of biological diversity, and of natural and associated cultural resources, and managed through legal or other effective means." As of Fall 2002 a World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA) consortium has been working to produce an improved and updated database available in the public domain. Summary information presented in the WDPA, of which UNEP-WCMC is the custodian, includes the legal designation, name, IUCN Management Category, size in hectares, location (latitude and longitude), and the year of establishment for over 100,000 sites. On May 9, 2003, UNEP-WCMC provided WRI with preliminary—and incomplete—protected areas data. IUCN categorizes protected areas by management objective and has identified six distinct categories of protected areas:

Category Ia. Strict nature reserve: A protected area managed mainly for scientific research and monitoring; an area of land and/or sea possessing some outstanding or representative ecosystems, geological or physiological features and/or species.

Category Ib. Wilderness area: A protected area managed mainly for wilderness protection; a large area of unmodified or slightly modified land and/or sea retaining its natural character and influence, without permanent or significant habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural condition.

Category II. National park: A protected area managed mainly for ecosystem protection and recreation; a natural area of land and/or sea designated to: (a) protect the ecological integrity of one or more ecosystems for present and future generations; (b) exclude exploitation or occupation inimical to the purposes of designation of the area; and (c) provide a foundation for spiritual, scientific, educational, recreational, and visitor opportunities, all of which must be environmentally and culturally compatible.

Category III. Natural monument: A protected area managed mainly for conservation of specific natural features; an area containing one or more specific natural or natural/cultural features that is of outstanding or unique value because of its inherent rarity, representative or aesthetic qualities, or cultural significance.

Category IV. Habitat/species management area: A protected area managed mainly for conservation through management intervention; an area of land and/or sea subject to active intervention for management purposes so as to ensure the maintenance of habitats and/or to meet the requirements of specific species.

Category V. Protected landscape/seascape: A protected area managed mainly for landscape/seascape conservation and recreation; an area of land, with coast and sea as appropriate, where the interaction of people and nature over time has produced an area of distinct character with significant aesthetic, ecological, and/or cultural value, and often with high biological diversity.

Category VI. Managed mainly for the sustainable use of natural ecosystems. These areas contain predominantly unmodified natural systems, managed to ensure long-term protection and maintenance of biological diversity, while also providing a sustainable flow of natural products and services to meet community needs.

IUCN defines a **Marine Protected Area** as: "any area of intertidal or subtidal terrain, together with its overlying water and

associated flora and fauna, historical and cultural features, which has been reserved by law or other effective means to protect part or all of the enclosed environment."

These marine protected areas (MPAs) include areas that are fully marine and areas that have only a small percentage of intertidal land. Many MPAs have large terrestrial areas. The extent of the marine portion of most protected areas is rarely documented. The degree of protection varies from one country to another, and may bear little relationship to the legal status of any site. "Littoral" is defined as any site which is known to incorporate at least some intertidal area.

Ramsar Sites, or Wetlands of International Importance, are defined under the Wetlands Convention, signed in Ramsar, Iran, in 1971. In order to qualify as a Ramsar site, an area must have "international significance in terms of ecology, botany, zoology, limnology or hydrology." The Convention on Wetlands is an inter-governmental treaty that provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources. There are presently 133 Contracting Parties to the Convention, with 1,179 wetland sites totaling 102.1 million hectares, designated for inclusion in the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance.

Biosphere Reserves are terrestrial and coastal/marine environments recognized under UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme. Selected for their value to conservation, they are intended to foster the scientific knowledge and skills necessary for improving the balance between people and nature, and for promoting sustainable development. Ideally, fully functional biosphere reserves perform three main roles: (i) conservation in situ of natural and semi-natural ecosystems and landscapes; (ii) the establishment of demonstration areas for ecologically and socio-culturally sustainable resource use; and (iii) the provision of logistic support for research, monitoring, education, training, and information exchange. Each biosphere reserve consists of three elements: a minimally disturbed core area for conservation and research; a buffer zone where traditional land uses, research, and ecosystem rehabilitation may be permitted; and a transition area. This data table lists the acreage of all three elements; however, only the core area requires legal protection. Biosphere reserves are nominated by national governments and remain under the sovereign jurisdiction of the state where they are located. As of August 2002, there are 408 biosphere reserves in 94 countries. Several countries share trans-boundary biosphere reserves. These sites are counted only once in regional and world totals.

The **Total Number of Known Species** refers to the total number of a particular type of species in a given country. Data on **known mammals** exclude marine mammals. Data on **known birds** include only birds that breed in that country, not those that migrate or winter there. The number of **known higher plants** includes ferns and fern allies, conifers and cycads, and flowering plants that have been classified as threatened by IUCN.

The number of known species is collected by WCMC from a variety of sources, including, but not limited to: national reports from the convention on biodiversity, other national documents, independent studies, and other texts. Data are updated on a continual basis as they become available; however, updates vary widely by country. While some countries (WCMC estimates about 12) have data that were updated in the last 6 months, other species estimates have not changed since the data were first collected in 1992.

The **Number of Threatened Species** listed for all countries includes full species that are "Critically Endangered, Endan-

gered, or Vulnerable," but excludes introduced species, species whose status is insufficiently known (categorized by IUCN as "data deficient"), those known to be extinct, and those for which status has not been assessed (categorized by IUCN as "not evaluated").

CITES Trade Data: The international trade in wildlife and wildlife products, worth billions of dollars annually, causes serious declines in the numbers of many species of animals and plants. In response, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was drawn up in 1973 to protect wildlife against such overexploitation and to prevent international trade from threatening species with extinction. Species are listed in appendixes to CITES on the basis of their degree of rarity and the threat posed by trade. International trade in either the listed species themselves or in products derived from the species requires permits or certificates for export, import, and re-export.

Parties to the Convention are required to submit annual reports, including trade records, to the CITES Secretariat. These trade records are compiled in the CITES Trade Database and were given to WRI by UNEP-WCMC.

Net Trade in 2000 is the balance of imports minus exports. Exports are shown as a negative balance in parentheses. Figures are for trade reported in 2000. Data on net exports and net imports as reported by CITES correspond to legal international trade and are based on permits issued, not actual items traded. Figures may be overestimates if not all permits are used that year. Some permits issued in one year are used at a later date; therefore, numbers of exports and imports may not match exactly for any given year. World totals show the total number of exports, since calculating the balance of trade for the world would have canceled most figures.

Number of live primates includes all species of monkeys, apes, and prosimians listed under CITES that were traded live in 2000. **Number of live parrots** includes individuals from the Psittaciformes species listed under CITES that were traded live in 2000. **Number of animal skins** includes whole skins of all crocodile, cat, lizard, and snake species that were traded in 2000.

FREQUENCY OF UPDATE BY DATA PROVIDERS

Protected Areas Data. At the time of publication, the **WDPA** was under revision. The current version is expected to be finalized prior to the World Parks Congress in September 2003. Please contact UNEP-WCMC for more information. **Known species** of plants and mammals are updated when new information is provided to WCMC (see above); contact WCMC for the latest data. **Threatened species** data are updated by IUCN on a continual basis. **CITES trade data** refer to annual reports. Table data is for the calendar year 2000. Data are updated annually.

DATA RELIABILITY AND CAUTIONARY NOTES:

Protected areas serve a vital function in protecting the earth's resources. But they face many challenges—external threats associated with pollution and climate change, irresponsible tourism, infrastructure developments and the ever

increasing demands for land and water resources. Protected areas are also particularly susceptible to invasive species. In addition, many areas lack political support and have inadequate financial and other resources. Due to variations in consistency and methodology of collection, data on protected areas are highly variable among countries. Some countries update their information with greater regularity; others may have more accurate data on extent of coverage. Additionally, at the time of publication, the protected areas data set was under revision and incomplete. Many countries have an underreported number and/or extent of protected areas within their borders. Please contact UNEP-WCMC for a revised data set.

Data on **known species of mammals, birds and plants** are preliminary estimates based on a compilation of available data from a large variety of sources. They are not based on species checklists. Data have been collected over the last decade without a consistent approach to taxonomy. Additionally, while the number of species in each country does change, not all countries have been updated; some data may not reflect recent trends. Finally, users should be aware of greater inconsistency and less reliability with the higher plants data than with mammals and birds.

Biosphere Reserves include three zones: a core area or areas, a buffer zone or zones, and an outer transition area. According to the Statutory Framework, the transition area does not have to be clearly defined. Therefore, the area of the biosphere reserves presented in this table may not correspond exactly to the actual territory concerned.

Species traded within national borders and illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products are not reflected in these figures. Illegal trade in wildlife products is estimated to be in the billions of dollars annually. CITES trade data also do not reflect legal trade between non-CITES members. In addition, data on mortality of individuals during capture or collection, transit, or quarantine are also not reflected in these numbers.

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VARIABLE DEFINITIONS AND METHODOLOGY

Total Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) Emissions and Per Capita CO₂ Emissions include the total and the average emissions of carbon dioxide per person, respectively, from combustion of all fossil fuels used by a country.

The CO₂ emissions presented here are based on the International Energy Agency's (IEA) energy data gathered and rectified for their Energy Balances of Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Countries and Energy Balances of non-OECD Countries databases (please see the notes for the Energy and Resource Use table in this book for more information on how these data are gathered and adjusted). Methods and emissions factors are spelled out in the Revised 1996 International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories available at <http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/public/gl/invs1.htm>. The IPCC allows countries to use either the reference or the sectoral approach when reporting their emissions. The figures provided here are based on the reference approach, which calculates emissions using data on a country's energy supply, and captures refining, flaring, and other "fugitive emissions" that do not result directly from end-use fossil fuel combustion. In contrast, the sectoral approach estimates emissions based on the combustion rather than the supply of fossil fuels.

The reference approach accounts for the carbon in fuels supplied to the economy. Apparent consumption of fuels is calculated as production minus exports plus imports. Net stock changes are either added or subtracted. International marine and aviation bunkers (fuels used for international transport) are subtracted from the national total as well, as these figures are accounted for separately. The production of secondary fuels is not accounted for, because the carbon contained in those fuels is already included in the primary fuel. However, imports and exports of secondary fuels are included in the calculations. Stored carbon from fuels used for non-energy purposes is subtracted from the total carbon emissions. Emissions from biomass fuels are not included in these estimates because the IPCC assumes that such emissions are equal to sequestration during regrowth.

Cumulative CO₂ Contribution, 1800–2000 consists of the sum of CO₂ produced during consumption of solid, liquid, and gaseous fuels; gas flaring; and cement manufacture from 1800 to the year 2000. The variable does not include emissions from land use change, or from bunker fuels used in international transportation.

WRI calculates cumulative CO₂ emissions levels based on the Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center's (CDIAC) emissions data from 1800 to 1980, and on Energy Information Administration (EIA) data from 1980 to 2000. CDIAC and EIA both report CO₂ emissions as the weight of the elemental carbon portion of CO₂. WRI converted the values to the actual mass of CO₂ by multiplying the carbon mass by 3.664 (the ratio of the mass of CO₂ to that of carbon). CDIAC bases CO₂ emissions from before 1950 on several compilations of fossil fuel production and trade: World Energy Production 1800–1985 by Etemad et al. and four regional volumes of International Historical Statistics authored by B.R. Mitchell. Emissions and estimates from 1950 to the present are derived primarily from energy statistics published by the United Nations in their "Energy Statistics Yearbook." U.N. gas flaring estimates are supplemented with data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration, G. Marland at CDIAC, and a 1974 paper authored by R.M. Rotty entitled "First estimates of global flaring of natural gas." Emissions are calculated from data on fuel production, trade, and net apparent consumption by CDIAC. More information on the data, methodology, and sources used can be found at: http://cdiac.esd.ornl.gov/trends/emis/meth_reg.htm. A complete record of the formulas and

assumptions used to calculate CO₂ emissions is available online at <http://cdiac.esd.ornl.gov/trends/emis/factors.htm>.

Methane and Nitrous Oxide emissions include emissions, in million metric tons of CO₂ equivalent, from energy, agriculture, waste, and other sources. Energy emissions from energy comprise the production, handling, transmission, and combustion of fossil and biofuels (IPCC categories 1A and 1B). Agriculture comprises animals, animal wastes, rice production, agricultural waste burning not intended for energy production, and savanna burning (IPCC category 4). Waste includes emissions from landfills, wastewater treatment and disposal, and waste incineration not intended for energy production (IPCC category 6). Other sources include industrial process emissions, and tropical and temperate forest fires (IPCC categories 2 and 5).

The Emission Database for Global Atmospheric Research (EDGAR) uses activity data taken from international statistical data to estimate emissions of the individual gases reported by the database. Activity data were multiplied by emissions factors specific to that activity. The emissions factors were primarily from Olivier et al. (1999), "Sectoral emission inventories of greenhouse gases for 1990 on a per country basis as well as on 1° x 1°." Various factors were taken from other international and national-level sources. For more information, please see: <http://www.rivm.nl/env/int/coredata/edgar/v2/index.html>.

CO₂ Emissions by Economic Sector represents total CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel burning by individual economic sectors. It is important to note that emissions from electricity generation are not distributed to end users, but are treated in an independent sector. **Industry** represents CO₂ emissions from manufacturing industries and construction. Carbon dioxide emissions from **residential** sources include emissions from combustion of all fossil fuel types in households but excludes transportation. **Road transportation** refers to emissions from all road vehicles and agricultural vehicles while they are on highways. Emissions from **public electricity and heat** production include the sum of emissions from combustion of all fossil fuel types used for public electricity generation, public combined heat and power generation, and public heat plants. Emissions from electricity and heat production for use by the producer (autoproduction) are not included in this variable.

These data are produced by IEA in the same manner as described above under Total Carbon Dioxide Emissions.

Carbon Intensity: All Economic Sectors is the amount of CO₂ emitted per amount of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) terms generated by the country's economy. This measure provides an indicator of how efficiently a country performs, in carbon emission terms, relative to its wealth generation. Please see the notes after the Economic Indicators data table for more information on GDP PPP.

WRI calculated CO₂ emissions per GDP PPP using data from IEA. Total energy consumption in each country was divided by total GDP PPP in constant dollar terms.

Carbon Intensity: Industry Sector is the amount of CO₂ emitted by the sector per amount of income generated. The industry sector is defined as including International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) divisions 15–37 (please see <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/cr/registry/regcst.asp?Cl=17> for more information on ISIC classifications). This measure provides an indicator of how efficiently, in greenhouse gas emissions terms, a country's industrial sector is able to generate wealth.

Industrial carbon intensity was calculated as follows: Industrial CO₂ emissions were divided by the amount of GDP PPP generated by the industry sector. Industrial GDP, as defined by the World Bank, includes ISIC divisions 15–37. WRI adjusted

IEA's value for industrial CO₂ emissions by subtracting emissions from mining and quarrying (ISIC Divisions 13–14) and construction (ISIC division 45) from IEA's total industrial CO₂ emissions figure. The only differences remaining after this adjustment are that the World Bank definition includes emissions from the manufacture of coke, petroleum products, and other derived fossil fuels (ISIC division 23), manufacture of coke oven products (ISIC group 231), manufacture of refined petroleum products (ISIC group 232), and processing of nuclear fuels. According to the IEA, however, the energy consumed for these activities, and therefore the CO₂ emissions, are captured in the energy contained in the original fuels used for these processes. The differences remaining between the World Bank and IEA definitions of the industry and manufacturing sector should therefore be small. After the definitions for industrial CO₂ emissions and the percentage of GDP generated by industry were brought into agreement, industrial GDP PPP was calculated by dividing total GDP PPP by the percentage generated by industry, and industrial CO₂ emissions was divided by this value.

FREQUENCY OF UPDATE BY DATA PROVIDERS

The IEA, World Bank, CDIAC, and IEA update their data annually. The National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) calculates emissions of methane and nitrous oxide periodically. The UN Population Division updates population data every other year.

DATA RELIABILITY AND CAUTIONARY NOTES

CO₂ Emissions Data: The IEA CO₂ emissions data are based on well-established and institutionalized accounting methodologies and undergo thorough review and adjustments. The reference and sectoral approaches will, in most cases, give very similar results. However, because the reference approach is calculated using energy supply, it can lead to slight overestimates. For some countries, especially developing countries, statistical differences in basic data or unexplained differences in the two approaches can lead to significant discrepancies. Individual countries may use different energy figures than the IEA or treat bunker fuels differently. Countries may use specific calorific values, instead of the averages used by IEA. Also, military emissions may be treated differently by the IEA. As a result, the data shown here can differ from the numbers reported by a country to the IPCC.

Cumulative CO₂ contribution since 1900: The share of carbon emissions for recently formed countries such as the independent republics of the former Soviet Union is estimated based on each country's CO₂ emissions in the years immediately following its formation. For example, Kazakhstan was formed in 1992. Total 1992–1996 emissions for the former Soviet Union were 3,802,544 tons; Kazakhstan's emissions from 1992–1996 were 6.3% of this total. It is then assumed that Kazakhstan produced roughly 6.3% of the carbon emitted in the former Soviet Union each year before 1992. As a result, total contributions from the former Soviet republics, the former Yugoslav republics, and other newly formed countries should be taken only as rough approximations.

Methane and Nitrous Oxide Emissions: The methane and nitrous oxide emissions data are calculated using a standardized methodology and reviewed for accuracy by the United

Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The data can therefore be used with considerable confidence in their accuracy.

Carbon Intensity Indicators: While CO₂ emissions per GDP PPP is a useful indicator of greenhouse gas efficiency at the scale of the entire economy, it does not necessarily indicate how efficient the individual elements that make up the economy are. For example, it does not differentiate between economies that are more focused on industry as opposed to services, which generally require less energy and generate comparatively more income than industry. Interpretation of between-country comparisons should therefore be made with care. In addition, a number of countries, particularly rapidly-developing countries, over-report their GDP and GDP growth rate, which makes them appear more efficient than they actually are. Given the close match achieved between the World Bank and IEA's definitions when calculating the **industrial sector** indicator, the results of WRI's calculation can serve as an acceptable indicator of how efficiently, in terms of greenhouse gas emissions, the industry sector is able to generate economic goods. However, this match is not perfect and could lead to slight distortions in some countries. In addition, while focusing in on the industry sector reduces the potential for mismatched comparisons as discussed above, industries in different countries can have different foci. Between-country comparisons should therefore be made with care.

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Energy Consumption by Source is the total amount of primary energy consumed by each country in the year specified, and is reported in thousands of metric tons of oil equivalent (toe). Primary energy also includes losses from transportation, friction, heat loss, and other inefficiencies. Specifically, consumption equals indigenous production plus imports, minus exports plus stock changes, minus international marine bunkers. IEA calls this value Total Primary Energy Supply (TPES).

Total From All Sources is total consumption from all energy sources including fossil, nuclear, hydroelectric, modern renewables, and all renewable fuels and wastes.

Total Fossil Fuels includes energy consumption from oil and natural gas liquids, coal and coal products, and natural gas.

Nuclear energy consumption shows the primary heat equivalent of the electricity produced by nuclear power plants. Heat-to-electricity conversion efficiency is assumed to be 33% (its average in Europe). **Hydroelectric** includes the energy content of the electricity produced in hydro power plants. Hydro output excludes output from pumped storage.

Modern Renewables include energy from wind; tide, wave and ocean; thermal and photovoltaic solar; liquid biomass fuels such as ethanol; biogas from digesters; and geothermal systems. Wind includes electrical power generated from wind energy. Tide, wave, ocean represents the amount of energy from wave, ocean, and tide activity that is captured and transformed into electrical power. Thermal solar represents solar radiation exploited for hot water production and electricity generation by: (1) flat plate collectors, mainly of the thermosiphon type, for domestic hot water or for the seasonal heating of swimming pools and (2) solar thermal-electric plants. Passive solar energy for the direct heating, cooling, and lighting of dwellings or other buildings is not included. Solar from photovoltaics includes solar energy converted by photovoltaic cells to electricity. Energy from liquid biomass includes liquid derivatives from biomass used as a fuel. Biogases are gases derived principally from the anaerobic fermentation of biomass and solid wastes which are combusted to produce heat and electrical power. Landfill gases and gases from sewage and animal waste facilities are included in this category. Ethanol is the main form of liquid biomass produced.

Traditional Renewables include primary solid biomass, i.e., any plant matter used directly as a fuel or converted into other forms before combustion, including wood; vegetal waste including wood waste and crop waste used for energy; animal materials and wastes; sulphite lyes (also known as black liquor, this is a sludge that contains the lignin digested from wood for paper making); and other solid biomass.

All energy consumption values presented here are calculated and reported by the International Energy Agency (IEA) using an energy balance methodology that uses metric tons (tonnes) of oil equivalent (toe)—a common unit based on the calorific content of energy commodities. One toe is defined as 10 Exp.7 kilocalories, 41,868 gigajoules, or 11,628 giga watt-hours (GWh). This amount of energy is roughly equal to the amount of energy contained in a ton of crude oil. To account for the differences in quality between types of coal and other energy sources, the IEA has applied specific conversion factors supplied by national administrations for the main categories of energy sources and flows or uses (i.e., production, imports, exports, industry).

Energy statistics are expressed in terms of net calorific value and therefore may be slightly lower than statistics presented by other statistical compendia. The difference between the net and the gross calorific value for each fuel is the latent heat of

vaporization of the water produced during combustion of the fuel. For oil and coal, net calorific value is 5 percent less than gross; for most forms of natural and manufactured gas the difference is 9–10 percent. Using net calorific values is consistent with the United Nations and European Community statistical offices.

The IEA has used the following conventions in accounting for primary energy such as nuclear, solar, geothermal, hydro, wind, etc.: (1) The first form of energy production with multiple practical uses is reported. This means that heat is the form reported for geothermal heat and electrical production, nuclear heat and electrical production, and solar heat production. Electricity is the form reported for hydro, wind, wave, and photovoltaic solar electricity production. (2) The physical energy content of the energy source is reported as energy production. For nuclear fuels, this is the heat energy produced in a nuclear reactor; for hydropower, it is the amount of energy in the electricity produced. Please refer to the original source for further information on the variables and collection methodologies.

Energy Intensity: All Economic Sectors is the amount of energy consumed per unit of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Purchase Power Parity (PPP) terms; the units are toe per million international dollars GDP PPP. This variable provides an indicator of how efficiently, in terms of energy, the economy generates wealth. Please see the notes in the Economic Indicators table for more information on GDP PPP.

WRI calculated energy consumption per GDP PPP using IEA's energy consumption data as defined above under Total From All Sources, and IEA's data on GDP in PPP terms. Total energy consumption in each country was divided by total GDP PPP for that country. IEA's GDP PPP data were used instead of the World Bank's figures (which were used for the Economic Indicators table) as they are reported in constant dollar terms, allowing WRI to calculate a meaningful time series (available in the EarthTrends searchable database). The calculation was made by dividing total energy consumption by total GDP PPP.

Energy Intensity: Industry Sector is the amount of energy consumed by the industry sector per unit of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Purchase Power Parity (PPP) terms generated by industry. This variable, reported in toe per million international dollars GDP PPP, indicates, in energy terms, how efficiently the industry sector generates wealth. The industry sector is defined as including International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) divisions 15–37 (please see <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/cr/registry/regcst.asp?Cl=17> for more information on ISIC classifications).

Industrial energy intensity was calculated in a similar fashion as described above for all economic sectors: Industrial energy consumption was divided by the amount of GDP PPP generated by the industry sector. Unlike the indicator above which used data in the form provided by IEA, WRI adjusted some data elements to make this calculation. The definition of industry was determined by the percent of GDP generated by industry, provided by World Development Indicators. This variable defines industry as including International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) divisions 15–37. WRI adjusted IEA's value for industrial energy consumption by subtracting energy consumed by mining and quarrying (ISIC Divisions 13–14) and construction (ISIC division 45) from IEA's total industrial energy consumption. The only differences remaining after this adjustment are that the World Bank definition includes the manufacture of coke, petroleum products, and other derived fossil fuels (ISIC division 23), manufacture of coke oven products (ISIC group 231), manufacture of refined petroleum products (ISIC group 232), and processing of nuclear fuels. According to the IEA, however, the energy consumed for these activities is captured by the energy contained in the original fuels used for these processes. The differences remaining

between the World Bank and IEA definitions of the industry and manufacturing sector should therefore be small. After the definitions for industrial energy consumption and the percentage of GDP generated by industry were brought into agreement, industrial GDP PPP was calculated by multiplying total GDP PPP by the percent generated by industry, and industrial energy consumption was divided by this value.

Residential Energy Use Per Capita, reported in kilograms of oil equivalent (kgoe) is the average amount of energy consumed per person by the residential sector. The residential sector includes all energy used for activities by households except for transportation. The variable provides an indicator of how much energy people in different countries require for housing.

Energy Consumption by Residences Per Capita was calculated by dividing the IEA data defined above by total population provided by the United Nations Population Division. Please see the Population, Health, and Human Well-Being table for more information on the population data.

Energy Consumption by Industry as a Percent of Total Consumption and Energy Consumption by Transportation as a Percent of Total Consumption is the percentage of the total amount of energy, from all sources, consumed by industry and transportation, respectively. Units for both variables are the percentage of the total energy consumed by that country.

The **industry sector** is defined for this variable as the combination of all industrial sub-sectors, such as mining and quarrying, iron and steel, construction, etc. Energy used for transport by industry is not included here but is reported under transportation.

Transportation represents both road and air transportation. Road transport includes all fuels used in road vehicles, including military, as well as agricultural and industrial highway use. The sector excludes motor gasoline used in stationary engines and diesel oil used in tractors. Air transportation includes both domestic and international transport. The domestic sector includes deliveries of aviation fuels to all domestic air transport: commercial, private, agricultural, military, etc. It also includes use for purposes other than flying, e.g., bench testing of engines, but not airline use of fuel for road transport. For many countries this also incorrectly includes fuel used by domestically owned carriers for outbound international traffic. The international air transportation sector includes deliveries of aviation fuels to all international civil aviation.

The amount of energy consumed by industry and transportation as a percent of total energy consumption was calculated by dividing the amount of energy consumed by these sectors by the total energy consumption in that country.

Electricity Consumption Per Capita is the amount of electricity consumed on average by each person, regardless of source, and is represented in kilograms of oil equivalent. The figure reported is final consumption, which measures only the amount of energy delivered to the end user. Losses due to transportation, friction, heat loss, and other inefficiencies are not included.

Final Electricity Consumption Per Capita was calculated by dividing total electricity consumption in each country by that country's total population.

FREQUENCY OF UPDATE BY DATA PROVIDERS

IEA updates their energy data annually. The UN Population Division updates the figures used for per capita calculations every other year. These updates also often include revisions of past data. Data may therefore differ from those reported in past editions of the World Resources report.

DATA RELIABILITY AND CAUTIONARY NOTES

Energy Data

The energy balances data are based primarily on well-established and institutionalized accounting methodologies, and are therefore considered reliable. One exception is fuel-wood and other biomass fuels, which are estimated by the IEA based on small sample surveys or other incomplete information. The data give only a broad impression of trends and should not be strictly compared between countries. The IEA reports that it can be difficult to distinguish between agriculture, commercial, and public sectors, and there may be some overlap in these sectors. IEA data do not distinguish between "no data" (denoted in these tables with ..) and zero values. WRI has distinguished between the two where possible, but some values represented as zero should probably be indicated by .. and vice versa.

Please note that, in a departure from World Resources 2000–01, energy consumption by energy sector is based on primary energy supply as opposed to total final consumption. The figures should therefore not be used in conjunction with data from that edition to indicate change in any sector's relative energy use. Please see the EarthTrends searchable database at <http://earthtrends.wri.org> for a time series on energy data.

Energy Intensity Variables

As is the case with the energy data, economic data collection in most countries is well-established and institutionalized, resulting in accurate information. A number of countries, particularly rapidly developing countries, however, over-report GDP and the rate of GDP growth in their countries. This will make those countries appear more energy efficient than they actually are.

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Marine and Freshwater Catch data refer to marine and freshwater fish caught or trapped for commercial, industrial, and subsistence use (catches from recreational activities are included where available); data refer to fish caught by a country's fleet anywhere in the world. Statistics for mariculture, aquaculture, and other kinds of fish or shellfish farming are not included in the country totals. Marine fish includes demersal fish (flounders, halibuts, soles, etc.; cods, hakes, haddocks, etc.; redfishes, basses, congers, etc.; and sharks, rays, chimeras, etc.), pelagic fish (jacks, mullets, sauries, etc.; herrings, sardines, anchovies, etc.; tunas, bonitos, billfishes, etc.; and mackerels, snooks, cutlassfishes, etc.), and diadromous fish caught in marine areas (i.e., sturgeons, paddlefishes, river eels, salmon, trouts, smelt, shads, and miscellaneous diadromous fishes), marine molluscs (squids, cuttlefishes, octopuses, etc.; abalones, winkles, conchs, etc.; oysters; mussels; scallops, pectens, etc.; clams, cockles, arkshells, etc.; and miscellaneous marine molluscs) and marine crustaceans (sea-spiders, crabs, etc.; lobsters, spiny-rock lobsters, etc.; squat lobsters; shrimps, prawns, etc.; krill, planktonic crustaceans, etc.; and miscellaneous marine crustaceans).

Freshwater fish includes fish caught in inland waters (i.e., carps, barbels, and other cyprinids; tilapias and other cichlids; and miscellaneous and freshwater fishes), and diadromous fish caught in inland waters, as well as freshwater molluscs and crustaceans. Catch figures are the national totals averaged over a 3-year period.

Data are represented as nominal catches, which are the landings converted to a live-weight basis, that is, the weight when caught. Fish catch does not include discards. Landings for some countries are identical to catches. Catch data are provided annually to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Fisheries Department by national fishery offices and regional fishery commissions. Some recent data are provisional. If no data are submitted, FAO uses the previous year's figures or makes estimates based on other information.

Aquaculture is defined by FAO as "the farming of aquatic organisms, including fish, molluscs, and crustaceans. Farming implies some form of intervention in the rearing process to enhance production, such as regular stocking, feeding, and protection from predators, etc. [It] also implies ownership of the stock being cultivated...." Aquatic organisms that are exploitable by the public as a common property resource are included in the harvest of fisheries.

FAO's global collection of aquaculture statistics from questionnaires to national fishery offices was begun in 1984. FAO's aquaculture database has 337 "species items" that are grouped into six categories. **Total Aquaculture Production** includes marine, freshwater, and diadromous fishes, molluscs and crustaceans cultivated in marine, inland, or brackish environments. For a detailed listing of species, please refer to the original source. Aquaculture production is expressed as an annual average over a 3-year period.

Trade in Fish and Fish Products expresses the value associated with imports and exports of fish that are live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted, smoked, or canned, and other derived products and preparations. Trade includes freshwater and marine fish, aquaculture, molluscs and crustaceans, meals, and solubles. Aquatic plants are not included. Figures are the national totals averaged over a 3-year period in millions of U.S. dollars. Exports are generally on a free-on-board basis (i.e., not including insurance or freight costs). Imports are usually on a cost, insurance, and freight basis (i.e., insurance and freight costs added in).

Regional totals are calculated by adding up imports or exports of each country included in that region. Therefore, the regional totals should not be taken as a net trade for that

region, since there may also be trade occurring within a region. To collate national data, FAO uses its International Standard Statistical Classification of Fishery Commodities. Commodities produced by aquaculture and other kinds of fish farming are also included.

Food Supply from Fish and Fish Products is defined as the quantity of both freshwater and marine fish, seafood and derived products available for human consumption. Data were calculated by taking a country's fish production plus imports of fish and fishery products, minus exports, minus the amount of fishery production destined to non-food uses (i.e., reduction to meal, etc.), and plus or minus variations in stocks. The quantity of fish and fish products consumed include the bones and all parts of the fish.

Fish Protein as a Percent of Animal Protein Supply is defined as the quantity of protein from both freshwater and marine fish, seafood, and derived products available for human consumption as a percentage of all available animal protein. FAO calculates food supply for all products, including fish, in its food balance sheets. FAOSTAT maintains statistics on apparent consumption of fish and fishery products, in live weight, for 220 countries in a collection of Supply/Utilization Accounts (SUAs). For each product, the SUA traces supplies from production, imports, and stocks to its utilization in different forms—addition to stocks; exports; animal feed; seed; processing for food and non-food purposes; waste (or losses); and lastly, as food available for human consumption, where appropriate. For more detailed information, please refer to the following article: "Supply Utilization Accounts and Food Balance Sheets in the Context of a National Statistical System," maintained on-line by FAO at <http://www.fao.org/es/ESS/Suafbs.htm>.

Number of Fishers includes the number of people employed in commercial and subsistence fishing (both personnel on fishing vessels and on shore), operating in freshwater, brackish and marine areas, and in aquaculture production activities. Data on people employed in fishing and aquaculture are collected by the FAO through annual questionnaires submitted to the national reporting offices of the member countries. When possible, other national and/or regional published sources are also used to estimate figures. Please refer to the original source for further information on collection methodologies (available on-line at <http://www.fao.org/fi/statist/fisoft/fishers.asp>) or to the following publication: Numbers of Fishers 1970–1997, FAO Fisheries Circular N. 929 Revision 2, Fishery Information, Data and Statistics Unit (FAO, Rome, 1999).

Decked Fishery Vessels include trawlers, purse seiners, gill netters, long liners, trap setters, other seiners and liners, multi-purpose vessels, dredgers, and other fishing vessels. Data on undecked vessels are being collected by FAO, but are not yet available. Fleet data are collected by the FAO through questionnaires submitted to the national reporting offices of the member countries. Other national or regional published sources, such as the registry of fishing vessels, are also used to estimate fleet size. The flag of the vessel is used to assign its nationality. However, in many cases vessels are flagged in one country, while the ownership, landings, and trade resides with another nation. This approach is referred to as a "flag of convenience," and fishers or corporations use this method to facilitate registration of a vessel (i.e., some countries have fewer registration restrictions), to gain access to fish in different Exclusive Economic Zones, or to avoid having to follow set fishing quotas in their own nation.

Population within 100 km of the Coast refers to estimates of the percentage of the population living within the coastal area

based on 1995 population figures. These estimates were calculated using a data set that provides information on the spatial distribution of the world's human population on a 2.5-minute grid. Populations are distributed according to administrative districts, which vary in scale, level, and size from country to country. A 100-km coastal buffer was used to calculate the number of people in the coastal zone for each country. The percentage of the population in the coastal zone was calculated from 1995 United Nations Population Division totals for each country.

FREQUENCY OF UPDATE BY DATA PROVIDERS

FAO updates the FishStat database annually. Updates can be found on the FishStat website at <http://www.fao.org/fi/statist/FISOFT/FISHPLUS.asp>. The FAO updates the data on Food Supply variables annually; the most recent updates incorporated in these tables are from July 2002. Data on the number of fishers and decked fishery vessels are updated by the Fishery Information, Data and Statistics Unit (FIDI) of FAO.

DATA RELIABILITY AND CAUTIONARY NOTES

Marine Catch, Freshwater Catch, Total Aquaculture Production, and Trade in Fish and Fishery Products. While the FAO data set provides the most extensive, global time series of fishery statistics since 1970, there are some problems associated with the data. Funding for the development and maintenance of fisheries statistics at the national level has been decreasing in real terms since 1992, while the demand is growing for a variety of global statistics on discards, fish inventories, aquaculture, and illegal activities. Country-level data are often submitted with a 1–2 year delay, and countries are declaring an increasing percentage of their catch as “unidentified fish.” Stock assessment working groups can more accurately estimate the composition of a catch; however, due to financial constraints, these groups are rare, especially in developing countries. Statistics from smaller artisanal and subsistence fisheries are particularly sparse. In addition, fishers sometimes underreport their catches because they have not kept within harvest limits established to manage the fishery. In some cases, catch statistics are inflated to increase the importance of the fishing industry to the national economy. FAO states that “general trends are probably reliably reflected by the available statistics...but the annual figures and the assessments involve a certain degree of uncertainty and small changes from year to year are probably not statistically significant.” The quality of the aquaculture production estimates varies because many countries lack the resources to adequately monitor landings within their borders.

These statistics provide a good overview of regional fisheries trends. However, when reviewing the state of fisheries stocks, evaluating food security, etc., these data should be used with caution and supplemented with estimates from regional organizations, academic literature, expert consultations, and trade data. For more information, please consult *Fishery Statistics: Reliability and Policy Implications*, published by the FAO Fisheries Department and available on-line at http://www.fao.org/fi/statist/nature_china/30jan02.asp.

Food Supply from Fish and Fishery Products and Fish Protein as a Percent of Total Protein: Food supply as represented here is different from actual consumption. Figures do not account for discards (including bones) and losses during

storage and preparation. Supply data should only be used to assess food security if it is combined with an analysis of food availability and accessibility. Per capita supply averages can also mask disparate food availability within a particular country. Nonetheless, the data are subject to “vigorous consistency checks.” According to FAO, the food supply statistics, “while often far from satisfactory in the proper statistical sense, do provide an approximate picture of the overall food situation in a country and can be useful for economic and nutritional studies, for preparing development plans and for formulating related projects.” For more information see *Food Balance Sheets: A Handbook*, maintained on-line by FAO at <http://www.fao.org/DOCREP/003/X9892E/X9892E00.htm>.

Number of Fishers: Numbers presented in this table are gross estimates. Many countries do not submit data on fishers, or submit incomplete information; therefore the quality of these data is poor. Apart from the gaps and the heavy presence of estimates due to non-reporting, the information provided by national statistical offices may not be strictly comparable since different definitions and methods are used in assessing the number of people engaged in fishing and aquaculture.

FAO recognizes that these statistics are incomplete and may not accurately reflect the current level of employment in the fishing sector. Specifically, it is aware that some countries failed to report for several years. Those which report regularly have occasionally omitted fish farmers from the total or included subsistence and sport fishers as well as family members living on fishing.

Decked Fishery Vessels: As with the number of fishers, FAO recognizes that these fleet statistics are incomplete and may not accurately reflect current world fishing capacity. These data may include vessels that are no longer in operation. The quality of the estimates varies because many countries lack the resources to adequately monitor and report on fleet size. For further information, please refer to the original source or to *Fishery Fleet Statistics, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1989–95*, Bulletin of Fishery Statistics No. 35 (FAO, Rome, 1998).

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VARIABLE DEFINITIONS AND METHODOLOGY

FAO Total Forest Area includes both natural forests and plantations, which are determined by the presence of trees and the absence of other predominant land uses, such as agroforestry. Data are presented in thousands of hectares. **Total Forests** are areas where tree crowns cover over 10 percent of the ground, and cover areas greater than 0.5 hectares. Tree height at maturity should exceed 5 meters. **Natural Forests** are forests composed primarily of indigenous (native) tree species. **Plantations** are forest stands established artificially by afforestation and reforestation, and can include either non native or indigenous (native) trees. Reforestation does not include regeneration of old tree crops.

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) published the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2000 (FRA 2000) in response to international interest in a global forest assessment with a single definition of forest cover. FAO compiles country information to create one internationally comparable database, and national data gathering methodologies can be found at <http://www.fao.org/forestry/fo/fra/index.jsp>.

Forest statistics are based primarily on forest inventory information provided by national governments. FAO harmonized these national assessments with the 10-percent forest definition mentioned above. In tropical regions, national inventories are supplemented by a remote sensing survey. FAO analyzed high resolution Landsat satellite data from a number of sample sites covering a total of 10 percent of the tropical forest zone. Where only limited or outdated inventory data were available, FAO used linear projections and expert opinion to fill in data gaps. If no forest statistics existed for 1990 and 2000, FAO projected forward or backward in time to estimate forest area in the two reference years.

World Resources Institute (WRI) staff used data from the FRA 2000 to estimate natural forest and plantation area for 1990 and to calculate the rate of change from 1990 to 2000. FAO, assuming a fixed rate of tree planting for each country, compiled country data from various years and extrapolated forward to the year 2000. WRI reversed this approach and extrapolated backward from 2000 to 1990 by subtracting tree planting rates. Plantations area was then subtracted from total forest area to calculate natural forest area. Countries where this methodology resulted in a negative plantations area in 1990 were assigned a value of “..” (no data available). Rates of change for the decade were calculated using an exponential growth rate equation.

Certified Forest Area, expressed in thousands of hectares, includes forests certified by major forest certification schemes. **Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certified Forests** include all natural forests, plantations, and mixed and semi-natural forests certified as managed in accordance with the ten FSC principles and criteria. The FSC certifies forests as natural forests when most of the principal characteristics and key elements of the native ecosystems, such as complexity, structure, and diversity are still present. Forests are certified as plantations when they are the result of human activities and lack most of the principal characteristics and key elements of native ecosystems. According to FSC, certified plantations should decrease the pressures on natural forests; represent diverse species and age classes; preferentially choose native over exotic species; improve soil function, fertility and structure; and have a portion of their area managed for the restoration of natural forest cover. Semi-natural and mixed forest area includes mixed areas of natural forest and plantations. Full FSC certification involves two steps. First, the site is assessed for sustainability. Second, a chain of custody is traced from forest, to processor, to distributors, to the final consumer to ensure that only wood from the certified forests are being sold and delivered as FSC-certified.

For a complete list of the Principles and Criteria, please refer to Document 1.2 at <http://www.fscoax.org/principal.htm>.

Forest Area Certified by All Certification Schemes aggregates the total area of forests certified by international, regional, and national forest certification schemes, and is reported in thousands of hectares. Certifications by ISO 14000 are not included. The only, or primary, certifier in most countries with active certification programs is the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). Other certification bodies include the American Tree Farm Program (ATFP), Canadian Standards Association (CSA), Green Tag (GT), Pan-European Forest Certification (PEFC), and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) of the American Forest and Paper Association (AFPA). Data are compiled by FAO.

Drylands Area is the terrestrial area, in thousands of hectares, that falls within three of the world's six aridity zones—the arid, semi-arid, and dry sub-humid zones—as a percent of Earth's total terrestrial area. This definition of drylands has been adopted by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) to identify areas where efforts combating land degradation should be focused and where methods for attaining sustainable development should be promoted.

The world is divided into six aridity zones based on the aridity index—the ratio of mean annual precipitation (PPT) to mean annual potential evapotranspiration (PET). Drylands of concern to the CCD include those lands with an aridity index between .05 and .65 (excluding polar and sub-polar regions). Ratios of less than .05 indicate hyperarid zones, or true deserts. Ratios of 0.65 or greater identify humid zones. The areas with an aridity index between .05 and .65 encompasses the arid, semi-arid, and dry sub-humid areas. See the UNCCD's website at <http://www.unccd.int/main.php> for more information.

Climatic data from 1950 to 1981 were used to define aridity zone boundaries for the globe with a resolution of about 50 km. The amount of land within each aridity zone for individual countries was calculated by WRI.

Grasslands Area includes five categories under the International Geosphere- Biosphere Programme (IGBP) as classified by the Global Land Cover Classification Database (GLCCD). Data are reported in thousands of square kilometers. **Shrublands** is the combination of IGBP's closed and open shrublands categories; **Savannas** is IGBP's savannas and woody savannas; **Herbaceous Grasslands** is the IGBP grassland classification.

The Global Land Cover Classification team describes the method used to classify vegetation types as a “multitemporal unsupervised classification of NDVI data with post-classification refinement using multi-source earth science data.” NDVI data are a measure of “greenness” derived from satellite data. The satellite data in this study were from the Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR), and have a resolution of 1 X 1 km. Other data sets used were a digital elevation model to help define ecological factors that govern natural vegetation distribution, ecoregions data, and maps of soils, vegetation, and land cover. For a description of the five-step classification process, please see technical notes available at http://earthtrends.wri.org/searchable_db/variablenotes_static.cfm?varid=750&themeid=9.

FREQUENCY OF UPDATE BY DATA PROVIDERS

FAO forestry data is compiled each decade; data in this table are from the 2000 assessment. FRA 2000 uses different definitions for total forest area than FRA 1990; the data from these two volumes cannot be directly compared. **Certified Forest Area** data are updated periodically. WRI has compiled data

from these periodic updates to cover a five-year time span. The most recent data are up-to-date as of June 30, 2002. Data from 1998 were captured on December 31 of that year. **Drylands** data were prepared in 1991. Raw data for **Grassland area** estimates were recorded from April 1992 to March 1993. Data were classified, refined, and released in a database version 2.0 in 2001.

DATA RELIABILITY AND CAUTIONARY NOTES

FAO's FRA 2000 Forest Extent and Change Data: FAO acknowledges that the quality of primary data available on tropical forest resources remains very poor. The accuracy of national estimates provided to FAO is affected by two major sources of error. First, in most tropical countries, forests are not monitored comprehensively or frequently enough to map their extent accurately or to track their rate of change. In the absence of inventory data for specific dates (1990 and 2000), FAO's latest estimates of forest area and change over time are often based on projections and expert opinion and thus remain educated guesses. Just one or two satellite scenes appear to have been the prime source of new information for some countries with very poor inventory data. Second, estimates of open woodland areas are far less accurate than those of closed forest because it is difficult to monitor woodlands by remote sensing techniques, and government forestry agencies tend not to survey them as part of normal forest inventories. Differences in definitions used among countries further complicate this issue. The quality of data from developed countries is generally better than from developing countries, but problems still arise with estimates because of differences in national forestry definitions and systems of measurement, and the use of different reference periods. In Northern countries, the boundary between forest and tundra is vague, and the additional forest that should be counted under the new (globally harmonized) 10-percent crown cover threshold proved difficult to quantify. Non-production forests are classified as "other wooded land" in FRA 2000, even though many of them appear to meet the FAO definition of forests. This results in significant underreporting in some countries. For a more complete discussion of some data reliability issues associated with the FRA 2000, please see: <http://www.wri.org/wri/forests/fra2000.html>.

WRI-calculated natural and plantation forest area: These data are based on the FRA 2000 and are subject to all the concerns those data raise. Moreover, the calculations are based on assumptions of linear change that are not supported by field research. WRI chose to make this calculation and present the data despite FAO's decision not to include them in the FRA 2000. These data represent the only available indicators of forest change based on consistent definitions. However, the data should be used as very rough approximations.

Certified Forest Area: The certification schemes are either performance-based or systems-based. Performance-based certification requires that landowners meet performance criteria set by the certification body. Systems-based schemes require that landowners manage the forest within broad system components. While there is some disagreement about which scheme best guarantees sustainable forestry, many groups feel that those using performance-based criteria carry the most weight.

More information on certification is available at: <http://eesc.orst.edu/agcomwebfile/edmat/EC1518.pdf>. While the numbers reported are reliable, it is worth noting that certified forests do not represent the total area of well-managed forests. Many uncertified forests are under sound management. Increasing trends in forest certification indicate the importance that consumers attach to forest management issues rather than the total area of well-managed forests.

Drylands: The accuracy of land area totals is limited by the 50 kilometer resolution of the data set. The climate data set was derived from a limited number of field observations. Actual boundaries between aridity zones are neither abrupt nor static, making delineated borders somewhat artificial. The data should therefore be considered useful as a general indicator of the extent of drylands within each country, rather than as an exact depiction of the climatic situation on the ground.

Alternative methods for measuring extent of drylands area include use of soil moisture and agricultural production systems, although these methods may also be subject to similar problems such as low resolution data, limited field observations, and subjectivity when delineating exact boundaries on the ground.

Grasslands area: Following publication of the GLCC database version 1, a number of scientific teams assessed its accuracy by comparing the results with higher-resolution satellite imagery. These teams found that the accuracy of the GLCC's approach was in a range from 60 to nearly 80 percent—meaning that the assessment teams' classification of a given area agreed with the GLCC's classification between 60 and 80 percent of the time. Given the relatively high level of potential for misclassification, the area of land in each classification should be treated as estimated rather than an exact interpretation of the earth's surface.

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VARIABLE DEFINITIONS AND METHODOLOGY

Internal Renewable Water Resources (IRWR) include the average annual flow of rivers and the recharge of groundwater (aquifers) generated from endogenous precipitation—precipitation occurring within a country's borders. IRWR are measured in cubic kilometers per year (km³/year).

Groundwater Recharge is the total volume of water entering aquifers within a country's borders from endogenous precipitation and surface water flow. Groundwater resources are estimated by measuring rainfall in arid areas where rainfall is assumed to infiltrate into aquifers. Where data are available, groundwater resources in humid areas have been considered as equivalent to the base flow of rivers.

Surface Water produced internally includes the average annual flow of rivers generated from endogenous precipitation and base flow generated by aquifers. Surface water resources are usually computed by measuring or assessing total river flow occurring in a country on a yearly basis.

Overlap is the volume of water resources common to both surface and groundwater. It is subtracted when calculating IRWR to avoid double counting. Two types of exchanges create overlap: contribution of aquifers to surface flow, and recharge of aquifers by surface run-off. In humid temperate or tropical regions, the entire volume of groundwater recharge typically contributes to surface water flow. In karstic domains (regions with porous limestone rock formations), a portion of groundwater resources are assumed to contribute to surface water flow. In arid and semi-arid countries, surface water flows recharge groundwater by infiltrating through the soil during floods. This recharge is either directly measured or inferred by characteristics of the aquifers and piezometric levels.

Total Internal Renewable Water Resources is the sum of surface and groundwater resources minus overlap; in other words, IRWR = Surface Water Resources + Groundwater Recharge – Overlap.

Natural Renewable Water Resources, measured in cubic kilometers per year (km³/year), is the sum of internal renewable water resources and natural flow originating outside of the country. Natural Renewable Water Resources are computed by adding together both internal renewable water resources (IRWR—see above) and natural flows (flow to and from other countries). Natural incoming flow is the average amount of water which would flow into the country without human influence. In some arid and semi-arid countries, actual water resources are presented instead of natural renewable water resources. These actual totals, labeled with a footnote in the freshwater data table, include the quantity of flows reserved to upstream and downstream countries through formal and informal agreements or treaties. The actual flows are often much lower than natural flow due to water scarcity in arid and semi-arid regions.

Per Capita Natural Renewable Water Resources are measured in cubic meters per person per year (m³/person/year). Per capita values were calculated by using national population data for 2002. For more information about the collection methodology and reliability of the UN data, please refer to the technical notes in the population data table.

Water Withdrawals (annual), measured in million cubic meters, refers to total water removed for human uses in a single year, not counting evaporative losses from storage basins. Water withdrawals also include water from nonrenewable groundwater sources, river flows from other countries, and desalination plants.

Per Capita Annual Withdrawals were calculated using national population data for the year the withdrawal data were collected.

Water Withdrawals as a Percent of Renewable Water Resources is the proportion of renewable water resources withdrawn on a per capita basis, expressed in cubic meters per person per year (m³/person/year). The value is calculated by dividing water withdrawals per capita by actual renewable water resources per capita.

Sectoral Share of water withdrawals, expressed as a percentage, refers to the proportion of water used for one of three purposes: agriculture, industry, and domestic uses. All water withdrawals are allocated to one of these three categories.

Agricultural uses of water primarily include irrigation and, to a lesser extent, livestock maintenance.

Domestic uses include drinking water plus water withdrawn for homes, municipalities, commercial establishments, and public services (e.g. hospitals).

Industrial uses include cooling machinery and equipment, producing energy, cleaning and washing goods produced as ingredients in manufactured items, and as a solvent.

Desalinated Water Production, expressed in million cubic meters, refers to the amount of water produced by the removal of salt from saline waters—usually seawater—using a variety of techniques including reverse osmosis. Most desalinated water is used for domestic purposes.

Most Freshwater resources data were provided by AQUASTAT, a global database of water statistics maintained by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). AQUASTAT collects its information from a number of sources—national water resources and irrigation master plans; national yearbooks, statistics and reports; FAO reports and project documents; international surveys; and, results from surveys done by national or international research centers. In most cases, a critical analysis of the information was necessary to ensure consistency among the different data collected for a given country.

When possible, cross-checking of information among countries was used to improve assessment in countries where information was limited. When several sources gave different or contradictory figures, preference was always given to information collected at the national or sub-national level. This preference is based on the assumption by FAO that no regional information can be more accurate than studies carried out at the country level. Unless proven to be wrong, official rather than unofficial sources were used. In the case of shared water resources, a comparison among countries was made to ensure consistency at river-basin level.

For more information on the methodology used to collect these data, please refer to the original source or: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO): Water Resources, Development and Management Service, October, 2001. Statistics on Water Resources by Country in FAO's AQUASTAT Programme (available on-line at http://www.fao.org/ag/agl/aglw/aquastat/water_res/index.stm). Rome: FAO.

FREQUENCY OF UPDATE BY DATA PROVIDERS

AQUASTAT was developed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1993; data have been available on-line since 2001. Most freshwater data are not available in a time series, and the global data set contains data collected over a time span of up to 30 years. AQUASTAT updates their website as new data become available, or when FAO conducts

special regional studies. Studies were conducted in Africa in 1994, the Near East in 1995–96, the former Soviet republics in 1997, selected Asian countries in 1998–99, and Latin America & the Caribbean in 2000. Data from the Blue Plan on Mediterranean water withdrawals were last updated in 2002. Most data updates include revisions of past data.

DATA RELIABILITY AND CAUTIONARY NOTES

While AQUASTAT represents the most complete and careful compilation of country-level water resources statistics to date, freshwater data are generally of poor quality. Information sources are various but rarely complete. Some governments will keep internal water resources information confidential because they are competing for water resources with bordering countries. Many instances of water scarcity are highly localized and are not reflected in national statistics. In addition, the accuracy and reliability of information vary greatly among regions, countries, and categories of information, as does the year in which the information was gathered. As a result, no consistency can be ensured among countries on the duration and dates of the period of reference. All data should be considered order-of-magnitude estimates.

Groundwater Recharge tends to be overestimated in arid areas and underestimated in humid areas.

Natural Renewable Water Resources vary with time. Exchanges between countries are complicated when a river crosses the same border several times. Part of the incoming water flow may thus originate from the same country in which it enters, making it necessary to calculate a “net” inflow to avoid double counting of resources. In addition, the water that is actually accessible to humans for consumption is often much smaller than the total renewable water resources indicated in the data table.

Renewable Water Resources Per Capita contains water resources data from a different set of years than the population data used in the calculation. While the water resources data are usually long-term averages, inconsistencies may arise when combining it with 2002 population data.

Water Withdrawals as a Percentage of Actual Water Resources

are also calculated using per capita data from two different years. While this ratio can indicate that some countries are depleting their water resources, it does not accurately reflect localized over-extraction from aquifers and streams. In addition, the calculation does not distinguish between ground and surface water.

Sectoral Withdrawal Data may not add to 100 because of rounding. Evaporative losses from storage basins are not considered; users should keep in mind, however, that in some parts of the world up to 25 percent of water that is withdrawn and placed in reservoirs evaporates before it is used by any sector.

Desalinated Water Production may exist in some countries where the volume of production is indicated to be zero, since AQUASTAT assumes that production is zero if no value has been given for those countries where information on water use is available.

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VARIABLE DEFINITIONS AND METHODOLOGY

Total Population is the mid-year population projected for a specific country, area or region, measured in thousands of people. The values are estimated using models based on various demographic parameters: a country's population size, age and sex distribution, fertility and mortality rates by age and sex groups, growth rates of urban and rural populations, and levels of internal and international migration.

Percent of Population Under Age 15 is the proportion of the total population younger than 15 years of age.

Percent of Population Age 65 and Over is the proportion of the total population 65 years of age and older.

Total Fertility Rate is an estimate of the average number of children a woman would have over the course of her entire life if current age-specific fertility rates remained constant during her reproductive years.

Life Expectancy at Birth is the average number of years that a newborn baby is expected to live if the age-specific mortality rates effective at the year of birth apply throughout his or her lifetime.

For the variables defined above, the U.N. Population Division evaluates census and survey results from all countries. These data are adjusted for over-enumeration and under-enumeration of certain age and sex groups (e.g., infants, female children, and young males), misreporting of age and sex distributions, and changes in definitions, when necessary. These adjustments incorporate data from civil registrations; population surveys; earlier censuses; and, when necessary, population models based on information from economically similar countries. After the figures for population size and age/sex composition have been adjusted, these data are scaled to 1990. Historical data are used when deemed accurate, also with adjustments and scaling. However, accurate historical data do not exist for many developing countries. In such cases, the U.N. Population Division uses available information and demographic models to estimate the main demographic parameters. Projections are based on estimates of the 1990 base-year population. Age- and sex-specific mortality rates are applied to the base-year population to determine the number of survivors at the end of each 5-year period. Births are projected by applying age-specific fertility rates to the projected female population. Births are distributed by an assumed sex ratio, and the appropriate age- and sex-specific survival rates are applied. Future migration rates are also estimated on an age- and sex-specific basis. Combining future fertility, mortality, and migration rates yields the projected population size. Assumptions about future mortality, fertility, and migration rates are made on a country-by-country basis and, when possible, are based on historical trends. The U.N. Population Division publishes projections for high-, medium- and low-fertility scenarios; all projections in this table are for the medium-case fertility scenario.

Mortality Under Age 5 is the probability of a child dying between birth and age five expressed per 1,000 live births. The data on mortality of children after infancy is typically obtained from population census information, civil registration records on deaths of young children, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) and Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS). For each country, UNICEF and its partners plotted all data from 1960 to the present on a graph; a curve was fitted through this data using a weighted least-squares regression model. The basic model assumes that the rate of change of mortality is linear with respect to time.

Health-Adjusted Life Expectancy (HALE) is defined as the number of years that a newborn can expect to live in full health

based on current rates of ill health and mortality. Healthy life expectancy combines information on mortality and disability, making it a valuable policy tool for assessing health burdens internationally. These data are the product of more than 15 years of work by WHO to measure severity-weighted incidences of ill health. To determine healthy life expectancies, regular life expectancy is first calculated for each age group in a population according to standard methodologies. Next, the frequency of different states of health is measured along with the severity of these disabilities. Finally, the length of time that a population is affected by disabilities compared to full health is valued and reported in years.

Adults Ages 15–49 Living With HIV or AIDS is the estimated percentage of people aged 15–49 living with HIV/AIDS. These estimates include all people with HIV infection—whether or not they have developed symptoms of AIDS—who are alive at the end of the year specified. Data for adults ages 15 to 49 captures those in their most sexually active years. While the risk of HIV infection continues beyond the age of 50, the vast majority of people with substantial risk behavior are likely to have become infected by this age. Measuring infection within this age range also makes populations with different age structures more comparable. In order to estimate prevalence rates of HIV, prevalence estimates for a single point in time and the starting date of the epidemic were used to plot an epidemic curve charting the spread of HIV in a particular country. Prevalence data were collected in developing countries with generalized epidemics using surveillance data from antenatal clinics; in other cases, epidemiologists examined high risk populations (sex workers, intravenous drug users, homosexual males).

Access to Improved Sanitation measures the percentage of the population with access to any of the following excreta disposal facilities: connection to a public sewer, connection to a septic tank, pour-flush latrine, simple pit latrine, and ventilated improved pit latrine. A poor water supply and sanitation system can lead to a number of diseases, including diarrhoea, intestinal worms, and cholera. Examples of an unimproved sanitation system include: open pit latrines, public or shared latrines, and service or bucket latrines (where excreta are manually removed). WHO emphasizes that these data measure access to an improved excreta disposal system—access to a sanitary system cannot be adequately measured on a global scale. Data were collected from assessment questionnaires and household surveys and plotted on a graph for each country to show coverage in available years (not necessarily 1990 and 2000). A trend line was drawn and reviewed by a panel of experts to determine the level of sanitation available in 1990 and 2000. Particular care was taken with the 40 most populous developing countries.

Net School Enrollment Ratio (NER) is defined as the enrollment of the official age group for a given level of education expressed as a percentage of the population from the same age group. The theoretical maximum value is 100%. A high NER denotes a high degree of participation of the official school-age population. If the NER is below 100%, users should not assume that the remaining school-aged population is not enrolled in any school; they could be enrolled in school at other grade levels. Primary Education is defined by the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) as the "beginning of systematic apprenticeship of reading, writing and mathematics." Programs are typically six years long and represent the beginning of compulsory education in many countries. Secondary education follows primary education, and is characterized as being subject-oriented with specialized fields of learning. Programs may be vocational or technical in nature, and students achieve a full implementation of basic skills. Net enrollment ratio is calculated by dividing the number of pupils enrolled who are of the official age group for a given level of education

by the total population of the same age group. National governments provide the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) with enrollment data based on a series of electronic questionnaires. When data from national governments are not available or are of inferior quality, UNESCO will estimate enrollment ratios from background data, if available.

Adult Literacy Rate is the proportion of adults aged 15 years and over who can both read and write with understanding a short, simple statement on their everyday life. Most literacy data are collected during national population censuses and supplemented by household surveys, labor force surveys, employment surveys, industry surveys, and agricultural surveys when they are available. UNESCO uses this data to graph a logistic regression model. Male and female literacy rates are modeled separately. When census and survey data are not available, literacy rates for a specific country are estimated based on neighboring countries with similar characteristics.

FREQUENCY OF UPDATE BY DATA PROVIDERS

Both the UN Population Division and the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) publish country-level statistics every two years with annual revisions of key estimates. UNICEF publishes the most recent available data each year. Other data sets in this table are updated irregularly—educational statistics are updated as new country-level data are sent to UNESCO, and healthy life expectancy was calculated for the first time in 2001. Most updates include revisions of past data.

DATA RELIABILITY AND CAUTIONARY NOTES

Total Population, Fertility, and Life Expectancy: Although projections cannot factor in unforeseen events (e.g. famine), U.N. demographic models are based on surveys and censuses with well-understood qualities, which make these data fairly reliable.

Mortality Under Age 5: Estimates were calculated based on a wide variety of sources of disparate quality. For information on the underlying data for each country's regressions, refer to the country estimates and new country data available from UNICEF on-line at <http://www.childinfo.org/cmr/kh98meth.html>.

Health-Adjusted Life Expectancy: Some estimates have not yet been endorsed by Member States as official statistics. The data will improve as national governments become involved in providing data and survey results. WHO has estimated the uncertainty in HALE for each country; these results are published in the World Health Report 2001 (available on-line at <http://www.who.int/whr2001/2001/>).

Adults Ages 15–49 Living with HIV or AIDS: While the HIV surveillance systems are generally more extensive than those for other diseases, problems do remain with the data. Data are often very weak for marginalized risk groups such as intravenous drug users or homosexual males. Infection rates in the general population are calculated based on infection rates in childbearing women; other women and men are then assumed to have the same rate of infection. Prevalence of HIV is assumed to be uniform in periurban and urban areas. The original source material captures some of these uncertainties with estimates of low and high values for the total number of HIV/AIDS infections. For a detailed description of the collection methodology and limitations of this data, please see: B. Schwartlander et al. 1999. "Country-specific estimates and models of HIV and AIDS: methods and limitations." *AIDS*, 13: 2445–2458.

Access to Improved Sanitation: These data have become more reliable as WHO and UNICEF shift from provider-based information (national census estimates) to consumer-based information (survey data). Nonetheless, estimates were calculated based on a wide variety of sources of disparate quality. Definitions of urban and rural are not consistent across countries. In addition, regions with higher overall levels of service tend to implement a stricter definition of "adequate" sanitation.

Net School Enrollment: Even though UNESCO has applied the same methodology to analyze all of the country data, definitions of "schooling" and "enrollment" are not strictly comparable among countries. As net enrollment ratios approach 100%, inconsistencies with enrollment and/or population data are more likely to skew the resulting ratios. As a result, some net enrollment ratios are greater than 100%. Difficulties also arise when a substantial proportion of students begin school earlier than the prescribed age, or when the reference date for entry into primary education does not coincide with the birthdays of all eligible students.

Adult Literacy Rate: The availability and quality of national statistics on literacy vary widely, particularly for developing countries. National census and survey data are typically collected only once every decade. In addition, many industrialized countries have stopped collecting literacy data in recent years, based on the sometimes incorrect assumption that universal primary education means universal literacy. When census and survey data are not available for a particular country, estimates are sometimes made based on neighboring countries. Actual definitions of adult literacy are not strictly comparable among countries. Some countries equate persons with no schooling with illiterates, or change definitions between censuses. In addition, UNESCO's definition of literacy does not include people who, though familiar with the basics of reading and writing, do not have the skills to function at a reasonable level in their own society. Practices for identifying literates and illiterates during actual census enumeration may also vary, and errors in literacy self-declaration can affect data reliability.

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Regional Groupings of Countries

Countries are listed according to their primary regional classification, assigned by the World Resources Institute.

World Bank income designations follow the country names: "H" represents high-income countries, "M" middle-income countries, and "L" low-income countries.

Developed countries are labeled with a "D"; developing countries are not labeled. WRI uses the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations' definitions of developed and developing countries.

ASIA (EXCLUDING THE MIDDLE EAST)

Armenia L D
Azerbaijan L D
Bangladesh L
Bhutan L
Brunei Darussalam H
Cambodia L
China M
East Timor L
Georgia M D
Hong Kong H
India L
Indonesia M
Japan H D
Kazakhstan M D
Korea, Dem People's Rep M
Korea, Rep H
Kyrgyzstan L D
Lao People's Dem Rep L
Macau H
Malaysia M
Maldives M
Mongolia L
Myanmar L
Nepal L
Pakistan L
Philippines M
Singapore H
Sri Lanka M
Taiwan, Province of China
Tajikistan L D
Thailand M
Turkmenistan L D
Uzbekistan M D
Viet Nam L

EUROPE

Albania L D
Andorra H D
Austria H D
Belarus M D
Belgium H D
Bosnia and Herzegovina L D
Bulgaria M D

Channel Islands H D
Croatia M D
Czech Rep M D
Denmark H D
Estonia M D
Faeroe Islands H D
Finland H D
France H D
Germany H D
Gibraltar D
Greece H D
Hungary M D
Iceland H D
Ireland H D
Isle of Man M D
Italy H D
Latvia M D
Liechtenstein H D
Lithuania M D
Luxembourg H D
Macedonia, FYR M D
Malta M D
Moldova, Rep L D
Monaco H D
Netherlands H D
Norway H D
Poland M D
Portugal H D
Romania M D
Russian Federation M D
San Marino H D
Serbia and Montenegro M D
Slovakia M D
Slovenia H D
Spain H D
Sweden H D
Switzerland H D
Ukraine M D
United Kingdom H D

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Afghanistan L
Algeria M
Bahrain M
Cyprus H
Egypt M
Iran, Islamic Rep M
Iraq M
Israel H D
Jordan M
Kuwait H
Lebanon M
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya M
Morocco M
Oman M
Qatar H
Saudi Arabia M
Syrian Arab Rep M
Tunisia M
Turkey M
United Arab Emirates H
West Bank M
Western Sahara M
Yemen L

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Angola L
Benin L
Botswana M
Burkina Faso L
Burundi L
Cameroon L
Cape Verde M
Central African Rep L
Chad L
Comoros L
Congo L
Congo, Dem Rep L
Côte d'Ivoire L
Djibouti M
Equatorial Guinea M
Eritrea L
Ethiopia L
Gabon M

Gambia L
 Ghana L
 Guinea L
 Guinea-Bissau L
 Kenya L
 Lesotho L
 Liberia L
 Madagascar L
 Malawi L
 Mali L
 Mauritania L
 Mauritius M
 Mozambique L
 Namibia M
 Niger L
 Nigeria L
 Réunion H
 Rwanda L
 Saint Helena
 Sao Tome & Principe L
 Senegal L
 Seychelles M
 Sierra Leone L
 Somalia L
 South Africa M D
 Sudan L
 Swaziland M
 Tanzania L
 Togo L
 Uganda L
 Zambia L
 Zimbabwe L

NORTH AMERICA

Bermuda H
 Canada H D
 Greenland H
 Saint Pierre and Miquelon
 United States H D

CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Antigua and Barbuda M
 Aruba H
 Bahamas H
 Barbados M
 Belize M
 British Virgin Islands
 Cayman Islands H
 Costa Rica M
 Cuba M
 Dominica M
 Dominican Rep M
 El Salvador M
 Grenada M
 Guadeloupe M
 Guatemala M
 Haiti L
 Honduras L
 Jamaica M
 Martinique H
 Mexico M
 Netherlands Antilles H
 Nicaragua L
 Panama M
 Puerto Rico M
 Saint Kitts and Nevis M
 St. Lucia M
 St. Vincent & Grenadines M
 Trinidad and Tobago M
 Turks and Caicos Islands
 Virgin Islands H

SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina M
 Bolivia M
 Brazil M
 Chile M
 Colombia M
 Ecuador M
 Falkland Islands
 French Guiana H
 Guyana M
 Paraguay M
 Peru M
 Suriname M
 Uruguay M
 Venezuela M
 American Samoa M

OCEANIA

Australia H D
 Cook Islands
 Fiji M
 French Polynesia H
 Guam H
 Kiribati M
 Marshall Islands M
 Micronesia, Fed States M
 Nauru
 New Caledonia H
 New Zealand H D
 Niue
 Northern Mariana Islands H
 Palau M
 Papua New Guinea M
 Samoa M
 Solomon Islands M
 Tonga M
 Vanuatu M