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## 12-Action Agenda for Asia and Europe on Sustainable Development

25 November 2005, Jakarta – 350 high-profile international personalities and experts from Asia and Europe gathered in Jakarta, Indonesia for the three-day conference, “1/3 of Our Planet: What Can Asia and Europe do for Sustainable Development?” the largest multi-stakeholder meeting of its kind.

“UNEP is pleased with how the Forum has helped to raise awareness and progress of environmental and sustainable development work among stakeholders in Asia and Europe”, said **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Executive Director Klaus Toepfer**, who delivered a keynote speech. He added that rapid urbanisation may be the cause of the many environmental challenges today, but the urban areas are also the key vehicles for reducing poverty and reaching towards the UN’s Millennium Development Goals. Asia-Europe cooperation should go two-ways, where Asia and Europe exchange lessons learned from each other’s past experiences and generate the best workable solutions.

Leading organisations in specialised fields hosted twelve workshops, which discussed the most urgent, environment and sustainability concerns and policy challenges.

The workshops produced the **Jakarta 12-Action Agenda for Asia and Europe** (refer to Annex). **Indonesian State Minister for Environment Rachmat Witoelar** pledged to be the patron of the Forum’s outcomes. The compilation of recommendations for better environment and sustainable development will be submitted to the relevant Ministers of each of the 39 ASEM Governments and also to the ASEM Summit in Helsinki, September 2006.

Launched in 2003, the Asia-Europe Environment Forum has been gaining ground as a unique and effective programme that allows for open dialogue on specific environment concerns for both Asia and Europe at the non-official level. The twelve issue-specific workshop groups that made up this Forum will press on to continue building on this alliance with a view to providing input to the regional and international policy-making processes.

The Asia-Europe Environment Forum is co-organised by **ASEF**, the Hanns-Seidel Foundation (**HSF**) of Germany, the Institute for Global Environment Studies (**IGES**) with support of the Government of Japan, and the United Nations Environment Programme (**UNEP**). The Conference “1/3 of our Planet: What can Asia and Europe do for Sustainable Development” was hosted by **KEHATI Indonesian Biodiversity Foundation**.

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