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● In January 1990, over 700 world religious and legislative leaders cooperated with top Soviet authorities in a five-day *Global Forum on Environment and Development*. Leaders from the sciences, journalism, the arts, business and labor also contributed. The Global Forum of Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders on Human Survival (New York) organized the event, which was hosted by the Supreme Soviet, all faith communities in the USSR, the USSR Academy of Sciences, and the International Foundation for the Survival and Development of Humanity (Moscow). The premise of the forum was that, through intensive dialogue, spiritual and parliamentary leaders can influence each other and extend that influence to the communities they serve world-wide. To promote such outreach, journalists from around the world also met to discuss communication of

global environmental issues to the public. Scientist Carl Sagan addressed the plenary session of the forum on climate change and ozone depletion; subsequent sessions dealt in more detail with scientific topics, particularly energy conservation. The forum concluded with an address by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who expressed general support for the role of the United Nations in global environmental problems, and emphasized the Soviet Union's need for environmental technological assistance from other countries.

Produced at the meeting was an 11-page *Moscow Plan of Action* which suggested, for future consideration by the forum, approaches for building global awareness. It is available from the Global Forum of Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders on Human Survival, 304 E. 45th St., 12th Fl., New York NY 10017 (212-953-7947). The International Foundation for the Survival and Development of Humanity is located at Ulitsa Vesnina 9/5, 121002, Moscow, USSR (tel.: 241-8255). An informal, 11-page summary of personal observations and suggestions relating to the forum are available from *Global Climate Change Digest* editorial board member William Moomaw (Ctr. Environ. Mgmt., Tufts Univ., Medford MA 02155; 617-381-3486). (See also "Soviets Clean Up Their Act," *Time*, p. 64, Jan. 29, 1990.)

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