

### **PART III: GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING ON INDICATORS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL**

#### Background

The Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) and the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), at its 11<sup>th</sup> session, re-affirmed the importance of indicators for sustainable development and encouraged further work on indicators for sustainable development by countries at the national level, including integration of gender aspects, on a voluntary basis, in line with national conditions and priorities.

#### Questions

1. Do you have a national programme or initiative to develop and/or use indicators for sustainable development?

☒ Yes

☐ No (Please describe your plans to develop such a programme or initiative).

If yes:

(i) When was it established?

*March, 2003*

(ii) What is the name of the programme or initiative?

*The Basic Plan for Establishing a Sound Material-Cycle Society*

(iii) What are the specific areas of sustainable development for which your country is developing or monitoring indicators?

*waste management and recycling*

(iv) Have you developed a set of indicators of sustainable development in your country?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please describe the status:

☒ agreed set of indicators

☐ draft set of indicators

☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is there an established coordinating mechanism in the country at the national level for indicators for sustainable development?

- ☐ National Commission/Council on Sustainable Development
- ☐ Steering Committee
- ☐ Inter-agency/Ministerial Working Group
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ None

3. Do you participate in any regional or international programmes on indicators of sustainable development?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

If yes, please provide the names of these programmes:

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4. What are the 3 most difficult problem areas in the establishment of indicators of sustainable development in your country? Please indicate the order of priority.

- ☐ Training in methodologies relating to indicators of sustainable development
- ☐ Communication with other agencies responsible for indicators
- ☒ Basic data and/or statistics – quality and quantity
- ☐ Human resources
- ☐ Financial resources
- ☐ Information management system, including equipment
- ☐ Monitoring mechanisms
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please provide the name of a contact person responsible for indicators of sustainable development.

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