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Recommendation at the attention of the 3.000.000 leisure garden families regrouped in the Office International du Coin de Terre et des Jardins Familiaux a.s.b.l.

On basis of a survey among the federations affiliated to the Office International du Coin de Terre et des Jardins Familiaux in 2001 as well as on basis of the discussions lead during the international seminar held in Munich from August 23rd till August 26th, 2001 and having in mind the common definition of a sustainable development i.e.": "a development that allows to satisfy the actual needs without threatening the possibility for the coming generations to satisfy their own needs", the participants in the seminar have considered

- that the sustainable development demands a global approach and measures that cut across the different sectors of the economy,
- that the sustainable development demands global measures for the protection of nature and environment,
- that there must be a balance between economic development and environmental protection,
- that sustainable development requires individuals to assume personal responsibility and to undertake personal activities,
- that the notion of sustainable development and its practical consequences are not yet sufficiently known by the population and taken into consideration in the functioning of the NGOs,

**therefore the International Office invites all its affiliated federations together with their association regrouping more than 3.000.000 leisure garden families:**

- to elaborate specific agenda-projects that correspond to the ideas of the members and other interested persons and to insert them in the agenda-projects of the local authorities,
- to sensitize increasingly the public and especially children and young persons on the problems related to the sustainable development,
- to increase their activities and efforts in this area, especially by organising specific meetings on this topic and practical seminars on local level,
- to underline the positive effects of gardening and of the consumption of products ecologically cultivated by one self on one's health,
- to refer expressly in their presentation documents and political statements to the necessity of a sustainable development,
- to increase their efforts to save energy, to avoid waste and to use durable goods coming from the local production,
- to ask the governments to ratify and put into practice the international conventions on a sustainable development.

**In addition the International Office requests the national Governments:**

- to vote a national leisure garden law that corresponds to the requirements of the Agenda 21 and complies with the social and ecological