



**Intervention by Mrs.Riva G.Das, Director, Ministry of External Affairs, on
Agenda item 2: Policy options and possible actions to expedite
Implementation: a) water; b) sanitation; c) human settlements: Water and
sanitation [monitoring] in the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting for
CSD-13 on March 3, 2005**

Mr. Chairman,

Some speakers before us have spoken about monitoring. We would like to, in this regard, say that there are advantages in strengthening monitoring process for water resources management and water resources development as well as for sanitation and housing. This has to be essentially at the local level and where policy issues are involved, at the national level.

We feel that we need to hasten slowly in any multilateral effort in this regard and we revert to this issue once we have comprehensively addressed the main question of financial resources and technical assistance.

In any case, CSD remains the high-level inter-governmental body within the UN system for sustainable development, with the role of reviewing and promoting the implementation of Agenda 21 and JPOI. CSD has developed its methodology to look at this. At the international level, review by Members States in CSD is important for mid-term course correction.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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