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The 14th session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) concluded on May 12 in New York. Delegations from 140 states, specialized institutions of the UN system, business and academic circles and NGOs took part in its work.

In the course of the meeting its participants carried out a substantive analysis of influence on sustainable development and progress in the following key areas: energy, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere, and climate change.

The CSD emphasized the special importance of energy development for overcoming poverty and achieving sustainable economic and social growth in the developing countries. UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, in his address to the delegates, called upon the world community to carry out "a revolution in energy efficiency."

In this context heightened attention was devoted to the necessity of a comprehensive approach towards solving the energy problem, including enhancing the efficiency in energy resource use, introducing new energy-saving technologies and using innovative financial mechanisms for these purposes, achieving a reliable energy supply and consumption and expanding international cooperation in this area.

The results of the debate have laid the foundations for adopting important political decisions on the designated range of issues at the next session of the CSD in 2007.

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