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GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

1. In Lithuania, the National Commission on Sustainable Development under the Prime Minister's chairmanship was formed in 2000, with the aim of assuring the coordination of the sustainable development process.
2. In 2003, the government approved the Lithuanian National Sustainable Development Strategy. The main objectives and tasks were formulated, the most important implementation measures in various sectors and their branches were envisaged, and the creation of a monitoring system was anticipated in the Strategy. Eighteen themes on environment quality and natural resources, and economic, social and regional development were included.
3. The Strategy recommends that the National Commission on Sustainable Development must consider a report on the implementation of the Strategy in Lithuania every two years.

ONGOING WORK

4. An expert group composed of various institutions with the aim of regularly analysing exterior and interior changes, of evaluating the process of the Strategy's implementation and of timely preparing recommendations for the elimination of highlighted weaknesses has been formed at the Ministry of the Environment.
5. Taking into account the Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the Review of the Sustainable Development Strategy adopted on 27 February 2006, an expert group composed of various institutions will update the main challenges and tasks of the Strategy, and the list of sustainable development indicators through to the end of 2006.

THE ROLE OF STATISTICS LITHUANIA

6. In order to monitor the implementation of the Strategy, a list of 81 sustainable development indicators has been defined. These indicators are starting to be published in the Statistical Yearbook of Lithuania, other statistical publications and on the website of Statistics Lithuania as of 2004.

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