

2. CHALLENGING AND CHANGING U.S. BUDGET PRIORITIES -- Disproportionate military expenditures continue despite broad public sentiment to address national security by investing in human, environmental, and economic development. In 1990, this effort will focus on the issues of reallocation in the U.S. budget and economic conversion in industry.
3. SUPPORTING AND STRENGTHENING THE UNITED NATIONS -- Changing global circumstances and growing U.S. public approval both argue for greater U.S. support and leadership to make the United Nations a more effective structure for peace. In 1990, this effort will focus on restoration of U.S. funding and the new U.N. potential in the arenas of environment and peacekeeping.
4. PROMOTING ACTION LINKS THROUGH "OUR COMMON FUTURE" -- Despite wide global attention to the 1987 Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, there has been little U.S. linkage among efforts for the environment, sustainable development, disarmament and international structures for peace. In 1990, this effort will focus on environmental issues through the Brundtland report to mobilize action around its recommendations.

GOVERNING STRUCTURE AND OPERATING PREMISES: The purpose of the ALLIANCE is to support, promote, link, and focus the ongoing work of organizations and coalitions. The governing body of the ALLIANCE is the Leadership Council composed of top decision-makers authorized to speak for their organizations. No participating organization will be named in connection with any alliance activity without its authorization.

Leadership Council membership will consist of national and (U.S. based) international organizations and national or regional inter-organizational coalitions. Typically, member groups will have established (1) their own regularly meeting governing body, (2) at least 5,000 members/supporter/contributors, (3) a capacity for national action, and/or (4) representation of special issues, constituencies, or expertise.

To ensure that there is diverse participation on the ALLIANCE, each of the following perspectives should be represented: peace and social justice, world order, international law and structures, environment, education, racial justice, women's rights, conflict resolution, and global security.

TASK FORCES

The primary work of the ALLIANCE will be facilitated by Task Forces led by organizations on the Leadership Council. Task Forces will be established for each of the ALLIANCE focus areas. The Task Forces should include, whenever possible, representation from organizations not participating on the Council, from regional coalitions, and from other grassroots participants. To reinforce their multi-issue perspective, ALLIANCE organizations are encouraged to participate in at least two Task Forces. Levels of Task Force involvement include:

Level One - Lead Role Organizations which define a plan of action for Task Force strategies, initiate opportunities, respond to emergencies, orchestrate support and response. They shape the delivery system which will increase impact.

Level Two - Support Role Organizations which collaborate in Task Force strategy building and implementation, extend the communication system, and support Task Force initiatives. They help form the communication network which fuels the delivery system for greater impact.

Level Three - Response Role Organizations prepared to respond to Task Force alerts for high-level opportunities or emergencies. They use Task Force communication to urge and deliver responses for highest possible impact.

REGIONAL COALITIONS

Representation from existing interorganizational and multi-issue statewide or regional coalitions should be included on the Council. These coalitions should meet the other Council membership criteria. The Council should encourage the building of such multi-issue and interorganizational coalitions at state and regional levels.