

tance/consultation to project managers, and developing country decisionmakers on specific aspects of identified projects. Under the UN umbrella, this information would be broadly accessible to the full range of assistance organizations and developing country decisionmakers.

## CONCLUSION

The economic profiles and development paths of developing countries have become more varied. Assisting developing countries that are regressing economically, and the still poor majority in countries that have made moderate economic gains, requires a different set of motives, expectations, and goals than assisting rapidly industrializing countries. If even a conservative interpretation of sustainable development is adopted as a U.S. foreign policy objective, it is likely to require Congress to think about and question U.S. interests and actions in considerably broader terms.

One step could be consistent monitoring and analysis of the impacts of U.S. policies on developing countries and their potential contribution to SD. Technology and policy issues specific to developing countries have not been consistently analyzed in past OTA reports, however, increasingly this is changing. Nevertheless, in many instances developing countries are viewed only in the context of being potential markets, resource providers, or strategic partners without sufficient attention to the potential impact that might be delivered on their national development. Although human resources are as vital to developing country economic progress and quality of life as technology, OTA has not assessed human resource needs to the same extent as other areas. To move toward sustainable development, policymakers could consider not only domestic economic concerns, but also the major scientific and technological challenges affecting all countries.

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