

(C) Air and Water Pollution.

We commend the national recognition of the importance of our natural environment through programs that have been established in the Department of the Interior, the Public Health Service, and the Environmental Sciences Service Administration aimed at the understanding and abatement of air and water pollution. We urge that greater emphasis be given in these programs to arrangements that make it possible to enlist the unique competencies of the universities and their faculty members in this national effort.

XIV. INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Associations regret that the constructive legislative steps taken by the 89th Congress to expand and improve both educational and technical assistance programs in the international field have not been subsequently implemented. These include Section 211 (d) of the Foreign Assistance Act and the International Education Act. Also, no action has been taken on proposals to provide for Federal assistance, through publicly identified channels, in the participation of American voluntary organizations in international activities.

The Associations are concerned not only with failure to implement the new initiatives authorized, but also with the substantial reductions in support of ongoing international educational and technical assistance programs made by the first session, 90th Congress, at a time when their substantial expansion is clearly called for. Because of this concern, establishment of a Task Force to study and make recommendations particularly with reference to international technical and developmental assistance programs — in cooperation with other educational organizations — has been authorized.

The following actions are clearly needed:

(A) Funding for international technical assistance, educational and cultural exchange, and related activities should be substantially increased beyond the levels provided for fiscal 1969.

(B) Funds to support the planning activities required by law under the International Education Act should be provided at the earliest