3. DEVELOPING HIGHLY EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY POLICIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FUTURE. CASE STUDY: ROMANIA

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Abstract: Seven objectives are identified that can increase the effectiveness of environmental security policy: (1) prevent environmental damage before it happens; (2) take countermeasures that concentrate on more basic causes; (3) implementing elements of the environmental framework in an integrated way; (4) combine environmental security policies with other policies; (5) make appropriate use of the market mechanism; (6) make appropriate use of information; (7) appropriately shape the mechanism for linkups and participation by concerned parties. Developing highly effective environmental security policies for a sustainable future, implies the need to analyze the environment and trade, environment and market, environment and information, new measures of local governments, consumers and business and their corporation, and the basic environment plan linked to a sustainable future.

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1. Introduction

Modern civilization, which has developed by seeking new frontiers and expanding its range of activities, is approaching the limits of the environment on a global scale. This is an experience that mankind has never had before.
Developed countries, in particular, have used trade and other avenues to deepen their relations broadly with the nations of the world so as to achieve rapid economic growth. These developed countries have come to hold much influence in international society both economically and from the point of view of placing burdens on the environment. They also have a large role to play in international society toward resolution of environmental problems, together with the developing and underdeveloped countries.

All countries have to build a sustainable society. But while the basic direction of environmental policy has been set, the real task of developing an environmental policy that specifically changes the modern socioeconomic system still remains ahead. Environmental policy should be not merely the province of the government or of the local public authorities; businessmen, the people, and private sector groups also should be actively pursuing it autonomously, each working under a fair division of responsibility according to their positions. But the capital and labor available for these efforts are certainly not limitless. And if additional problems appear in the near future, such as global warming, the time frame within which these groups can work to promote their environmental policies is even more limited.

It is therefore extremely important for policy makers, whether they be governments, local public authorities, or the private sector, to select environmental policies that are as effective as possible in terms of the investment costs of capital, labor, and time.

2. Objectives that Boost the Effectiveness of Environmental Policies

The character of environmental security problems today has changed. As can be seen by such issues as global warming or waste disposal, the emphasis of environmental security today has shifted toward how to reduce the burden on the environment caused by business activity or daily life. Moreover, many environmental problems are global in scale, complexly intertwined in causing today’s situations. It also is possible that such problems as climate change that are caused by global warming may appear and cause damage when it is too late for mankind to do anything about it.

It will be necessary in the future to incorporate environmental security policy into increasingly broad socioeconomic activities, from all sorts of government, local public authority, and private sector groups. Assuring a viewpoint that makes these policies as efficient and effective as possible will probably be an important point in the achievement of a sustainable economy and society that smoothly promotes this kind of integration between the environment and economy.