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Remarks on 12th CSD Session

The 12th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development that took place during the last two weeks of April in New York, was the first substantive non-negotiating session after the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

The thematic cluster for the 12th CSD session was water, sanitation and human settlements. More than one hundred Ministers dealing with Environment, water, housing development, finance and agriculture attended and addressed the session. For the first time in the CSD substantive sessions the high-level segment of the 12th session was opened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Chair's draft report summarizing the discussions is available in this room. Although the issues talked by CSD at its 12th session are not directly connected to the subject in discussion at present meeting, the participants have to keep in mind that in 2010-2011 CSD will address the issues of the mining industry, and so the material on CDS-12 that was distributed, will give the participants the feeling about CSD approach towards global matters.