

**Yet the *United Nations* “Johannesburg Sustainable Economic Development 2002 Summit”
Central and South Asia Regional Roundtable Policy Statement #15 states:**

“Peace and security are fundamental for achieving the objectives of *sustainable (economic) development* so that people can live under conditions where their personal safety is not compromised and the natural resource base and infrastructure can provide for sustainable livelihoods. The complex relationships between political conflicts and unrest and *sustainable (economic) development* are often underestimated and are not properly addressed, both at the local, as well as the regional and international levels.”

**“Not only are economic development, social progress and protection of environment impossible during times of conflict, but a lack of natural resources, such as land or water, along with poverty and social marginalization often represent the true underlying causes of conflicts. At the same time poverty and social hardships could lead to involvement of some local people in terrorist activities, organized crime and drug trafficking.....
Addressing the underlying economic, social and environmental causes of conflicts is the best possible way of preventing them. Thus, (*sustainable economic*) *development* and security are inalienable (human rights) concepts.”**

[Johannesburg Summit 2002 (August 26 to September 4, 2002): Sustainable Development Summit: Asia Regional Roundtable: Central and South Asia, held in Krygyzstan, July 30-August 1, 2001; Report Extract: Page 3 Concern 15. (Emphasis Added)]