RELEVANT INFORMATION SOURCES AND RESOURCES

UNITED NATIONS

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For orders or requests for more information on the report please contact:
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NGLS (UNITED NATIONS NON–GOVERNMENTAL LIASON SERVICE)

The United Nations Non–Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS) is an unit that specialises in development education and information work on North–South development issues that facilitate dialogue and co–operation between development NGOs and the UN. They publish newsletters and other documents that can be requested from their offices:

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SOME GLOBAL NGO RESOURCES

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- ATD Fourth World, 95480 PIERRELAYE, FRANCE
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  http://www.atd-quartmonde.org

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