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Reinhart Helmke, Director of the Division for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), elaborates on UNDP and other United Nations agencies' aid efforts to help CIS countries get through the critical transition to market economies as quickly as possible. UNDP is encouraging businesses and national institutions to improve their managerial skills by providing them with the assistance of qualified experts and at the same time is helping professional groups to make this difficult transition better understood by the general public. Mr. Helmke believes that CIS countries should strengthen cooperation among themselves to overcome many of the economic and social problems they face. UNDP and IAEA are also working with national institutions to establish a monitoring system to protect the public from the dangers of any future nuclear accidents.

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