



# International Development Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 1

### PART 1

#### ASSISTANCE

##### *Provision of assistance*

#### **1 Development assistance**

- (1) The Secretary of State may provide any person or body with development assistance if he is satisfied that the provision of the assistance is likely to contribute to a reduction in poverty.
- (2) In this Act “development assistance” means assistance provided for the purpose of—
  - (a) furthering sustainable development in one or more countries outside the United Kingdom, or
  - (b) improving the welfare of the population of one or more such countries.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(a) “sustainable development” includes any development that is, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, prudent having regard to the likelihood of its generating lasting benefits for the population of the country or countries in relation to which it is provided.