

KUALA LUMPUR, LATER THIS MONTH. THE GEF PARTICIPANTS MEETING WILL TAKE SOME DECISIONS ON THE FACILITY'S FUTURE SCOPE AND GOVERNANCE, WHICH WILL HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON THE ROLE THE GEF IS PERCEIVED TO PLAY AS PART OF THE FINANCIAL PACKAGE FOR FUNDING AGENDA 21. FINALLY, AT THE CONFERENCE ITSELF, DONORS WILL NOT/NOT BE ABLE TO FORESTALL DIRECT QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR WILLINGNESS, OR THE LACK OF IT, TO COMMIT NEW AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR FUNDING COMPONENTS OF AGENDA 21. ALTHOUGH RIO IS NOT/NOT SLATED TO BE A PLEDGING CONFERENCE, THE SIZE OF ANY PLEDGES ANNOUNCED WILL HAVE A MATERIAL IMPACT ON THE SUCCESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

20. AGENDA 21: FINALLY, DELEGATIONS IN RIO WILL HAVE TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS FOR EACH CHAPTER OF AGENDA 21. THERE ARE SEVERAL ASPECTS TO THIS PROBLEM. FIRST, PREPCOM CHAIRMAN KOH PRESENTED A BRIEF CHAPEAU TO AGENDA 21, WHICH STATED THAT NATIONAL GOVTS HAVE THE FOREMOST RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTING AGENDA 21 AND ENDORSED (AT CANADA'S BEHEST) THE IMPORTANCE OF QUOTE NATIONAL STRATEGIES, PLANS, POLICIES AND PROCESSES UNQUOTE TO ACHIEVE THIS. THIS CHAPEAU COULD BE IMPROVED AND EXPANDED. SECOND, DELS WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF WHICH INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOLLOWING-UP THE SPECIFIC CHAPTERS OF AGENDA 21. CANADA REQUESTED THAT SEC GEN STRONG COMPILE A LIST OF ALL THE INSTITUTIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE OTHER CHAPTERS OF AGENDA 21 (BESIDES THE INSTITUTIONS CHAPTER) TO FACILITATE THIS TASK. FINALLY, DELS WILL HAVE TO FIND SOME MEANS OF DEALING WITH THE UNNEGOTIATED MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION SECTIONS OF CHAPTER OF AGENDA 21 - WITHOUT HAVING TO DEBATE THE COSTING ESTIMATES. A LOT