

activities being directed through recommendations of this chapter. Particular emphasis was placed on increasing the capacity and participation of local authorities throughout the chapter on Human Settlements (Add.7).

Mr. Harvey Ruvim, a representative of the International Cities Association addressed the informal Plenary on this issue on behalf of local authorities. in the informal plenary on this issue. Other representatives of international local authority groups were present at PrepCom and spoke to delegates regarding current international initiatives at the local level being directed to UNCED. Representatives of the International Cities Association proposed two amendments to the text of Add.13, one of which was incorporated into L. 72.

A report from a meeting of International Associations of Cities and Local Authorities held in Rio in January was also available to all delegates. This report included a Common Declaration on Behalf of the World's Cities and Local Authorities which will be adopted at the World Urban Forum in Curitiba, Brazil immediately prior to UNCED. Declarations from the World Cities and their Environment Congress (Toronto), the 5 City Consultation Project (CMHC/CIDA/EA), and the 3rd Summit Conference of Major Cities of the World (Montreal) formed a base for this common declaration.

CMHC, CIDA, and Environment Canada are interested in continued support to efforts which support human settlements initiatives in general and in particular, municipally based activities. Followup leading to UNCED will include the identification of specific Canadian initiatives related directly to the recommendations of this document.

MAJOR GROUPS: STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF WORKERS AND THEIR TRADE UNIONS

The original text of this chapter had been drafted in close consultation with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU). Changes in wording proposed by delegations were generally for purposes of clarification. The only substantive change was the elimination of the reference in the objectives section to right to know laws, and the placement of the responsibility for ensuring participation of workers in environmental audits on the trade unions themselves. The reference to full and sustainable employment has been retained on the basis that this does not mean 100% employment per se.