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Coordinator's text on

THE TRANSFER OF ENVIRONMENTALLY [SAFE AND] SOUND TECHNOLOGY

(on the basis of A/CONF.151/PC/L.46, informal consultations)

The Preparatory Committee decides to deal, at its fourth session on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228, with the issue of transfer to the developing countries of environmentally [safe and] sound technology and the corresponding technical know-how taking into account the objectives and programmes that may emerge in Agenda 21 which should include the following elements:

1. The concepts included in paragraph 15 (m) of resolution 44/228,
2. The [identification] [and examination] with a view to the establishment and/or development of appropriate international and national mechanisms to promote, facilitate and finance the transfer of environmentally [safe and] sound technology including on concessional and preferential terms, without prejudice [to the protection of intellectual property rights or] to specific commitments and arrangements on transfer of technology to be adopted in specific international instruments regarding the protection of the environment. In this regard, [the Fourth Preparatory Committee Session should discuss with a view to arriving at an agreement on recommendations to the Conference on such mechanisms which aim at:] such mechanisms should also aim at:

New para 2(a):

(a) [Encouragement of improved flows of environmentally [safe and] sound technology to developing countries, also making uses of commercial mechanisms.]

(a) Supporting the development of endogenous capacity building in developing countries through, inter alia, the development of human resources and the strengthening of institutional capacities in R & D on the basis of country and sector specific assessment of the technology needs, in accordance with the plans, objectives and priorities of these countries

(b) [Helping to ensure] [Ensuring] the access, particularly of developing countries, to scientific and technological information, including state-of-the-art technologies, inter alia, through the establishment and/or development of international information networks and their databases, based on regional and national centres, easily accessible by potential users to information related to technological options, trading conditions, implementation costs, and technological [security] [safety],

(c) Exchanging experiences of and developing the capacity for technology assessment, environmental impact and risk assessment of technology, (particularly new technologies) in particular in developing countries to enable them to make choices based on environmentally [safe and] sound technology.