

inclusion. Compromise wording was found. The recent "collapse of communism" and spread of democracy has in effect left the world with one development model and there was therefore relatively little disagreement on economic policy. One of the main areas of disagreement was with regard to ODA which remains bracketed in the text.

OUTCOME AND ASSESSMENT

The text was adopted with five bracketed passages. Three of these passages deal with ODA and await resolution of talks on financing under Agenda 21.

A fourth bracketed passage is an introductory paragraph introduced by the EC during plenary on the penultimate day of Prepcom IV. The passage is derived from "The Spirit of Cartagena" (ie. the introduction to UNCTAD VIII's final declaration). Pakistan, Brazil, Colombia and other G-77 countries insisted that this passage remain in brackets since its introduction occurred very late in the Prepcom and the G-77 needed time to reach consensus on it. They also expressed doubt that this was the appropriate place for a Spirit of UNCED-type declaration. The text is acceptable to Canada and its removal from brackets should not cause any problems for us. Negotiators of this document followed a rule whereby any passages borrowed from Cartagena were quoted verbatim and therefore any change to the text would be unacceptable to Canada. The placement of the passage is not a major concern.

The final bracketed passage is in section D of the document, entitled, "Encourage economic policies conducive to sustainable development". This passage deals with domestic economic reforms to be taken in developed countries, including increasing savings and reducing consumption. The difficulties in this passage lie with the sudden shift of emphasis from actions to be taken in developing countries to those to be taken in developed countries and with the effects reduced consumption in developed countries, and hence reduced demand for imports, would have on the development prospects of developing countries.

In general, this chapter represents a modest success for UNCED. It generally deals with areas in which it was not necessary or appropriate to make major advances within the UNCED process and wisely refrains from attempting to do so. At the same time it does highlight the importance of issues that are being dealt with elsewhere.

Specifically, efforts at market manipulation through international commodity agreements have proven ineffective and renewed efforts in this direction would have represented