

countries should be given "headstart" support not only in their national efforts to implement international agreements or instruments, but also to participate effectively in the negotiation of new or revised agreements or instruments and in the actual international operation of such agreements or instruments. Support should include assistance in building up expertise in international law particularly in relation to sustainable development, and in assuring access to the necessary reference information and scientific/technical expertise on fair and equitable terms.

C. Improve methods of dispute prevention and settlement

9. In the area of prevention and settlement of conflicts, States should further study and consider methods to broaden and make more effective the range of techniques available at present.