

DRAFT DECISION IV

Environmental disputes: prevention and settlement

The Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/228 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and in particular paragraph 15 (w), under which the Conference should assess the capacity of the United Nations system to assist in the prevention and the settlement of disputes in the environmental sphere and to recommend measures in this field, while respecting existing bilateral and multilateral agreements that provide for the settlement of such disputes,

Bearing in mind the interrelationship of environmental policies, development strategies and peaceful cooperation to achieve global sustainable development,

Recalling Principle 21 of the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm in June 1972,

Taking note of the proposals contained in A/CONF.151/PC/L.29 of 22 March 1991 and A/CONF.151/PC/WG.III/L.1 of 27 March 1991,

1. Decides to devote one or two sessions of Working Group III under agenda item 2 at the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee to subparagraph 15 (w) of General Assembly resolution 44/228; and

2. Requests the secretariat, in the evaluation of international agreements in preparation for the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee, to give special attention to the mandate of paragraph 15 (w) of General Assembly resolution 44/228.

DRAFT DECISION V

Institutions

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

(a) Takes note of the progress reports on institutions by the Secretary-General of the Conference (A/CONF.151/PC/36, A/CONF.151/PC/80 and Corr.1) and comments thereon; and

(b) Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development to prepare an updated compilation of institutional proposals made during the third session of the Preparatory Committee, including those made in Working Groups I and II and the plenary as well as relevant observations that may be contained in national reports, and originating from regional preparatory conferences with a focus on options for action.