

CANADIAN DELEGATION REPORT

CHAPTER 1

1. INTRODUCTION

This report must be considered preliminary in the sense that it was prepared during the two days following the conclusion of the Conference to make as much information available to interested persons as was possible in the circumstances. A full and considered analysis of all the implications of the Conference could not be developed within that time; thus Chapter VI, in particular, which deals with implications, must be taken as indicative rather than definitive.

In 1968 the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution UNGA XXIII 2398, co-sponsored by Canada and Sweden and calling for a Conference on the Human Environment in 1972. The invitation of the Swedish Government to hold the Conference in Stockholm was accepted. A Preparatory Committee of 27 members (including Canada) held four meetings that helped lay the basis for and shape the course of events at the Conference. Numerous intergovernmental meetings of a more technical nature, arranged by the Conference Secretariat, prepared draft action recommendations relating to the very broad range of subject matter to be considered by the Conference, and to the nature of new institutional arrangements that might be set up after the Conference. One intergovernmental working group focussed its attention on a draft Declaration on the Human Environment. Canada played a well-recognized and active role