

SIMPLY BRACKETED AND BY-PASSED. THUS DELEGATIONS WERE NOT OBLIGED TO ADDRESS THE SECTS ESTIMATES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NEEDS FOR FINANCIAL FLOWS, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING, IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THESE PROGRAMS OUTLINED IN EACH CHAPTER OF AGENDA 21. IN THE FINAL WEEK, ALL THE DRAFT CHAPTERS AS THEY EMERGED FROM DRAFTING GROUPS WERE THEN RUN THROUGH PLENARY FOR APPROVAL. THE FINAL PLENARY ON 03APRIL RAN ALL NIGHT AND CONCLUDED AT 05:00 ON SATURDAY MORNING.

7. THE RESULT WAS THAT THE DELEGATIONS ENDED UP NEGOTIATING AND APPROVING ABOUT 90 PERCENT OF THE TEXT COVERING THE BASIS FOR ACTION, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR EACH CHAPTER OF AGENDA 21. A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THE CHAPTERS HAVE NOW BEEN FINALIZED, WITH NO/NO OUTSTANDING BRACKETS. THIS INCLUDES SUCH SENSITIVE ISSUES FOR CANADIAN INTERESTS AS HAZARDOUS WASTES, TOXIC CHEMICALS, FRESHWATER AND THE MARINE POLLUTION PROGRAM AREAS OF THE OCEANS CHAPTER. OTHER CHAPTERS HAVE ONLY A MINOR BRACKETED AREAS, REFLECTING A FAILURE IN THE FINAL HOURS TO FORMULATE THE APPROPRIATE COMPROMISE WORDING. THIS IS THE CASE FOR EXAMPLE WITH THE CHAPTERS ON CONSUMPTION PATTERNS, TRADE AND DEBT, AND THE CHAPTER DEALING WITH NGO PARTICIPATION, KNOWN AS MAJOR GROUPS.

8. AS A DELEGATION, WE WERE PLEASED WITH THESE RESULTS. THE FACT THAT WE CAME WELL PREPARED WITH WRITTEN COMMENTS ON EACH CHAPTER ENSURED THAT OUR VIEWS WERE SUBSTANTIALLY REFLECTED IN THE REDRAFTING PROCESS. OUR CLOSE CO-ORDINATION WITH THE OTHER TWO CANZ DELEGATIONS (AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND) ON MANY ISSUES, PARTICULARLY ON THE SOCIAL ISSUES, HELPED MAGNIFY OUR IMPACT ON THE