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ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

Deliberations at this session included discussions on the need to identify means for promoting the transfer of technology and financial resources to support biotechnological developments; whether or not this issue should be considered in combination with biological diversity or separately with developing countries calling for their amalgamation; and the development of biotechnological capabilities in those countries which had the biological resources.

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WORKING GROUP II

HAZARDOUS WASTES

The main contentious issues were those common to all PrepCom III discussion: the need for full identification of the financial, technological, scientific and human resources required to implement the proposed activities in the management of hazardous waste. A further issue of concern is the continuing call by many developing countries for a ban on all transboundary movement of hazardous wastes. These issues were not resolved at PrepCom III, and remain on the table for PrepCom IV.

The need to keep the recycling option open is recognised in the revised Agenda 21 draft document. The importance of the Basel Convention is also reflected, along with regional agreements such as the Bamako Convention.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTE AND SEWAGE-RELATED ISSUES