NO to the idea that the groups and people committed to the forest are legitimately excluded from forums such as APEC meetings where decisions are made that affect us all, and the planet. "These decisions are too important to leave up to the politicians ... and the bureaucrats". An educating, engaged citizenry has been identified since "sustainable development" was first introduced into the wider world's vocabulary as being fundamental, a requirement, essential, necessary, critical. "Sustainable development" has metamorphosed into "sustainable yield" and "sustainable harvesting". "Development" has not been able to break out of its shell of "economic development and rehabilitation" cast at the Bretton Woods agreements after the second world war – "sustained growth is an oxymoron." YES to strengthened public education, public awareness and mobilization for change.

5. FOLLOW-UP TO THE WORKSHOP

Collected* Input

"*Collected" refers to the fact that the following points and statements were made throughout the Forests Workshop, at different times. Time limitations restricted formulation of a consensus. Source documents for these excerpts are summary notes from the two panels and the two report-backs (from round-table groups to the Forests workshop plenary, and from the Forests workshop to the *Sustainability Issues Forum* plenary, in the evening).

General agreement on two things was expressed and endorsed:

1. interest in continuing to meet as a network; commitment to strengthening effectiveness at working on issues jointly, <u>as</u> a network, as well as at getting better at communicating core messages to help achieve our various objectives;
2. a rejection of the fundamental principles of APEC and other multilateral global trade agreements and their effects on people and the environment.

The three main themes identified for the reporter covered in this section are:

- <u>Critical issues for collaboration</u>
- <u>Strategies of working together</u>
- <u>Actions of working together for Malaysia APEC meetings</u>

Input on these three themes is organized into the following sub-sections:

- **Priority Needs for the Network as a Group of Activist Oriented Organizations**
- **Working Together to Develop Strategies with Core Messages**
- **Core Messages as Part of Strategies** – *Examples of the kinds of core messages that such a network could develop, over time*
- **Some Main Issues Identified in Relation to Forests and APEC – and suggestions for strategies, continuing**
- **Main Issues in Moving from a Single-Organization Orientation to a Network**
- **Strategies to Include Looking and Working Forward to Malaysia APEC Meetings**