7. Environmental non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from 55 countries also met in Nairobi at a Symposium on Environment and the Future and adopted a statement, "A Message of Support for Life", which was presented formally to the special session. Canadians participating in the symposium included Dave Brooks of Energy Probe, Patrick Moore of Greenpeace and Stuart Marwick of York University's Development of Environmental Studies.

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8. The Canadian delegation to the special session was to have been headed by a federal minister, but circumstances arose at the last moment to prevent his participation. Provincial participation on the Canadian delegation was sought through the Canadian Council of Resource and Environment Ministers. A representative from an NGO was also invited to attend. The Canadian delegation comprised the following persons:

Blair Seaborn, Head of delegation, Deputy Minister, Environment Canada

David Miller, Deputy Head of delegation, High Commissioner to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP

Bernard Harvey, Sous-ministre adjoint, Ministère de l'environnement du Québec

Danielle Wetherup, Director General, Intergovernmental Affairs, Environment Canada

Lorne Clark, Director, Legal Operations Division, External Affairs

Robert Lederman, Director, United Nations Programmes,
Intergovernmental Affairs Directorate, Environment Canada

Pamela Deacon, Science, Environment and Transportation Policy Division, External Affairs

Richard W. Pratt, Conservation Director, Canadian Nature Federation

Ghislaine Girard, Conseillère, Ministère des affaires intergouvernementales du Québec

Michael Cleary, Second Secretary and UNEP Focal Point, Canadian High Commission, Nairobi.

9. Plenary meetings throughout the session provided a forum for the delivery of general statements by all delegations. (See Appendix 2 for the text of the Canadian statement.) In addition, an open-ended Committee of the Whole and a Working Group on the draft Declaration met concurrently.