

21. At the 16th meeting, on 30 August, the Chairman introduced a draft decision (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.III/L.18), entitled "Principles on general rights and obligations", which he had submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

22. Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Community and its member States), Ghana (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Chile, the United States of America, Singapore, the United Republic of Tanzania, Romania, Tunisia, Mauritius, Nepal, Mauritania, Malta and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The Secretary and the representative of the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development responded to questions raised.

23. At the same meeting, the Chairman orally revised the draft decision as follows:

(a) In paragraph (a), "A/CONF.151/PC/78 and" was inserted before the word "documents";

(b) Paragraph (b), which read:

"Decides to take action on A/CONF.151/PC/WG.III/L.6 at its fourth session;"

was replaced by the following text:

"Decides to consider and take appropriate action on A/CONF.151/PC/WG.III/L.6 at its fourth session;"

(c) In paragraph (c), the words "contained in these documents" were replaced by the words "contained in the above-mentioned documents" and the phrase "after the third session of the Preparatory Committee", were added at the end of the paragraph.

24. At the same meeting, the Working Group approved the draft decision, as orally revised, and recommended it to the Preparatory Committee for adoption (see para. 44 below, draft decision II).

V. OTHER LEGAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND RELATED MATTERS, AS WELL AS LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF CROSS-SECTORAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THOSE REFERRED TO WORKING GROUP III BY WORKING GROUPS I and II AND THE PLENARY OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

25. The working group considered the question of other legal, institutional and related matters, as well as legal and institutional aspects of cross-sectoral issues, including those referred to Working Group III by Working Groups I and II and the plenary of the Preparatory Committee (agenda item 5) at its 11th to 15th meetings, on 22, 23, 27 and 29 August 1991.