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AS A DEVELOPED COUNTRY NET TECHNOLOGY IMPORTER, WE ARE IN A WEAK POSITION BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH ON THIS ISSUES. SINCE THE MAJORITY OF OTHER OECD DELS SEEM MORE INCLINED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON THIS POINT - AT LEAST IN TERMS OF LANGUAGE - THAN CANADA, WE WILL NEED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW OUR NEGOTIATING APPROACH TO THIS ISSUE TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE NOT/NOT CAUGHT OUT BY A COMPROMISE STRUCK BETWEEN THE MAJOR TECHNOLOGY PRODUCERS (I.E. THE REST OF THE G7) AND THE G77.

16. INSTITUTIONS: PREPCOM FOUR MADE MAJOR STRIDES ON THE ISSUE OF INSTITUTIONS, (AS DESCRIBED IN PRMNY REFTEL WKGR3452 07APR92) AND HAS PLACED ON THE TABLE TWO BASIC INSTITUTIONAL OPTIONS FOR THE FOLLOW-UP TO UNCED - A NEW SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT OF ECOSOC. CANADA WILL HAVE TO COME TO RIO PREPARED TO TILT IN FAVOUR OF ONE OF THESE OPTIONS OR THE OTHER. WE SHOULD ALSO HAVE A POSITION ON COSTA RICAS INITIATIVE - DEVELOPED AT THE INSTIGATION OF MAURICE STRONG - FOR AN INDEPENDENT EARTH COUNCIL OF EMINENT ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS, OPERATING OUTSIDE THE UN, TO ASSESS PROGRESS TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. COSTA RICA WILL BE LOOKING FOR POLITICAL BLESSING FOR THIS INITIATIVE FROM LEADERS IN RIO, IN ORDER TO LEND IT CREDIBILITY. THE POSSIBILITY THAT SELECTED POLITICAL LEADERS WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVT CREDENTIALS COULD BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE CAN NOT/NOT BE RULED OUT.

17. EARTH CHARTER/RIO DECLARATION: THE MOST INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE WHOLE FIVE WEEKS OF THE PREPCOM FOCUSED AROUND THE EARTH CHARTER - THE SET OF PRINCIPLES INTENDED TO BE THE MISSION