

15. Development and transfer of technology

In order to prevent, reduce and control atmospheric interferences and taking into account in particular the needs of developing countries, States shall co-operate in promoting the development and transfer of relevant technologies and the provision of technical assistance.

16. Prior notice and environmental impact assessment of planned activities

When a State has reasonable grounds for believing that planned activities under its jurisdiction or control may cause an atmospheric interference outside such jurisdiction, it shall:

- (a) give timely notice to the competent international organization [and to the other States concerned];
- (b) make an assessment of the potential effects of such activities before carrying out or permitting the planned activities;
- (c) on its own initiative or upon request of the competent international organization [or of the other States concerned], provide such relevant information as will permit the competent international organization [or the other States concerned] to make an assessment of the probable effects of the planned activities.

Note: Texts between [] are applicable in the context of the protection of the atmosphere but should be deleted for the purposes of an instrument on climate protection.

This principle would be appropriate for a subsidiary instrument, but would require further consideration for inclusion in a framework convention.

17. Consultations

- (1) Consultations shall be held, upon request, at an early stage between, on the one hand, the competent international organization and States concerned and, on the other hand, States under whose jurisdiction or control activities which require prior notice are planned.
- (2) Consultations shall also be held, upon request, once such activities are being carried out.