

At the 9th Consultative Meeting in 1985, the Parties adopted a resolution which provided for an indefinite extension of the moratorium pending the completion of further studies, both scientific and socio-economic.

Discussion concerning the issue of disposal into the sea-bed of high-level radioactive wastes has included the questions whether such disposal is covered by the LDC and, if so, whether the Convention permits temporary retrievable emplacement of such wastes for research purposes.

Hazardous Wastes

Under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) an Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on the Environmentally Sound Management of Hazardous Wastes was established pursuant to a UNEP Governing Council Decision in 1982. At the Third Session of the Ad Hoc Working Group in Cairo in December of 1985, Draft Guidelines and Principles for the Environmentally Sound Management of Hazardous Wastes were adopted. These Guidelines, accompanied by a set of recommendations for action, were submitted to the Executive Director of UNEP for adoption by UNEP's Governing Council.