

To assist this Working Group in considering institutional matters raised in the other working groups, we have prepared a simple table of institutional proposals raised in the Agenda 21 documents on sectoral action plans - PC/42.Add.1 to PC/42/Add.10. We will not read the contents of this table now, but we are submitting a copy to the Chairman, and copies are available at the back of the room, attached to this intervention. Our main intent here, Mr. Chairman, is to provide a summary of sectoral institutional arrangements as an analytical tool to facilitate the work of Working Group III. The table could also serve as an approach by which Working Groups I and II, or the Plenary, could refer issues to Working Group III for consideration.

We would like to request the Secretariat to prepare a more detailed version of this analysis, taking into account the discussions which are taking place now in Working Groups I and II, in order to identify the range of institutional proposals which are under consideration in the discussions on sectoral issues. Such an analysis would permit Working Group III to identify common elements in institutional approaches which would lead to appropriate implementation mechanisms for specific sectors and for meeting broader institutional requirements. We request that this analysis be available later this week, prior to the session of Working Group III on "Issues referred by other Working Groups and Plenary".

Canada is considering to propose a similar approach for cross-sectoral issues which are to be discussed in Plenary such as financial arrangements, technological cooperation and transfer, and poverty and development.

The Canadian delegation believes that there is a good opportunity for Working Group III to begin substantive debate on institutional arrangements, without foreclosing options, and with substantive input from all delegations. We would recommend, however, Mr. Chairman, that such debate begin later this week, following the discussions on legal instruments and on rights and obligations. We believe that it may be possible later this week and next week for Working Group III to achieve a scoping of institutional issues - identifying what matters are most important to consider - and to begin to identify some options to pursue in future negotiations.

Mr. Chairman,

The Canadian Delegation plans to make detailed comments on the proposals contained in PC/80 later this week, and to outline those institutional issues which we consider most important for consideration by the Working Group.

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