

and that it is now necessary to elaborate in more detail the action called for by Principle No. 6 of those Principles for Energy Policy, providing for a strong steam coal utilization strategy and active promotion of an expanded and reliable international trade in steam coal;

The Recommendation on Coal and the Environment adopted by the OECD Council on 8th May, 1979 following a proposal by the Environment Committee meeting at Ministerial level on 7th-8th May, 1978.

I. Coal in the Overall Energy Context

The Governing Board at Ministerial level:

1. Has reassessed the overall energy prospects to 1985 and beyond, and concludes:

a. The basic prospects for energy market developments have not improved since the meeting of the Governing Board at Ministerial level in October, 1977.

b. The world is still confronted with the serious risk that within the decade of the 1980's it will not have sufficient oil and other forms of energy available at reasonable prices unless present energy policies are strengthened. Such a situation would have severe economic, social and political repercussions in all Member countries and throughout the world.

c. Developments in international oil markets during recent months have demonstrated how difficult it is to predict accurately when such a situation might arise. They have, moreover, shown clearly how exposed the world's oil supply system is, even in the short term, to unexpected supply disruptions.