

Committee to continue to follow the work of that Committee and to keep the INC informed on the interconnections between climate change and other environment and development issues, as they emerge from the Preparatory Process of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in particular the elaboration of Agenda 21.

B. Ozone depletion

The Preparatory Committee,

(a) While noting the growing concern over the continuing depletion of the Earth's stratospheric ozone layer, with the ongoing work within the framework of the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, as amended in London in 1990;

(b) Agrees, in light of its evaluation of ongoing activities under the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol, on the following with regard to Agenda 21 in relation to ozone depletion:

(i) All States that have not already done so should be urged to ratify, accept or approve the Montreal Protocol and its 1990 amendments, and to pay their contributions towards the Vienna/Montreal Trust Funds and the Interim Multilateral Ozone Fund;

(ii) All States and relevant international organizations should be encouraged to support further expansion of the Global Ozone Observing System Network coordinated by the World Meteorological Organization, by facilitating - through bilateral and multilateral funding - the establishment and operation of additional monitoring stations, especially in the tropical belt and the Southern Hemisphere;

(iii) All parties to the Montreal Protocol and relevant international organizations should, with appropriate support to developing countries, be encouraged to participate actively in the continuous assessment of scientific information, health and environmental effects as well as technological/economic implications of stratospheric ozone depletion;

(iv) The parties to the Montreal Protocol ~~should agree to take~~ ^{are invited to consider further} further actions that prove warranted and feasible on the basis of these assessments, encouraged by the new and additional funding resources technologies and mechanisms through the establishment of the Interim Multilateral Ozone Fund; by the balanced representations in management and the smooth development work to implement the fund in order to compensate developing countries in meeting the incremental cost for complying with the Montreal Protocol;

(v) The industries concerned and the international business community at large should be urged to contribute fully towards ongoing efforts under the Montreal Protocol and its implementing mechanisms.