II - DEFINING PROGRAMMING PRINCIPLES AND SETTING PROGRAMME PRIORITIES

Paragraph 7 – Principal Priorities

Question 5

> Are you in favour of selecting again in document 32 C/5 one principal priority and a limited number of other priorities for each major programme?

Question 6

> How should the principal priorities in document 32 C/5 be strengthened in terms of resource increase?

Question 7

> Regarding the selection of the principal priorities for each major programme, do you:
> (a) favour the retention of the same principal priorities as in document 31 C/5 Approved?
> (b) prefer the designation of new principal priorities? If so, which ones?

Question 8

> What further comment or possible suggestion would you like to make on the content, the main orientations or on the way these priorities should be selected, articulated and dealt with in the future?

Response of Canada

We support the identification of one principal priority in the 32 C/5 supported by limited, clearly defined, priorities in each programme area. We also encourage the identification of cross-cutting themes, the continuing move to work in a trans-disciplinary way, and the appropriate allocation of resources to ensure that programme activities related to the cross-cutting theme can be successfully implemented.

We do not believe it is possible to respond to Question 6 until the principal priorities have been identified in the draft 32 C/5.