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CANADIAN INTERVENTION ON CTI TASK FORCE 4

I'm speaking on behalf of the Task Leader, Martin Aubé, also of the Ministry of Natural Resources. Here is a brief update on Task 4, "Enhancing Markets for Emerging Technologies". There is no documentation.

After some delay, a letter was sent out in May '97, to CTI members. Although not strictly speaking a Work Plan, the letter was an effort to organize and structure the work in the task.

Of significance was a preliminary list of eight kinds of key barriers to the transfer of environmentally friendly technologies to developing countries. These included:

- lack of funding
- lack of knowledge of the benefits, reliability of these technologies
- lack of proven benefits of emerging technologies
- lack of environmental regulation in a host country

Another item in the letter sent out to CTI members in May was a recommendation for an update on the inventory, or list, of activities that each country undertakes to enhance markets for green technologies in developing countries or countries with economies in transition.

The Task Leader has recommended that, once there has been tabulated a list of barriers and existing activities to reduce these barriers, then there could be a discussion among Task Force 4 participants as to what could be done to respond to this information. This will help identify gaps to be filled.

The Task Leader asked for input to the list of barriers, and existing activities, so that the subsequent discussion could begin. I understand that there has as yet been very little response to this request, although a follow up letter was sent out.

The Task Leader, who unfortunately could not come to the Bonn meetings, asked for confirmation of expressions of interest from CTI delegates in this Task. He expressed a willingness, among other things, to explain further, in a two or three page note, his list of eight generic barriers if that would help countries submit their experiences. Such an explanation could be, if possible, attached to the record of this ad hoc group meeting. He recognizes that this Task is behind the progress of some of the others, but would nevertheless hope that there will be an expression of interest from as many countries as possible.