

4.2.6 The Committee recommends that acquisition, analyses and interpretation of information on climatic and related data would enable developing countries to take more effective account of climate change considerations in formulating national policies. Such actions are necessary also at regional levels to undertake and refine impact studies. The current unevenness in the acquisition and use of such data which is evident between the hemispheres should be eliminated. The Committee further recommends that the developing countries take immediate action to identify their specific needs to determine the financial implications of such action. It would be necessary to mobilize appropriate funding in order to mount a sustained programme and create regional centres to organize information networks on climate change.

4.2.7 In many developing countries the meteorological/ hydrological service is the main and often the only institution collecting and recording data with relevance to climate. If associated weather patterns are modified, as some predict they would as a result of climate change, then the capabilities of such services need to be reinforced to enhance their contributions to sustainable development.

4.2.8 The Committee recommends that considerations of climate change should be integrated in development policies. These policies could favour projects which have as their objective the prevention of and adjustment to adverse effects of climate change, promotion of the awareness of, and education on, the problem and the development and deployment of appropriate techniques and methodologies. National environmental studies should also

take into account predicted climate change in order to determine sustainable development strategies. To reach these objectives, the developing countries and many industrialized countries consider it essential that additional funding be available to enable developing countries to meet the incremental costs resulting from their efforts to combat climate change.

4.2.9 The Committee further recommends that its findings be duly taken into account in all relevant areas of the work of IPCC. Programmes of action should be developed and implemented (and the concepts which would lead to such programmes of action developed where needed) without delay, with a view to ensure, provided the necessary means are made available, the full participation of developing countries in the future work and activities on climate change. UNEP and WMO should take the lead in this regard and initiate the necessary consultations. Other multilateral or bilateral organizations should also be contacted for elaborating and implementing these programmes of action, such as:

(i) In the field of research and monitoring

- * the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies
- * regional intergovernmental organizations such as the European Community
- * non-governmental organizations such as the International Council of Scientific Unions.

(ii) On seminars and workshops in such areas as public information, negotiations and legal aspects

- * non-governmental organizations in addition to the UN and its Specialized Agencies and regional intergovernmental organizations.