

positions. Where possible, references to national governments were substituted for countries so as to recognize jurisdictional considerations in countries such as Canada.

#### FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Despite five weeks of intensive negotiations in New York, no final decision was reached at PrepCom IV on the issue of financial resources, and the entire issue has been left to UNCED to resolve. While this outcome met a number of our minimal procedural objectives, it did not meet our aims for a substantive result.

Nevertheless, along the way, consensus was achieved on several points. Delegations agreed that the financial resources issue should be handled as a chapter of Agenda 21 - and it should focus on the funding of Agenda 21, rather than conventions. Delegations agreed that a package approach would be needed, identifying a variety of potential sources and channels for funding. All delegations accepted the concept that new and additional resources would be required - at least for problems of global significance. And all agreed that the goal of such funding would be to build "partnerships for sustainable development".

The major points of contention in Rio will likely be: whether new and additional resources should be provided for the incremental costs of implementing Agenda 21; the concept of a multilateral separate fund for Agenda 21; the possibility of expanding the scope of the GEF; the real volume of the IDA replenishment; timetables for meeting ODA targets; the role of national sustainable development strategies as a basis for coordinating domestic and international funding for Agenda 21; and the potential eligibility of economies in transition for new and additional resources for Agenda 21.

#### TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

Negotiations on the transfer of technology chapter continued until Thursday noon when it was clear that no further progress could be made in reaching a bracket free text. Despite the final failure to reach consensus, the text is now largely without brackets except for the three paragraphs referring to access and transfer on concessional and preferential terms and compulsory acquisition of technology. The issue of environmentally safe and sound technologies has also not been resolved. After the initial text tabled on Wednesday by the USA supported by the EC and CANZ, the G77