

- 11) The EC reintroduced the concept of incorporating the social costs of environmental impacts caused by industrial production. This concept was retained, however, recognizing that there was still considerable work to be done in certain areas, the emphasis was changed to continuing research and other work aimed at developing methodologies and criteria.
- 12) Under the stratospheric ozone depletion programme area the major contentious issue was how to include specific reference to the Montreal Protocol and its control measures when some countries had not signed or ratified it or its 1990 amendments. This was a issue of particular concern to some members of the G-77. The reference to realizing the objectives of the Montreal Protocol (proposed by the G-77) was thought to be an acceptable compromise.
- 13) An activity within the programme area on stratospheric ozone depletion that called for the replacement of ozone-depleting substances that were not greenhouse gases was introduced by Switzerland. Through negotiations, this activity was modified to make it consistent with efforts under the Montreal Protocol and included a call for an holistic evaluation of a replacement's suitability.
- 14) Tunisia introduced the concept of developing strategies for reducing the effects of air pollution including identifying specific actions to address their environmental, economic, social and other effects. This proposal was unacceptable to the EC, USA and Canada which wanted the emphasis placed on reducing emission rather than reducing the effects. A balance was struck in the final text which included both reducing emissions and the effects. The need to include the latter was based on recognition that some transboundary air pollution (e.g., that resulting from natural disasters and accidents) could occur and strategies should be developed to reduce the effects.

OUTCOME AND ASSESSMENT

The PrepCom IV decision document was placed entirely in square brackets by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Yemen during the Plenary session. In addition, during that same session these delegation introduced a number of phrases and suggested deletion of several paragraphs in the negotiated text. The rationale given for these actions was that the entire chapter duplicated and prejudged the negotiations within the INC-Climate Change and therefore negotiation