

1991. From each of these will come specific recommendations on the role of cities as it relates to the UNCED process and specifically Agenda 21. Canada will bring these and other recommendations from urban based fora to UNCED discussions for inclusion into Agenda 21 and strongly encourages other governments whose municipalities are involved in these or similar processes to consider a like-minded strategy.

In addition, Canada encourages the Secretariat to create an opportunity for cities and particularly representatives from fora such as the World Urban Forum being held in Curitiba, Brazil from May 25-28, 1992 just prior to UNCED, to participate in UNCED and to present their findings and recommendations at the Conference.

Mr. Chairman, we believe that human settlements and sustainable development are essential elements to a sustainable future. Canada has been a strong supporter of these issues as early as the Stockholm and Vancouver Habitat Conferences and we believe that they are an essential component to sustainable development and must be strengthened within the UNCED agenda.