

coordination, met with resistance from Umbrella Group delegations, including Canada, which did not want to reopen the difficult debate on this item that had occurred at Kyoto. The issue will be included in the preparatory process for the first Meeting of the Parties under the Protocol, but the decision on allocation of work to subsidiary bodies was left pending.

**10. Compliance:** Delegations participating in a series of informal discussions agreed that work at COP-4 should focus upon the process for elaborating a compliance system. The EU called for an ad hoc Group of Legal and Technical Experts, reporting to COP and developing a single compliance procedure for the Protocol. Umbrella Group delegations, including Canada, expressed a preference for a joint contact group under the convention's subsidiary bodies so as to ensure access to policy and technical experts and ensure coordination with work on compliance related issues in other groups, particularly in the context of the mechanisms. Canada's priority was to ensure that the group's mandate would not prejudice the outcome of its work. In particular, Candel sought to ensure that work on compliance could occur also in the context of the mechanisms and that the group's mandate was not to develop a single regime requiring ratification prior to use of the mechanisms. Candel succeeded in securing its priorities. The Working Group will convene under the subsidiary bodies beginning in June 1999. In preparation for this session, Parties are to submit views on compliance matters by 1 March 1999. The Working Group is to identify compliance-related elements in the Protocol, follow their development in various groups, develop necessary procedures to address non-compliance and ensure the development of a coherent compliance system for the Protocol. The Group is to report to COP-5 on its progress. COP-5 will take further steps, including, if necessary, the establishment of an ad hoc group on compliance, with a view to adopting a decision at COP-6.

**11. Development and Transfer of Technologies:** The transfer of technology is identified as an obligation of the Annex I Parties both under the Convention and in the Kyoto Protocol. Developing countries insisted on linking this issue to the overall package. The COP adopted a decision to establish a consultative process to achieve agreement on a framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of the obligations of the Convention. Parties are invited to make submissions to the Secretariat by 15 March 1999 on responses to the questions framing the consultation. Recommendations emanating from the consultations will be reported to COP 5. Priority is to given to activities on the theme of building the capacity of Parties to enhance and continue to disseminate information on the transfer of environmentally sound technologies and know-how conducive to mitigating and adapting to climate change.

**12. Addressing Impacts of climate change and climate change response measures** (Implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention and Articles 2.3 and 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol):