

June. Since then various Governments have had time to study the USA draft and it will be discussed further at the current meeting. It is expected that other Governments will submit their own drafts at Ottawa.

The Working Group will also discuss elements of a Comprehensive Plan to Preserve the Oceans, including such components as priority research needs, the identification of critical pollutants, developing systems to monitor the oceans, the collection, retrieval and dissemination of information. Practical measures for control and abatement of pollution at the national, regional and global levels will also be examined.

The United Nations Conference for the Human Environment is the first of its kind in history. It will bring together senior level officials and their advisers representing 130 member Governments of the United Nations to decide actions which must be taken to deal with the grave environmental crisis facing mankind.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The Second Meeting of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Marine Pollution will open at 10:30 a.m. Monday, November 8, at the Conference Centre. The meeting will be addressed by the Hon. Jack Davis, Minister of the Environment, and Maurice F. Strong, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment.

Representatives of the press and electronic media are invited to attend the opening and closing sessions. For further information call 992 6507.