

- a. the use of coal as an alternative fuel;
- b. the production of coal to meet this increased demand;
- c. international trade in coal to meet increased demand.

They will make that commitment clearly known to investors, industry and the general public.

16. They will assess their environmental policies, provisions and practices affecting coal mining, transport and combustion, disposal of coal waste, and land reclamation and, where necessary, will amplify and clarify them, taking into account:

- a. technology which is already available and which can be more widely and effectively utilised in commercial applications;
- b. the need to develop technologies for additional improvements through research and development, and to commercialize them as soon as they are economically viable;
- c. the need to provide long-term reliability for investments by minimizing revisions of environmental standards for existing facilities which disproportionately increase costs in relation to environmental benefits;
- d. the need to minimise the complexities, costs and duration of procedures for obtaining necessary approvals.

17. They will assess on a co-operative basis the wider environmental impact of increasing coal production and combustion taking into account the Recommendations on Coal and the Environment adopted by the OECD Council on 8th May, 1979 following a proposal by the Environment Committee meeting at Ministerial level on 7th-8th May, 1979.