

OF THIS WORK CAN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO WHATEVER SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION EMERGES FROM UNCED. BUT IN ORDER FOR THE WORK TO DATE ON AGENDA 21 TO HAVE ANY POLITICAL CREDIBILITY WHILE IN RIO, SOME COMMITMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE TO FOLLOW-UP AND IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS, AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS.

21. CONCLUSION: THROUGH FOUR PREPCOMS OF BUREAUCRATIC AND DIPLOMATIC EFFORT, DELEGATIONS HAVE PRODUCED WORKABLE DRAFTS OF THE TWO BASIC DOCUMENTS EXPECTED TO EMERGE FROM UNCED - NAMELY AGENDA 21 AND THE RIO DECLARATION. WHAT IS NEEDED NOW TO COMPLETE THE TASK IS THE POLITICAL PUSH TO RESOLVE THE HARD ISSUES AND THE POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO FUND THE OUTCOMES. THREE FACTORS, IN PARTICULAR, WILL INFLUENCE TO POLITICAL CLIMATE OF THE CONFERENCE. THE FIRST, IS THE WILLINGNESS OF PRES BUSH TO ATTEND. DESPITE THE FACT THAT OVER 100 OTHER LEADERS ARE NOW PLANNING TO COME, THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE USA IS NOW BEING TAKEN AS A SINE QUA NON FOR A SUBSTANTIVE SUMMIT BY THE INTL MEDIA - AND THE USA NGOS THAT FEED THEM. THE SECOND FACTOR WILL BE THE FUNDING COMMITMENTS THAT ALL DONOR GOVTS ARE PREPARED TO MAKE. THE USA DEL IS PARTICULARLY LAGGARD IN THIS RESPECT - AND THE PRESIDENT COULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE CONFERENCE, EVEN IF HE CHOSE NOT/NOT TO ATTEND, IF HE ANNOUNCED A SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE NEW AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING THROUGH THE GEF FOR THE CONVENTIONS, AND FOR SPECIFIC AGENDA 21 ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR THE POLITICAL SUCCESS OF UNCED WILL BE WHETHER LEADERS HAVE A CLIMATE CHANGE CONVENTION TO SIGN. CLIMATE