

- 8) We need to focus on whether we hope to encourage Governments to develop their own Agenda 21 in time for RIO and the ways and means all of the various Agenda 21s can be made to be dynamic (perhaps there is a need to consider and set in place in RIO a mechanism for periodic review;
- 9) Similarly, we have to decide where business/industry, NGO and other independent sector groups that intend to produce their own Agenda 21 will fit into the RIO process.

Mr. Chairman, the CANZ Group is of the view that we must remain realistic as to what it is we expect Heads of Government to buy onto at RIO. We are hopeful that negotiations on Agenda 21 (by this I mean the determination of what Agenda 21 items governments are prepared to support and fund over what period of time) can begin at PrepCom IV. We realize that Agenda 21 is but one of the areas for which financial commitments from Governments will be sought at UNCED. It is therefore imperative that we begin this Agenda 21 focusing exercise as soon as possible so we can get on with the negotiations.

Mr. Chairman, I hope that these observations will assist the Secretariat in delineating our collective will regarding Agenda 21.

Thank you Mr. Chairman