

in all preparatory work.

The Conference Secretariat, headed by Maurice Strong as Secretary-General and drawing on the activities of the Preparatory Committee and the working groups noted above, prepared a series of documents, totalling some 800 pages, which contained background information and recommendations to be considered by the Conference.

The recommendations drafted by the Secretariat fell into two categories: for national action or for international action. Only the latter were considered at Stockholm. During the two and one half months preceding the Conference, those documents and the recommendations contained in them were reviewed interdepartmentally at the federal level, by provincial governments and a federal-provincial committee, and by a national preparatory committee that included representatives of interested non-governmental organizations. In addition, public consultations on the subject matter of the Conference were held in 11 Canadian cities and attended by about 1500 persons. About 400 written briefs were received. The Canadian position on issues expected to emerge at the Conference was developed on the basis of those governmental reviews and public consultations.

Pre-Conference study and formal Conference proceedings were organized in accordance with the following subject outline:

- I. Planning and management of human settlements.
- II. Environmental aspects of natural resources management.