

the Halifax results, I would respectfully suggest forestry be added to this list.

- Finally, a coherent strategy, whether on a national, regional or global scale must be based on a commonly accepted set of principles, contain a set of goals to be achieved and prescribe the essential elements of environmental management at the national level.

Mr. Chairman,

These are important results and should be incorporated into all aspects of the UNCED work on oceans.

In addition, Halifax experts called on UNCED to recognize the urgent nature of the problem of land-based sources of marine pollution, and to confirm the principles necessary for establishing a global strategy for addressing land-based sources. They agreed to reconvene, preferably before the end of this year, to develop a declaration, a strategy and action plan for adoption at UNCED, with the results of the follow-on meeting to be presented to PrepCom IV and incorporated as an important chapter in Agenda 21. They recommended that Canada be requested to continue as lead country in this process, in cooperation with the UNCED Secretariat.

At the May UNEP Governing Council Meeting in Nairobi, Canada presented the results of the Halifax meeting. While the Halifax Meeting recommended that Canada continue to be the lead country on land-based sources of marine pollution (LBSMP) the UNEP Governing Council (May 20-31) offered to host the next Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts, due in large part to UNEP's Regional Seas Programs. Canada and others supported this offer on the understanding that it would continue the work begun in Halifax and would be based on policy guidance provided by the Third Preparatory Committee of UNCED. Specifically, the results of the follow-on meeting of experts should be presented to PrepCom IV for consideration and further elaboration in that forum. Canada supports the lead role of UNCED in articulating a comprehensive approach to ocean environmental issues, including land-based sources of marine pollution. Canada will continue to take an active role in the development of such a comprehensive approach.

UNEP Governing Council decision 16/26A authorizes the Executive Director to convene, subject to the availability of resources, such a meeting and to initiate preparations without delay. Should UNEP have insufficient funds to host the next Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts on Land-based Sources of Marine Pollution, Prep Com III should consider contingency plans to continue this needed work. This could include requesting the UNCED Secretariat in collaboration with its working party on