

EDITORIAL

We have to apologize that this issue does not include a report on those discussions in the UN General Assembly of interest to our readers. Especially as to the Secretary-General has said that this session, "may be the most environmentally oriented ever".

One of the agenda points which was the subject of much discussion and differences among delegates, concerned the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development. Prominent politicians from many states also took the floor on this point. However, as the relevant final decisions were not yet available on our deadline date, we have decided to wait and bring the complete report in the next issue.

There was a majority view for the venue of the Conference — Brazil. But the continuing indecision and wrangling over the Preparatory Committee and the location of the Secretariat (Geneva or New York) and the outcome are so crucial to the planning of the Conference that we feel it is better to wait until next time when all the details will be available.

Another report which should have been included was that on the 15th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM), dealing with many aspects and questions of the environment. However, although the final meeting reached agreement on some matters, it did not finalize all the texts of the recommendations at that time. So rather than bring a general overview, we prefer to wait and include a full report in the next issue.

The Meeting adopted 22 recommendations, and one Declaration. Two of these call for the convening of two meetings in 1990 to consider all proposals relating to comprehensive environmental protection, and Article 8 (7) of CRAMRA, which requires the elaboration of a protocol on liability for mineral resource activities. The Government of Chile has offered to host the meetings, the first of which is to be a special ATCM.

We have been able to include the results of the Noordwijk Conference, held in The Hague (see page 229), where the Environment Ministers of 69 countries recognized, inter alia, the necessity of stabilizing emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, including CFCs, while at the same time ensuring "a stable development of the world economy".

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