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## COMMUNICATION FROM BRAZIL

The following communication, dated 20 August 1986, has been received from the Delegation of Brazil.

1. I would like to refer to the communication which you, in your capacity of Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, have sent to the Chairman-designate of the CONTRACTING PARTIES Ministerial Session to take place in Punta del Este, next September, and contained in document PREP.COM(86)W/50, dated August 8, 1986, on the conclusion of the work of the Committee.
2. I have taken note with pleasure of your intention to undertake consultations, in your capacity of Director-General, in order to facilitate deliberations in the forthcoming Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. In my understanding, the success of your intent to consult could be enhanced by a balanced and factual presentation of the work of the Preparatory Committee as announced in your summing up at the closing session of the Committee.
3. Having this in mind, I want to underline two particular points in which your communication seems to me to be insufficient: first, a clear reference to the fact that a large number of Contracting Parties expressed strong objections to the wish of those sponsoring document PREP.COM(86)W/47/Rev.2 that it be given the status of "the basis for discussion by Ministers in Punta del Este"; second, that this objection was raised, among other reasons, for the mere fact that the afore-mentioned document had been circulated on the eve of the closing session of the Committee, allowing no opportunity for debate on its contents.
4. I would add another point related to views expressed by a large number of Contracting Parties which regretted the fact that the Committee, at its crucial final stage during the month of July, was unable to meet regularly either in formal or informal sessions, affording thus no occasion for a discussion of document PREP.COM(86)W/41/Rev.1, which in itself is an indication of the absence of any concrete effort towards reaching consensus recommendations to Ministers.
5. Having a full regard that your communication to the Uruguayan Foreign Minister was prepared under your own responsibility, I would like nevertheless to ask you, whether it would be possible, to send a supplementary communication reflecting the points listed above, without prejudice to the circulation of this letter to other Contracting Parties.