



## Preparations for Montevideo III

The Second Meeting of the “International Group of Experts to Develop Components of the Montevideo Programme III” took place from 8-11 April 2000, in Washington, D.C.<sup>1</sup> The experts<sup>2</sup> had been invited by UNEP to contribute in a personal capacity to the preparations for the Programme and originally three meetings had been foreseen to complete their task – which was achieved after the second meeting.

Participants had before them two documents: The Revised Background Paper for the Preparation of UNEP’s Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law for the First Decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (the “Background Paper”) and the draft Components of the Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law for the First Decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Montevideo Programme III), the “Components Paper”.<sup>3</sup>

David Hunter presented the Background Paper to the participants and Alexander Timoshenko presented the draft Components Paper. There was a general round of discussion on the structure and relationship of the two Papers.

Following a general discussion, the Group undertook a detailed review of the Components Paper. After agreeing on the outline of components and the structure for each component, there was a component-by-component discussion and review. After comments had been received on all sections of the Paper, the Rapporteur, Professor David Hunter, presented a Revised Version of the Components Paper, and the Meeting conducted a second review of the Paper. UNEP provided continued policy guidance throughout the review of the Components Paper.

The Components Paper will be further reviewed by UNEP and subsequently submitted for finalisation to the core group meeting at the end of June in Geneva. The Background Paper will also be reviewed at that meeting. Following finalisation, both Papers will be submitted to the Meeting of Senior Government Officials which

will be convened to develop a draft Montevideo Programme III.

### Notes

<sup>1</sup> The Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), by its decision 20/3, requested the Executive Director “to undertake a process for the preparation of a new programme for the development and periodic review of environmental law, in consultation with Governments and relevant organisations.” Pursuant to that decision the UNEP Secretariat convened an International Expert Group to prepare the components of the Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law for the first Decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Montevideo Programme). The First Meeting of the Group took place from 15-18 January 2000 (see page 63 of the last issue), in Washington, D.C.

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#### <sup>3</sup> I. EFFECTIVENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

1. Implementation, compliance and enforcement
2. Capacity-building
3. Prevention, mitigation and compensation of environmental damage
4. Avoidance and settlement of environmental disputes
5. Strengthening and development of international environmental law
6. Harmonisation and co-ordination
7. Public participation
8. Information technology
9. Innovative approaches to environmental law

#### II. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

10. Freshwater Resources
11. Coastal and marine ecosystems
12. Biological diversity
13. Soils
14. Forests
15. Pollution prevention and control; waste management
16. Production and consumption patterns
17. Environmental emergencies and natural disasters

#### III. RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER FIELDS

18. Trade, investment and finance
19. Environmental security
20. Military activities and the environment

#### IV. EMERGING ISSUES

