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CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS CONCERNING PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES
FOR THE CONFERENCE

OVER-ALL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT DECISION 5(I) OF THE COMMITTEE

India:*/ Draft decision

Synthesis document on the reports of the technical
panels and of the ad hoc groups of experts

The Preparatory Committee,

requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy to revise document A/CONF.100/PC.17 in the light of the detailed and substantive comments and observations made during the second session of the Preparatory Committee and to submit a revised document in time for the third session of the Preparatory Committee.

The new paper on synthesis must contain a separate section on concrete measures for international co-operation in this area, i.e. in addition to the analysis of the problem the synthesis document must contain some recommendations on solutions to the problem, in particular for developing countries. What is needed is an integration or inter-weaving of the results of the technical panels and the ad hoc expert groups to provide the best possible mix of technology and policy orientation. Thus the synthesis document should be a vital input for interested governments in making a comparative study of all aspects of the production of new and renewable sources of energy so as to facilitate the choice of the most appropriate form among the new and renewable forms of energy that a particular government should develop, keeping in mind its over-all development objectives and policies, and the need to establish priorities for the development and rational use of its resources.

*/ Submitted by the delegation of India on behalf of States members of the Group of 77 which are members of the Committee.

Based on all these factors mentioned above, the synthesis document should contain (i) a comparative study of the costs of production of new and renewable sources of energy and (ii) a study on the rationalization of the use of new and renewable sources of energy, which would include a comparative study on potential for increasing substitution of conventional energy by new and renewable sources of energy.

A useful annex to the synthesis document would be a comprehensive compendium or bibliography of existing studies on new and renewable sources of energy. Such a compendium would be extremely useful for interested governments.