Proposals that were submitted by the delegation of Sweden for inclusion in the "Outline for Final Draft Declaration" (ENMOD/CONF.I/8)

During the course of the work of the Drafting Committee, the delegation of Sweden presented the following three draft elements to be included in a final declaration.

Possible paragraph for Article I

After having examined thoroughly the effectiveness of the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article I, the Conference concludes that it would be generally desirable to explore ways and means to extend the scope of the prohibition of this paragraph.

A wider scope of the ban - ultimately a comprehensive ban - of military or any other hostile use of environmental modification techniques would, in the view of the Conference, render more difficult the use of such techniques also over limited geographic areas. This latter aspect is especially important to smaller national entities. The Conference is convinced that a qualitative improvement of the Convention would make adherence to it more attractive to the large number of States which have so far chosen not to accede to it.

The Conference agrees - as a first step - to modify the existing definitions contained in the understanding relating to Article I in the following way:

"'widespread': encompassing an area on the scale of several square kilometres;"

Possible paragraph for Article I

The Conference notes that internationally adopted and accepted rules on warfare are universal in their application. It recognizes that the prohibitions of Article I form part of international law and declares that, as a consequence, the obligations undertaken by a State Party according to this article should apply in relation not only to any other State Party but to all other States. The Conference recognizes the importance of a thorough and positive consideration of forthcoming proposed amendments of States Parties to the Convention aiming at changing the wording of paragraph 1 of Article I accordingly.

Possible paragraph for Article V

The Conference recommends, in relation to paragraph 2, that a meeting of the States Parties to the Convention may be convened, if a majority of the States Parties submit a proposal to this effect, to consider the summary of findings of fact of the Consultative Committee of Experts and to draw the relevant conclusions.