SCHEDULE FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE BACKGROUND PAPER ON NEW SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS RELEVANT TO THE CONVENTION

1. It is expected that the background paper by the Depositary Governments
would be received by the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee on 15 November 1979.

2. On 1 December 1979, the Secretary will circulate the background paper
of the Depositary Governments in the four official languages to States Parties
to the Convention, and request comments thereon.

3. The comments by States Parties would be submitted to the Secretary by
7 January 1980.

4. The Secretary would invite States Parties who wish to do so, to submit
their views on new scientific and technological developments relevant to the
Convention by 15 December 1979.

5. The Secretary would transmit to States Parties on 6 February 1980 a
compilation of the comments from States Parties on the background paper of
the Depositary Governments, together with any views on new scientific and
technological development that might have been submitted by other States Parties.