

## Characters and Assumptions of the Global “System”

### Representation

- Governments have a right to be at the table, but not an obligation
- Non-governmental interests can't vote, but can (sometimes) participate
- One country, one vote

### Role of Science/Technical Expertise

- Scientific expertise needs to be geographically representational
- Scientific expertise often comes into play after problems are politically defined
- Scientific expertise is often politically instructed (and therefore not trusted)

### Process Management/Administration

- Makes no assumption about the allocation of management responsibility
- Chair of COP and Secretariat should be rotated and politically acceptable
- No supply of professionally trained international managers
- Cost of administration is not explicitly covered

### Capacity Building

- Makes no commitment to capacity building in developing countries
- Makes no assumption about the capacity building work of the secretariat
- Assumes no specific measures of performance vis a vis capacity building

### Enforcement

- No one can tell a country what to do
- Shaming will keep countries in line (compliance without enforcement through shaming)
- Non-governmental interests can bring pressure inside a country (using the treaty)
- Information is an important enforcement tool

### Connections among Treaties

- Presently, there is no assumption of overlap or conformity
- No sharing of information or learning
- Inconsistencies exist, but there is no mechanism to resolve them

### Public Education/Role of Media

The issue of public education is not addressed

The media have no formal role (not mentioned) in treaties

[The world wide web creates new possibilities]

### The Role of the South

- G-77 has few resources and attaches relatively low priority to global environmental treaty-making
- Makes no assumptions about the role of blocks of countries

### Non-governmental Actors

- Problem of representation among NGOs and NGIs (numbers, scale)
- Sectoral representation makes sense?
- Accountability of leaders/spokespeople
- Disagreement within and among NGOs