

Lab5 – Principles and Findings
Geography 135, Summer Session 2002
Due: Tuesday, August 13, 2002

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Country or NGO _____

Only one lab due per country or NGO.

prin·ci·ple (prĭn sĭ-pə)l

n.

1. A basic truth, law, or assumption: *the principles of democracy.*
2.
 - a. A rule or standard, especially of good behavior: *a man of principle.*
 - b. The collectivity of moral or ethical standards or judgments: *a decision based on principle rather than expediency.*
3. A fixed or predetermined policy or mode of action.
4. A basic or essential quality or element determining intrinsic nature or characteristic behavior: *the principle of self-preservation.*
5. A rule or law concerning the functioning of natural phenomena or mechanical processes: *the principle of jet propulsion.*
6. Chemistry. One of the elements that compose a substance, especially one that gives some special quality or effect.
7. A basic source. See Usage Note at [principal](#).

(from dictionary.com)

Article 3 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (http://www.unfccc.de/resource/conv/conv_005.html) contains the principles, of which there are only 5, underlying the UNFCCC negotiations and resulting documents, including the Kyoto Protocol.

These principles are the basis upon which the negotiations and final decisions will be made during the summit for this class.

Task #1:

- Choose 2 of the principles from the UNFCCC Article 3, and rewrite them from your country or NGO perspective.

find·ing (fīn'dīng)

n.

1. Something that has been found.
2.
 - a. A conclusion reached after examination or investigation: *the finding of a grand jury; a coroner's findings.*
 - b. A statement or document containing an authoritative decision or conclusion: *a presidential finding that authorized the covert operation.*

(from dictionary.com)

After defining your principles, the next task is to start determining what the findings are. In this case, these will be scientific facts upon which you will base your negotiations. For example, a general finding would be: Greenhouse gas emissions from anthropogenic sources are increasing and having a detrimental effect on the world's climate. You can be specific.

Task #2:

- Based upon the material in the reading and in lectures, list 5 findings from your country or NGO perspective – concrete facts that you will base your negotiations on during the summit. Remember to cite your sources!!

These principles and findings will be used to create the introductory sections of the summit document.