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One reaction to uncertainty is to ignore anything that cannot be "proven". The precautionary principle acts as a moral imperative not to disregard such concerns. The core mandate of the precautionary principle is to take preventive action in the face of uncertainty to prevent harm. It guides not just environmental protection but also the management of the economy and it emphasizes the centrality of establishing democratic decision-making and citizen authority to make decisions. At the same time the principle has provided the foundation for building a new risk regulatory pattern under scientific uncertainty.

...**"7. Controversial aspects regarding the application of the precautionary Principle** (at p. 181).

It is not surprising that the large corporations are, in general, against **the precautionary principle** which they consider as threatening because it **imposes new obligations and responsibilities for the private companies and supports the transfer of the decision making from the private companies to the public authorities.**

Maybe the most serious threat against the implementation of the precautionary principle is the statement that the principle conflicts with the obligations assumed by governments through commercial agreements and other treaties within the World Trade Organization.

Regarding the critics of this concept, we mention that the principle is "a brake for the necessary research required to approach the multitude of ecological problems, under the condition that there are no riskless policies"(Scuton &**Kogan**, 2004:148).

There are, however, in equal measure, arguments against this critic."

9. Scruton Roger, **Lawrence Kogan**, *The Cult of Precaution*, **The National Interest**, Washington, summer 2004 (**Taking Precautions Against America**).

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