

SECOND COMMITTEE

59th meeting

Thursday, 29 April 1982, at 3.25 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. A. AGUILAR (Venezuela)

Completion of the Committee's work

1. The CHAIRMAN paid a tribute to the delegations which had participated in the work of the Committee, and in particular to the contribution of its officers—the representatives of Czechoslovakia, Kenya and Turkey, Vice-Chairmen, and the representative of Fiji, Rapporteur. He referred also to the representative of El Salvador, who had served as Chairman at the third session in 1975, when the informal single negotiating text (A/CONF.62/WP.8)¹ had been prepared.
2. He likewise paid a tribute to those who, as chairmen of the negotiating groups, had helped to formulate very important passages of the draft convention, to the Secretary of the Committee, to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and to the Executive Secretary of the Conference. He also commended the work of the members of the Conference secretariat and the secretarial, interpretation and translation services.
3. In conclusion, he expressed deep gratitude to the President of the Conference for his arduous efforts in the performance of his functions.
4. Mr. NANDAN (Fiji) praised the work of the Chairman and said that, although much of the fruits of the Committee's work had been incorporated in State practice in international law, it should be stressed that the new concepts and amendments embodied in the draft convention were undeniably important. He intended to prepare a final account of the work of the Committee covering the fourth to the eleventh sessions of the Conference. It would include the Committee's programmes of work for those sessions, the number of meetings held and the subjects discussed. The Committee would not need to consider or approve that account, since it was a statement by the Rapporteur and not by the Committee, and would not include comments on substantive questions.

The meeting rose at 3.50 p.m.

¹ See *Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea*, vol. IV, (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.V.10).
