

DOCUMENTS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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Statement on the work of the Second Committee from the fourth to the eleventh sessions of the Conference⁴⁸

(Prepared by the Rapporteur of the Committee)

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INTRODUCTION

1. At its 2nd meeting, on 7 December 1973, the Conference decided to establish the Second Committee as one of its three main committees.

2. The mandate of the Committee consisted of examining the subjects and issues allocated to it by the Conference at its 15th meeting on 21 June 1974.⁴⁹

3. The Second Committee had before it the reports of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction on its work and all other relevant documentation of the General Assembly and of that Committee.⁵⁰ The Second Committee also had before it the documents submitted to it and all other documents submitted to the Conference which were relevant to the mandate of the Committee.

4. In accordance with decisions of the Conference at its 7th meeting on 12 December 1973 and at its 57th meeting on 15 March 1976, the officers of the Committee from the fourth to the eleventh sessions of the Conference were as follows:

Chairman: Mr. Andrés Aguilar (Venezuela)

Vice-Chairmen: Czechoslovakia, Kenya and Turkey

Rapporteur: Mr. S. N. Nandan (Fiji)

I. FOURTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

5. The fourth session of the Conference was held in New York from 15 March to 7 May 1976.

6. At the 49th meeting of the Committee, on 16 March 1976, the Chairman made a statement containing a proposal on the organization of the work of the Committee. The elements of that proposal, as approved by the Committee, were as follows:

(a) There should be no general debate. The Committee should work informally and expeditiously on the basis of the informal single negotiating text prepared by the Chairman of the Second Committee at the third session of the Conference

(A/CONF.62/WP.8/Part II).⁵¹ Informal meetings would be held to discuss the text, article by article, with the aim of determining, through a process of collective discussions, to what extent the single negotiating text met the wishes of the States participating in the Conference.

(b) No formal amendments or alternative texts should be submitted. Rather, delegations could comment on the articles and make suggestions, either orally or in writing, concerning possible modifications to the text.

(c) If necessary, the Chairman would hold informal consultations.

(d) The work of the Committee should be co-ordinated with the work of other committees through the General Committee.

(e) Meetings of the Committee should be given priority over meetings of other groups, including regional groups and special interest groups.

(f) The consideration of the single negotiating text should be concluded within a reasonable time, after which the Chairman would prepare a revised text reflecting the results in the most appropriate manner.

7. The Second Committee held one formal meeting and 53 informal meetings during the fourth session of the Conference.

8. In accordance with the agreement on the organization of its work, the Committee, at its 38th to 90th informal meetings, considered one by one the articles in document A/CONF.62/WP.8.

9. At its 38th informal meeting, on 17 March 1976, the Committee agreed to follow, in a flexible manner, a "rule of silence", whereby delegations would refrain from speaking on an article if they were essentially in agreement with the single negotiating text. Silence on amendments would be interpreted as lack of support for such amendments. At its 71st informal meeting, on 13 April 1976, the Committee decided to limit the time allowed to each speaker to 5 minutes.

10. In fulfilment of the decision of the Committee at its 49th meeting, on 16 March 1976, the Chairman, following the completion of the consideration, article by article, of the single negotiating text, prepared a revised single negotiating text. This text was issued as document A/CONF.62/WP.8/Rev.1/Part II.⁵²

11. An index to the summary record of the 49th meeting of the Committee is contained in the annex.

⁴⁸ A statement on the work of the Second Committee at the second session of the Conference is contained in *Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea*, vol. III (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.V.5), document A/CONF.62/L.8/Rev.1, annex II. A statement on the work of the Committee at its third session is contained in *ibid.*, vol. IV (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.V.10), document A/CONF.62/C.2/L.89/Rev.1.

⁴⁹ The list of items allocated to the Committee is contained in paragraph 3 of the statement of activities of the Second Committee at the second session of the Conference (*ibid.*, vol. III).

⁵⁰ In adopting rule 32 of the rules of procedure, the Conference implemented paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 3067 (XXVIII), by which these documents were referred to the Conference.

⁵¹ See *Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea*, vol. IV, document A/CONF.62/WP.8.

⁵² *Ibid.*, vol. V (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.V.8).

12. A list of documents submitted to the Second Committee during the session is contained in volume V of the Official Records of the Conference.⁵²

II. FIFTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

13. The fifth session of the Conference was held in New York from 2 August to 17 September 1976. During this session the Committee held no formal meetings.

14. The Committee decided to concentrate its attention on the following priority questions:

- (a) The legal status of the exclusive economic zone. Rights and duties of the coastal State and of other States in the exclusive zone.
- (b) Rights of access of land-locked States to and from the sea and freedom of transit.
- (c) Definition of the outer edge of the continental margin.
- (d) Payments and contributions in respect of the exploitation of the continental shelf beyond 200 miles.
- (e) Straits used for international navigation.
- (f) Delimitation of the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf between States with opposite or adjacent coasts.

15. The Committee established five negotiating groups open to all delegations to consider these questions: negotiating group 1 to consider question (a), negotiating group 2 to consider question (b), negotiating group 3 to consider questions (c) and (d), negotiating group 4 to consider question (e) and negotiating group 5 to consider question (f). Subsequently, smaller consultative groups were established. A smaller group on the second sub-item dealt with by negotiating group 1 was not established because the question was being discussed in a group of interested States (the group of 21). These negotiating groups and consultative groups met informally.

16. In his report to the Conference at its 75th meeting, on 17 September 1976 (A/CONF.62/L.17, paras. 18 to 48),⁵³ the Chairman summarized the work of the negotiating groups and their results.

17. The Committee also held a number of informal meetings to give delegations an opportunity to consider articles of the revised single negotiating text on questions other than the priority questions. The results of these meetings are set out in paragraphs 47 to 57 of the Chairman's report.

18. A list of documents submitted to the Second Committee during the session is contained in volume VI of the Official Records of the Conference.⁵³

III. SIXTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

19. The sixth session of the Conference was held in New York from 23 May to 15 July 1977.

20. At its 99th informal meeting on 20 June 1976, the Committee decided to give priority consideration to the following three questions:

- (i) Legal status of the exclusive economic zone. Rights and duties of the coastal State and of other States in the exclusive economic zone.
- (ii) Definition of the outer edge of the continental margin and payments and contributions with respect to the exploitation of the continental shelf beyond 200 miles.
- (iii) Delimitation of the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf between States with opposite or adjacent coasts.

It was agreed that these questions would be dealt with in three open-ended negotiating groups, negotiating groups 1, 2 and 3

respectively, and that, at an appropriate stage, the negotiations would continue in small informal consultative group composed of some of the delegations most concerned with each specific question. Those groups would subsequently report to the open-ended negotiating groups. Furthermore the Committee decided to hold informal meetings so as to have an opportunity to discuss in a systematic manner any question not included in the mandate of the three negotiating groups.

21. The Second Committee held at the sixth session 2 formal meetings, 8 informal meetings, 12 meetings of negotiating groups and 17 meetings of the informal consultative groups.

22. At its 50th and 51st meetings, the Committee discussed a request by the delegation of Colombia for the preparation by the secretariat of a study on the implications of various formulae for the definition of the outer edge of the continental margin. An index to the summary records of these meetings is contained in the annex.

23. Negotiating group 1 met six times. At its 1st meeting it decided to convene an informal consultative group to deal with the question of the legal status of the exclusive economic zone. This latter group subsequently held six meetings. At its 2nd to 6th meetings the negotiating group heard reports on the informal consultative group. In addition, the question of the rights of participation under articles 58 and 59 of the revised single negotiating text was discussed at these meetings. This latter question had been discussed during the session in meetings of a small group, "the working group of 21", composed of representatives of the two major interest groups involved. Finally, an opportunity was given at the 3rd and 4th meetings of the negotiating group to discuss other issues within the mandate of negotiating group 1.

24. Negotiating group 2 held three meetings. At its 1st meeting the group decided to convene an informal consultative group, which subsequently held six meetings. Reports or the work of this smaller group were made to the negotiating group at its 2nd and 3rd meetings.

25. Negotiating group 3 held four meetings. It also decided at its 1st meeting to convene a smaller consultative group. That group held five meetings. At the 2nd and 3rd meetings of the negotiating group reports were made on the work of the informal consultative group.

26. The Committee also discussed, at its 100th to 104th informal meetings, issues which were not within the mandate of the negotiating groups.

27. At the 105th and 106th informal meetings of the Committee, the Chairman reported on the work of the negotiating groups as well as on informal consultations which had taken place outside the structure of the Committee on matters within its mandate.

28. A list of the documents submitted to the Second Committee during the session is contained in volume VII of the Official Records of the Conference.⁵⁴

29. In accordance with a decision of the Conference at its 79th meeting, on 28 June 1977, the President, jointly with the chairmen of the three committees, prepared an informal composite negotiating text⁵⁵ to bring together in one document the articles of the revised single negotiating text. The change reflected in the text from Part II of the revised single negotiating text dealing with the Second Committee mandate as described in the memorandum by the President.⁵⁶

IV. SEVENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

30. The seventh session of the Conference was held in two parts: the first part in Geneva from 28 March to 19 May 1977;

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. VII (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.V.3).

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, vol. VIII (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.V.4 document A/CONF.62/WP.10).

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, document A/CONF.62/WP.10/Add.1.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, vol. VI (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.V.2).

and the second part in New York from 21 August to 15 September 1978. The Second Committee held five formal meetings during the session. An index of the summary records of the 52nd to 56th meetings of the Committee is contained in the annex.

31. The Conference, at its 90th meeting, on 12 April 1978, adopted a decision on the organization of its work embodied in document A/CONF.62/62.⁵⁷ In accordance with that decision, negotiating groups were appointed to deal with certain outstanding core issues. The Conference was to aim at the completion of substantive discussions and production of a draft convention. Provision was to be made for the revision of the informal composite negotiating text.

32. Negotiating groups were established by the Conference to deal with the following issues of relevance to the Second Committee:

(a) Negotiating group 4: right of access of land-locked States and certain developing coastal States in a subregion or region to the living resources of the exclusive economic zone. Right of access of land-locked and geographically disadvantaged States to the living resources of the economic zone.

(b) Negotiating group 5: the question of the settlement of disputes relating to the exercise of the sovereign rights of coastal States in the exclusive economic zone.

(c) Negotiating group 6: definition of the outer limits of the continental shelf and the question of payments and contributions with respect to the exploitation of the continental shelf beyond 200 miles. Definition of the outer limits of the continental shelf and the question of revenue sharing.

(d) Negotiating group 7: delimitation of maritime boundaries between adjacent and opposite States and settlement of disputes thereon.

33. An opportunity was also given to delegations to discuss issues other than those included among the priority issues. The Chairman reported to the Conference at its 100th and 108th meetings, on 17 May and 15 September 1978,⁵⁸ on these discussions.

34. The Chairman of negotiating group 4 reported to the Conference at its 100th and 104th meetings, on 17 May and 15 September 1978,⁵⁹ on the work of the group during the session.

35. The Chairman of negotiating group 5 reported to the Conference at its 105th and 108th meetings, on 19 May and 15 September 1978,⁵⁹ on the work of the group during the session.

36. The Chairman of the Second Committee, who also served as chairman of negotiating group 6, reported to the Conference at its 100th and 108th meetings, on 17 May and 15 September 1978,⁵⁹ on the work of the group during the seventh session.

37. The reports of the chairman of negotiating group 7 on the work of the group at the seventh session were presented to the Conference at its 105th and 108th meetings, on 19 May and 15 September 1978.⁵⁹

38. A revised informal composite negotiating text was not produced at the seventh session.

39. The only document submitted to the Second Committee during the session is contained in volume IX of the Official Records of the Conference.⁶⁰

V. EIGHTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

40. The eighth session of the Conference was held in two parts: the first part in Geneva from 19 March to 27 April 1979

and the second part in New York from 19 July to 24 August 1979.

41. The Conference had decided at its 108th meeting that the programme of work of the seventh session should apply at the eighth session.

42. In accordance with that decision, negotiating groups 4, 6 and 7 met during the first part of the eighth session. The Committee held two formal meetings to discuss the results of the work of the groups. Reports on the work of negotiating groups 4 and 7 were presented at the 57th meeting of the Committee, on 24 April 1979, and a report on negotiating group 6⁶¹ at the 58th meeting of the Committee, on 24 April 1979. An index to the summary records of the 57th and 58th meetings is contained in the annex.

43. The Chairman of the Second Committee subsequently submitted to the Conference at its 116th meeting, on 27 April 1979, a report⁶² on the work of these Groups and on other questions dealing with texts before the Second Committee, as well as a proposal on the mandate of negotiating group 6.⁶³

44. At the end of the first part of the eighth session the President of the Conference and the chairmen of the main committees, together with the Chairman of the Drafting Committee and the Rapporteur-General, prepared a revision of the informal consultative negotiating text.⁶⁴ In an explanatory memorandum,⁶⁴ the President of the Conference explained the preparation of the text and gave special treatment to one element dealt with by the Second Committee, i.e., the continental shelf.

45. During the resumed eighth session negotiating groups 6 and 7 continued to meet. The Chairman of the Second Committee presented a report⁶⁵ on their work to the Conference at its 120th meeting, on 24 August 1979. The Chairman of negotiating group 7 also presented a report at that meeting.

46. The Committee also held two informal meetings to deal with other matters than those assigned to negotiating groups 4, 6 and 7. In his report to the Conference,⁶⁵ the Chairman of the Committee referred to those discussions.

47. A list of documents presented to the Second Committee during the session is contained in volume XI of the Official Records of the Conference.⁶⁶

VI. NINTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

48. The ninth session of the Conference was held in two parts: the first part in New York from 3 March to 4 April 1980 and the second part in Geneva from 28 July to 29 August 1980.

49. The Conference decided to conduct at its ninth session the necessary consultations by the Chairmen of the three committees in order, to the extent possible, to reach compromise solutions on outstanding issues. The aim was to prepare a final version of the informal composite negotiating text.

50. During the first part of the ninth session the Second Committee held no formal meetings.

51. Negotiating groups 6 and 7 held consultations and a number of meetings during the first part of the ninth session. The Chairman of the Second Committee reported to the Conference on the work of negotiating group 6 in document A/CONF.62/L.51.⁶⁷ The report also dealt with the work of

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, vol. X (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.V.4), document A/CONF.62/C.2/L.100.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, document A/CONF.62/L.38.

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, document A/CONF.62/L.37.

⁶⁰ A/CONF.62/WP.10/Rev.1.

⁶¹ See *Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea*, vol. XII (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.V.12), document A/CONF.62/L.42.

⁶² (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.V.6).

⁶³ *Ibid.*, vol. XIII (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.V.5).

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, vol. X (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.V.4).

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, vol. IX (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.V.3).

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, vol. X, documents A/CONF.62/RCNG/1 and 2.

⁶⁰ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.V.3, documents A/CONF.62/C.2/L.98 and Add.1 to 3.

negotiating group 7, and referred to a report by the Chairman of that group (A/CONF.62/L.47).⁶⁷

52. During the first part of the session, the Committee devoted six informal meetings to the consideration of various informal suggestions for amendments to various articles of the revised informal negotiating text. The Chairman described the results of these meetings in paragraphs 10 to 17 of his report to the Conference.

53. After reviewing the reports submitted to the Conference on the work of the first part of the ninth session, and having taken note of the debate on them in meetings of the Conference, the President of the Conference and the Chairmen of the committees, acting as a team with which the Chairman of the Drafting Committee and the Rapporteur-General were associated (the "Collegium"), prepared a second revision of the informal composite negotiating text.⁶⁸ In an explanatory memorandum, the President described the preparation of the revision.⁶⁸

54. Upon resumption of the ninth session, the Conference decided to continue negotiations on outstanding issues with the aim of revising the informal composite negotiating text for the third time.

55. No formal meetings of the Committee were held during the resumed session. Delegations interested in various issues conducted consultations among themselves and kept the Chairman informed of the results. At an informal meeting of the Committee, the Chairman informed it of an agreement by the interested parties on a Sri Lanka proposal relating to article 76 for an exceptional method of delimitation of the continental shelf applicable to specific geological and geomorphological conditions of a particular zone. At its 141st meeting, on 29 August 1980, the Conference agreed to incorporate the text in the final act on the Conference.

56. At its informal meeting the Committee also dealt with a number of drafting changes considered by the Drafting Committee.⁶⁹

57. Following a general debate on the results of the resumed session, the Collegium prepared a third revision of the informal negotiating text, to which the title "Draft Convention (Informal Text)"⁷⁰ was given. In an explanatory memorandum⁷⁰ the President explained the process leading to its preparation.

VII. TENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

58. The tenth session of the Conference was held in two parts: the first part in New York from 9 March to 16 April 1981 and the second part in Geneva from 3 to 28 August 1981.

59. During the first part of the session the Committee held no formal meetings. It held four informal meetings, without any pre-established agenda, so that delegations could have the opportunity to express their views and present or reiterate informal suggestions for amendments on all issues and questions within the competence of the Committee. The question of the delimitation of maritime boundaries was, however, to be dealt with by the two groups of countries directly con-

cerned.⁷¹ The Chairman presented a report⁷² to the Conference at its 148th meeting, on 15 April 1981, on the work of the Committee during the first part of the session.

60. The Chairman also participated in three informal plenary meetings of the Conference to deal with proposals of the Drafting Committee on texts within the mandate of the Second Committee. The results of these meetings were noted in a report⁷³ presented by the Chairman of the Drafting Committee to the Conference at its 150th meeting, on 16 April 1981.

61. The Committee held no meetings during the resumed session. In accordance with a decision of the Conference at its 153rd meeting, on 24 August 1981, the Collegium prepared a revision of the Draft Convention (Informal Text) which was issued as the Draft Convention on the Law of the Sea,⁷⁴ the official text of the Conference, subject to the conditions set out in its introductory note. The text incorporated a proposal on the delimitation of maritime areas presented to the Conference by the President.⁷⁵

VIII. ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

62. The eleventh session of the Conference was held in New York from 8 March to 30 April 1982.

63. During the session the Second Committee held three informal meetings, during which delegations were given the opportunity to raise any issue or question within the competence of the Second Committee. The Chairman presented a report (A/CONF.62/L.87) to the Conference at its 157th meeting, on 29 March 1982, on the results of the work of the Committee.

64. The Collegium, on the basis of the debate in meetings of the Conference, proposed a set of amendments for incorporation in the Draft Convention, including a recommendation on article 60, paragraph 3, presented to the Second Committee (A/CONF.62/L.93).

65. In accordance with a decision of the Conference, a number of delegations presented formal amendments to articles of the Draft Convention, including those within the mandate of the Second Committee (A/CONF.62/L.96, 97, 99, 106, 107, 109, 110, 112, 114, 115, 117, 118, 123 and 126). The Chairman undertook consultations to assess the extent of support for the amendments (A/CONF.62/L.132). All but two of the amendments were withdrawn or not pressed to a vote. At the 176th meeting of the Conference, on 26 April 1982, the remaining two amendments (see A/CONF.62/L.109, first amendment and the part of the second amendment dealing with the wording "generally accepted") were put to the vote. Neither received the required majority.

66. The Committee held its 59th meeting on 29 April 1982. At that meeting the Chairman made a statement referring to the work of the Committee. The Rapporteur informed the meeting that the present statement on the work of the Committee would be issued as a Committee document. An index to the summary records of the meetings is contained in the annex.

67. The present document is the only document submitted to the Second Committee in the period since 27 April 1979.

⁶⁸ A/CONF.62/WP.10/Rev.2 and Corr.2 to 5.

⁶⁹ See *Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea*, vol. XIV (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.V.2), document A/CONF.62/L.63/Rev.1.

⁷⁰ A/CONF.62/WP.10/Rev.3 and Corr.1 and 3.

⁷¹ See *Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea*, vol. XV (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.V.4), document A/CONF.62/110.

⁷² *Ibid.*, document A/CONF.62/L.69.

⁷³ *Ibid.*, document A/CONF.62/L.72.

⁷⁴ *Ibid.*, document A/CONF.62/L.78.

⁷⁵ A/CONF.62/WP.11.

ANNEX

INDEX TO THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE MEETINGS OF
THE SECOND COMMITTEE

FOURTH SESSION

49th meeting—16 March 1976

Organization of work:

Statements by the Chairman and by the representatives of Colombia, Peru, Algeria, Brazil, Nepal, Turkey, France, Yemen, Tunisia, the Federal Republic of Germany, Bolivia and Uganda.

SIXTH SESSION

50th meeting—23 June 1977

Request by the delegation of Colombia for a study by the secretariat on the implications of various formulae for the definition of the outer edge of the continental margin:

Statements by the representatives of Colombia, Switzerland, Singapore, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Canada, Poland, Argentina, Peru and Hungary, by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, by the representatives of Uruguay, Colombia, Ireland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Cameroon, Nepal, Japan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Madagascar, Singapore, Peru, Zambia, Ireland, Australia, the Federal Republic of Germany, Nigeria, Austria, Iraq, Norway, Algeria, Egypt and Nepal, by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, by the representatives of Madagascar, the United Republic of Cameroon, the Netherlands, Poland and Malta and by the Chairman.

51st meeting—29 June 1977

Request for a study by the secretariat on the implications of various formulae for the definition of the outer edge of the continental margin:

Statements by the Chairman, by the Secretary of the Committee, by the representatives of Argentina and Colombia, by the Chairman, by the representatives of Argentina and Austria and by the Chairman.

SEVENTH SESSION

52nd meeting—14 April 1978

Organization of work:

Statements by the Chairman and by the representatives of Colombia, Austria, Singapore, Ireland, Nicaragua, Egypt, Peru, Uganda, Algeria, the Republic of Korea, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Ecuador, Uruguay, Afghanistan, Oman, New Zealand, Iraq, Portugal and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General.

53rd meeting—17 April 1978

Organization of work (*continued*):

Statements by the representatives of Madagascar, Brazil, the Congo, Somalia, Spain, Nepal, the Niger, Zambia, Turkey, the United States of America, Peru, Zaire, Greece, Bulgaria, Poland, Romania, Israel, Yugoslavia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Bangladesh, the Federal Republic of Germany, China, Nicaragua and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

54th meeting—17 April 1978

Organization of work (*concluded*):

Statements by the representatives of France, Ecuador, Chile, the German Democratic Republic, Iceland, the Philippines, Iran, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates, Norway, Italy, the Upper Volta, Pakistan, Trinidad and Tobago, Papua New Guinea, Hungary, Honduras, India, Uruguay, Cyprus, the United Republic of Cameroon, Gabon, Singapore, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Turkey, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Austria and Peru and by the Chairman.

55th meeting—19 April 1978

Preliminary study illustrating various formulae for the definition of the continental shelf (A/CONF.62/C.2/L.98):

Statement by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General introducing the secretariat's preliminary study. Statements by the representatives of Austria, Colombia, Japan, Uganda, Jordan, Singapore, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Israel, Ireland, Bulgaria, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Ghana, Australia, Chile, Poland, Italy and the Philippines.

Organization of work:

Statements by the Chairman and by the representatives of Sweden, Iraq, El Salvador, Indonesia, the United Arab Emirates, Ecuador, Spain, Yugoslavia, Bangladesh, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Papua New Guinea, Turkey, Greece, Portugal, Romania, India, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America, Australia and Sierra Leone.

56th meeting—21 April 1978

Organization of work (*concluded*):

Statements by the Chairman and by the representatives of Cyprus, Iraq, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Ecuador and Austria.

EIGHTH SESSION

57th meeting—24 April 1979

Reports of the chairmen of negotiating groups 4 and 7:

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements by the representatives of Fiji (as Chairman of negotiating group 4), Iraq, Zambia, Nepal, Romania, Yugoslavia, the United Arab Emirates, Finland (as Chairman of negotiating group 7), Chile, Israel, Spain (speaking as the co-ordinator of the group of countries which had sponsored document NG7/2), the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Turkey, the United States of America, Colombia, Poland, Ireland (speaking as the co-ordinator of the sponsors of document NG7/10) and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

58th meeting—24 April 1979

Reports of the chairmen of negotiating groups 7, 4 and 6.

Report on the work of negotiating group 7 (*concluded*):

Statements by the representatives of Canada, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Peru, Portugal, Indonesia, China, Venezuela, France, Bulgaria, Greece, Japan, Malta and Pakistan and by the Chairman.

Report on the work of negotiating group 4 (*concluded*):

Statements by the representatives of Austria, Peru, Singapore, China, Bahrain, Ecuador, Iraq, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mexico, the German Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Iceland, Switzerland, Jamaica, Swaziland, Spain, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Brazil, France, Madagascar, Viet Nam, Pakistan, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Poland, the Philippines, Thailand, Bulgaria, Hungary, Colombia, Indonesia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, Cuba, Japan, Uruguay, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, Guyana, the United States of America, the Congo, Iran and Romania and by the Chairman.

Report on the work of negotiating group 6:

Statements by the Chairman and by the representatives of Portugal, Ireland, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Indonesia, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

ELEVENTH SESSION

59th meeting—29 April 1982

Closing meeting:

Statements by the Chairman and the Rapporteur.