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Summary record of the 2922nd meeting

Topic:
Organization of the work of the session

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natural resources, to be chaired by Mr. Candioti. His proposal for the Working Group was for it to begin by formulating a recommendation on the future programme of work on groundwaters, oil and natural gas, taking into account the views expressed in the plenary meetings; he then hoped to receive members' input for the preparation of his fifth report, which he would submit early in 2008. He planned to propose the complete set of draft articles for consideration on second reading. It would be very useful if members, and in particular new members, could express their views on the draft articles adopted on first reading and make suggestions for improvements. He would also like to hear whether they thought that the final product should take the form of a convention or of guidelines, as that would clearly affect the drafting.

12. He would hold an informal meeting, immediately following the end of the plenary, to brief the new members on the background to the draft articles on the law of transboundary aquifers adopted on first reading.

13. Mr. CANDIOTI (Chairperson of the Working Group on shared natural resources) announced that the Working Group was currently composed of Mr. Brownlie, Mr. Comissário Afonso, Ms. Escameia, Mr. Gaja, Mr. Galicki, Mr. Hmoud, Ms. Jacobsson, Mr. McRae, Mr. Perera, Mr. Saboia, Mr. Singh, Mr. Vázquez-Bermúdez, Ms. Xue and himself, together with Mr. Yamada (Special Rapporteur).

The meeting rose at 10.30 a.m.

2922nd MEETING

Tuesday, 22 May 2007, at 10.05 a.m.

Chairperson: Mr. Ian BROWNLIE

Present: Mr. Caflisch, Mr. Candioti, Mr. Comissário Afonso, Ms. Escameia, Mr. Fomba, Mr. Gaja, Mr. Galicki, Mr. Hassouna, Mr. Hmoud, Ms. Jacobsson, Mr. Kemicha, Mr. Kolodkin, Mr. Niehaus, Mr. Nolte, Mr. Pellet, Mr. Perera, Mr. Petrič, Mr. Saboia, Mr. Singh, Mr. Valencia-Ospina, Mr. Vargas Carreño, Mr. Vázquez-Bermúdez, Mr. Wako, Mr. Wisnumurti, Mr. Yamada.

Organization of the work of the session (*continued*)*

[Agenda item 1]

1. The CHAIRPERSON informed the members of the Commission that the Special Rapporteur on the expulsion of aliens, Mr. Kamto, had been delayed and would not be able to introduce his report as planned. Consideration of the item would thus be postponed until a later meeting.

2. Before adjourning the meeting, he wished to inform the Commission that in keeping with tradition, he had extended an invitation to the current President of the International Court of Justice, Judge Rosalyn Higgins, to visit the Commission to hold a discussion with the members. Judge Higgins had accepted the invitation and had suggested 10 July 2007 as the date for her visit; the Commission would therefore receive her on that day.

3. It had been brought to the attention of the Bureau that in the past several years successive Presidents of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea had expressed an interest in being invited to the Commission for an exchange of views. That interest had been informally reiterated in connection with the current session. The Bureau had discussed the matter and had decided to invite the current President of the Tribunal, Judge Rüdiger Wolfrum, during the second part of the session on the clear understanding that the invitation did not create a precedent and would not necessarily be renewed on an annual basis, something which would be made clear to Judge Wolfrum when he came to the Commission. He had thus extended an invitation to Judge Wolfrum, and the Commission would be informed of the latter's response.

4. Lastly, he said that, at the request of the General Assembly, the Secretariat had prepared a compilation of decisions of international courts, tribunals and other bodies in which reference had been made to the draft articles on responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts, a topic which the Commission had completed in 2001.¹¹⁶ As some members of the Commission had expressed an interest in receiving that document, the Secretariat had issued the compilation as documents A/62/62 and Add.1; comments and observations by Governments on the subject had been issued as document A/62/63 and Add.1.¹¹⁷

The meeting rose at 10.10 a.m.

2923rd MEETING

Wednesday, 23 May 2007, at 10.05 a.m.

Chairperson: Mr. Ian BROWNLIE

Present: Mr. Caflisch, Mr. Candioti, Mr. Comissário Afonso, Ms. Escameia, Mr. Fomba, Mr. Galicki, Mr. Hassouna, Mr. Hmoud, Ms. Jacobsson, Mr. Kamto, Mr. Kemicha, Mr. Kolodkin, Mr. McRae, Mr. Niehaus, Mr. Nolte, Mr. Pellet, Mr. Perera, Mr. Petrič, Mr. Saboia, Mr. Singh, Mr. Valencia-Ospina, Mr. Vargas Carreño, Mr. Vázquez-Bermúdez, Mr. Wako, Mr. Wisnumurti, Mr. Yamada.

* Resumed from the 2920th meeting.

¹¹⁶ *Yearbook ... 2001*, vol. II (Part Two) and corrigendum, p. 26, para. 76.

¹¹⁷ Mimeographed, available at www.un.org.