

# DOCUMENTS OF THE CONFERENCE

## DOCUMENT A/CONF.62/70

### Provisional agenda of the eighth session of the Conference

[Original: English]  
[14 March 1979]

1. Opening of the session by the President of the Conference
2. Minute of silence for prayer or meditation
3. Adoption of the agenda for the session
4. Organization of negotiations during the eighth session
5. Consideration of the subject-matter referred to in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 3067 (XXVIII) of 16 November 1973
6. Adoption of a convention dealing with all matters relating to the law of the sea, pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 3067 (XXVIII) of 16 November 1973, and of the final act of the Conference
7. Signature of the convention and the final act (at Caracas)

## DOCUMENT A/CONF.62/71

Resolution 176 (XVIII) adopted by the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its 510th meeting on 17 September 1978\*

[Original: English/French]  
[14 March 1979]

176 (XVIII). THE EXPLOITATION OF THE SEA-BED BEYOND THE  
LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION

[For the text, see Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 1.]

\*Circulated at the request of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

## DOCUMENT A/CONF.62/72

Letter dated 23 March 1979 from the Chairman of the group of African States to the President of the Conference

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[26 March 1979]

I have the honour, in my capacity as the current Chairman of the group of African States to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, to submit to you the text of the Declaration of the Organization of African Unity passed by the extraordinary meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Organization on the law of the sea which met at Nairobi on 3 and 4 March 1979, and request that the same be issued and circulated as a document of the Conference, as unanimously decided in the plenary meetings.

(Signed) F. A. YOUSSEF (Sudan)  
Chairman of the group of African States  
to the Third United Nations Conference  
on the Law of the Sea

### DECLARATION CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL RÉGIME AND MACHINERY FOR THE SEA-BED

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its twelfth extraordinary session at Nairobi, Kenya, on 3 and 4 March 1979,

Recalling the terms of the Declaration of the Organization of African Unity on the Law of the Sea, adopted by the twenty-first ordinary session of the Council of Ministers and the Tenth Assembly of heads of State and Government of the Organization, at Addis Ababa in May 1973 (CM/ST.11/Rev.2 (XXI)),

Recalling all the relevant resolutions of the ordinary sessions of the Council of Ministers on the Law of the Sea especially resolutions CM/Res.514 and CM/Res.521 (XXVII), adopted in Mauritius, CM/Res.539 (XXVIII), adopted in Lomé, Togo, CM/Res.570 (XXIX), adopted in Gabon, and CM/Res.649 (XXXI), adopted at Khartoum, Sudan,

Attaching great importance to the historic attempt by the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea to elaborate a universally recognized international régime and international machinery for administering the common heritage of mankind,

Having thoroughly reviewed the state of negotiations at the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, Aware of the fact that the negotiations at the Conference