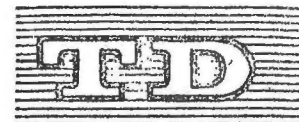




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Report of the Ad hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on  
the Economic Consequences of the Existence or Lack of a  
Genuine Link between Vessel and Flag of Registry  
held at Geneva, 6-10 February 1978

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. Response to decision 33 (VIII) of the Committee on Shipping, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD convened the Ad hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the Economic Consequences of the Existence or Lack of a Genuine Link between Vessel and Flag of Registry which met in Geneva from 6 to 10 February 1978. The Working Group at its 5th (closing) meeting, on 10 February 1978, adopted its report (TD/B/C.4/177 - TD/B/C.4/AC.1/3); it also adopted unanimously a resolution which is contained in the annex to the report.
2. The Trade and Development Board, at its eighteenth session, took note of the report of the Working Group, and requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to transmit it to the Conference at its fifth session. 1/
3. Accordingly, the report of the Working Group, which has already been given general distribution, will be before the Conference. 2/

1/ TD/B/728, para. 446.

2/ Only a limited number of copies of the report will be available at the Conference Centre at Manila and delegations are therefore urged to bring copies with them.