

United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea

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Introductory Note

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The *Official Records* of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea comprise seven volumes, as follows :

- Volume I: Preparatory Documents
- Volume II: Plenary Meetings
- Volume III: First Committee (Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone)
- Volume IV: Second Committee (High Seas; General Régime)
- Volume V: Third Committee (High Seas: Fishing, Conservation of Living Resources)
- Volume VI: Fourth Committee (Continental Shelf)
- Volume VII: Fifth Committee (Question of free access to the sea of Land-locked countries)

Volumes III to VII contain the summary records of the meetings and the relevant documents, which appear as annexes. These include the draft articles prepared by the International Law Commission and the final texts adopted by the committees of the Conference.

The present volume contains :

(a) Resolution 1105 (XI) of the General Assembly convening the Conference ;

(b) The list of delegations ;

(c) The officers of the Conference and of its committees, and the secretariat of the Conference ;

(d) The agenda of the Conference ;

(e) The rules of procedure of the Conference ;

(f) The summary records of the plenary meetings ;

(g) Documents published as annexes ; these include the reports of the five main committees and of the Drafting Committee of the Conference, the conventions, the protocol of signature, the resolutions adopted by the Conference and the Final Act.

The records of the meetings of the General Committee of the Conference have not been printed. A summary of the discussions in that Committee will be found in the General Committee's reports to the Conference which appear as annexes (A/CONF.13/L.2, L.8, L.9 and L.23).

Each volume includes a table of contents which indicates the matters dealt with at each meeting and an index listing all the

documents relating to that part of the Conference's work which forms the subject of the volume in question ; the index shows where these documents may be found. The present volume contains an index to the documents relating to the General Committee and to the plenary meetings.

Symbols of United Nations documents are composed of capital letters combined with figures. Mention of such a symbol indicates a reference to a United Nations document.

The Conference documents all bear the symbol A/CONF.13/... followed by capital letters and figures which indicate the nature of the document concerned :

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Nature of document</i>
A/CONF.13/1 to 36	Preparatory Documents
A/CONF.13/L.1 to L.58	} Plenary Meetings
A/CONF.13/SR.1 to SR.21	
A/CONF.13/BUR/L.1 to L.7	} General Committee of the Conference
A/CONF.13/BUR/SR.1 to SR.7	
A/CONF.13/C.1/L.1 to L.168	} First Committee
A/CONF.13/C.1/SR.1 to SR.66	
A/CONF.13/C.2/L.1 to L.153	} Second Committee
A/CONF.13/C.2/SR.1 to SR.37	
A/CONF.13/C.3/L.1 to L.93	} Third Committee
A/CONF.13/C.3/SR.1 to SR.43	
A/CONF.13/C.4/L.1 to L.67	} Fourth Committee
A/CONF.13/C.4/SR.1 to SR.42	
A/CONF.13/C.5/L.1 to L.27	} Fifth Committee
A/CONF.13/C.5/SR.1 to SR.25	

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The summary records of the plenary meetings contained in this volume were originally distributed in mimeographed form as documents A/CONF.13/SR.1 to SR.21. They include the corrections to the provisional summary records that were requested by the delegations and such drafting and editorial modifications as were considered necessary.