

# **Second United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea**

Geneva, Switzerland  
17 March – 26 April 1960

Document:-  
**A/CONF.19/SR.5**

## **Fifth Plenary Meeting**

Extract from the *Official Records of the Second United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (Summary Records of Plenary Meetings and of Meetings of the Committee of the Whole, Annexes and Final Act)*

Switzerland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Arab Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. He thought that list would ensure the representative character of the General Committee in conformity with rule 6. If there were no further nominations and no objections, he suggested that the Conference should regard the representatives of the States he had enumerated as duly elected Vice-Presidents.

*It was so agreed.*

#### Appointment of the Credentials Committee

[Agenda item 7]

3. The PRESIDENT, referring to the provisions of rule 4 of the rules of procedure, proposed that the following States be appointed to constitute the Credentials Committee: Brazil, Chile, France, Greece, Indonesia, Liberia, Sudan, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America.

*It was so agreed.*

Consideration of the questions of the breadth of the territorial sea and fishery limits in accordance with resolution 1307 (XIII) adopted by the General Assembly on 10 December 1958

[Agenda item 9]

Adoption of conventions or other instruments regarding the matters considered and of the Final Act of the Conference

[Agenda item 10]

4. The PRESIDENT suggested that the two substantive items on the Conference's agenda should be referred to the Committee of the Whole established under rule 46 of the rules of procedure.

*It was so agreed.*

The meeting rose at 3.30 p.m.

#### FOURTH PLENARY MEETING

*Friday, 8 April 1960, at 11 a.m.*

*President:* Prince WAN WAITHAYAKON (Thailand)

#### Tribute to the memory of General Guisan

*On the proposal of the President, the Conference observed a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of General Guisan, commander-in-chief of the Swiss armed forces during the Second World War.*

1. Mr. RUEGGER (Switzerland), speaking on behalf of the Swiss Federal Council and the delegation of the Swiss Confederation, thanked the President for his expression of sympathy. Having paid a tribute to the personality of General Guisan, who could be regarded as a symbol of the active neutrality of the Swiss people, he said that the name of that great leader would henceforth live in history, a history fraught with danger and

suffering but also imbued with hopes which were, even if only partially, in process of fulfilment.

#### Report of the General Committee

2. The PRESIDENT announced that the General Committee had decided to recommend to the Conference that Friday, 22 April 1960, be fixed as the target date for the conclusion of the discussions and voting on the proposals before it — on the understanding that, if necessary, the Conference would meet again on Saturday, 23 April 1960 — and that the Final Act, and other instrument or instruments which might be adopted by the Conference, could be signed during the afternoon of Monday, 25 April 1960.

3. He proposed that the Conference should adopt that recommendation.

*It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 11.25 a.m.

#### FIFTH PLENARY MEETING

*Tuesday, 19 April 1960, at 10.30 a.m.*

*President:* Prince WAN WAITHAYAKON (Thailand)

**Consideration of the questions of the breadth of the territorial sea and fishery limits in accordance with resolution 1307 (XIII) adopted by the General Assembly on 10 December 1958 (A/CONF.19/L.4 to L.6) (continued)\***

[Agenda item 9]

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (A/CONF.19/L.4)

1. The PRESIDENT invited the Rapporteur of the Committee of the Whole to present the Committee's report (A/CONF.19/L.4) to the Conference.

2. Mr. GLASER (Romania), Rapporteur of the Committee of the Whole, introduced the Committee's report.

The meeting rose at 11 a.m.

#### SIXTH PLENARY MEETING

*Wednesday, 20 April 1960, at 10.50 a.m.*

*President:* Prince WAN WAITHAYAKON (Thailand)

Consideration of the questions of the breadth of the territorial sea and fishery limits in accordance with resolution 1307 (XIII) adopted by the General Assembly on 10 December 1958 (A/CONF.19/L.4 to L.6) (continued)

[Agenda item 9]

1. Mr. DREW (Canada), referring to current speculation about the possibility of adjourning the Conference,

\* Resumed from the 3rd plenary meeting.