

Second United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea

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Resolution 1307 (XIII) of the General Assembly of the United Nations Convening the Conference

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RESOLUTION 1307 (XIII) OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENING THE CONFERENCE

Convening of a second United Nations conference on the law of the sea

The General Assembly,

Having received the resolution adopted on 27 April 1958 by the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea,¹ requesting the General Assembly to study at its thirteenth session the advisability of convening a second international conference of plenipotentiaries for further consideration of questions left unsettled by the Conference,

Recalling that the Conference made an historic contribution to the codification and progressive development of international law by preparing and opening for signature conventions on nearly all of the subjects covered by the draft articles on the law of the sea drawn up by the International Law Commission,²

Noting that no proposal concerning the breadth of the territorial sea or fishery limits received the two-thirds majority required for adoption by the Conference,

Believing that the desire for agreement on these two vital issues continues, and that agreement thereon would contribute substantially to the lessening of international tensions and to the preservation of world order and peace,

Convinced that to reach such agreement it is necessary to undertake considerable preparatory work so as to ensure reasonable probabilities of success,

¹ *Official Records of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea*, vol. II, annexes, document A/CONF.13/L.56, resolution VIII.

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 9*, pp. 4 ff.

1. *Decides* that a second international conference of plenipotentiaries on the law of the sea should be called for the purpose of considering further the questions of the breadth of the territorial sea and fishery limits;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convoke the conference at the earliest convenient date in March or April 1960 at the European Office of the United Nations in Geneva;

3. *Invites* all States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies to participate in the conference and to include among their representatives experts competent in the matters to be considered;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the specialized agencies and inter-governmental bodies concerned with the matters to be considered to send observers to the conference;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the necessary staff and facilities which would be required for the conference, and to present to the conference recommendations concerning its methods of work and procedures, and other questions of an administrative nature;

6. *Refers* to the conference for its information the relevant records of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea held in 1958.

*783rd plenary meeting,
10 December 1958.*