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## **Summary Records of Plenary Meetings 47<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting**

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eroon. He also asked the President whether he intended to allow introduction and discussion in the plenary meeting of the additional articles referred to in the foot-notes to articles 7, 13, 18 and 19 of the document.

77. Mr. EVENSEN (Norway), Mr. TEMPLETON (New Zealand), Mr. JAGOTA (India), Mr. TELLO (Mexico), Mr. GAYAN (Mauritius), Mr. ANDERSEN (Iceland) and Mr. ANWARSANI (Indonesia) consented, in the light of the appeal by the President, to withdraw their names from the list of speakers on the understanding that they would be free to make statements on the draft articles when they were considered in the Second Committee.

78. Mr. BEESLEY (Canada), replying to the question raised by the Bulgarian representative, said that the sponsors would introduce in the plenary the various additional articles referred to in the working paper only if more than one Committee was involved.

79. The PRESIDENT, in replying to a question put by the representative of Gambia, said that there would be no discus-

sion of the draft articles in document A/CONF.62/L.4 until the Second Committee had considered them.

Invitation to national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity or by the League of Arab States to participate in the Conference as observers (*concluded*)\*

80. Mr. Cisse (Senegal) requested that the Seychelles Democratic Party, a national liberation movement recognized by the Organization of African Unity, should be asked to participate in the Conference. He said that its name had been inadvertently omitted from the list drawn up previously.

81. The PRESIDENT said that the Secretariat had noted the Senegalese representative's request and would comply with it.

*The meeting rose at 1.15 p.m.*

\*Resumed from the 40th meeting.

## 47th meeting

Thursday, 1 August 1974, at 9.35 a.m.

*President:* Mr. H. S. AMERASINGHE (Sri Lanka).

### Expression of sympathy in connexion with the recent floods in Bangladesh

1. The PRESIDENT said that Bangladesh had been struck by the worst floods in living memory just at the time when it was making a desperate effort to restore its shattered economy. Speaking on behalf of the entire Conference, he extended to the Government and people of Bangladesh and to the relatives of those who had lost their lives in the calamity his sincerest condolences. He hoped that the United Nations and the nations of the world would do all in their power to help Bangladesh recover from the disaster, repair the colossal damage that had been caused and accelerate the process of reconstruction.

2. Mr. RASHID (Bangladesh) thanked the President and the Conference for the expression of sympathy to his afflicted people. He hoped that, with the aid and co-operation of the international community, his country would soon be able to recover from the disaster.

3. The PRESIDENT said that a message of condolence would be sent, on behalf of the entire Conference, to the Government of Bangladesh.

4. Mr. CHOWDHURY (Bangladesh) expressed his delegation's deep appreciation for the message of sympathy the international community had decided to send to the Government and unfortunate people of Bangladesh. Some 15 million people had suffered hardship as a result of the floods, thousands of miles of roads and river embankments had been affected, and many thousands of houses had been destroyed and damaged. That was some indication of the magnitude of the calamity.

5. He would be grateful if leaders of delegations could inform their Governments about the tragic situation of the people of Bangladesh and the statements expressing sentiments of human solidarity and help from the United Nations family that had been made during the meeting. His Government was doing all it could but the situation called for massive international help, and he was grateful for the expression of sympathy and support from the Conference.

*The meeting rose at 9.40 a.m.*

## 48th meeting

Wednesday, 7 August 1974, at 9.25 a.m.

*President:* Mr. H. S. AMERASINGHE (Sri Lanka).

### Progress of work: statements by the Chairmen of the Main Committees (*concluded*)

1. Mr. ENGO (United Republic of Cameroon), speaking as Chairman of the First Committee, said that his Committee had come to the end of the second phase of its work. It had considered, at its informal meetings, the draft articles in document

A/CONF.62/C.1/L.3, which, he was happy to note, provided the framework from which final treaty articles would emerge. That document was unfortunately still plagued with alternative texts, and certain fundamental questions had to be resolved before those alternatives could disappear. The most important remaining problem, that of who would exploit the international zone, had been attacked in all its aspects.