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## **Letter dated 23 April 1979 from the Chairman of the group of Arab States to the President of the Conference**

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natives in the text would be disastrous and the failure of the Conference would be assured.

In the light of the foregoing, it would be wholly illegitimate to

alter the situation in respect of Jamaica's name in the informal composite negotiating text, and the group of Latin American States opposes any such move.

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#### Letter dated 23 April 1979 from the Chairman of the group of Arab States to the President of the Conference

[Original: English]  
[23 April 1979]

As Chairman of the group of Arab States to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, I wish to reiterate to you the decision taken by the League of Arab States which endorsed the candidature of Malta for the seat of the International Sea-Bed Authority.

Since Malta and Fiji are also candidates for that seat, the group of Arab States considers it unfair to insert Jamaica in article 154, paragraph 3, of the informal composite negotiating text,<sup>1</sup> while mentioning the other two candidates in a foot-note.

I request, therefore, that the three candidates, namely, Malta, Jamaica and Fiji, be accorded equal treatment in any article relating to the said seat in the revised text you envisage to issue at the end of the current session.

I request that this letter be issued as an official document of the Conference.

(Signed) A. HUMAIDAN (United Arab Emirates)  
Chairman of the group of Arab States  
to the Third United Nations Conference  
on the Law of the Sea

#### DOCUMENT A/CONF.62/76

#### Letter dated 25 April 1979 from the Chairman of the group of Western European and other States to the President of the Conference

[Original: English]  
[25 April 1979]

At a meeting today of the group of Western European and other States to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea the group discussed the provisions of article 154, paragraph 3, of the informal composite negotiating text<sup>1</sup> with regard to the seat of the future International Sea-Bed Authority. The group has asked me, in my capacity as its Chairman, to convey to you its opinion that all candidatures for the seat should be placed on an equal footing with each other. Preferably, no mention should be made of any candidate in article 154, paragraph 3. This should be reflected in any revised Conference text.

It is requested that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Conference.

(Signed) N. R. LARSSON (Sweden)  
Chairman of the group of Western European and other States  
to the Third United Nations Conference  
on the Law of the Sea

#### DOCUMENT A/CONF.62/77

#### Letter dated 24 April 1979 from the Chairman of the Group of 77 to the President of the Conference

[Original: Spanish]  
[25 April 1979]

I have the honour to enclose with this letter the document concerning the question of unilateral legislation which was drawn up by the group of legal experts of the Group of 77 under the chairmanship of Mr. Roberto Herrera Cáceres of Honduras. I would be grateful if you would arrange for it to be circulated as a document of the Conference to the participating States.

The group of legal experts has held various meetings during the present session and will continue its work during the

coming months, with the object of contributing to the definition of the legal position of the Group of 77 in defence of the common heritage of mankind.

(Signed) M. CARLAS  
Head of the delegation of Honduras  
to the Third United Nations Conference  
on the Law of the Sea  
and Chairman of the Group of 77