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1. The Credentials Committee held its 9th and 10th meetings on 25 and 26 April 1979. Representatives of all the members of the Committee except Chad were present.

2. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Executive Secretary of the Conference, dated 23 April 1979, indicating that as of that date communications had been received concerning 139 States participating in the session.

3. Credentials in the form provided for by rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference had been submitted to the Executive Secretary by the following 113 States: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Congo, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zaire.

4. The appointment of the representatives of five States: Dominica, Mauritius, San Marino, Upper Volta and Zambia has been communicated to the Executive Secretary by telegram from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs concerned.

5. The appointment of the representatives of the following 19 countries had been communicated to the Executive

Secretary by letter, cable or note verbale: Austria, Bangladesh, Burundi, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Nicaragua, Panama and Yugoslavia.

6. The Executive Secretary informed the Committee that, subsequent to the preparation of his memorandum, credentials in due form had been received from Austria, Fiji and Yugoslavia, and a cable had been received from the Central African Empire.

7. The Chairman proposed that, in the light of past practice, the Committee should accept the credentials referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 above and that, as an exceptional measure and subject to later validation, it accept the communications referred to in paragraph 5 above in lieu of formal credentials.

8. The representative of Hungary recorded his delegation's objection to the acceptance of the credentials of the delegation of Democratic Kampuchea, stating that, in the view of the Hungarian delegation, these credentials were null and void.

9. The representative of China objected to the statement by the representative of Hungary, stating that, in the view of the Chinese delegation, the credentials of Democratic Kampuchea were valid.

10. The Chairman noted that the views and reservations expressed would be reflected in the report of the Committee. Subject to these views and reservations, summarized in paragraphs 8 and 9 above, the Committee decided to approve the following draft resolution:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Taking into account the views expressed during the debate;

"Accepts the formal credentials of the representatives that have been received;

"Accepts as an exceptional measure and subject to later validation, the communications referred to in paragraph 6 of the Executive Secretary's memorandum of 23 April 1979 in lieu of formal credentials."

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Report by the Chairman of the Third Committee

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**RESULTS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON PARTS XIII AND XIV OF
THE INFORMAL COMPOSITE NEGOTIATING TEXT'**

1. I have the honour to submit for your consideration this report on the work of the Third Committee during this session. The report was considered at the 40th meeting of the Committee held on 23 April. But, bearing in mind the stage of the Conference, this report indeed reflects the results which have been achieved until now. We have opted, since Caracas, for negotiating fairly in open-ended meetings with the flexible use of all available means of negotiation, but always on the condition that the results should be brought to the attention of the Committee as a whole. The negotiations and discussions which took place during this session were concentrated on the main pending issues in all parts within the mandate of the Third Committee, namely, part XII (Protection and preservation of the marine environment), part XIII (Marine scientific research) and part XIV (Development

and transfer of technology) of the informal composite negotiating text.

2. During the 1st meeting of the Third Committee at this session of the Conference, held on 2 April, I reviewed the outstanding issues, enumerating all the pending informal proposals. Although most of them have been the subject of extensive consideration at the previous sessions, we agreed to provide the sponsors with an additional opportunity to present them to the Committee and hear the reactions of the interested delegations. This was to allow the Committee to assess the chances of acceptability and enable the sponsors to consider how to pursue matters of special interest to them in the future. We agreed also to provide adequate opportunity to discuss those informal proposals which, owing to lack of time during previous sessions, were not thoroughly examined so that they could be taken up again and negotiated at this session.