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Programme of work for the eleventh session of the Conference

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3. Urges the industrialized countries to assist the developing countries in the preparation and implementation of their marine science, technology and ocean service development programmes;

4. Recommends that the World Bank, the regional banks, the United Nations Development Programme, the Interim Fund on Science and Technology and other multilateral funding agencies augment and co-ordinate their operations for the provision of funds to developing countries for the preparation and implementation of major programmes of assistance in strengthening their marine science, technology and ocean services;

5. Recommends that all competent international organizations within the United Nations system expand programmes within their respective fields of competence for assistance to developing countries in the field of marine science technology and ocean services and co-ordinate their efforts on a system-wide basis in the implementation of such programmes paying particular attention to the special needs of the developing countries, whether coastal, land-locked or geographically disadvantaged;

6. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to transmit this resolution to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

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1. In accordance with its recommendations, contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 of A/CONF.62/BUR.14, and approved by the plenary Conference, the Collegium recommends the following programme of work for the eleventh, final decision-making session of the Conference for the adoption of the convention.

First Stage (8-26 March 1982)

2. During the first three weeks of the session, the Conference will continue consultations and negotiations on pending issues.

3. The informal plenary Conference will meet to process the recommendations of the Drafting Committee resulting from its final intersessional meeting.

Second Stage (29 March-1 April)

4. Beginning Monday, 29 March, the plenary Conference will meet for three days (29-31 March) to discuss the results of the consultations and negotiations. In accordance with A/CONF.62/L.46,⁶⁵ statements will be limited to 15 minutes.

5. In the light of the plenary debate and taking into account the criteria established in document A/CONF.62/62,⁶⁶ the President of the Conference, the Chairmen of the Committees, the Chairman of the Drafting Committee and the Rapporteur-General will meet on Thursday, 1 April, and decide on the incorporation of the results of the consultations and negotiations into the draft convention.

6. In order to enable delegations to prepare themselves for the next stage, the Collegium will issue a memorandum containing all the changes that will be incorporated in the draft

⁶⁵ *Ibid.*, vol. XIII (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.V.5).

⁶⁶ *Ibid.*, vol. X (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.V.4).

convention. These changes will be referred to the Drafting Committee for its consideration and recommendations. The Drafting Committee's report and its processing by the plenary Conference will be completed by 12 April.

Third Stage (6 April)

7. On Tuesday, 6 April, the Conference will meet to decide whether rule 33 is applicable to the draft convention which is before the Conference. The Conference should also decide that all formal proposals which have previously been presented be treated as having lapsed.

Fourth Stage (13-22 April)

8. Should delegations at this point of time feel it necessary to submit formal amendments to the draft convention, such amendments would have to be submitted to the secretariat by 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 13 April. Should the President, in accordance with Rule 37, defer the taking of a vote on amendments, the plenary Conference will give an opportunity to delegations, during the interval, to make statements on the amendments. During that period, the President, assisted by the General Committee, will make every effort conducive to the attainment of general agreements.

Fifth Stage (23-30 April)

9. By Friday, 23 April, the Conference will have to determine whether all efforts at reaching general agreement have been exhausted.

10. During the last week that will end on 30 April, the Conference will adopt the convention, the text of the draft resolution on the establishment of the Preparatory Commission, the final act and any other pertinent decisions.

DOCUMENT A/CONF.62/L.81

Report of the Chairman of the First Committee

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[29 September 1981]

1. The First Committee held only one meeting this session to hear my report on the work done regarding our mandate during the resumed tenth session. I do not wish to report here in full detail on the content of this report (A/CONF.62/C.1/L.29).

2. The working group of 21 concentrated on negotiations regarding the Preparatory Commission. In accordance with a previous agreement, it was co-chaired by the President of the Conference and the Chairman of the First Committee. The discussions of this resumed session were based primarily on a