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Report to the plenary Conference on the recommendations of the Drafting Committee presented by the Chairman of the Drafting Committee on behalf of the President of the Conference and the Chairman of the First Committee

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1. At two informal meetings of the plenary Conference held on 17 and 18 August 1981, consideration was given to the recommendations of the Drafting Committee on sections 1, 2 and 6 of Part XI and sections 1 and 2 of Part XV of the draft convention on the law of the sea. (A/CONF.62/WP.10/Rev.3 and Corr.1 and 3).

2. At an informal meeting of the plenary Conference held on 27 August 1981, consideration was given to the report of the Drafting Committee relating to the recommendations of the Drafting Committee on section 3 of Part XV and on annex V.

3. The recommendations of the Drafting Committee approved during the informal meeting of the plenary at the resumed tenth session of the Conference are set out in the addenda to the report of the Drafting Committee (A/CONF.62/L.67/Add.16 and A/CONF.62/L.75/Add.1-12), as amended by document A/CONF.62/L.75/Add.13.

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1. During the resumed tenth session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea the Drafting Committee continued its article-by-article textual review of the draft convention on the law of the sea (informal text).

2. During this session there were 143 meetings of the language groups, 14 meetings of the co-ordinators of the language groups under the direction of the Chairman of the Drafting Committee and 6 informal meetings of the Drafting Committee. The Drafting Committee maintained its previously established informal working methods facilitated by increased resort to informal consultations on certain provisions of Part XV and annex V of the draft convention.

3. During this session the Drafting Committee continued its work on Part XV and Part XI and submitted approximately 500 recommendations on section 3 of Part XV and on annex V which have been accepted by the Conference in informal plenary session.

4. The co-ordinators of the language groups have continued consideration of section 3 of Part XI and have now made a series of proposals on articles 147, 148 and 149.

5. The language groups have worked intensively on annexes VI, VII and VIII and sections 3 and 4 of Part XI and have produced a large number of proposals for consideration by the co-ordinators and the Drafting Committee at its next informal intersessional meeting.

6. In accordance with the decision taken by the Conference at its 153rd meeting on 24 August 1981, an informal intersessional meeting of the Drafting Committee will be held in New York from 18 January to 26 February 1982.

7. The Drafting Committee also has before it a substantial number of pending items requiring further consideration by the Committee.

8. The proposed time-table for the informal intersessional meeting is as follows:

Week 1—Part XI

Week 2—Part XI

Week 3—Part XI and annex III

Week 4—Part XI and annex III

Week 5—Annexes III and IV and, time permitting, annexes VI and VII, Parts XVI and XVII, preamble, article 1 and transitional provision.

Week 6—Annexes III and IV and, time permitting, annexes VI, VII and VIII, Parts XVI and XVII, preamble, article 1 and transitional provision.

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