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Letter dated 24 September 1982 from the representative of France to the President of the Conference

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and to the written statement by the delegation of Colombia dated 29 April 1982 (A/CONF.62/WS/32),⁵⁹ wishes to note the fundamental balance between the rights and duties of coastal and other States in the adopted text of the Convention on the Law of the Sea relating to zones of coastal State jurisdiction.

The relevant provisions of the Convention recognize, beyond and adjacent to the territorial sea, specific resource-related rights and jurisdiction of the coastal State in the exclusive economic zone, while all States continue to enjoy in that zone the high seas freedoms of navigation and overflight and of the laying of submarine cables and pipelines, and other internationally lawful uses of the sea.

The United States delegation has the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Conference.

*(Signed) T. A. CLINGAN, Jr.
Representative of the United States
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on the Law of the Sea*

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*[Original: French]
[27 September 1982]*

Referring to the letter dated 28 April 1982 from the representatives of Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru (A/CONF.62/L.143)⁵⁹ and to the written statement by the delegation of Colombia dated 29 April 1982 (A/CONF.62/WS/32),⁵⁹ I wish to note the fundamental balance between the rights and duties of coastal and other States in the adopted text of the Convention on the Law of the Sea relating to zones of coastal State jurisdiction.

The relevant provisions of the Convention recognize, beyond the territorial sea, and contiguous zone, specific resource-related rights and jurisdiction of the coastal State in the exclusive economic zone, while all States continue to enjoy in that zone the high seas freedoms of navigation and overflight and of the laying of submarine cables and pipelines, and other internationally lawful uses of the sea.

The French delegation requests that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Conference.

*(Signed) C. CHAYET
Representative of France
to the Third United Nations Conference
on the Law of the Sea*

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Report of the Chairman of the Drafting Committee on behalf of the President and the Chairmen of the First, Second and Third Committees

*[Original: English]
[18 October 1982]*

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE

1. At three informal plenary meetings, two held on 22, 23 and 24 September 1982, consideration was given to the recommendations of the Drafting Committee on: preamble; Part I; Part II, articles 10, 19, 22, 26; Part III, articles 34, 36, 37, 42, 45; Part IV, article 47; Part V, articles 61, 62, 63, 66, 69, 70, 71, 74; Part VI, articles 76, 77, 79, 83, 85; Part VII, articles 91, 94, 96, 109; Part IX, article 122; Part X, article 127; Part XI, articles 133, 137, 138, 142, 144, 150, 151, 155, 156, 160, 161, 162, 168, 171, 188, 189; Part XII, articles 194, 200, 201, 202, 208, 211, 212, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 223, 227, 230, 231, 232, 235, 236; Part XIII, articles 240, 241, 244, 246, 249, 252, 253, 254, 261, section 5, title, article 263; Part XIV, articles 266, 267, 268, 269, 271, 275, 276, 277; Part XV,

articles 286, 288, 294, 297; Part XVI; Part XVII, articles 308 to 317, articles 319 and 320; annex I; annex II, articles 2, 3, 5, 6; annexes III, IV; annex V, articles 2 and 3; annexes VI, VII, VIII and IX; resolution I, paragraphs 5 (h) and (i), paragraphs 8 and 9; resolution II.

2. The recommendations of the Drafting Committee, approved during the informal plenary meetings, are set out in the addenda to the report of the Drafting Committee, A/CONF.62/L.152/Add.1 to 26, as amended by document A/CONF.62/L.152/Add.27.

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE INFORMAL PLENARY

3. At the informal plenary meeting held on 24 September 1982, the following amendments of a drafting nature to docu-