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(Prepared by the Rapporteur of the Committee)[Original: English]
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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd meeting on 7 December 1973, the Conference decided to establish the Third Committee as one of its three Main Committees.

2. During the third session of the Conference, held at Geneva from 17 March to 9 May 1975, the officers of the Committee were as follows:

Chairman: Mr. A. Yankov (Bulgaria)
Vice-Chairmen: Colombia, Mr. M. Ospina Hernández;
Federal Republic of Germany,
Mr. M. I. Kehden
Rapporteur: Mr. C. Manyang d'Awol (Sudan)

II. Mandate of the Committee

3. The mandate of the Committee consists of examining the subjects and issues allocated to it by the Conference at its 15th meeting on 21 June 1974.^{8,9}

III. Organization of work

4. During the third session of the Conference, the Third Committee worked through formal and informal meetings. It held 8 formal meetings and 23 informal meetings.

5. At its 18th meeting on 19 March 1975, the Committee accepted a proposal by the Chairman that the Committee should continue working under the established practice of holding informal discussions alternately on item 12 (Preservation of the marine environment) and items 13 (Scientific research) and 14 (Development and transfer of technology). The Committee would have formal meetings, when necessary, to enable delegations to introduce formal proposals. Those proposals introduced by delegations during the current session and other formal documents presented to the Committee are listed at the beginning of the present volume.

6. As at the previous session at Caracas, the informal meetings of the Committee when discussing item 12 were under the chairmanship of Mr. José Luis Vallarta (Mexico), and when discussing items 13 and 14, under the chairmanship of Mr. Cornel Metternich (Federal Republic of Germany).

IV. Work of the Third Committee at its informal meetings

7. The work undertaken at informal meetings during the current session is reflected in the following documents:

- (i) item 12: document A/CONF.62/C.3/L.15/Add.1, which contains informally agreed common texts, and document A/CONF.62/C.3/L.30 and Add.1.
- (ii) items 13 and 14: document A/CONF.62/C.3/L.31.

^{8,9} See *Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, vol. III* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.V.5), document A/CONF.62/L.8/Rev.1, annex III, para. 4.

V. Documentation

8. All the documents referred to in annex III, paragraph 6 of document A/CONF.62/L.8/Rev.1 were before the current session of the Committee. In addition, all documents emanating from the Caracas session and relating to the Third Committee were also before the Committee.

VI. Future work

9. The Third Committee made progress at the current session of the Conference towards completion of the mandate assigned to it by the Conference. It therefore recommends that the opportunity should be provided for it to continue its work at a further session or sessions with a view to completing the drafting of articles dealing with the preservation of the marine environment, scientific research and the development and transfer of technology.

ANNEX I

Documents of the Third Committee

[See the list of documents at the beginning of the present volume.]

ANNEX II

Index to the summary records of the meetings
of the Third Committee

18th meeting—19 March 1975

Organization of work:

Statements by the Chairman, and by the representatives of Ivory Coast and Australia.

Development and transfer of technology:

Statements by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, and by the representative of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission.

19th meeting—26 March 1975

Tribute to the memory of King Faisal of Saudi Arabia.

Preservation of the marine environment:

Statements by the representatives of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Belgium, Netherlands, Denmark, Finland, United Republic of Tanzania, India, Japan, Norway, United States of America, Senegal, Canada, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania and the United Nations Environment Programme.

20th meeting—10 April 1975

Preservation of the marine environment (continued):

Statements by the representatives of Spain, Liberia, New Zealand, Iran, Indonesia, Greece, Egypt and Nigeria.

Scientific research:

Statements by the representatives of Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, German Democratic Republic, Liberia, Czechoslovakia, Kenya, Bulgaria, Nigeria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, India, Canada and by the Chairman.

21st meeting—17 April 1975

Organization of work:

Statement by the Chairman.

Preservation of the marine environment (*continued*):

Statements by the representatives of Canada and India.

Scientific research (*continued*):

Statements by the representatives of Netherlands, Ireland, Yugoslavia, Pakistan, Brazil, China, Chile, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republics, Belgium, Albania, Algeria, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Preservation of the marine environment (*continued*):

Statements by the representatives of Greece, Pakistan, India, Malaysia, the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, Spain and Colombia.

[Statement by the representative of Albania in exercise of the right of reply.]

*22nd meeting—25 April 1975*Development and transfer of technology (*continued*):

Statements by the representatives of Iraq, Nigeria, Somalia, Oman, China, Ecuador, Mexico, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, New Zealand, United States of America, Egypt, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, India, Pakistan, Romania, Bahrain, Portugal, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, German Democratic Republic, Turkey, Canada, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Togo, Senegal, Gambia and Finland.

Scientific research (*continued*):

Statements by the representatives of Iraq, Netherlands, Kenya, Czechoslovakia, United States of America, Germany (Federal Republic of), by the Chairman and by the representatives of the International Council of Scientific Unions, France, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Somalia, China and Pakistan.

*23rd meeting—2 May 1975*Scientific research (*continued*):

Statements by the representatives of Poland, Yugoslavia, Germany (Federal Republic of), Ecuador, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania, India, Switzerland, Iraq, Algeria, Sweden, Canada, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Nigeria, Oman and Netherlands.

*24th meeting—7 May 1975*Scientific research (*concluded*):

Statements by the representatives of Netherlands, Mexico, Nigeria, Colombia, Italy, Cuba, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Kenya, France, India, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Somalia, Ireland, Brazil, Pakistan, El Salvador, Egypt, Ecuador, Bulgaria, Peru and Yugoslavia.

Texts on Scientific research and Development and transfer of technology:

Statements by the Chairman and by the representatives of Yugoslavia, Netherlands, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, France, Norway, Algeria, Brazil, India and Ecuador.

Preservation of the marine environment (*concluded*):

Statements by the Chairman of the informal meetings on item 12, by the representative of Brazil, by the Chairman of the Committee and by the representative of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as depositary of the 1972 Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter.

*25th meeting—8 May 1975*Development and transfer of technology (*concluded*):

Statement by the representative of Netherlands.

Statement on the work of the Committee:

Statements by the Chairman and by the Rapporteur.

Concluding statement by the Chairman.