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Final clauses

PERIODIC CONFERENCES ON INTERNATIONAL OCEAN AFFAIRS

Article 1

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall convene, every [three] years starting from the entry into force of the present Convention, a conference to undertake a comprehensive review of the manner in which the régime established by the Convention is being applied, with the exception of Part XI and its annexes. In the light of the said review, the conference may recommend to States and to the appropriate international organizations measures aimed at facilitating the interpretation and application of the régime established by the present Convention.

2. In undertaking the review mentioned in paragraph 1, the conference shall take into account major trends in ocean uses, new technologies, progress in scientific knowledge, management and protection issues of international significance, institutional and legal developments and other relevant aspects of international ocean affairs.

3. The periodic conference is not empowered to amend the present Convention.

Article 2

The periodic conference shall be open to all States Parties to the present Convention.

Article 3

1. The conference shall be serviced by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in co-operation with the specialized agencies and other international organizations concerned that are part of the United Nations system.

2. The agenda of the conference shall be drawn up by the Secretary-General in consultation with the specialized agencies and other international organizations concerned that are part of the United Nations system, on the basis of replies of States to a circular letter.

Article 4

1. The Secretary-General shall convene, not later than two years after the signature of the present Convention, a special session of the conference to review the state of ratification of the Convention and, if necessary, to propose measures to encourage further participation. The special session shall consider and adopt the rules of procedure for the conference.

2. All States signatories of the present Convention shall be invited to take part in that special session.

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Mexico: draft preambular paragraphs

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Suggestions for paragraphs to be inserted in an appropriate place in the Preamble:

Conscious that the concept of the common heritage of mankind, when applied to the sea-bed and the ocean floor beyond national jurisdiction, introduces a far-reaching innovation which strengthens the principle of the common good of mankind as a norm that must be reconciled with national interest,

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Convinced that rational use of marine resources is essential if their continuing use for the benefit of future generations is to be ensured,

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Convinced also that the establishment of just and equitable conditions for the use of the sea and its resources will contribute to the development of the new international economic order,

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