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Report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its eighth session, 23 April—4 July 1956

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CHAPTER I

ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

1. The International Law Commission, established in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 174 (II) of 21 November 1947, and in accordance with the statute of the Commission annexed thereto, held its eighth session at the European Office of the United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, from 23 April to 4 July 1956. The work of the Commission during the session is related in the present report. Chapter II of the report contains the Commission's final report on the law of the sea, as requested in General Assembly resolution 899 (IX), chapter III consists of progress reports on the work on the subjects of Law of treaties, State responsibility and Consular intercourse and immunities, while chapter IV deals with questions relating to the statute of the Commission and with administrative matters.

I. Membership and attendance

2. The Commission consists of the following members, which were all present at the session:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Nationality</i>
Mr. Gilberto Amado	Brazil
Mr. Douglas L. Edmonds	United States of America
Sir Gerald Fitzmaurice	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mr. J. P. A. François	Netherlands
Mr. F. V. García Amador	Cuba
Mr. Shuhsi Hsu	China
Faris Bey el-Khoury	Syria
Mr. S. B. Krylov	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Mr. L. Padilla-Nervo	Mexico
Mr. Radhabinod Pal	India
Mr. Carlos Salamanca	Bolivia
Mr. A. E. F. Sandström	Sweden
Mr. Georges Scelle	France
Mr. Jean Spiropoulos	Greece
Mr. Jaroslav Zourek	Czechoslovakia

II. Officers

3. At its meetings on 24 and 25 April 1956, the Commission elected the following officers:

Chairman: Mr. F. V. García Amador;

First Vice-chairman: Mr. Jaroslav Zourek;

Second Vice-chairman: Mr. Douglas L. Edmonds;

Rapporteur: Mr. J. P. A. François.

4. Mr. Yuen-li Liang, Director of the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, represented the Secretary-General and acted as Secretary of the Commission.

III. Agenda

5. The Commission adopted an agenda for the eighth session consisting of the following items:

1. Régime of the high seas.
2. Régime of the territorial sea.
3. Law of treaties.
4. Diplomatic intercourse and immunities.
5. Consular intercourse and immunities.
6. State responsibility.
7. Arbitral procedure: General Assembly resolution 989 (X).
8. Question of amending article 11 of the statute of the Commission: General Assembly resolution 986 (X).
9. Publication of the documents of the Commission: General Assembly resolution 987 (X).
10. Co-operation with inter-American bodies.
11. Date and place of the ninth session.
12. Planning of future work of the Commission.
13. Other business.

6. In the course of the session, the Commission held fifty-one meetings. It considered all the items on the above

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