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Resolution of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea
adopted at Montevideo on 5 November 1981*

The ad hoc meeting of senior government officials expert in environmental law,
Having accorded high priority to the prevention of marine pollution from land-based
sources in the conclusions and recommendations of their meeting in Montevideo,
Recalling the provisions of the draft convention on the law of the sea on the protection
and preservation of the marine environment,
Expresses its conviction that the work of the Third United Nations Conference on the
Law of the Sea on the protection and preservation of the marine environment constitutes an
essential contribution to the development of environmental law at the national and interna-
tional levels and accordingly urges an early and successful conclusion of the Conference.

*Circulated at the request of the representative of Mexico.

Provisional agenda of the eleventh session of the Conference

1. Opening of the session by the President of the Conference
2. Minute of silence for prayer or meditation
3. Adoption of the agenda for the session
4. Consideration of the subject-matter referred to in paragraph 3 of General Assembly reso-
nution 3067 (XXVIII) of 16 November 1973
5. Adoption of a convention dealing with all matters relating to the law of the sea, pursuant
to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 3067 (XXVIII) of 16 November 1973,
and of the final act of the Conference
6. Signature of the convention and the final act (at Caracas)

Report of the Credentials Committee

1. The Credentials Committee held its 16th meeting on 22
April 1982. Representatives of all members of the Committee
except Chad were present.
2. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the
Executive Secretary of the Conference, dated 21 April 1982,
indicating that, as of that date, communications had been
received concerning 152 States participating in the session as
well as the United Nations Council for Namibia.

3. Credentials in the form provided for by rule 3 of the
rules of procedure of the Conference have been submitted to
the Executive Secretary by the following States: Algeria,
Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh,
Bhutan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist
Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa
Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kam-
puchea, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark,