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## **Economic implications of sea-bed mining in the international area: report of the Secretary-General**

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# DOCUMENTS OF THE CONFERENCE

## DOCUMENT A/CONF.62/45/REV.1

### Provisional agenda of the fourth session of the Conference

[Original: English]  
[10 March 1976]

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. Statement by the Secretary-General
5. Statement by the President
6. Organization of negotiations
7. Consideration of the subject-matter referred to in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 3067 (XXVIII) of 16 November 1973
8. 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
9. Signature of the convention and the final act (at Caracas)

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### Report of the Credentials Committee

[Original: English]  
[4 May 1976]

1. The Credentials Committee held its 4th meeting on 3 May 1976. Representatives of all the members of the Committee except Costa Rica, Ireland and the Ivory Coast were present.

2. Mr. Karl Wolf (Austria) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee to replace Mr. Franz Weidinger who had served as Chairman of the Committee at the third session of the Conference.

3. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Executive Secretary of the Conference, dated 3 May 1976, indicating that as of that date communications had been received concerning 149 States participating in the session.

4. Credentials in the form provided for by rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference had been submitted by the following 115 States: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Congo, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany (Federal Republic of), Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Holy

See, Honduras, Iceland, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Surinam, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia.

5. The appointment of the representatives of three States: Lebanon, Paraguay and Western Samoa, had been communicated to the Executive Secretary by telegram from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerned.

6. The appointment of the representatives of the following 30 States had been communicated to the Executive Secretary by letter or note verbale from the Ministry of

Foreign Affairs or the Permanent Mission to the United Nations concerned: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Central African Republic, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Grenada, Guyana, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Luxembourg, Nauru, Poland, Portugal, Rwanda, Swaziland, Togo, Upper Volta, Venezuela and Yemen.

7. The delegations of Burundi and Mozambique had signed the Register of the Conference in accordance with rule 40 of the rules of procedure.

8. The Executive Secretary informed the Committee that, subsequent to the preparation of his memorandum, credentials in due form had been received from Portugal.

9. The Chairman proposed that, in the light of the past practice of the Committee, the Committee should accept the credentials referred to in paragraphs 4, 5 and 8 above and that, as an exceptional measure and subject to later validation, it accept the communications referred to in paragraph 6 above in lieu of formal credentials.

10. The Committee unanimously adopted the Chairman's proposal and recommended to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

*"Credentials of representatives to the fourth session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea*

*"The Conference*

*"Approves the report of the Credentials Committee."*

#### DOCUMENTS A/CONF.62/L.11 AND ADD. 1 TO 4

Interested non-governmental organizations invited in accordance with paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 3029 A (XXVII) and paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 3067 (XXVIII)

##### DOCUMENT A/CONF.62/L.11

[Original: English]  
[2 March 1976]

At its 15th and 43rd meetings, held on 21 June and 22 July 1974, and at its 52nd and 55th meetings, held on 17 March and 18 April 1975, the Conference approved the inclusion of the following in the list of interested non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and the extension of invitations to them in accordance with the above-mentioned General Assembly resolutions and in conformity with rule 66 of the rules of procedure:

##### CATEGORY I

International Chamber of Commerce  
International Confederation of Free Trade Unions  
International Co-operative Alliance  
International Council of Voluntary Agencies  
International Council of Women  
International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations  
United Towns Organization  
World Confederation of Labour  
World Federation of United Nations Associations

##### CATEGORY II

Bahá'í International Community  
Caritas Internationalis (International Confederation of Catholic Charities)  
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace  
Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, The Friends World Committee for Consultation  
Inter-American Council of Commerce and Production  
International Air Transport Association  
International Bar Association  
International Chamber of Shipping  
International Commission of Jurists  
International Council of Environmental Law  
International Council of Scientific Unions  
International Federation for the Rights of Man  
International Hotel Association  
International Law Association  
International Movement for Fraternal Union among Races and Peoples  
International Organization of Consumers' Unions  
International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources  
Latin American Association of Finance Development Institutions  
Pan American Federation of Engineering Societies

Society for International Development  
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom  
World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations  
World Association of World Federalists  
World Peace Through Law Centre

##### ROSTER

Asian Environmental Society  
Foresta Institute for Ocean and Mountain Studies  
Friends of the Earth  
International Association for Religious Freedom  
International Institute for Environment and Development  
International Ocean Institute  
International Studies Association  
Mutual Assistance of the Latin American Government Oil Companies  
National Audubon Society  
National Shippers' Councils of Europe  
Sierra Club  
United Seamen's Service  
World Federation of Scientific Workers  
World Society of Ekistics

##### DOCUMENT A/CONF.62/L.11/ADD.1

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[15 March 1976]

At its 57th meeting, held on 15 March 1976, the Conference approved the inclusion of the following in the list of interested non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and the extension of invitations to them in accordance with the above-mentioned General Assembly resolutions and in conformity with rule 66 of the rules of procedure:

##### ROSTER

Pax Christi, International Catholic Peace Movement  
Population Institute  
World Alliance of Reformed Churches

##### DOCUMENT A/CONF.62/L.11/ADD.2

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At its 59th meeting, held on 5 April 1976, the Conference approved the inclusion of the following in the list of interested