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FOREWORD

This is the eighth issue of the Law of the Sea Information Circular (LOSIC), a periodic publication of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), Office of Legal Affairs. Its objective is to communicate to all States and entities information on any action taken by States Parties in implementing the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (the Convention), as well as on activities undertaken by DOALOS pursuant thereto.

The purpose of LOSIC is also to assist States Parties to the Convention to discharge their obligations by giving due publicity to information in accordance with the Convention. This is of particular importance to coastal States, which are obliged under the Convention, inter alia, to give due publicity with regard to (i) charts and lists of geographical coordinates (articles 16(2), 47(9), 75(2), 76(9) and 84(2)); (ii) laws and regulations relating to innocent passage (article 21(3)); and (iii) laws and regulations of States bordering straits relating to transit passage (article 42(3)).

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A. Status of the Convention and Agreements

1 Table showing the status of the Convention and of the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention, as at 16 November 1998

State or entity ^{1/}	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea		Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention	
	Signature (with <input type="checkbox"/> / without <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> declaration)	Date of ratification; formal confirmation(fc); Accession(a); succession(s); (<input type="checkbox"/> declaration)	Signature	Ratification; formal confirmation(fc); accession(a); definitive signature(ds); participation(p); ^{2/} simplified procedure (sp); ^{3/}
Afghanistan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Albania				
Algeria	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 June 1996	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11 June 1996 (p)
Andorra				
Angola	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 December 1990		
Antigua and Barbuda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 February 1989		
Argentina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 December 1995	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 December 1995
Armenia				
Australia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5 October 1994	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5 October 1994
Austria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 14 July 1995	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	14 July 1995
Azerbaijan				
Bahamas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	29 July 1983	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28 July 1995
Bahrain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30 May 1985		
Bangladesh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Barbados	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12 October 1993	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28 July 1995 (sp)
Belarus	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Belgium	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 13 November 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	13 November 1998
Belize	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	13 August 1983		21 October 1994 (ds)
Benin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	16 October 1997		16 October 1997 (p)
Bhutan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Bolivia	<input type="checkbox"/>	28 April 1995		28 April 1995 (p)
Bosnia and Herzegovina		12 January 1994 (s)		

^{1/} The *italicised text* indicates non-members of the United Nations.

^{2/} States bound by the Agreement by having ratified, acceded or succeeded to the Convention under article 4, paragraph 1, of the Agreement.

^{3/} States bound by the Agreement under the simplified procedure set out in article 5 of the Agreement.

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Botswana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 May 1990		
Brazil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 22 December 1988	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Brunei Darussalam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5 November 1996		5 November 1996 (p)
Bulgaria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15 May 1996		15 May 1996 (a)
Burkina Faso	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Burundi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Cambodia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Cameroon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	19 November 1985	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Canada	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Cape Verde	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 August 1987	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Central African Republic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Chad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Chile	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 25 August 1997		25 August 1997 (a)
China	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 7 June 1996	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7 June 1996 (p)
Colombia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Comoros	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21 June 1994		
Congo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Cook Islands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15 February 1995		15 February 1995 (a)
Costa Rica	<input type="checkbox"/>	21 September 1992		
Côte d'Ivoire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26 March 1984	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28 July 1995 (sp)
Croatia		<input type="checkbox"/> 5 April 1995 (s)		5 April 1995 (p)
Cuba	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 15 August 1984		
Cyprus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12 December 1988	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	27 July 1995
Czech Republic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 21 June 1996	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21 June 1996
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Democratic Republic of the Congo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	17 February 1989		
Denmark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Djibouti	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8 October 1991		
Dominica	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	24 October 1991		
Dominican Republic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
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Egypt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 26 August 1983	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
El Salvador	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Equatorial Guinea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21 July 1997		21 July 1997 (p)
Eritrea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Estonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Ethiopia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

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European Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 April 1998 (fc)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 April 1998(fc)
Fiji	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10 December 1982	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28 July 1995
Finland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 21 June 1996	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21 June 1996
France	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 April 1996	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11 April 1996
Gabon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11 March 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11 March 1998 (p)
Gambia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22 May 1984		
Georgia		21 March 1996 (a)		21 March 1996 (p)
Germany		<input type="checkbox"/> 14 October 1994 (a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	14 October 1994
Ghana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7 June 1983		
Greece	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 21 July 1995	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21 July 1995
Grenada	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	25 April 1991	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28 July 1995 (sp)
Guatemala	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 February 1997		11 February 1997 (p)
Guinea	<input type="checkbox"/>	6 September 1985	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28 July 1995 (sp)
Guinea-Bissau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 25 August 1986		
Guyana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	16 November 1993		
Haiti	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	31 July 1996		31 July 1996 (p)
<i>Holy See</i>				
Honduras	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5 October 1993		
Hungary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Iceland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 21 June 1985	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28 July 1995 (sp)
India	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 29 June 1995	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	29 June 1995
Indonesia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 February 1986	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Iraq	<input type="checkbox"/>	30 July 1985		
Ireland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 21 June 1996	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21 June 1996
Israel				
Italy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 13 January 1995	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	13 January 1995
Jamaica	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21 March 1983	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28 July 1995 (sp)
Japan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20 June 1996	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20 June 1996
Jordan		27 November 1995 (a)		27 November 1995 (p)
Kazakhstan				
Kenya	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 March 1989		29 July 1994 (ds)
<i>Kiribati</i>				
Kuwait	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 May 1986		
Kyrgyzstan				
Lao People's Democratic Republic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5 June 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5 June 1998 (p)
Latvia				
Lebanon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5 January 1995		5 January 1995 (p)

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Lesotho	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Liberia	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Liechtenstein	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Lithuania				
Luxembourg	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Madagascar	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Malawi	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Malaysia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 14 October 1996	<input type="checkbox"/>	14 October 1996 (p)
Maldives	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mali	<input type="checkbox"/>	16 July 1985		
Malta	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 20 May 1993	<input type="checkbox"/>	26 June 1996
Marshall Islands		9 August 1991 (a)		
Mauritania	<input type="checkbox"/>	17 July 1996	<input type="checkbox"/>	17 July 1996 (p)
Mauritius	<input type="checkbox"/>	4 November 1994		4 November 1994 (p)
Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/>	18 March 1983		
Micronesia (Federated States of)		29 April 1991 (a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	6 September 1995
Monaco	<input type="checkbox"/>	20 March 1996	<input type="checkbox"/>	20 March 1996 (p)
Mongolia	<input type="checkbox"/>	13 August 1996	<input type="checkbox"/>	13 August 1996 (p)
Morocco	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mozambique	<input type="checkbox"/>	13 March 1997		13 March 1997 (a)
Myanmar	<input type="checkbox"/>	21 May 1996		21 May 1996 (a)
Namibia	<input type="checkbox"/>	18 April 1983	<input type="checkbox"/>	28 July 1995 (sp)
Nauru	<input type="checkbox"/>	23 January 1996		23 January 1996 (p)
Nepal	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 November 1998		2 November 1998 (p)
Netherlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 28 June 1996	<input type="checkbox"/>	28 June 1996
New Zealand	<input type="checkbox"/>	19 July 1996	<input type="checkbox"/>	19 July 1996
Nicaragua	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Niger	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Nigeria	<input type="checkbox"/>	14 August 1986	<input type="checkbox"/>	28 July 1995 (sp)
Niue	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Norway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 24 June 1996		24 June 1996 (a)
Oman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 17 August 1989		26 February 1997 (a)
Pakistan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 26 February 1997	<input type="checkbox"/>	26 February 1997 (p)
Palau		30 September 1996 (a)		30 September 1996 (p)
Panama	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 July 1996		1 July 1996 (p)
Papua New Guinea	<input type="checkbox"/>	14 January 1997		14 January 1997 (p)
Paraguay	<input type="checkbox"/>	26 September 1986	<input type="checkbox"/>	10 July 1995

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Peru				
Philippines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 May 1984	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23 July 1997
Poland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	13 November 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	13 November 1998
Portugal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 November 1997	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 November 1997
Qatar	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Republic of Korea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	29 January 1996	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	29 January 1996
Republic of Moldova				
Romania	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 17 December 1996		17 December 1996 (a)
Russian Federation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 March 1997		12 March 1997 (a)
Rwanda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Saint Kitts and Nevis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7 January 1993		
Saint Lucia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	27 March 1985		
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 October 1993		
Samoa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	14 August 1995	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	14 August 1995 (p)
San Marino				
Sao Tome and Principe	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 November 1987		
Saudi Arabia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 24 April 1996		24 April 1996 (p)
Senegal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	25 October 1984	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	25 July 1995
Seychelles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	16 September 1991	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15 December 1994
Sierra Leone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12 December 1994		12 December 1994 (p)
Singapore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	17 November 1994		17 November 1994 (p)
Slovakia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8 May 1996	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8 May 1996
Slovenia		<input type="checkbox"/> 16 June 1995 (s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	16 June 1995
Solomon Islands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23 June 1997		23 June 1997 (p)
Somalia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	24 July 1989		
South Africa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 23 December 1997	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23 December 1997
Spain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 15 January 1997	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15 January 1997
Sri Lanka	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	19 July 1994	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28 July 1995 (sp)
Sudan	<input type="checkbox"/>	23 January 1985	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Suriname	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9 July 1998		9 July 1998 (p)
Swaziland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sweden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 25 June 1996	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	25 June 1996
Switzerland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Syrian Arab Republic				
Tajikistan				
Thailand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		19 August 1994 (s)		19 August 1994 (p)

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Togo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	16 April 1985	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28 July 1995 (sp)
Tonga		2 August 1995 (a)		2 August 1995 (p)
Trinidad and Tobago	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	25 April 1986	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28 July 1995 (sp)
Tunisia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 24 April 1985	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Turkey				
Turkmenistan				
Tuvalu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Uganda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9 November 1990	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28 July 1995 (sp)
Ukraine	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
United Arab Emirates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
United Kingdom		<input type="checkbox"/> 25 July 1997 (a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	25 July 1997
United Republic of Tanzania	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 September 1985	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	25 June 1998
United States of America			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Uruguay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 December 1992	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Uzbekistan				
Vanuatu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Venezuela				
Viet Nam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 25 July 1994		
Yemen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 21 July 1987		
Yugoslavia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 May 1986	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28 July 1995 (sp)
Zambia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7 March 1983	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28 July 1995 (sp)
Zimbabwe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	24 February 1993	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28 July 1995 (sp)
TOTALS	158	130	79	94

Note concerning the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention and the membership on a provisional basis in the International Seabed Authority:

The provisional application of the Agreement terminated on the date of its entry into force, 28 July 1996. In accordance with the provisions of the Agreement, States and entities which had been applying it provisionally, and for which it was not yet in force, were able to continue to be members of the Authority on a provisional basis pending its entry into force for those States and entities. To continue provisional membership, they were required to send a written notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, after 16 November 1996, could retain that status up to 16 November 1998 on the basis of a decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority. The Council approved the extension of the provisional membership of a number of States. Eight of those States (Bangladesh, Belarus, Canada, Qatar, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates and United States of America) having not yet become parties to the Convention and the Agreement, ceased to be members of the Authority on a provisional basis on 16 November 1998.

2. Settlement of disputes mechanism

(a) Choice of procedure by States Parties under article 287 of the Convention

The following choices were expressed in declarations made in accordance with article 287, in the order presented by each State mentioned:

1. **Algeria** accepts the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice only with a prior agreement between the parties concerned in each case;
 2. **Argentina**
 - (a) International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea;
 - (b) Special arbitral tribunal under Annex VIII;
 3. **Austria**
 - (a) International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea;
 - (b) Special arbitral tribunal under Annex VIII;
 - (c) International Court of Justice;
 4. **Belgium**

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea or the International Court of Justice;
 5. **Cape Verde**
 - (a) International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea;
 - (b) International Court of Justice;
 6. **Chile**
 - (a) International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea;
 - (b) Special arbitral tribunal under Annex VIII;
 7. **Cuba** rejects the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice for any types of disputes;
 8. **Egypt**

Arbitral tribunal under Annex VII;
 9. **Finland**

International Court of Justice and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea;
 10. **Germany**
 - (a) International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea;
 - (b) Arbitral tribunal under Annex VII;
 - (c) International Court of Justice;
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11. **Greece**
International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea;
12. **Guinea-Bissau** rejects the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice for any types of disputes;
13. **Italy**
International Court of Justice and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea;
14. **Netherlands**
International Court of Justice;
15. **Norway**
International Court of Justice;
16. **Oman**
(a) International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea;
(b) International Court of Justice;
17. **Portugal**
(a) International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea;
(b) International Court of Justice;
(c) Arbitral tribunal under Annex VII;
(d) Special arbitral tribunal under Annex VIII;
18. **Spain**
International Court of Justice;
19. **Sweden**
International Court of Justice;
20. **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**
International Court of Justice;
21. **United Republic of Tanzania**
International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea;
22. **Uruguay**
International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.
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(b) Optional exceptions to applicability of Part XV, Section 2, of the Convention

Article 298, paragraph 1, allows States and entities to declare that they exclude the application of the compulsory binding procedures for the settlement of disputes under the Convention in respect of certain specified categories of disputes

Article 298, paragraph 1, reads as follows:

Article 298

Optional exceptions to applicability of section 2

1 When signing, ratifying or acceding to this Convention or at any time thereafter, a State may, without prejudice to the obligations arising under section 1, declare in writing that it does not accept any one or more of the procedures provided for in section 2 with respect to one or more of the following categories of disputes:

(a) (i) disputes concerning the interpretation or application of articles 15, 74 and 83 relating to sea boundary delimitations, or those involving historic bays or titles, provided that a State having made such a declaration shall, when such a dispute arises subsequent to the entry into force of this Convention and where no agreement within a reasonable period of time is reached in negotiations between the parties, at the request of any party to the dispute, accept submission of the matter to conciliation under Annex V, section 2; and provided further that any dispute that necessarily involves the concurrent consideration of any unsettled dispute concerning sovereignty or other rights over continental or insular land territory shall be excluded from such submission;

(ii) after the conciliation commission has presented its report, which shall state the reasons on which it is based, the parties shall negotiate an agreement on the basis of that report; if these negotiations do not result in an agreement, the parties shall, by mutual consent, submit the question to one of the procedures provided for in section 2, unless the parties otherwise agree;

(iii) this subparagraph does not apply to any sea boundary dispute finally settled by an arrangement between the parties, or to any such dispute which is to be settled in accordance with a bilateral or multilateral agreement binding upon those parties;

(b) disputes concerning military activities, including military activities by government vessels and aircraft engaged in non-commercial service, and disputes concerning law enforcement activities in regard to the exercise of sovereign rights or jurisdiction excluded from the jurisdiction of a court or tribunal under article 297, paragraph 2 or 3;

(c) disputes in respect of which the Security Council of the United Nations is exercising the functions assigned to it by the Charter of the United Nations, unless the Security Council decides to remove the matter from its agenda or calls upon the parties to settle it by the means provided for in this Convention

The following States made declarations in order to exclude applicability of Part XV, Section 2, of the Convention with respect to one or more categories of disputes, as indicated:

- | | |
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| Argentina | - with respect to the disputes specified in article 298, paragraph 1 (a), (b) and (c), of the Convention; |
| Cape Verde | - with respect to disputes concerning military activities, including military activities by Government-operated vessels and aircraft engaged in non-commercial service, as well as disputes concerning law enforcement activities in regard to the exercise of sovereign rights or jurisdiction excluded from the jurisdiction of a court or tribunal under article 297, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Convention; |
| Chile | - with respect to the disputes referred to in article 298, paragraphs 1 (a), (b) and (c) of the Convention; |
| France | - with respect to disputes concerning the interpretation or application of articles 15, 74 and 83 relating to sea boundary delimitations, or those involving historic bays or titles; disputes concerning military activities, including military activities by government vessels and aircraft engaged in non-commercial service, and disputes concerning law enforcement activities in regard to the exercise of sovereign rights or jurisdiction excluded from the jurisdiction of a |

	court or tribunal under article 297, paragraph 2 or 3; and disputes in respect of which the Security Council of the United Nations is exercising the functions assigned to it by the Charter of the United Nations, unless the Security Council decides to remove the matter from its agenda or calls upon the parties to settle it by the means provided for in the Convention;
Italy	- with respect to disputes concerning the interpretation of articles 15, 74 and 83 relating to sea boundary delimitations as well as those involving historic bays or titles;
Portugal	- with respect to one or more of the categories specified in Article 298 (a) (b) (c) of this Convention;
Russian Federation	- with respect to disputes concerning the interpretation or application of articles 15, 74 and 83 of the Convention, relating to sea boundary delimitations, or those involving historic bays or titles; disputes concerning military activities, including military activities by government vessels and aircraft, and disputes concerning law-enforcement activities in regard to the exercise of sovereign rights or jurisdiction; and disputes in respect of which the Security Council of the United Nations is exercising the functions assigned to it by the Charter of the United Nations;
Tunisia	- with respect to the categories of disputes referred to in article 298, paragraphs 1 (a), (b) and (c) of the Convention;
Uruguay	- in respect of disputes concerning law enforcement activities in regard to the exercise of sovereign rights or jurisdiction excluded from the jurisdiction of a court or tribunal under article 297, paragraphs 2 and 3.

In addition, the following States, while not excluding applicability of Part XV, Section 2, of the Convention with respect to the categories of disputes referred to in article 298, paragraph 1, made declarations regarding their preferences for one or more of the procedures or non-acceptance thereof, as indicated:

Cuba	Does not accept the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice with respect to the provisions of articles 297 and 298
Guinea-Bissau	Does not accept the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice with respect to articles 297 and 298;
Iceland	Declared that under article 298 of the Convention the right is reserved that any interpretation of article 83 shall be submitted to conciliation under Annex V, section 2, of the Convention;
Norway	Does not accept an arbitral tribunal constituted in accordance with Annex VII for any of the categories of disputes mentioned in Article 298;

3 Table showing the status of the Agreement for the implementation of the provisions of the Convention relating to the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks, as at 30 November 1998

State or entity ^{1/}	Signature ^{2/} (<input type="checkbox"/> declaration / statement)	Provisional application as of	Ratification; accession(a) ^{3/} (<input type="checkbox"/> declaration)
Afghanistan			
Albania			
Algeria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Andorra			
Angola <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Antigua and Barbuda <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Argentina <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		
Armenia			
Australia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		
Austria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	27 June 1996		
Azerbaijan			
Bahamas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			16 January 1997(a)
Bahrain <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Bangladesh	4 December 1995		
Barbados <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Belarus			
Belgium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 October 1996		
Belize <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		
Benin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Bhutan			
Bolivia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Bosnia and Herzegovina <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Botswana <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Brazil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		
Brunei Darussalam <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Bulgaria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Burkina Faso	15 October 1996		

1/ States or entities which are Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. The *italicised text* indicates non-members of the United Nations.

Land-locked States.

2/ In accordance with its article 37, the Agreement was opened for signature at United Nations Headquarters from 4 December 1995 until 4 December 1996 by all States and the other entities referred to in article 305 (1) (a), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982.

3/ In accordance with its article 40, the Agreement shall enter into force 30 days after the date of deposit of the thirtieth instrument of ratification or accession.

State or <i>entité</i> ^{1/}	Signature ^{2/} (<input type="checkbox"/> declaration / statement)	Provisional application as of	Ratification; accession(a) ^{3/} (<input type="checkbox"/> declaration)
Burundi			
Cambodia			
Cameroon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Canada	4 December 1995		
Cape Verde <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Central African Republic			
Chad			
Chile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
China <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 November 1996		
Colombia			
Comoros <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Congo			
Cook Islands <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Costa Rica <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Côte d'Ivoire <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	24 January 1996		
Croatia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Cuba <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Cyprus <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Czech Republic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Democratic People's Republic of Korea			
Democratic Republic of the Congo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Denmark	27 June 1996		
Djibouti <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Dominica <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Dominican Republic			
Ecuador			
Egypt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5 December 1995		
El Salvador			
Equatorial Guinea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Eritrea			
Estonia			
Ethiopia			
European Community <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 27 June 1996		
Fiji <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		12 December 1996
Finland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	27 June 1996		
France <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 December 1996		
Gabon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7 October 1996		
Gambia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Georgia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Germany <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28 August 1996		
Ghana <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

State or <i>entity</i> 1)	Signature ²⁾ (<input type="checkbox"/> declaration / statement)	Provisional application as of	Ratification; accession(a) ³⁾ (<input type="checkbox"/> declaration)
Greece <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	27 June 1996		
Grenada <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Guatemala <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Guinea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Guinea-Bissau <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		
Guyana <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Haiti <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Holy See</i>			
Honduras <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Hungary			
Iceland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		14 February 1997
India <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Indonesia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		
Iran (Islamic Republic of)			17 April 1998(a)
Iraq <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Ireland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	27 June 1996		
Israel	4 December 1995		
Italy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	27 June 1996		
Jamaica <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		
Japan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	19 November 1996		
Jordan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Kazakhstan			
Kenya <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Kiribati</i>			
Kuwait <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Kyrgyzstan			
Lao People's Democratic Republic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Latvia			
Lebanon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Lesotho			
Liberia			
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya			
Liechtenstein			
Lithuania			
Luxembourg	27 June 1996		
Madagascar			
Malawi			
Malaysia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Maldives	8 October 1996		
Mali <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Malta <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Marshall Islands <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		

State or entity ^{1/}	Signature ^{2/} (<input type="checkbox"/> declaration / statement)	Provisional application as of	Ratification; accession(a) ^{3/} (<input type="checkbox"/> declaration)
Mauritania <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21 December 1995		
Mauritius <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/> 25 March 1997(a)
Mexico <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Micronesia (Federated States of) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		23 May 1997
Monaco <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Mongolia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Morocco	4 December 1995		
Mozambique <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Myanmar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Namibia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	19 April 1996		8 April 1998
Nauru <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			10 January 1997(a)
Nepal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Netherlands <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 28 June 1996		
New Zealand <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		
Nicaragua			
Niger			
Nigeria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Niue	4 December 1995		
Norway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		<input type="checkbox"/> 30 December 1996
Oman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Pakistan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15 February 1996		
Palau <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Panama <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Papua New Guinea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		
Paraguay <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Peru			
Philippines <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30 August 1996		
Poland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Portugal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	27 June 1996		
Qatar			
Republic of Korea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26 November 1996		
Republic of Moldova			
Romania <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Russian Federation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		<input type="checkbox"/> 4 August 1997
Rwanda			
Saint Kitts and Nevis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Saint Lucia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12 December 1995		9 August 1996
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Samoa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		25 October 1996
San Marino			
Sao Tome and Principe <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

State or <i>entity</i> ^{1/}	Signature ^{2/} (<input type="checkbox"/> declaration / statement)	Provisional application as of	Ratification; accession(a) ^{3/} (<input type="checkbox"/> declaration)
Saudi Arabia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senegal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		30 January 1997
Seychelles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1996		20 March 1998
Sierra Leone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Singapore <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Slovakia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Slovenia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Solomon Islands <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			13 February 1997 ^(a)
Somalia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
South Africa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Spain <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 December 1996		
Sri Lanka <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9 October 1996		24 October 1996
Sudan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Suriname <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Swaziland			
Sweden <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	27 June 1996		
<i>Switzerland</i>			
Syrian Arab Republic			
Tajikistan			
Thailand			
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Togo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Tonga</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 December 1995		31 July 1996
Trinidad and Tobago <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Tunisia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Turkey			
Turkmenistan			
<i>Tuvalu</i>			
Uganda <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10 October 1996		
Ukraine	4 December 1995		
United Arab Emirates			
United Kingdom <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	27 June 1996		
United Republic of Tanzania <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
United States of America	4 December 1995		<input type="checkbox"/> 21 August 1996
Uruguay <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 16 January 1996		
Uzbekistan			
Vanuatu	23 July 1996		
Venezuela			
Viet Nam <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Yemen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Yugoslavia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

State or entity <u>1/</u>	Signature ^{2/} (<input type="checkbox"/> declaration / statement)	Provisional application as of	Ratification; accession(a) ^{3/} (<input type="checkbox"/> declaration)
Zambia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Zimbabwe <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
TOTALS:	59		18

B. Resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly

1. Resolution 52/251 - Agreement on cooperation and relationship between the United Nations and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

On 8 September 1998, the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.80 concerning the Agreement on cooperation and relationship between the United Nations and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea as resolution 52/251. (The resolution is not reprinted in this Circular; see document A/52/L.80 of 31 August 1998; also available on "Oceans and Law of the Sea" Web site (www.un.org/Depts/los), under Documents and Publications).

2. Resolution 53/32 - Oceans and the law of the sea

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/28 of 6 December 1994, 50/23 of 5 December 1995, 51/34 of 9 December 1996 and 52/26 of 26 November 1997 adopted subsequent to the entry into force of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ("the Convention") on 16 November 1994,

Recalling also its resolution 2749 (XXV) of 17 December 1970, and considering that the Convention, together with the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 ("the Agreement"),² provides the regime to be applied to the Area and its resources as defined in the Convention,

Emphasizing the universal character of the Convention and its fundamental importance for the maintenance and strengthening of international peace and security, as well as for the sustainable use and

¹ *Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea*, vol. XVII (United Nations publication, Sales No. E 84 V.3), document A/CONF 62/122

² Resolution 48/263, annex

development of the seas and oceans and their resources,

Conscious that the problems of ocean space are closely interrelated and need to be considered as a whole,

Noting with satisfaction that oceans and seas will be the sectoral theme discussed at the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, in 1999,

Reaffirming the strategic importance of the Convention as a framework for national, regional and global action in the marine sector, as recognized also by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in chapter 17 of Agenda 21,³ as well as in the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, in particular paragraph 36 thereof dealing with oceans and seas,⁴

Recalling that, by its resolution 49/131 of 19 December 1994, it proclaimed 1998 the International Year of the Ocean,

Noting with satisfaction the increase in the number of States parties to the Convention and the Agreement,

Recognizing the impact on States of the entry into force of the Convention and the Agreement and the increasing need, particularly of developing States, for advice and assistance in their implementation in order to benefit thereunder,

Taking note with concern of the financial situation of the International Seabed Authority and of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,

Conscious of the need to promote and facilitate international cooperation, especially at the subregional and regional levels, in order to ensure the orderly and sustainable development of the uses and resources of the seas and oceans,

³ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.1.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex II

⁴ Resolution S-19/2, annex.

Conscious also of the importance of education and training in the field of ocean affairs and the law of the sea,

Taking account of the importance of reliable hydrographic and nautical information to enhance the safety of navigation,

Expressing its concern at the increasing threat to shipping from piracy and armed robbery at sea and its appreciation and support for the ongoing work of the International Maritime Organization in this area,

Expressing its appreciation once again to the Secretary-General for his efforts in support of the Convention and in its effective implementation, including providing assistance in the functioning of the institutions created by the Convention,

Noting the responsibilities of the Secretary-General under the Convention and related resolutions of the General Assembly, in particular resolutions 49/28 and 52/26, and emphasizing the importance of the performance of such responsibilities for the effective and consistent implementation of the Convention,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,⁵ and reaffirming the importance of the annual consideration and review by the General Assembly of the overall developments pertaining to the implementation of the Convention, as well as of other developments relating to the law of the sea and ocean affairs,

1. *Calls upon* all States that have not done so, in order to achieve the goal of universal participation, to become parties to the Convention and the Agreement;

2. *Reaffirms* the unified character of the Convention;

3. *Calls upon* States to harmonize as a matter of priority their national legislation with the provisions of the Convention, to ensure the consistent application of those provisions and to ensure also that any declarations or statements that they have made or make when signing, ratifying or acceding are in conformity with the Convention and to withdraw any

of their declarations or statements that are not in conformity;

4. *Encourages* States parties to the Convention to deposit with the Secretary-General charts and lists of geographical coordinates, as provided for in the Convention;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention in New York from 19 to 28 May 1999, during which, on 24 May 1999, the election of seven judges of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea ("the Tribunal") will take place;

6. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Tribunal, established in accordance with Annex VI to the Convention as a new means for the settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention and the Agreement, delivered its first judgement on 4 December 1997;

7. *Encourages* States parties to the Convention to consider making a written declaration choosing from the means set out in article 287 of the Convention for the settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention and the Agreement, and invites States to note the provisions of Annexes V, VI, VII and VIII to the Convention concerning, respectively, conciliation, the Tribunal, arbitration and special arbitration;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate lists of conciliators and arbitrators drawn up and maintained in accordance with Annexes V and VII to the Convention and to update these lists accordingly;

9. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress in the work of the International Seabed Authority ("the Authority"), and emphasizes the importance of continued progress towards the adoption of the regulations on prospecting and exploration for polymetallic nodules;

10. *Notes with appreciation* the adoption of the Agreement concerning the Relationship between the United Nations and the Authority and the Agreement on Cooperation and Relationship between the United Nations and the Tribunal;

11. *Appeals* to all members of the Authority and all States parties to the Convention to pay their assessed contributions to the Authority and to the Tribunal, respectively, in full and on time in order to

⁵ A/53/456

ensure that they are able to carry out their functions as provided for in the Convention;

12. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress in the work of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf ("the Commission") during its third⁶ and fourth⁷ sessions, held in May and August/September 1998, in adopting its rules of procedure and in adopting provisionally its scientific and technical guidelines aimed at assisting States to prepare their submissions regarding the outer limits of their continental shelf;

13. *Approves* the convening by the Secretary-General of the fifth and sixth sessions of the Commission in New York from 3 to 14 May and from 30 August to 3 September 1999, respectively;

14. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the annual comprehensive report on oceans and the law of the sea⁵ and for the activities of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and the mandate set forth in resolutions 49/28 and 52/26;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the institutional capacity of the Organization adequately responds to the needs of States, the newly established institutions under the Convention and other competent international organizations by providing advice and assistance, taking into account the special needs of developing countries;

16. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to carry out the responsibilities entrusted to him in the Convention and related resolutions of the General Assembly, including those mentioned in paragraph 11 of resolution 52/26, and to ensure that the performance of such activities is not adversely affected by savings as may be realized under the approved budget for the Organization;

17. *Notes with appreciation* the continued efforts of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea to provide timely information on the

oceans, marine affairs and the law of the sea through its Web site on the Internet;⁸

18. *Reaffirms* the importance of ensuring the uniform and consistent application of the Convention and a coordinated approach to its overall implementation, and of strengthening technical cooperation and financial assistance for this purpose, stresses once again the continuing importance of the efforts of the Secretary-General to these ends, and reiterates its invitation to the competent international organizations and other international bodies to support these objectives;

19. *Invites* Member States and others in a position to do so to contribute to the further development of the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship Programme on the Law of the Sea established by the General Assembly in resolution 35/116 of 10 December 1980, and to support the training activities under the TRAIN-SEA-COAST programme of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs;

20. *Notes with interest* the ongoing work of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization towards a convention for the implementation of the provisions of the Convention, relating to the protection of the underwater cultural heritage, and stresses the importance of ensuring that the instrument to be elaborated is in full conformity with the relevant provisions of the Convention;

21. *Invites* States to cooperate in carrying out hydrographic surveys and nautical services for the purpose of ensuring safe navigation as well as to ensure the greatest uniformity in charts and nautical publications and to coordinate their activities so that hydrographic and nautical information is made available on a worldwide scale;

22. *Urges* all States, in particular coastal States in affected regions, to take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent and combat incidents of piracy and armed robbery at sea and to investigate or cooperate in the investigation of such incidents wherever they occur and bring the alleged

⁶ CLCS/7

⁷ CLCS/9

⁸ www.un.org/Depts/los

perpetrators to justice, in accordance with international law;

23. *Calls upon* States to cooperate fully with the International Maritime Organization to combat piracy and armed robbery against ships, including by submitting reports on incidents to that Organization;

24. *Takes note* of the work of the Independent World Commission on the Oceans, and of its report entitled *The Ocean Our Future*, and welcomes its issuance in the context of the International Year of the Ocean;

25. *Reaffirms* its decision to undertake an annual review and evaluation of the implementation of the Convention and other developments relating to ocean affairs and the law of the sea;

26. *Reaffirms also* its decision, in resolution S-19/2 of 28 June 1997, to consider the results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of oceans and seas in 1999, under its agenda item "Oceans and the law of the sea";

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution, including other developments and issues relating to ocean affairs and the law of the sea, in connection with his annual comprehensive report on oceans and the law of the sea, and to circulate the report sufficiently in advance of consideration by the General Assembly of the item concerning oceans and the law of the sea;

28. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Oceans and the law of the sea".

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24 November 1998

3. Resolution 53/33 - Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing; unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 52/29 of 26 November 1997, 51/36 of 9 December 1996, 49/118 and 49/116 of 19 December 1994 and 46/215 of 20 December 1991, as well as other relevant resolutions, relating to large-scale

pelagic drift-net fishing; unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments,¹

Emphasizing the useful role that report plays in bringing together information relating to the sustainable development of the world's marine living resources, provided by States, relevant intergovernmental organizations, regional and subregional fisheries organizations, and non-governmental organizations,

Noting with satisfaction that, while significant work remains, interested parties have made real progress towards sustainable fisheries management,

Welcoming the progress in organizing new regional organizations and arrangements in several heretofore unmanaged fisheries,

Noting that the secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations stated that 60-70 per cent of world fisheries are either fully exploited or overfished, and encouraging the current intergovernmental negotiating process going on at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to address, in this context, the issue of fishing overcapacity,

Noting with concern the reports of continued loss of seabirds, particularly albatross, as a result of incidental mortality from longline fishing operations, and the loss of other marine species, including sharks and finfish species, as a result of incidental mortality,

Conscious of the need to promote and facilitate international cooperation, especially at the regional and subregional levels, in order to ensure the sustainable development and use of the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas, consistent with the present resolution and with the duties of States to cooperate in the conservation and management of marine living resources, in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,²

¹ A/53/473

² Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law

Once again expressing concern at the impact of large-scale drift-net fishing on the marine living resources of the oceans and seas, and noting that there are continuing reports of activities inconsistent with the terms of resolution 46/215,

Concerned also to ensure that the implementation of resolution 46/215 in some parts of the world does not result in the transfer to other parts of the world of drift-nets which contravene the resolution,

Expressing concern at the detrimental impact of unauthorized fishing in areas under national jurisdiction on the sustainable development of the world's fishery resources and on the food security and economies of many States, particularly developing States, and the continuing reports of unauthorized fishing activities, inconsistent with the terms of resolution 49/116, in zones of national jurisdiction,

Recalling that, pursuant to a proposal made at the twenty-second session of the Committee on fisheries of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in March 1997, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations agreed to organize an expert consultation to develop and propose guidelines leading to a plan of action aiming at a reduction in the incidental catch of sea birds, to organize an expert consultation to develop and propose guidelines leading to a plan of action for the conservation and effective management of shark populations, and to hold a technical consultation on the management of fishing capacity to draft guidelines for the control and management of fishing capacities,

Noting with satisfaction that the Consultation on Management of Fishing Capacity, Shark Fisheries and the Incidental Catch of Sea Birds, held from 26 to 30 October 1998, and its preparatory meeting, held in July 1998, produced draft plans of action or elements thereof for approval at the February 1999 meeting of the Committee on Fisheries,

Recognizing the importance of the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish

Stocks³ and the Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas, and noting that neither of these agreements has yet entered into force,

Noting that the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries sets out principles and global standards of behaviour for responsible practices to conserve, manage and develop fisheries, including guidelines for fishing on the high seas and in areas under the national jurisdiction of other States, and on fishing gear selectivity and practices, with the aim of reducing by-catch and discards,

Recalling also that Agenda 21,⁴ adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, calls upon States to take effective action, consistent with international law, to deter reflagging of vessels by their nationals as a means of avoiding compliance with applicable conservation and management rules for fishing vessels on the high seas,

Noting with satisfaction that "Oceans and seas" will be the sectoral theme discussed by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its seventh session, in 1999,

1. *Reaffirms*, the importance it attaches to sustainable management and conservation of the marine living resources of the world's oceans and seas, and the obligations of States to cooperate to this end, in accordance with international law, as reflected in the relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, in particular, the provisions on cooperation set out in part V and part VII, section 2, of the Convention regarding straddling stocks, highly migratory species, marine mammals, anadromous stocks, and marine living resources of the high seas;
2. *Reaffirms* the importance it attaches to compliance with its resolutions 46/215, 49/116, 49/118 and 52/29, and urges States and other entities to enforce fully such measures;

³ A/CONF 164/37; see also A/50/550, annex I

⁴ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E 93 I 8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex II

3. *Requests* all participants to work for the adoption of the outcomes of the technical consultation of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations held in Rome from 26 to 30 October 1998, and encourages all States to act responsibly, as appropriate, at national, regional and global levels to implement the action plans or the guidelines, in particular those for the management of fishing capacity, once adopted by the Committee on fisheries;
4. *Calls upon* States and other entities referred to in article 1, paragraph 2 (b), of the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks that have not yet ratified or acceded to the Agreement to consider doing so at the earliest possible time, and to consider applying it provisionally;
5. *Further calls upon* States and other entities referred to in article 10, paragraph 1, of the Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas that have not submitted instruments of acceptance of the Agreement to consider doing so at the earliest possible time;
6. *Urges* all authorities of members of the international community that have not done so to take greater enforcement responsibility to ensure full implementation of the global moratorium on all large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing on the high seas, including enclosed seas and semi-enclosed seas, and to impose appropriate sanctions, consistent with their obligations under international law, against acts contrary to the terms of resolution 46/215;
7. *Calls upon* States that have not done so to take measures, including measures to deter reflagging to avoid compliance with applicable obligations, to ensure that fishing vessels entitled to fly their flags do not fish in areas under the national jurisdiction of other States unless duly authorized by the authorities of the State concerned and in accordance with the conditions set out in the authorization, and do not fish on the high seas in contravention of the applicable conservation and management rules;
8. *Urges* States, relevant international organizations and regional and subregional fisheries management organizations and arrangements to take action, including through assistance to developing countries, to reduce by-catches, fish discards and post-harvest losses, consistent with international law and relevant international instruments, including the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries;
9. *Reiterates its call* on organizations with development assistance programmes to make it a high priority to support, including through financial and/or technical assistance, the efforts of developing coastal States, in particular the least developed countries and the small island developing States, to improve the monitoring and control of fishing activities and the enforcement of fishing regulations, including through financial and technical support for regional and subregional meetings for this purpose;
10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all members of the international community, relevant intergovernmental organizations, the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, regional and subregional fisheries management organizations, and relevant non-governmental organizations, and to invite them to provide the Secretary-General with information relevant to the implementation of the present resolution;
11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that reporting on all major fisheries-related activities and instruments is effectively coordinated, that any duplication of activities and reporting is minimized, and that relevant scientific and technical studies are disseminated to the international community, and invites the relevant specialized agencies, including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, as well as regional and subregional fisheries organizations and arrangements, to cooperate with the Secretary-General to that end;
12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a report on further developments relating to the implementation of resolution 52/29, the status and implementation of the Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas and efforts undertaken in the Food and Agriculture

Organization of the United Nations, referred to in paragraph 8 of resolution 52/29, taking into account the information provided by States, relevant specialized agencies, in particular the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and other appropriate organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, regional and subregional organizations and arrangements, and other relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

13 *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session, under the item entitled "Oceans and law of the sea", a sub-item entitled "Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments".

*69th plenary meeting
24 November 1998*

II. OBLIGATIONS OF DEPOSIT AND DUE PUBLICITY

Under articles 16, paragraph 2; 47, paragraph 9; 75, paragraph 2; and 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the coastal State is required to deposit with the Secretary-General its charts or lists of geographical coordinates for the drawing of straight baselines and archipelagic baselines and those showing the outer limits of the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf. Coastal States are also required to give due publicity to all these charts and lists of geographical coordinates. Similarly, under article 76, paragraph 9, the coastal State is further required to deposit with the Secretary-General charts and relevant information permanently describing the outer limits of its continental shelf extending beyond 200 nautical miles. In this case, due publicity is to be given by the Secretary-General.

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs, as the responsible unit of the Secretariat, has established facilities for the custody of charts and lists of geographical coordinates to be deposited in accordance with the Convention. The Division has also adopted a system for their recording and publicity in order to assist States in fulfilling their obligations of giving due publicity to such charts and lists of coordinates. A computerized "data record"

summarizes the information submitted, and to ensure publicity, the Division informs States Parties to the Convention of the deposit of charts and geographical coordinates through a "Maritime Zone Notification".

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea has further established a Geographic Information System (GIS) database using key technology to convert deposited information such as maps, charts and lists of coordinates in one global GIS database. The GIS database enables the Division to convert geographical data submitted in the form of a chart. In cases where State Parties submit charts, GIS has been used to simply reproduce the geographic features from the chart in digital format, link them with the database containing corresponding data (geographical coordinates, description, etc.) and design an output incorporating suitable cartographic symbols. More often States Parties submit only geographical coordinates. In such cases the GIS has been used to convert submitted data into a suitable format to enter into the database, display the coordinates on a map and construct the feature they represent (point, line or polygon). This process enables the Division to respond to frequent requests for charts illustrating said geographical data at the national, regional or global level. It is also a tool which enables the Division to verify to accuracy of the information submitted. The GIS database is connected with the National Legislation database in the Division which enables the Division to access other relevant information linked to certain geographic features.

The Division also seeks to assist States in the fulfillment of their other obligations of due publicity established by the Convention. These obligations relate to all laws and regulations adopted by the coastal State relating to innocent passage through the territorial sea (article 21, paragraph 3); all laws and regulations, adopted by States bordering straits relating to transit passage through straits used for international navigation (article 42, paragraph 3); the designation of sea lanes and prescription of traffic separation schemes, and their substitution, in the territorial sea and straits used for international navigation (articles 22, paragraph 4; and 41, paragraph 6), as well as the designation of sea lanes through archipelagic waters and the prescription of traffic separation schemes, and their substitution

(article 53, paragraph 7 and 10). In addition, assistance to States concerning their obligations of due publicity regarding sea lanes and traffic separation schemes is conducted in cooperation with the IMO.

Accordingly, upon a State becoming a State Party to the Convention, the Division informs the State concerned of the deposit and due publicity obligations pursuant to the Convention with which that State must comply.

A. Information on action taken by States Parties to implement the Convention

1. Submissions by States Parties in compliance with their deposit obligations

From March to November 1998, the following States Parties have deposited with the Secretary-General charts or lists of geographical coordinates relating to maritime zones: **São Tomé and Príncipe, Japan and Spain** (see also section II B 2. and Annex I: Recapitulative information on submissions by States Parties in compliance with their deposit obligation).

2. Submissions by States Parties in compliance with their due publicity obligations

From March to November 1998, no State Party has submitted charts or copies of laws and regulations to be given due publicity as required by articles 21, 22, 41, 42 and 50, of the Convention. Information regarding prior submissions is contained in Annex II to this LOSIC: Recapitulative information on submissions by States Parties in compliance with their due publicity obligations.

On 3 June 1998, the Permanent Representative of **Mexico** requested the Secretary-General to publish the information relating to a temporary suspension of the innocent passage in specified areas of the territorial sea of Mexico, in accordance with article 25, paragraph 3 of the Convention. This article stipulates that a coastal State may, without discrimination in form or in fact among foreign ships, suspend temporarily, in specified areas of its territorial sea the innocent passage of foreign ships if

such suspension is essential for the protection of its security, including weapons exercises. Such suspension takes effect, according to the same article, only after having been duly published. (see also subsection II.B.3 of this Circular)

B. Information on activities undertaken by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea

1. Communications addressed to the States Parties for the purpose of assisting them to comply with their deposit and due publicity obligations under the Convention

During the period between March and November 1998, the Division transmitted the following notes verbales to the States Parties indicated, recalling their deposit and due publicity obligations and offering its assistance with a view to ensuring compliance:

- (a) Notes verbales MZ/SP/40 to MZ/SP/41, addressed to **Gabon** and **Suriname**, respectively, requesting the submission of charts or lists of geographical coordinates of baselines and various maritime limits pursuant to articles 16(2), 47(9), 75(2), 84(2) and 76(9);
- (b) Notes verbales TS/IP/SP/40 to TS/IP/SP/41, addressed to **Gabon** and **Suriname**, respectively, requesting the submission of laws and regulations relating to innocent passage through the territorial sea pursuant to article 21(3);

Samples of the above-mentioned notes verbales may be found, mutatis mutandis, in LOSIC 7, Annex II.

2. Maritime Zone Notifications

"Maritime Zone Notifications" are circulated to States Parties in order to give due publicity to deposited charts and lists of geographical coordinates. From March to November 1998, the Division has circulated several maritime zone notifications.

The maritime zone notifications circulated are as follows:

- (a) Maritime Zone Notification (M.Z.N. 17. 1998. LOS of 7 May 1998) regarding the deposit by **São Tomé and Príncipe** of lists of geographical coordinates of points for the drawing of archipelagic baselines and the outer limit lines of the exclusive economic zone and chart showing the archipelagic baseline and the outer limits of the territorial sea, contiguous zone and exclusive economic zone of São Tomé and Príncipe;
- (b) Maritime Zone Notification (M.Z.N. 18. 1998. LOS of 23 June 1998) regarding the deposit by **Japan** of charts showing the straight baselines and the limits of some parts of the territorial sea;
- (c) Maritime Zone Notification (M.Z.N. 19. 1998. LOS of 23 June 1998) regarding the deposit by **Spain** of the list of geographical coordinates of points for the drawing of the limits of the Fisheries Protection Zone in the Mediterranean Sea;
- (d) Maritime Zone Notification (M.Z.N. 20. 1998. LOS of 19 August 1998) regarding the deposit by **Japan** of charts showing the straight baselines and the limits of some parts of the territorial sea;
- (e) Maritime Zone Notification (M.Z.N. 21. 1998. LOS of 30 November 1998) regarding the deposit by **Japan** of charts showing the straight baselines and the limits of some parts of the territorial sea.

(Duplicates of the above-mentioned maritime zone notifications are reproduced in Annex III to this publication.)

In this connection, it should also be noted that lists of deposited geographical coordinates as well as any charts may be consulted at the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat. (See also Annexes I and II)

3. Notification regarding temporary suspension of the innocent passage by Mexico

On 5 June 1998, the Secretary General circulated document T.S.N. 1. 1998 informing all States members of the United Nations of the temporary suspension of the innocent passage in specified areas of the territorial sea of Mexico. (Duplicate of the above-mentioned notification is reproduced in Annex IV to this publication)

III. INFORMATION ON OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN BY STATES

1. Note verbale FA/No. 758 of 22 September 1998 by the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to bring to his attention, in his capacity as depositary of the 1992 Convention on the Law of the Sea, the following statement of the position of the French Government with respect to the Spanish communication to the United Nations Secretariat concerning the deposit of a list of geographical coordinates of points for the drawing of the limits of the Fisheries Protection Zone in the Mediterranean Sea (MZN.19.1998.LOS, 23 June 1998).

The French Government wishes to protest against the part of this declaration that relates to the line delimiting the edge of the Spanish fisheries zone facing the French coasts. It protests against this delimitation initiative conducted by Spain. In any event, it considers that the delimitation resulting from the line joining the points specified in the Spanish communication cannot be invoked against it. The French Government recalls on this occasion that under international public law, the delimitation of a boundary must take place by agreement. Moreover, in this specific case of a maritime boundary, such delimitation must result in an equitable solution, thus ruling out in this instance use of the equidistant line employed by the Spanish side.

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ANNEX I

RECAPITULATIVE INFORMATION ON SUBMISSIONS BY STATES PARTIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR DEPOSIT OBLIGATIONS

State Party	Deposit of and due publicity to	Relevant article(s) of the Convention	Maritime Zone Notification		Charts Coordinates Or relevant Acts Treaties published in / available at
			No.	See LOSIC No.	
Argentina	Deposit of charts (straight baselines and outer limits of the EEZ) and lists of geographical coordinates (straight baselines) as contained in Act 23,968 on the Maritime Spaces of 10 September 1991	16(2); 75(2)	M.Z.N. 10. 1996. LOS of 16 September 1996	4	DOALOS/OLA
China	Deposit of lists of geographical coordinates as contained in the Declaration on the Baselines of the Territorial Sea of the People's Republic of China of 15 May 1996	16(2)	M.Z.N. 7. 1996. LOS of 5 July 1996	4	<u>Law of the Sea Bulletin</u> No. 32
Costa Rica	Deposit of a chart showing the limits of the exclusive economic zone in the Pacific Ocean	75(2)	M.Z.N. 13. 1996. LOS of 27 January 1997	5	DOALOS/OLA
Cyprus	Confirmation that the list of geographical coordinates and chart (straight baselines) previously submitted were still valid and deposit thereof	16(2)	M.Z.N. 6. 1996. LOS of 30 June 1996	4	SP IV II, p. 41
Finland	Deposit of a map (provisional) and of a list of geographical coordinates (straight baselines; outer limits of the territorial sea)	16(2)	M.Z.N. 8. 1996. LOS of 21 July 1996	4	<u>Law of the Sea Bulletin</u> No. 29; map at DOALOS/OLA
	Deposit of charts showing the straight baselines and the outer limits of the territorial sea of Finland, and the median line separating the continental shelf and fishery zones of Finland from the continental shelves and exclusive economic zones of Estonia and Sweden	16(2); 75(2); 84(2)	M.Z.N. 16. 1996. LOS of 30 September 1996	6	DOALOS/OLA
Germany	Deposit of charts and geographical coordinates on the territorial sea and the exclusive economic zone in the Baltic Sea and in the North Sea as contained in: - Announcement of the Proclamation by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany concerning the extension of the breadth of the German territorial sea of 11 November 1994; and - Proclamation by the Federal Republic of Germany concerning the establishment of an exclusive economic zone of the Federal Republic of Germany in the North Sea and in the Baltic Sea of 25 November 1994	16(2); 75(2)	M.Z.N. 1. 1995. LOS of 8 March 1995	1	<u>Law of the Sea Bulletin</u> No. 27; charts at DOALOS/OLA

¹ The Law of the Sea: Current Developments in State Practice IV (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.V.10 No.IV)

State Party	Deposit of and due publicity to	Relevant article(s) of the Convention	Maritime Zone Notification		Charts Coordinates Or relevant Acts Treaties published in / available at
			No.	See LOSIC No.	
Italy	Deposit of various charts and geographical coordinates, as contained in: - Presidential Decree n° 830 of 22 May 1969; - Decree of the President of the Republic n° 816 of 26 April 1977; - Law n° 347 of 3 June 1978; - Law n° 348 of 3 June 1978; - Law 107 of 2 March 1987 (published in Regular Supplement to the G.U. 70 of 25 March 1987); - Law n° 59 of 11 February 1989; - Law n° 147 of 12 April 1995 (published in Regular Supplement to the G.U. 99 of 29 April 1995); - Law 290 of 23 May 1980 (published in Regular Supplement to the G.U. 181 of 3 July 1980);	16(2); 84(2)	M.Z.N. 5. 1996. LOS of 19 April 1996	3	Charts at DOALOS/OLA Decree No. 816 of 1977 in Bl. 2/, p. 201
Jamaica	Deposit of lists of geographical coordinates (archipelagic basepoints)	47(9)	M.Z.N. 11. 1996. LOS of 16 October 1996	5	<u>Law of the Sea Bulletin</u> No. 32
Japan	Deposit of charts showing the straight baselines for measuring the breadth of the territorial sea, and the outer limits of the territorial sea	16(2)	M.Z.N. 14. 1997. LOS of 6 June 1997	6	Charts at DOALOS/OLA; Law in <u>Law of the Sea Bulletin</u> No. 35
	Deposit of charts showing the straight baselines and the limits of some parts of the territorial sea Note: The straight baselines and the limits of the territorial sea shown (on these charts) are based on the provisions of the Law No. 30 of 1977 on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone and the Enforcement Order No. 206 of 1986 of the Law No. 30 of 1977 on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone.	16(2)	M.Z.N. 18. 1997. LOS of 23 June 1998	8	Charts at DOALOS/OLA; Law in <u>Law of the Sea Bulletin</u> No. 35

2/ The Law of the Sea: Baselines - National Legislation with Illustrative Maps (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.89.V.10)

State Party	Deposit of and due publicity to	Relevant article(s) of the Convention	Maritime Zone Notification		Charts Coordinates Or relevant Acts Treaties published in / available at
			No.	See LOSIC No.	
Japan (cont.)	Deposit of charts showing the straight baselines and the limits of some parts of the territorial sea Note: The straight baselines and the limits of the territorial sea shown [on these charts] are based on the provisions of the Law No. 30 of 1977 on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone and the Enforcement Order No. 210 of 1977 of the Law No. 30 of 1977 on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone	16(2)	M.Z.N. 20. 1998. LOS of 19 August 1998	8	Charts at DOALOS/OLA; Law in <u>Law of the Sea Bulletin</u> No. 35
	Deposit of charts showing the straight baselines and the limits of some parts of the territorial sea Note: The straight baselines and the limits of the territorial sea shown [on these charts] are based on the provisions of the Law No. 30 of 1977 on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone and the Enforcement Order No. 210 of 1977 of the Law No. 30 of 1977 on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone	16(2)	M.Z.N. 21. 1998. LOS of 30 November 1998	8	Charts at DOALOS/OLA; Law in <u>Law of the Sea Bulletin</u> No. 35
Myanmar	Deposit of a chart showing its straight baselines and the list of geographical coordinates of points, as contained in the Territorial Sea and Maritime Zones Law (Pyithu Hlutlaw Law n° 3 of 1977)	16(2)	M.Z.N. 12. 1996. LOS of 27 January 1997	5	Chart at DOALOS/OLA Law No. 3 of 1977 in BL 2/, p.64 and TS 3/, p. 230
Norway	Deposit of charts (outer limits of the continental shelf and the exclusive economic zone) and confirmation (deposit) of lists of geographical coordinates (straight baselines), as contained in: - Royal Decree of 12 July 1935, relating to the Baselines for the Norwegian Fishery Zone as regards that part of Norway which is situated to the north of 66°28'8" N Latitude; - Royal Decree of 18 July 1952 relating to the Baseline for the Norwegian Fishery Zone as regards that part of Norway which is situated to the south of 66°28'8" N Latitude; - Crown Prince Regent's Decree of 30 June 1955; and - Royal Decree of 25 September 1970 concerning the Delimitation of the Territorial Waters of Parts of Svalbard.	16(2); 75(2); 84(2)	M.Z.N. 9. 1996. LOS of 25 August 1996	4	Charts at DOALOS/OLA Decrees in BL 2/, p. 235; p. 237; p. 242; and p. 244, respectively
Romania	Deposit of the list of geographical coordinates of points for the drawing of straight baselines and a chart showing its straight baselines and the outer limit of its territorial sea	16(2)	M.Z.N. 15. 1997. LOS of 7 August 1997	6	<u>Law of the Sea Bulletin</u> No. 19 Chart at DOALOS/OLA

^{3/} The Law of the Sea: National Legislation on Territorial Sea, the Right of Innocent Passage and the Contiguous Zone (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.V.7)

State Party	Deposit of and due publicity to	Relevant article(s) of the Convention	Maritime Zone Notification		Charts Coordinates Or relevant Acts Treaties published in / available at
			No.	See LOSIC No.	
São Tomé and Príncipe	Deposit of lists of geographical coordinates of points for the drawing of archipelagic baselines and the outer limit lines of the exclusive economic zone and of chart showing the archipelagic baseline and the outer limits of the territorial sea, contiguous zone and exclusive economic zone of São Tomé and Príncipe - Act No. 1/98 of 23 March 1998	47(9); 75(2)	M.Z.N. 17. 1998. LOS of 7 May 1998	8	<u>Law of the Sea Bulletin</u> No. 37 Chart at DOALOS/OLA
Spain	Deposit of the list of geographical coordinates of points for the drawing of the limits of the Fisheries Protection Zone in the Mediterranean Sea established by: - Royal Decree 1315/1997 of 1 August	75(2)	M.Z.N. 19. 1998. LOS of 23 June 1998	8	<u>Law of the Sea Bulletin</u> No. 37 (list of coordinates) <u>Law of the Sea Bulletin</u> No. 36 (decree)

ANNEX II

RECAPITULATIVE INFORMATION ON SUBMISSIONS BY STATES PARTIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR DUE PUBLICITY OBLIGATIONS

State Party	Due publicity to	Relevant article(s) of the Convention	Due publicity given in LOSIC No.	See also Maritime Zone Notification No.	Acts Charts Coordinates Treaties published in / available at
Argentina	1881 Boundary Treaty (Argentina and Chile) 1984 Treaty of Peace and Friendship (Argentina and Chile)	42(3)	4, 5	—	SP I/ p. 169
Australia	Chart: Sea lanes and traffic separation schemes in the Bass Strait Oil Fields on the south coast (Victoria)	22(4); 41(6)	3	M.Z.N. 3. 1996. LOS of 5 March 1996	Chart at DOALOS/OLA
Finland	There are no traffic separation schemes in the territorial sea. The provisions of the Convention concerning innocent passage through the territorial sea have been incorporated in the internal legislation of Finland. There are no other laws or decrees concerning innocent passage. The passage in the strait between the Åland Islands and Sweden (Åhvenanrauma) is regulated in part by a long-standing international convention in force, the regime of innocent passage in the strait has remained unchanged after the entry into force of the Convention.	21(3); 22(4)	6	M.Z.N. 16. 1996. LOS of 30 September 1996	
Germany	Sea lanes and traffic separation schemes in the south-western part of the Baltic Sea- Straits ("Belle") and the Sound ("Sund") - and in the North Sea - German Bay	22(4); 41(6)	3	M.Z.N. 4. 1996. LOS of 25 March 1996	Charts at DOALOS/OLA
Italy	Laws and regulations applicable to innocent passage through the territorial sea and to transit passage through straits used for international navigation; namely: - Art. 83 of the Navigation Code; - Law 16 June 1912 (in Official Gazette of the Italian Republic of 27 June 1912, n° 151); - Royal Decree 24 August 1933, n° 2423 (in Official Gazette of the Italian Republic of 22 May 1934, n° 130); - Decree of the Minister of Merchant Marine of 8 May 1985 relating to the Strait of Messina (in Official Gazette of the Italian Republic of 11 May 1985, n° 110); - Decree of the Minister of Merchant Marine of 26 February 1993 relating to the Straits of Bonifacio (in Official Gazette of the Italian Republic of 2 March 1993, n° 50);	21(3); 42(3);	2; 5	—	Laws and Decrees at DOALOS/OLA; Decree of 26 February 1993 in SP IV 2/, p. 69

^{1/} The Law of the Sea: Current Developments in State Practice (United Nations publication, Sales. No. E.87.V.3)

^{2/} The Law of the Sea: Current Developments in State Practice IV (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.V.10 No.IV)

State Party	Due publicity to	Relevant article(s) of the Convention	Due publicity given in LOSIC No.	See also Maritime Zone Notification No.	Acts Charts Coordinates Treaties published in / available at
Myanmar	Law applicable to innocent passage through the territorial sea (Territorial Sea and Maritime Zones Law (Pyithu Hluttaw Law n° 3 of 1977))	21(3)	5	---	BL 3/, p.64 TS 4/, p. 230
Namibia	Namibia has not adopted or enacted legislation relating to the innocent passage through the territorial sea, neither sea lanes or traffic separation schemes have been established	21(3); 22(4)	5	—	
Oman	Charts (sea lanes and traffic separation schemes in the Strait of Hormuz, from Masirah to the Strait of Hormuz and in the Sultanate of Oman)	22(4); 41(6)	2	M.Z.N. 2. 1996. LOS of 20 February 1996	Charts at DOALOS/OLA
Pakistan	- Exclusive Fishery Zone (Regulation of Fishery) Act 1975; - Territorial waters and Maritime Zone Act 1976; - Exclusive Fishery Zone (Regulation of Fishery) Rules 1978 as amended in 1990; - Territorial waters and Maritime Zone (Amendment) Act 1997 which amends the Territorial Waters and Maritime Zones Act 1976;	21(3)	7	---	TS 4/, p.256; EEZ5/, p.263
Saint Lucia	Laws (excerpts) applicable to innocent passage through the territorial sea: - The Shipping Act n° 10 of 1994 (Section 237 *Foreign ships in Saint Lucian waters); - The Maritime Areas Act n° 6 of 1984 (Section 16 *innocent passage); - The Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority Act n° 10 of 1987, 1983: Section 76 *Damage property likely to endanger life; - The Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority (Seaports) Regulation n° 92 of 1985; - Regulation 77 *Submarine cables.	21(3)	5	—	The Maritime Areas Act n° 6 of 1984 in TS 4/, p.318; other acts and regulation at DOALOS/OLA

^{3/} The Law of the Sea: Baselines - National Legislation with Illustrative Maps (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.89.V.10)

^{4/} The Law of the Sea: National Legislation on Territorial Sea, the Right of Innocent Passage and the Contiguous Zone (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.V.7)

^{5/} The Law of the Sea: National Legislation on the Exclusive Economic Zone (United Nations Publication, Sales No. E.93.V.10)

ANNEX III
DUPLICATES OF MARITIME ZONE NOTIFICATIONS

UNITED NATIONS  NATIONS UNIES

POSTAL ADDRESS—ADRESSE POSTALE UNITED NATIONS N.Y. 10017
CABLE ADDRESS—ADRESSE TELEGRAPHIQUE UNATIONS NEWYORK

REFERENCE

M.Z.N. 17. 1998. LOS (Maritime Zone Notification) 7 May 1998

**United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
concluded at Montego Bay, Jamaica
on 10 December 1982**

Deposit by São Tomé and Príncipe of lists of geographical coordinates of points for the drawing of archipelagic baselines and the outer limit lines of the exclusive economic zone and chart showing the archipelagic baseline and the outer limits of the territorial sea, contiguous zone and exclusive economic zone of São Tomé and Príncipe.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following:

On 30 April 1998, São Tomé and Príncipe transmitted for deposit with the Secretary-General, in accordance with articles 47 and 75 of the Convention, the following lists of geographical coordinates and chart:

Lists of geographical coordinates of points for the drawing of archipelagic baselines and the outer limit lines of the exclusive economic zone of São Tomé and Príncipe, contained in Act No. 1/98 of 23 March 1998; and

Map No. 1 entitled “Official Maritime Claims” prepared in 1997, showing the archipelagic baselines and the outer limits of the territorial sea, contiguous zone and exclusive economic zone of São Tomé and Príncipe.

Act No. 1/98 of 23 March 1998 containing the lists of geographical coordinates of points for the drawing of archipelagic baselines and the outer limit lines of the exclusive economic zone of São Tomé and Príncipe will be reproduced in the next Law of the Sea Information Circular issued by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs.

The original chart and lists of geographical coordinates submitted by São Tomé and Príncipe may be consulted at the Secretariat (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, DC2-0458, telephone: 963-3962 or fax: 963-5847).



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CABLE ADDRESS—ADRESSE TELEGRAPHIQUE UNATIONS NEWYORK

REFERENCE

M.Z.N. 18. 1998. LOS (Maritime Zone Notification) 23 June 1998

**United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
concluded at Montego Bay, Jamaica
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Deposit by Japan of charts showing the straight baselines and
the limits of some parts of the territorial sea

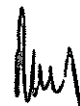
The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following:

On 5 June 1998, Japan transmitted for deposit with the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 16(2) of the Convention, the following charts, all published in Tokyo by the Maritime Safety Agency of Japan:

- Chart No. 1045 - "Risiri Tō to Masike Kō" - Scale 1: 200,000 (Lat. 35°) - 22 January 1998;
- Chart No. 159 - "Hi-No-Misaki to Suzu Misaki" - Scale 1: 500,000 (Lat. 35°) - 22 January 1998;
- Chart No. 45 - "Etorohu Tō" - Scale 1: 300,000 (Lat. 35°) - 8 January 1998;
- Chart No. 139 - "Tottori Kō to Hukui Kō" - Scale 1: 200,000 (Lat. 35°) - 4 December 1997;
- Chart No. 11 - "Syakotan Misaki to Matumae Kō" - Scale 1: 250,000 (Lat. 35°) - 18 September 1997; and
- Chart No. 1169 - "Hukui Kō to Wazima Kō" - Scale 1: 200,000 (Lat. 35°) - 5 June 1997.

It is noted that all charts contain the following statement: "The straight baselines and the limits of the territorial sea shown on this chart are based on the provisions of the Law No. 30 of 1977 on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone and the Enforcement Order No. 206 of 1996 of the Law No. 30 of 1977 on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone."

The original charts submitted by Japan may be consulted at the Secretariat (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, DC2-0458, telephone: 963-3962 or fax: 963-5847).



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**United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
concluded at Montego Bay, Jamaica
on 10 December 1982**

Deposit by Spain of the list of geographical coordinates of points for the drawing
of the limits of the Fisheries Protection Zone in the Mediterranean Sea

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following:

On 9 June 1998, Spain transmitted for deposit with the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 75(2) of the Convention, the following list of geographical coordinates:

List of geographical coordinates of points for the drawing of the limits of the Fisheries Protection Zone in the Mediterranean Sea, established by Royal Decree 1315/1997 of 1 August.

Royal Decree 1315/1997 of 1 August is reproduced in the Law of the Sea Bulletin No.36 to be issued in July 1998. The list of geographical coordinates of points will be incorporated in the Law of the Sea Bulletin No. 37.

The original list of geographical coordinates submitted by Spain may be examined in the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, DC2-0458, telephone: 963-3962 or fax: 963-5847).



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M.Z.N. 20 1998. LOS (Maritime Zone Notification) 19 August 1998

**United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
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on 10 December 1982**

Deposit by Japan of charts showing the straight baselines and
the limits of some parts of the territorial sea

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following:


On 4 August 1998, Japan transmitted for deposit with the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 16(2) of the Convention, the following charts, all published in Tokyo by the Maritime Safety Agency of Japan:

- Chart No. 1032 - "Erimo Misaki to Otiisi Misaki" - Scale 1: 250,000 (Lat. 35°) - 5 February 1998;
- Chart No. 42 - "Kunasiri Tō and Approaches"- Scale 1: 300,000 (Lat. 35°)- 19 February 1998;
- Chart No. 146 - "Suzu Misaki to Nyūdō Saki" - Scale 1: 500,000 (Lat. 35°) - 19 February 1998;
- Chart No. 187 - "Northwestern Part of Kyūsyū" - Scale 1: 300,000 (Lat. 35°) - 19 March 1998;
- Chart No. 1220 - "Asizuri Misaki to Miyazaki Kō"- Scale 1: 200,000 (Lat. 35°) - 5 March 1998;
- Chart No. 1098 - "Sioya Saki to Isinomaki Wan" - Scale 1: 200,000 (Lat. 35°) -5 March 1998;
and
- Chart No. 182_B - "Amami-ō Sima to Okinawa Sima" - Scale 1: 500,000 (Lat. 35°) - 16 April 1998.

It is noted that all charts contain the following note: "The straight baselines and the limits of the territorial sea shown on this chart are based on the provisions of the Law No. 30 of 1977 on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone and the Enforcement Order No. 210 of 1977 of the Law No. 30 of 1977 on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone."

It is further noted that charts Nos. 42, 146 and 1098 contain also the following note: "Of all the base points of the straight baselines given in the Enforcement Order, only major points are shown on this chart due to its small scale."

The original charts submitted by Japan may be consulted at the Secretariat (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, DC2-0458, telephone: 963-3962 or fax: 963-5847).

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REFERENCE: M.Z.N. 21. 1998. LOS (Maritime Zone Notification) 30 November 1998

**United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
concluded at Montego Bay, Jamaica
on 10 December 1982**

Deposit by Japan of charts showing the straight baselines and
the limits of some parts of the territorial sea

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following:

On 4 August 1998, Japan transmitted for deposit with the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 16(2) of the Convention, the following charts, all published in Tokyo by the Maritime Safety Agency of Japan:

- Chart No. 70 - "Omae Saki to Ise Wan" - Scale 1: 200,000 (Lat. 35°) - 21 May 1998;
- Chart No. 77 - "Kii Suidō and Approaches"- Scale 1: 200,000 (Lat. 35°)- 18 June 1998;
- Chart No. 80 - "Nozima Saki to Omae Saki" - Scale 1: 200,000 (Lat. 35°) - 21 May 1998;
- Chart No. 87 - "Tōkyō Wan to Inubō Saki" - Scale 1: 200,000 (Lat. 35°) - 23 July 1998; and
- Chart No. 93 - "Daiō Saki to Sio-No-Misaki"- Scale 1: 200,000 (Lat. 35°) - 18 June 1998.

It is noted that all charts contain the following note: "The straight baselines and the limits of the territorial sea shown on this chart are based on the provisions of the Law No. 30 of 1977 on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone and the Enforcement Order No. 210 of 1977 of the Law No. 30 of 1977 on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone."

The original charts submitted by Japan may be consulted at the Secretariat (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, DC2-0458, telephone: 963-3962 or fax: 963-5847).



ANNEX IV

DUPLICATE OF NOTIFICATION REGARDING SUSPENSION OF THE INNOCENT PASSAGE IN
SPECIFIED AREAS OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA OF MEXICO

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REFERENCE T.S.N. 1. 1998. LOS (Temporary Suspension Innocent Passage Notification) 3 June 1998

**United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
concluded at Montego Bay, Jamaica
on 10 December 1982**

Suspension of innocent passage by Mexico,
in accordance with article 25, paragraph 3 of the Convention

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following:

On 3 June 1998, by letter No. ONU-O3243, the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations has requested the Secretary-General to publish the information relating to a temporary suspension of the innocent passage in specified areas of the territorial sea of Mexico, in accordance with article 25, paragraph 3 of the Convention. The letter reads as follows:

“Mr. Secretary-General,

“In conformity with the provisions of article 25, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the sea, I have the honour to inform you that, from 14 June to 24 July 1998, the Government of Mexico will suspend the innocent passage of foreign ships in the areas of its territorial sea situated south of the Island of Cleofas, Nayarit, defined between the following geographical coordinates:

1. Lat. 21°04' N Long. 106°09' W
2. Lat. 21°14' N Long. 106°09' W
3. Lat. 21°14' N Long. 106°23' W
4. Lat. 21°04' N Long. 106°23' W

“The suspension, which will be of temporary nature, is intended to protect the safety of ships which could be navigating in the area, in view of the naval exercises which will take place in that area from 14 June to 24 July 1998. Please, find enclosed a maritime chart identifying the area in which the above exercises will be conducted

“In accordance with article 25, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, I would be grateful if the submitted information could be duly published.

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"I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the assurances of my highest and distinguished consideration.

Signed
Manuel Tello
Permanent Representative of Mexico
to the United Nations

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It is recalled that, pursuant to article 25, paragraph 3, of the Convention, a coastal State may, without discrimination in form or in fact among foreign ships, suspend temporarily, in specified areas of its territorial sea the innocent passage of foreign ships if such suspension is essential for the protection of its security, including weapons exercises. Such suspension takes effect, according to the same article, only after having been duly published.



ANNEX V

LISTS OF CONCILIATORS, ARBITRATORS AND EXPERTS

1. List of conciliators and arbitrators nominated under article 2 of annexes V and VII of the Convention

State Party	Nominations	Date of deposit of notification with the Secretary-General
Chile	Helmut Brunner Nöer, Conciliator Rodrigo Díaz Albónico, Conciliator Carlos Martínez Sotomayor, Conciliator Eduardo Vío Grossi, Conciliator José Miguel Barros Franco, Arbitrator María Teresa Infante Caffi, Arbitrator Edmundo Vargas Carreño, Arbitrator Fernando Zegers Santa Cruz, Arbitrator	18 November 1998
Czech Republic	Dr. Vladimír Kopal, Conciliator and Arbitrator	18 December 1996
France	Prof. Daniel Bardonnet, Arbitrator Prof. Pierre-Marie Dupuy, Arbitrator Prof. Jean-Pierre Queneudec, Arbitrator Prof. Laurent Lucchini, Arbitrator	4 February 1998
Germany	Dr. (Ms.) Renate Platzoeder, Arbitrator	25 March 1996
Netherlands	Ellen Hey, Arbitrator Prof. Alfred H.A. Soons Arbitrator Adriaan Bos, Arbitrator	6 February 1998
Russian Federation	Vladimir S. Kotllar, Arbitrator Vladimir N. Trofimov, Arbitrator	27 May 1997
	Prof. Kamil A. Bekyashev, Arbitrator	4 March 1998
Sri Lanka	Hon. M. S. Aziz, P.C., Conciliator and Arbitrator S. Sivarasan, P.C., Conciliator and Arbitrator (Prof.) Dr. C. F. Amerasinghe, Conciliator and Arbitrator A. R. Perera, Conciliator and Arbitrator	17 January 1996
Sudan	Sayed/Shawgi Hussain, Arbitrator Dr. Ahmed Elmufli, Arbitrator Dr. Abd Elrahman Elkhalfifa, Conciliator Sayed/Eltahir Hamadalla, Conciliator	8 September 1995
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Prof. Christopher Greenwood, Arbitrator Prof. Elihu Lauterpacht, Arbitrator Sir Arthur Watts, Arbitrator	19 February 1998

2. List of experts for the purposes of article 2 of Annex VIII (Special Arbitration) of the Convention

Article 2 of Annex VIII reads as follows:

*"Article 2
Lists of experts*

- " 1. A list of experts shall be established and maintained in respect of each of the fields of (1) fisheries, (2) protection and preservation of the marine environment, (3) marine scientific research, and (4) navigation, including pollution from vessels and by dumping.
- " 2. The lists of experts shall be drawn up and maintained, in the field of fisheries by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in the field of protection and preservation of the marine environment by the United Nations Environment Programme, in the field of marine scientific research by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, in the field of navigation, including pollution from vessels and by dumping, by the International Maritime Organization, or in each case by the appropriate subsidiary body concerned to which such organization, programme or commission has delegated this function.
- " 3. Every State Party shall be entitled to nominate two experts in each field whose competence in the legal, scientific or technical aspects of such field is established and generally recognized and who enjoy the highest reputation for fairness and integrity. The names of the persons so nominated in each field shall constitute the appropriate list.
- " 4. If at any time the experts nominated by a State Party in the list so constituted shall be fewer than two, that State Party shall be entitled to make further nominations as necessary.
- " 5. The name of an expert shall remain on the list until withdrawn by the State Party which made the nomination, provided that such expert shall continue to serve on any special arbitral tribunal to which that expert has been appointed until the completion of the proceedings before that special arbitral tribunal. ○

(a) List of experts in the field of fisheries maintained by
the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
(communicated on 19 October 1998)

State Party	Nominations
Bahrain	Mr. Jasem Ahmed Al-Kasir, Director, Fish Resources Department Mr. Ibrahim A. Abdel Kader, Fisheries Expert Mr. A. Habib Ridha, Expert in Census
Chile	Sra. Edith Saa Collantes, Ingeniero Pesquero, Jefe División Desarrollo Pesquero, Subsecretaría de Pesca Sra. Vilma Correa Rojas, Ingeniero Pesquero, Jefe División Administración Pesquera, Subsecretaría de Pesca
Cyprus	Andreas Demetropoulos, Director of Fisheries Department Emillos Economou, Senior Officer, Department of Fisheries
Czech Republic	Prof. Vladimír Kopal, Professor of Law, Charles University, Prague
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mr. Sayeman Bula-Bula, Professeur de droit de la mer, Université de Kinshasa
Egypt	Dr. Hussein Kamal Badawi, Head, Marine and Fisheries Institute Dr. M. Amin Ibrahim, Head, Fisheries Department Dr. Khamis Abdel Hamid Hussein, Head, Fish Seeds Lab. Dr. Ahmed Fawzi Alquarashili, Head, Fisheries Economy Lab. Dr. Abdou Abdallah Alwayes, Head, Nets and Fishing Methods Lab
Iraq	Mohamed Mahmud Halwas, Engineer, Director, Development Fish Resources Division

State Party	Nominations
	Daud Salman Daud, University Degree (Marine), Development Fish Resources Division
Mexico	Jerónimo Ramos Saenz Pardo Antonio J. Díaz de León Corral
Uganda	Dr. Faustino L. Orach-Meza, Commissioner for Fisheries, Fisheries Department, Entebbe Prof. John Okedi, Makerere University, Department of Zoology & Fisheries, Kampala
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Dr. Robin Cook, Fisheries Research Services, Scottish Office, Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries Department
Uruguay	Prof. Guillermo Arena Dr. Hebert Nlon Girado

(a) List of experts in the field of protection and preservation of the marine environment maintained by the United Nations Environment Programme
(communicated on 5 August 1998)

NOTE: Several States Parties have included in their communications to UNEP also experts in the fields of fisheries, marine scientific research and navigation. Those nominations are included in the footnotes.

State Party	Experts Nominated	Designation
Angola	Eng. Natalino Mateus	Engineer, Ministry of Environment
Australia	Dr. Ian McPhail	Head, Environment Australia
	Dr. Conall O'Connell	First Assistant Secretary, Environment Australia
Austria	Dr. Michael Stachowitsch	University of Vienna
	Dr. Bernhard Riegi	
	Prof. Dr. Joerg Ott	University of Vienna
Barbados ^{1/}	Mr. Leo Brewster	Deputy-Director, Coastal Zone Management Unit
	Prof. Ralph Carnegie	Director, Caribbean Law Institute
Brazil ^{2/}	Dr. Geraldo J. Eysink	Ministry of Environment
	Dr. Luiz R. Tommasi	Ministry of Environment

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Fisheries experts:

Dr. Patrick McConney, Chief Fisheries Officer;
Dr. Robin Mahon, Fisheries and Environment Consultant

Marine Scientific Research experts:

Dr. Leonard Nurse, Director, Coastal Zone Management Unit;
Professor Wayne Hunte, Executive Director, Bellairs Research Institute

Navigation, including Pollution from vessels and by Dumping:

Ms. Valerie Browne, Director, Maritime Affairs;
Mr. Richard Alleyne, Harbour Master

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Fisheries experts:

Engineer Philip Charles Conolly, Ministry of Environment;
Dr. Fabio Hissa Vieira Hazin, Ministry of Science and Technology

Maritime Scientific Research experts:

Vice-Admiral Luiz Phillipe da Costa Fernande, Ministry of the Navy;
Dr. Luiz Roberto Silva Martins, Ministry of Science and Technology

Navigation experts:

Commander Luiz Augusto de Mello, Ministry of the Environment;
Dr. Luiz Augusto de Mello Awazu, Ministry of the Environment

State Party	Experts Nominated	Designation
Cape Verde	Dr. Silvestre Evora	Juriste, Technicien de la Direction Générale de Marine et Ports
	Dr. Maria M. Carvalho	Biologiste, Technicienne Supérieure de l'Institut National de Développement des Pêches
China	Mr. Yan Hongbang	Director, Marine Environment Division, National Environmental Protection Agency
Costa Rica	Sr. Geovanny Bassey	Area de Conservación Guanacaste
	Sr. Gerardo Barboza	Area de Conservación Tempisque
Czech Republic	Dr. Vladimir Kopal	Professor of Law, Charles University, Prague
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mr. Mpiana Kalala	Directeur de Cabinet et Conseiller Juridique du Ministère de l'Environnement Conservation de la Nature et Tourisme
	Mr. Kalibu Kahozi	Directeur Chef de Service National du Développement de la Pêche, Ministère de l'Environnement Conservation de la Nature et Tourisme
Egypt	Dr. Abdelrahman Safama	Specialist in the field of protection of the marine environment
	Prof. Mahmoud El Said	University of Alexandria and Director, Development of Red Sea Resources
	Prof. Mohamed A. Fawzy	Egyptian Agency for Environment Affairs
France ^{3/}	Mr. Jean-Claude Chauvin	National Museum of Natural History
	Mr. Michel Girin	Director of CEDRE

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Fisheries experts:

Mr André Forest, IFREMER;

Mr Jean-Luc Prat, Faculté of Law and Economic Sciences, Brest.

Marine scientific research experts:

Mr Jean Masclé, Oceanographical Observatory, CRNS University;

Mr Elie Jarmache, IFREMER

Navigation experts:

Mr. Loic Courcoux, Chief teacher of first class marine teaching;

Mr. Michel Meynet, Assistant Director of sea transport of harbors and coast

State Party	Experts Nominated	Designation
Gambia <u>4/</u>	Ms. Ndey Isatou Njie	Principal Scientific Officer, Department of Water Resources
	Ms. Isatou Sissoho	Executive Director, National Environment Agency
Georgia <u>5/</u>	Mr. Grigori Abramia	Manager, Black Sea Protection Conventional Service
	Mr. Tenglitz Gogotishvili	Head, Batumi Marine Inspection, Long Voyage Navigator
Greece	Capt. Andreas Suriggos	Director, Dept. of Protection of the Marine Environment, Ministry of Mercantile Marine
	Lieut. Ilias Sampatakis	Deputy-Director, Dept. of Protection of the Marine Environment, Ministry of Mercantile Marine
Guinea	Mr. Mamadou S. Diallo	Conseiller chargé de l'Environnement, Ministère de l'Équipement
	Mr. Richard Théophile	Chef de la Section Milieu Marin et Côtier à la Direction Nationale de l'Environnement
India <u>6/</u>	Dr. P.P. Ouseph	Scientist, CESS, Trivandrum, Kerala
	Shri T. Venugopal	Punjab State Council for Science and Technology, Chandigarh

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Fisheries Experts:

Mr. Ousman Drammeh, Director, Department of Fisheries;
Mr. Amadou Saine, Fisheries Officer, Department of Fisheries.

Navigation including Pollution from Vessels:

Mr. Nicolas Blell, Director, Technical Services, Gambia Ports Authority

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Fisheries experts:

Mr. Giorgi Bitadze, Biologist (Ichthologist) and Agronomist;
Mr. Akaki Komakhidze, Biologist.

Marine scientific research experts:

Mr. Nikoloz Mazmanidi, Ph.D in Biology;
Mr. Irakli Khomeriki, Local Head of the World Oceanographical Society, Ph D.

Navigation experts:

Ilia Stepanishvili, Head of the Black Sea Protection Conventional Service,
Captain of Long Voyage.
Regenald Dekanozov, Marine Lawyer

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Fisheries Experts:

Dr. Y.S. Yadava, Fisheries Development Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation,
Ministry of Agriculture.
Dr. P.K. Surendran, Principal Scientist and Head, Microbiology Fermentation and Biotechnology Section
Dr. V.K. Pillai, Senior Scientist, Cochin, Central marine Fisheries Research Institute
Dr. P.G. Viswanathan Nair, Principal Scientist, D I F T., Cochin.

State Party	Experts Nominated	Designation
India (cont.)	Dr. Erinjery Joseph James	Executive Director, Kozhikode, Kerala
	Dr. M. Baba	CESS, Trivandrum, Kerala
	Narinder Singhu Tiwana	Administrator, PPCB and Executive Director, Punjab State Council for Science and Technology, Chandigarh
	Dr. (Mrs). K. N. Remani	Director, Environment, Punjab State Council for Science and Technology, Chandigarh
Kuwait	Capt. Ali Abas Haider	Director, Marine Pollution Monitoring Department
Lebanon	Mr. Hiratish Kumijian	Yet to receive details
	Ms. Marie Abboud Saab	Yet to receive details
Mauritius	Mr. Etienne Sinatambou	Senior State Counsel, Attorney General's Office
Mongolia	Ms. G. Dagvadorj	Senior Officer, Ministry for Nature and Environment
	Ms. Saran Baymba	State Senior Inspector, Ministry for Nature and Environment
Nigeria	Dr. Obufemi Aina	Federal Environmental Protection Agency
	Prof. A.O. Ofolabi	Federal Environment Protection Agency
Oman	Mr. Suleiman Al -Busaidi	Supt. Gen. of Pollution Control, Ministry of Regional Municipalities and Environment
	Dr. Sadiq Al-Muscati	Director General, Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Regional Municipalities and Environment
	Dr. Mohd. Al-Oraimi	Director, Inspection and Monitoring, Ministry of Regional Municipalities and Environment
	Mr. Saeed Ali Al-Zidjali	Head, Marine Pollution Section, Ministry of Regional Municipalities and Environment
Pakistan	Dr. Syed M. Hussain	Professor, Centre of Excellence in Marine Biology, Karachi
	Dr. Pirzada U. Siddiqui	Assistant Professor, Centre of Excellence in Marine Biology, Karachi
Philippines	Mr. Antonio La Vina	Under-Secretary for Legal and Legislative Affairs, Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources
	Dr. Marie A. Meñez	Assistant Professor in Marine Science, University of Rhode Island

State Party	Experts Nominated	Designation
Philippines (cont.)	Dr. Gil Jacinto.	Associate Professor in Marine Science, University of Liverpool
Republic of Korea	Prof. Chu-Hwan Koh	Professor of Marine Biology, Department of Oceanography, Seoul National University
	Prof. Kwang-Woo Lee	Professor of Chemical Oceanography, College of Natural Sciences, Hanyang University
Russian Federation	Yurdi Yudinsev	Deputy Minister, Ministry of Protection of the Environment and Natural Resources
Saint-Lucia	Mr. Cletus Springer	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Planning Development and Environment
	Mr. Horace Walter	Chief Fisheries Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Fisheries and Forestry
Samoa ^{7/}	Mrs. F. Tuimaleallifano	Director, Dept. of Lands, Surveys and Environment
Samoa (cont.)	Mr. Saillmalo P. Liu	Assistant-Director, Dept. of Lands, Surveys and Environment
	Mr. Lui Bell	Principal Fisheries Officer, Dept. of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Meteorology
Senegal	Mr. Hadji Salf Diop	Spécialiste sur les questions marines et côtières, Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Protection de la Nature
Seychelles	Mr. John Collie	Ag. Director, Division of Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Planning and Environment
	Ms. Suzanne Marshall	Senior Research Officer, Division of Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Planning and Environment
Sri Lanka	Prof. H.H. Costa	Zoologist, Vice-Chancellor, University of Kelaniya
	Prof. M.S. Wijeratne	Professor of Zoology and Dean of the Faculty of Science University of Kelaniya

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Fisheries experts:

Mr. Ueta Faasili, Assistant Director (Fisheries), Department of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Meteorology;

Mr. Savali Time, Senior Fisheries Officer, Department of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Meteorology.

Marine Scientific Research experts:

Mr. Antonio Mulipola, Senior Research Officer, Department of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Meteorology.

Navigation experts:

Mr. Vaaelua Nofu Vaaelua, Secretary for Transport, Ministry of Transport

State Party	Experts Nominated	Designation
Sri Lanka (cont.)	Dr. Upali Amarasinghe	Senior Lecturer in Zoology, University of Kelaniya
Sudan	Prof. Asim I. Elmagrabi	Yet to receive details
	Dr. Elsa M. Elatif	Yet to receive details
Tunisia	Mr. Bechir Talbi	Sous-Directeur de la flotte pour le domaine de la navigation y compris la pollution par les navires ou par immersion
	Mr. Faycal Lassoued	Sous-Directeur de la navigation maritime pour le domaine de la protection et de la préservation du milieu marin
United Kingdom	Prof. Richard Macrory	Yet to receive details
	Prof. Alan Boyle	Yet to receive details
Zimbabwe	Mr. J.T. Mukundu	Acting Under-Secretary, Traffic and Legislation, Ministry of Transport and Energy

(c) List of experts in the field of marine scientific research maintained by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO
(communicated on 12 August 1997)

State Party	Nominations
Argentina	<p>Vicealmirante Alfredo Yung</p> <p>Capitán (R) Osvaldo P. Astiz Dirección de Límites Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Conesa 977 (1426), Buenos Aires</p> <p>Capitán de Fragata Luis Vila Sección Protección Ambiental Departamento de Intereses Marítimos de la Armada</p>
Brazil	<p>Luiz Phillipe da Costa Fernandes Vice-Admiral (R)</p> <p>Mr. Luiz Roberto Silva Martins UFRGS - Universidade Federal do Rio grande do Sul CECO - Centro de Estudos de Geologia Costeira e Oceanica Campus do Vale - Predio 43/125 Av Bento Goncalves 9500 91.541-970 Porto Alegre RS Tel: 55-51-3166396 Fax: 55-51-3365011</p>
Bulgaria	<p>Dr. George Jiegaum Institute of Ecology, 1113 Sofia Gagarin Str 2 Tel: 3592-241793 Fax: 3592-705498</p> <p>Mr. Emanuil D. Kosuharov Geological Institute Bulgarian Academy of Sciences "Akad.G.Bontchev" str. B1 24 1113 Sofia Tel: 359-2-728010/7132246 Fax: 359-2-730268</p>
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Colombia	<p>J. Jairo Escobar Ramirez Asesor de esta Comisión Profesor Titular de la Universidad del Valle, Cali Calle 137A No 52A-35 Apto 203 Bloque 1, Rincón de Iberia Santafe de Bogotá Tel: 571-2266475</p> <p>Fernando Alberto Zapata Rivera Profesor Asociado Depto de Biología, Universidad del Valle Apartado Aeteo 25360 Cali Tel: 923-3393243</p>

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Cuba	<p>Mr. Carlos J. Garcia Fisheries Research Centre Sta Ave y 248, Barlovento, Sta Fe. C. Habana</p> <p>Mr. Raul Cruz Isquierdo Vice-Director of Fisheries Research Fisheries Research Center Ministry of Fishing Industry Centro de investigaciones Pesqueras Sta Ave y Calle 248, Barlovento Santa Fe. Ciudad de la Habana</p>
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