

**Meeting of States Parties to the
1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**

Twenty-ninth Meeting

New York, 17 to 19 June 2019

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Information for participants

The twenty-ninth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea will be held in New York from 17 to 19 June 2019 (see [General Assembly resolution 73/124 of 11 December 2018](#), paragraph 55).

Officers of the Meeting

In accordance with Rule 19 (Election of officers) of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties ([SPLOS/2/Rev.4](#)), “[t]he Meeting of States Parties shall elect from among the representatives of States Parties participating in the Meeting the following officers: a President and four Vice-Presidents, one from each region, excluding the region of the President...”.

Secretariat

The Office of Legal Affairs, through its Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, carries out the secretariat functions for the Meeting of States Parties (Room DC2-0450, United Nations, New York, NY 10017, contact: doalos@un.org).

Provisional agenda and other documents

The provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth Meeting is contained in document [SPLOS/29/L.1](#). The provisional agenda and all other documents of the twenty-ninth Meeting are available through the Official Document System of the United Nations (<http://documents.un.org>) or on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (<http://www.un.org/Depts/los>).

The following reporting material by the Secretary-General under article 319 of the Convention for the information of States Parties, referred to in the provisional agenda, is posted on the website of the Division:

- The report of the Secretary-General on issues of a general nature, relevant to States Parties, which have arisen with respect to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ([A/73/368](#)); and

- The report of the Secretary-General on the topic of focus of the twentieth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, "Ocean Science and the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development" ([A/74/70](#)).

Credentials

Credentials of representatives of States Parties should be transmitted to the Secretariat (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea) as soon as possible and no later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the Meeting on **Monday, 17 June 2019**, signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs or any person authorized by either of them (rule 13 (2) of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties).

In conformity with the understanding reached by the twenty-third Meeting of States Parties (see [SPLOS/263](#), paragraph 101), credentials should cover the period from 17 to 19 June 2019 and, to the extent practicable, also thereafter until the convening of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties.

Observers

Observers are invited to transmit to the Secretariat (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea) the names of the representatives who will form part of their delegation, as soon as possible, by letter or note verbale.

List of Speakers

According to its practice:

- (1) No preliminary lists of speakers are maintained by the secretariat. Delegations wishing to speak under an agenda item may do so by requesting the floor when the deliberation on that item is opened.
- (2) The Meeting does not have a segment devoted to general statements. Delegations wishing to make statements of a general nature are encouraged to do so under the agenda item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General under article 319 for the information of States Parties on issues of a general nature, relevant to States Parties, which have arisen with respect to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea" (agenda item 13).

Right of reply

Rule 41 of the Rules of Procedure provides that the President may accord the right of reply to any representative if a speech delivered after the list of speakers has been declared closed makes this desirable.

At the twenty-fourth Meeting, States Parties decided to establish a practice, based on the procedures and practices of other bodies, in particular the General Assembly, according to which the number of interventions in the exercise of the right of reply would be limited to two per agenda item, the first no longer than 10 minutes and the second no longer than 5 minutes.

Papersmart

PaperSmart arrangements will be available for the duration of the twenty-ninth Meeting of States Parties. Delegations are invited to email their statements to papersmart5@un.org for posting on the portal. Statements should be provided at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled speaking slot and the email subject should include the entity name, meeting name and related agenda item. PDF format is preferred.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide 30 hard copies of the text for the technical services no later than 1 hour before delivery of the statement.

For assistance with the publishing of statements and other PaperSmart services for this session please contact the conference officer in the meeting room or email papersmart5@un.org. To access the PaperSmart of the twenty-ninth Meeting of States Parties, please click [here](#).

Side events

Expressions of interest to hold side events during the Meeting should be communicated in writing to the Secretariat, no later than **31 May 2019**, bearing in mind that due to the three-day duration of the Meeting, there will only be six slots available for side events, in the morning and during the lunch-breaks. For this purpose, an email should be sent with an indication of the title, organizing institution(s) and preferred date for the event to the following address: doalos@un.org. The subject of the message should specify: "Side event: Meeting of States Parties."

List of Past Presidents

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>President (State) (Regional Group)</u>
First Meeting 1994	Satya N. Nandan (Fiji)

Second Meeting 1995	Satya N. Nandan (Fiji)
Third Meeting 1995	Satya N. Nandan (Fiji)
Fourth Meeting 1996	Satya N. Nandan (Fiji)
Fifth Meeting 1996	Satya N. Nandan (Fiji) (AS)
Sixth Meeting 1997	Orlando R. Rebagliati (Argentina) (GRULAC)
Seventh Meeting 1997	Helmut Tuerk (Austria) (WEOG)
Eighth Meeting 1998	Paul Badji (Senegal) (AF)
Ninth Meeting 1999	Peter Tomka (Slovakia) (EE)
Tenth Meeting 2000	Peter D. Donigi (Papua New Guinea) (AS)
Eleventh Meeting 2001	Cristián Maquieira (Chile) (GRULAC)
Twelfth Meeting 2002	Don Mackay (New Zealand) (WEOG)
Thirteenth Meeting 2003	Stanislaw Pawlak (Poland) (EE)
Fourteenth Meeting 2004	Allieu I. Kanu (Sierra Leone) (AF)
Fifteenth Meeting 2005	Andreas D. Mavroyiannis (Cyprus) (AS)
Sixteenth Meeting 2006	Raymond Wolfe (Jamaica) (GRULAC)
Seventeenth Meeting 2007	Rosemany Banks, (New Zealand) (WEOG)
Eighteenth Meeting 2008	Yuriy Sergeev (Ukraine) (EE)
Nineteenth Meeting 2009	Somduth Soborun, (Mauritius) (AF)
Twentieth Meeting 2010	Arif Havas Oegroseno (Indonesia) (AS)
Twenty-first Meeting 2011	Camillo Gonsalves (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) (GRULAC)
Twenty-second Meeting 2012	Isabelle F. Picco (Monaco) (WEOG)
Twenty-third Meeting 2013	Ferit Hoxha (Albania) (EE)
Twenty-fourth Meeting 2014	Jeremiah Nyamane Kingsley Mamabolo (Republic of South Africa) (AF)
Twenty-fifth Meeting 2015 Resumed twenty-fifth Meeting 2016	Kriangsak Kittichaisaree (Thailand) (AS)
Twenty-sixth Meeting 2016	Gina Guillen-Grillo (Costa Rica) (GRULAC)
Twenty-seventh Meeting 2017	Helga Hauksdóttir (Iceland) (WEOG)
Twenty-eighth Meeting 2018 Resumed twenty-eighth Meeting 2019	Sven Jürgenson (Estonia) (EE)

UN Grounds Passes for Intergovernmental Organizations

Representatives from intergovernmental organizations with a standing invitation to attend the Meeting of States Parties should communicate their intention to attend the Meeting directly to the Protocol and Liaison Service (Room S-0201, Fax: +1 212 963-1921 or email: unprotocol@un.org) by **31 May 2019**, with a copy to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea. A template letter for this purpose is provided below at page 4. The representatives of intergovernmental organizations having a Liaison Office in New York should endeavour to obtain their United Nations grounds passes through that Office.

Intergovernmental organizations without an office in New York must submit a form SG.6 for each member of the delegation for issuance of grounds passes for temporary meetings, together with an official nomination letter (stamped and signed by the head of the organization) to the Protocol and Liaison Service, by **31 May 2019**. The official letter must also include a name and email address of a focal point to receive the accreditation approval. The SG.6 form can be downloaded from the website of the Protocol and Liaison Service at [http://protocol.un.org/dgacm/pls/site.nsf/files/SG.6/\\$FILE/SG.6%20\(8-05\)-E.doc](http://protocol.un.org/dgacm/pls/site.nsf/files/SG.6/$FILE/SG.6%20(8-05)-E.doc). For more information on the Protocol and Liaison Service visit: <http://protocol.un.org/dgacm/pls/site.nsf/Registration.xsp>.

Upon presentation of the accreditation approvals, representatives of intergovernmental organizations are to collect their United Nations grounds passes directly from the United Nations Pass Office at 320 East 45th Street. An official document with photograph (e.g., passport) identifying the representative must be presented at that time. Representatives without grounds passes will not be able to access the United Nations Headquarters compound.

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**Template of letter to the United Nations Protocol  
and Liaison Service**

**[Letterhead of the Organization]**

[Date]

Dear Ms. Nicole Bresson,

Pursuant to paragraph 55 of General Assembly resolution 73/124 of 11 December 2018 and further to the notification dated 3 April 2019, which was sent by the Office of Legal Affairs, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, United Nations, we hereby inform you that the [official name of the organization] wishes to attend the twenty-ninth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which will take place in New York from 17 to 19 June 2019.

The [official name of the organization] will be represented by Mr. / Ms. [full name of the representative, which should be consistent with the name in his/her official identification document, e.g. passport] at the meeting.

Thank you for your assistance in issuing a United Nations grounds pass to the above representative(s) for the duration of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

[signature, name and title of the head of the organization]  
[official name of the organization]  
[official seal of the organization]

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cc: Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea,  
Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations