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FOREWORD

This is the fourth 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, especially those that are not as yet parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), information on any action taken by States Parties in implementing UNCLOS as well as on activities undertaken by DOALOS pursuant thereto.

The purpose of LOSIC is also to assist States Parties to UNCLOS to discharge their obligations by giving due publicity to information in accordance with the Convention. This is of particular importance to coastal States, which under UNCLOS are obliged, *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)); (iii) laws and regulations of States bordering straits relating to transit passage (article 42(3)); and (iv) charts indicating sea lanes and traffic separation schemes (articles 22(4), 41(2), 41(6), 53(7) and 53(10)).

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A. Status of the Convention and the 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 31 August 1996

State or entity ^{1/}	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Date of ratification / accession ^(a) / succession ^(a)	Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention		
		Signature	Ratification; accession; ^(a) definitive signature; ^(a) participation; ^(a)	Notification of continuation of provisional membership in the Authority ^{2/}
Afghanistan *				
Albania				
Algeria *	11 June 1996	29 July 1994	11 June 1996 ^{(a)(3)}	
Andorra				
Angola *	5 December 1990			
Antigua and Barbuda *	2 February 1989			
Argentina *	1 December 1995	29 July 1994	1 December 1995	
Armenia				
Australia *	5 October 1994	29 July 1994	5 October 1994	
Austria *	14 July 1995	29 July 1994	14 July 1995	
Azerbaijan				
Bahamas *	29 July 1983	29 July 1994	28 July 1995 ^(a)	
Bahrain *	30 May 1985			
Bangladesh *				28 July 1996 ^(a)
Barbados *	12 October 1993	15 November 1994	28 July 1995 ^(a)	

State or entity ^{1/}	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Date of ratification / accession ^(a) / succession ^(a)	Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention		
		Signature	Ratification; accession; ^(a) definitive signature; ^(a) participation; ^(a)	Notification of continuation of provisional membership in the Authority ^{2/}
Belarus *				
Belgium *		29 July 1994		16 July 1996
Belize *	13 August 1983		21 October 1994 ^(a)	
Benin *				
Bhutan *				
Bolivia *	28 April 1995		28 April 1995 ^{(a)(3)}	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	12 January 1994 ^(a)			
Botswana *	2 May 1990			
Brazil *	22 December 1988	29 July 1994		
Brunei Darussalam *				
Bulgaria *	15 May 1996		15 May 1996 ^(a)	
Burkina Faso *		30 November 1994		
Burundi *				
Cambodia *				28 July 1996
Cameroon *	19 November 1985	24 May 1995		
Canada *		29 July 1994		17 July 1996 ^{5/}
Cape Verde *	10 August 1987	29 July 1994		
Central African Republic *				
Chad *				
Chile *				23 July 1996
China *	7 June 1996	29 July 1994	7 June 1996 ^{(a)(3)}	
Colombia *				

State or entity ^{1/}	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Date of ratification / accession ^(a) / succession ^(a)	Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention		
		Signature	Ratification; accession; ^(a) definitive signature; ^(a) participation; ^(b)	Notification of continuation of provisional membership in the Authority ^{2/}
Comoros *	21 June 1994			
Congo *				
Cook Islands * ^(b)	15 February 1995		15 February 1995 ^(a)	
Costa Rica *	21 September 1992			
Côte d'Ivoire *	26 March 1984	25 November 1994	28 July 1995 ^(a)	
Croatia	5 April 1995 ^(a)		5 April 1995 ^{(b)(3)}	
Cuba *	15 August 1984			
Cyprus *	12 December 1988	1 November 1994	27 July 1995	
Czech Republic *	21 June 1996	16 November 1994	21 June 1996	
Democratic People's Republic of Korea *				
Denmark *		29 July 1994		
Djibouti *	8 October 1991			
Dominica *	24 October 1991			
Dominican Republic *				
Ecuador				
Egypt *	26 August 1983	22 March 1995		
El Salvador *				
Equatorial Guinea *				
Eritrea				
Estonia				
Ethiopia *				
European Community *		29 July 1994		28 July 1996

State or entity ^{1/}	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Date of ratification / accession ^(a) / succession ^(a)	Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention		
		Signature	Ratification; accession; ^(a) definitive signature; ^(a) participation; ^(p)	Notification of continuation of provisional membership in the Authority ^{2/}
Fiji *	10 December 1982	29 July 1994	28 July 1995	
Finland *	21 June 1996	29 July 1994	21 June 1996	
France *	11 April 1996	29 July 1994	11 April 1996	
Gabon *		4 April 1995		17 July 1996
Gambia *	22 May 1984			
Georgia	21 March 1996 ^(a)		21 March 1996 ^{(p)(3)}	
Germany	14 October 1994 ^(a)	29 July 1994	14 October 1994	
Ghana *	7 June 1983			
Greece *	21 July 1995	29 July 1994	21 July 1995	
Grenada *	25 April 1991	14 November 1994	28 July 1995 ^(a)	
Guatemala *				
Guinea *	6 September 1985	26 August 1994	28 July 1995 ^(a)	
Guinea-Bissau *	25 August 1986			
Guyana *	16 November 1993			
Haiti *	31 July 1996		31 July 1996 ^{(p)(3)}	
<i>Holy See</i> ^{(a),(3)}				
Honduras *	5 October 1993			
Hungary *				
Iceland *	21 June 1985	29 July 1994	28 July 1995 ^(a)	
India *	29 June 1995	29 July 1994	29 June 1995	
Indonesia *	3 February 1986	29 July 1994		
Iran (Islamic Republic of) *				

State or entity ¹⁾	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Date of ratification / accession ^(a) / succession ^(a)	Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention		
		Signature	Ratification; accession; ^(a) definitive signature; ^(b) participation; ^(b)	Notification of continuation of provisional membership in the Authority ²⁾
Iraq *	30 July 1985			
Ireland *	21 June 1996	29 July 1994	21 June 1996	
Israel				
Italy *	13 January 1995	29 July 1994	13 January 1995	
Jamaica *	21 March 1983	29 July 1994	28 July 1995 ^(a)	
Japan *	20 June 1996	29 July 1994	20 June 1996	
Jordan	27 November 1995 ^(a)		27 November 1995 ^{(a)(b)}	
Kazakstan				
Kenya *	2 March 1989		29 July 1994 ^(a)	
<i>Kiribati</i> ^{9,31}				
Kuwait *	2 May 1986			
Kyrgyzstan				
Lao People's Democratic Republic *		27 October 1994		
Latvia				
Lebanon *	5 January 1995		5 January 1995 ^{(a)(b)}	
Lesotho *				
Liberia *				
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya *				
Liechtenstein *				
Lithuania				
Luxembourg *		29 July 1994		23 July 1996
Madagascar *				

State or entity ^{1/}	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Date of ratification / accession ^(a) / succession ^(a)	Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention		
		Signature	Ratification; accession; ^(a) definitive signature; ^(a) participation; ^(b)	Notification of continuation of provisional membership in the Authority ^{2/}
Malawi *				
Malaysia *		2 August 1994		25 July 1996
Maldives *		10 October 1994		
Mali *	16 July 1985			
Malta *	20 May 1993	29 July 1994	26 June 1996	
Marshall Islands	9 August 1991 ^(a)			
Mauritania *	17 July 1996	2 August 1994	17 July 1996 ^{(b)(3)}	
Mauritius *	4 November 1994		4 November 1994 ^{(b)(3)}	
Mexico *	18 March 1983			
Micronesia (Federated States of)	29 April 1991 ^(a)	10 August 1994	6 September 1995	
Monaco *	20 March 1996	30 November 1994	20 March 1996 ^{(b)(3)}	
Mongolia *	13 August 1996	17 August 1994	13 August 1996 ^{(b)(3)}	
Morocco *		19 October 1994		
Mozambique *				
Myanmar *	21 May 1996		21 May 1996 ^(a)	
Namibia *	18 April 1983	29 July 1994	28 July 1995 ^(a)	
Nauru * ^{6.3/}	23 January 1996		23 January 1996 ^{(b)(3)}	
Nepal *				24 July 1996 ^(a)
Netherlands *	28 June 1996	29 July 1994	28 June 1996	
New Zealand *	19 July 1996	29 July 1994	19 July 1996	24 July 1996
Nicaragua *				
Niger *				

State or entity ¹⁾	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Date of ratification / accession ^(a) / succession ^(a)	Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention		
		Signature	Ratification; accession; ^(a) definitive signature; ^(a) participation; ^(b)	Notification of continuation of provisional membership in the Authority ²⁾
Nigeria *	14 August 1986	25 October 1994	28 July 1995 ⁴⁾	
Niue * ^{B.2)}				
Norway *	24 June 1996		24 June 1996 ^(a)	
Oman *	17 August 1989			
Pakistan *		10 August 1994		
Palau *				
Panama *	1 July 1996		1 July 1996 ^{(b)(3)}	
Papua New Guinea *				
Paraguay *	26 September 1986	29 July 1994	10 July 1995	
Peru				
Philippines *	8 May 1984	15 November 1994		
Poland *		29 July 1994		28 July 1996 ⁵⁾
Portugal *		29 July 1994		
Qatar *				
Republic of Korea *	29 January 1996	7 November 1994	29 January 1996	
Republic of Moldova				
Romania *				
Russian Federation *				22 July 1996
Rwanda *				
Saint Kitts and Nevis *	7 January 1993			
Saint Lucia *	27 March 1985			
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines *	1 October 1993			

State or entity ^{1/}	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Date of ratification / accession ^(a) / succession ^(a)	Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention		
		Signature	Ratification; accession; ^(a) definitive signature; ^(a) participation; ^(b)	Notification of continuation of provisional membership in the Authority ^{2/}
Samoa *	14 August 1995	7 July 1995	14 August 1995 ^{(b)(3)}	
San Marino				
Sao Tome and Principe *	3 November 1987			
Saudi Arabia *	24 April 1996		24 April 1996 ^{(b)(3)}	
Senegal *	25 October 1984	9 August 1994	25 July 1995	
Seychelles *	16 September 1991	29 July 1994	15 December 1994	
Sierra Leone *	12 December 1994		12 December 1994 ^{(b)(3)}	
Singapore *	17 November 1994		17 November 1994 ^{(b)(3)}	
Slovakia *	8 May 1996	14 November 1994	8 May 1996	
Slovenia	16 June 1995 ^(a)	19 January 1995	16 June 1995	
Solomon Islands *				
Somalia *	24 July 1989			
South Africa *		3 October 1994		19 July 1996
Spain *		29 July 1994		
Sri Lanka *	19 July 1994	29 July 1994	28 July 1995 ^(a)	
Sudan *	23 January 1985	29 July 1994		
Suriname *				28 July 1996
Swaziland *		12 October 1994		
Sweden *	25 June 1996	29 July 1994	25 June 1996	
Switzerland * ^{(b)(3)}		26 October 1994		23 July 1996
Syrian Arab Republic				
Tajikistan				
Thailand *				

State or entity ^{1/}	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Data of ratification / accession ^(a) / succession ^(a)	Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention		
		Signature	Ratification; accession; ^(a) definitive signature; ^(a) participation; ^(b)	Notification of continuation of provisional membership in the Authority ^{2/}
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	19 August 1994 ^(a)		19 August 1994 ^{(a)(3)}	
Togo *	16 April 1985	3 August 1994	28 July 1995 ^(a)	
Tonga ^(b,3)	2 August 1995 ^(a)		2 August 1995 ^{(a)(3)}	
Trinidad and Tobago *	25 April 1986	10 October 1994	28 July 1995 ^(a)	
Tunisia *	24 April 1985	15 May 1995		
Turkey				
Turkmenistan				
Tuvalu * ^(b,3)				
Uganda *	9 November 1990	9 August 1994	28 July 1995 ^(a)	
Ukraine *		28 February 1995		28 July 1996
United Arab Emirates *				
United Kingdom		29 July 1994		17 July 1996
United Republic of Tanzania *	30 September 1985	7 October 1994		
United States of America		29 July 1994		17 July 1996 ^(a)
Uruguay *	10 December 1992	29 July 1994		
Uzbekistan				
Vanuatu *		29 July 1994		
Venezuela				
Viet Nam *	25 July 1994			
Yemen *	21 July 1987			
Yugoslavia *	5 May 1986	12 May 1995	28 July 1995 ^(a)	
Zaire *	17 February 1989			

State or entity ^{1/}	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Date of ratification / accession ^(a) / succession ^(a)	Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention		
		Signature	Ratification; accession, ^(a) definitive signature, ^(a) participation, ^(b)	Notification of continuation of provisional membership in the Authority ^{2/}
Zambia *	7 March 1983	13 October 1994	28 July 1995 ^{4/}	
Zimbabwe *	24 February 1993	28 October 1994	28 July 1995 ^{4/}	

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- ^{1/} States or entities which have signed the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea are indicated by an asterisk (*).
- ^{2/} On 28 June 1996, the requirements for the entry into force of the Agreement were fulfilled. Consequently, the Agreement entered into force on 28 July 1996, in accordance with article 6 (1). On the same date, in accordance with its article 7 (3), the provisional application of the Agreement terminated. In accordance with the provisions of Section 1, paragraph 12 (a), of the Annex to the Agreement, States and entities referred to in article 3 of the Agreement which had been applying it provisionally and for which it was not in force were able to continue to be members of the Authority on a provisional basis, pending its entry into force for such States and entities, by sending a written notification to the depositary to this effect.
- Paragraph 12(a) also provides that such membership shall terminate either on 16 November 1996 or upon the entry into force of the Agreement and the Convention for such member, whichever is earlier. Furthermore, it has empowered the Council to extend, upon the request of the State or entity concerned, such membership beyond 16 November 1996 for a further period or periods not exceeding a total of two years provided that the Council is satisfied that the State or entity concerned has been making efforts in good faith to become a party to the Agreement and the Convention.
- At the resumed second session of the International Seabed Authority, held from 5 to 16 August 1996 in Kingston (Jamaica), the Council of the Authority approved requests for the extension of membership on a provisional basis of the following States: Canada (until 16 November 1997) and Bangladesh, Nepal, Poland and the United States of America (until 16 November 1998). With regard to the extension of provisional membership beyond 16 November 1996 for the other 13 States and one entity which had applied the Agreement provisionally before its entry into force, in accordance with article 7 (1) of the Agreement, and which had subsequently notified the depositary of their intention to continue the provisional membership, the Council decided that those States or entities which submit requests for an extension of such membership beyond 16 November 1996 prior to the next session of the Council should be deemed to be members of the Authority on a provisional basis until the end of the next session of the Council, at which the Council will deliberate on such requests.
- ^{3/} State bound by the Agreement by having ratified, acceded or succeeded to the Convention under article 4, paragraph 1, of the Agreement.
- ^{4/} State bound by the Agreement under the simplified procedure set out in article 5 of the Agreement.
- ^{5/} States which continue to be members of the Authority on a provisional basis after 16 November 1996, as decided by the Council of the Authority on 15 August 1996, in accordance with Section 1, paragraph 12(a), of the Annex to the Agreement on Part XI (see note 2).
- ^{6/} Non-member State of the United Nations.

2. 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 31 August 1996.

State or entity ¹⁾	Final Act: Signature	Signature of the Agreement ²⁾	Provisional application as of	Ratification; accession ^(a)
Afghanistan				
Albania ☼				
Algeria ♦ ☼				
Andorra				
Angola ♦ ☼				
Antigua and Barbuda ♦ ☼	●			
Argentina ♦ ☼	●	4 December 1995		
Armenia				
Australia ♦ ☼	●	4 December 1995		
Austria ♦ ☼	●	27 June 1996		
Azerbaijan				
Bahamas ♦ ☼				
Bahrain ♦ ☼				
Bangladesh ☼	●	4 December 1995		
Barbados ♦ ☼				
Belarus ☼				
Belgium ☼	●			
Belize ♦ ☼	●	4 December 1995		
Benin ☼				
Bhutan				
Bolivia ♦				
Bosnia and Herzegovina ♦				
Botswana ♦				
Brazil ♦ ☼	●	4 December 1995		

State or entity ¹⁾	Final Act: Signature	Signature of the Agreement ²⁾	Provisional application as of	Ratification; accession ^(a)
Brunei Darussalam				
Bulgaria ♦ ♣				
Burkina Faso				
Burundi ♣				
Cambodia				
Cameroon ♦ ♣				
Canada ♣	●	4 December 1995		
Cape Verde ♦ ♣				
Central African Republic				
Chad				
Chile ♣	●			
China ♦ ♣				
Colombia ♣				
Comoros ♦				
Congo ♣				
Cook Islands ³⁾ ♦ ♣				
Costa Rica ♦ ♣				
Côte d'Ivoire ♦ ♣		24 January 1996		
Croatia ♦				
Cuba ♦ ♣	●			
Cyprus ♦ ♣				
Czech Republic				
Democratic People's Republic of Korea ♣				
Denmark ♣	●●	27 June 1996		
Djibouti ♦ ♣				
Dominica ♦				

State or <i>entity</i> ¹⁾	Final Act: Signature	Signature of the Agreement ²⁾	Provisional application as of	Ratification; accession ^(a)
Dominican Republic				
Ecuador ♣	●			
Egypt ♦ ♣	●	5 December 1995		
El Salvador ♣				
Equatorial Guinea				
Eritrea ♣				
Estonia ♣				
Ethiopia				
European Community ♣	●	27 June 1996		
Fiji ♦ ♣	●	4 December 1995		
Finland ♣	●	27 June 1996		
France ♦ ♣				
Gabon ♣				
Gambia ♦ ♣				
Georgia ♦				
Germany ♦ ♣		28 August 1996		
Ghana ♦ ♣				
Greece ♦ ♣		27 June 1996		
Grenada ♦ ♣	●			
Guatemala ♣				
Guinea ♦ ♣				
Guinea-Bissau ♦ ♣	●	4 December 1995		
Guyana ♦ ♣				
Haiti				
Holy See ²⁾				
Honduras ♦ ♣				
Hungary ♣				

State or entity ¹⁾	Final Act: Signature	Signature of the Agreement ²⁾	Provisional application as of	Ratification; accession ³⁾
Iceland ♦ ♦	●	4 December 1995		
India ♦ ♦	●			
Indonesia ♦ ♦	●	4 December 1995		
Iran (Islamic Republic of) ♦				
Iraq ♦				
Ireland ♦	●	27 June 1996		
Israel ♦	●	4 December 1995		
Italy ♦ ♦	●	27 June 1996		
Jamaica ♦ ♦	●	4 December 1995		
Japan ♦	●			
Jordan ♦				
Kazakhstan ♦				
Kenya ♦ ♦				
Kiribati ²⁾ ♦				
Kuwait ♦				
Kyrgyzstan				
Lao People's Democratic Republic				
Latvia ♦				
Lebanon ♦ ♦				
Lesotho ♦				
Liberia				
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya ♦				
Liechtenstein ♦				
Lithuania ♦				
Luxembourg ♦		27 June 1996		
Madagascar ♦				

State or entity ¹⁾	Final Act: Signature	Signature of the Agreement ²⁾	Provisional application as of	Ratification; accession ³⁾
Malawi				
Malaysia ♣				
Maldives ♣				
Mali ♠ ♣				
Malta ♠ ♣				
Marshall Islands ♠ ♣	●	4 December 1995		
Mauritania ♣		21 December 1995		
Mauritius ♠ ♣				
Mexico ♠ ♣				
Micronesia (Federated States of) ♠ ♣	●	4 December 1995		
Monaco ♠				
Mongolia				
Morocco ♣	●	4 December 1995		
Mozambique				
Myanmar ♠ ♣				
Namibia ♠ ♣	●	19 April 1996		
Nauru ²⁾ ♠				
Nepal				
Netherlands ♣	●	28 June 1996		
New Zealand ♣	●	4 December 1995		
Nicaragua ♣				
Niger ♣				
Nigeria ♠ ♣				
Niue ²⁾ ♣	●	4 December 1995		
Norway ♣	●	4 December 1995		
Oman ♠				

State or entity ¹⁾	Final Act: Signature	Signature of the Agreement ²⁾	Provisional application as of	Ratification; accession ^(a)
Pakistan ♣		15 February 1996		
Palau ♣				
Panama ♣				
Papua New Guinea ♣	●	4 December 1995		
Paraguay ♦				
Peru ♣	●			
Philippines ♦ ♣		30 August 1996		
Poland ♣	●			
Portugal ♣	●	27 June 1996		
Qatar ♣				
Republic of Korea ♦ ♣	●			
Republic of Moldova				
Romania ♣				
Russian Federation ♣	●	4 December 1995		
Rwanda				
Saint Kitts and Nevis ♦				
Saint Lucia ♦ ♣	●	12 December 1995		9 August 1996
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines ♦				
Samoa ♦ ♣	●	4 December 1995		
San Marino				
Sao Tome and Principe ♦				
Saudi Arabia ♦ ♣				
Senegal ♦ ♣	●	4 December 1995		
Seychelles ♦ ♣				
Sierra Leone ♦ ♣				
Singapore ♦ ♣				

State or entity ¹⁾	Final Act: Signature	Signature of the Agreement ²⁾	Provisional application as of	Ratification; accession ³⁾
Slovakia ♦				
Slovenia ♦				
Solomon Islands ♣				
Somalia ♦				
South Africa ♣				
Spain ♣	●			
Sri Lanka ♦ ♣				
Sudan ♦				
Suriname ♣				
Swaziland				
Sweden ♣	●	27 June 1996		
Switzerland ²⁾ ♣				
Syrian Arab Republic ♣				
Tajikistan				
Thailand ♣				
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ♦				
Togo ♦ ♣				
Tonga ²⁾ ♦ ♣	●	4 December 1995		31 July 1996
Trinidad and Tobago ♦ ♣				
Tunisia ♦ ♣				
Turkey ♣				
Turkmenistan				
Tuvalu ²⁾ ♣				
Uganda ♦ ♣				
Ukraine ♣	●	4 December 1995		
United Arab Emirates ♣				

State or entity ¹⁾	Final Act: Signature	Signature of the Agreement ²⁾	Provisional application as of	Ratification; accession ³⁾
United Kingdom ♣	●	27 June 1996 ⁴⁾		
United Republic of Tanzania ♦ ♣				
United States of America ♣	●	4 December 1995		21 August 1996
Uruguay ♦ ♣	●	16 January 1996		
Uzbekistan				
Vanuatu ♣		23 July 1996		
Venezuela ♣				
Viet Nam ♦ ♣				
Yemen ♦				
Yugoslavia ♦				
Zaire ♦				
Zambia ♦ ♣				
Zimbabwe ♦ ♣				

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- ^{1/} ♦ States or *entities* which are Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982.
- Land-locked States.
- ◆ States or *entities* which participated in the sessions of the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks.
- ^{2/} In accordance with its article 37, the Agreement is open for signature at United Nations Headquarters from 4 December 1995 until and including 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/} Non-member State of the United Nations.
- ^{4/} On 4 December 1995, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland signed the Agreement on behalf of Bermuda, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands, Pitcairn Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, St. Helena including Ascension Island, and Turks and Caicos Islands. Subsequently, in a communication received on 19 January 1996, the Government of the United Kingdom informed the Secretary-General that the Agreement would also apply to Anguilla. Furthermore, on 27 June 1996, the Government of the United Kingdom signed the Agreement on behalf of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

**B. Election of the Members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
(Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention, New York, 24 July - 2 August 1996)^{1/}**

1. The States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea considered the modalities for the distribution of seats, as specified in Annex VI, article 4, of the Convention and the drawing of lots to determine the Members (judges) who would serve for initial periods of three and six years as well as those who would serve for the entire nine-year term.

2. In this connection, the President presented a proposal, ^{2/} which was accepted by consensus, on the procedure to be followed for the first election of the Members of the Tribunal. After eight rounds of balloting, the States Parties elected on 1 August 1996 the following 21 Members of the Tribunal from a list of 33 candidates :

List of Members

Name	Nationality	Regional group	Term of office
Akl, Joseph	Lebanon	Asian States	3 years
Anderson, David Heywood	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Western European and Other States	9 years
Caminos, Hugo	Argentina	Latin American and Caribbean States	6 years
Eiriksson, Gudmundur	Iceland	Western European and Other States	6 years
Engo, Paul Bamela	Cameroon	African States	3 years
Kolodkin, Anatoly Lazarevich	Russian Federation	Eastern European States	3 years
Laing, Edward Arthur	Belize	Latin American and Caribbean States	6 years
Marotta Rangel, Vincente	Brazil	Latin American and Caribbean States	3 years
Marsit, Mohamed Mouldi	Tunisia	African States	9 years
Mensah, Thomas A.	Ghana	African States	9 years
Ndiaye, Tafsir Malick	Senegal	African States	6 years
Nelson, L. Dolliver M.	Grenada	Latin American and Caribbean States	9 years

1/ See documents SPLOS/CRP.7, SPLOS/11, SPLOS/10, SPLOS/9, LOS/PCN/152, vol. I, addendum 10 at p. 217, and SPLOS/14.

2/ See documents SPLOS/L.3/Rev.1 (See Annex I for text.) and SPLOS/14.

Name	Nationality	Regional group	Term of office
Park, Choon-Ho	Republic of Korea	Asian States	9 years
Rao, P. Chandrasekhara	India	Asian States	3 years
Treves, Tullio	Italy	Western European and Other States	6 years
Vukas, Budislav	Croatia	Eastern European States	9 years
Warioba, Joseph Sinde	United Republic of Tanzania	African States	3 years
Wolfrum, Rüdiger	Germany	Western European and Other States	3 years
Yamamoto, Soji	Japan	Asian States	9 years
Yankov, Alexander	Bulgaria	Eastern European States	6 years
Zhao, Lihai	China	Asian States	6 years

3. The Members are scheduled to meet in Hamburg on 1 October 1996, when they will begin their work with a number of administrative and procedural matters, including the adoption of the internal rules of the Tribunal. Arrangements are being made for a ceremonial inauguration on 18 October, when the Members are expected to be formally sworn in by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

C. Decisions of the International Seabed Authority
(Resumed second session, Kingston, 5 - 16 August 1996)^{3/}

4. The resumed second session of the International Seabed Authority dealt with several organizational questions, such as the election of the members of the Finance Committee, established pursuant to Section 9 of the Annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention, and the Legal and Technical Commission, the election of the presiding officer of the Council and the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Council. The Authority's 1997 budget was also considered. The election of the President of the Assembly was postponed until its next session.

Election of the members of the Finance Committee^{4/}

5. After reaching agreement with respect to the allocation of seats and the terms of office, although without prejudice to its composition for future elections, the members of the Finance Committee were elected (three each from Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean; five from Western European and Other States and one from Eastern Europe), representing the five potential largest financial contributors to the Authority's budget, and taking into account the need for equitable geographical distribution and the representation of special interests.

3/ See Press Releases SEA/1520 and SEA/1532.

4/ See Press Releases SEA/1527 and SEA/1532.

6. The members of the Finance Committee thus elected are the following: Ernest Belo Rosa (Uruguay), Craig John Daniell (South Africa), Domenico Da Empoli (Italy), David Etuket (Uganda), Jobst Holborn (Germany), Lou Hong (China), Tadanori Inomata (Japan), Serguey P. Ivanov (Russian Federation), Issac Klipstein Margulis (Mexico), Samia Ladgham (Tunisia), Jean-Pierre Levy (France), Rama Ran (India), Coy Roache (Jamaica), Michael C. Wood (United Kingdom) and M. Deborah Wynes (United States).

7. It should be noted that in accordance with the Convention and the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention, the members of the Finance Committee should have no financial interest in any activity on which the Committee makes recommendations.

Election of the President of the Council 5/

8. The Council of the International Seabed Authority also elected by acclamation Mr. Lennox Ballah (Trinidad and Tobago), the nominee by the Latin American and Caribbean Group of States, as its first President. Mr. Ballah had served as Chairman of Special Commission 2 of the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

Election of the members of the Legal and Technical Committee 6/

9. The Council of the International Seabed Authority also elected its Legal and Technical Commission. The procedure and manner of the election were supported by the majority of the 36-member Council, with a formal reservation being expressed by Nigeria.

10. The Commission was to be comprised of 15 members with the appropriate qualifications relevant to the exploration, exploitation and processing of mineral resources, oceanology, protection of the marine environment or economic or legal matters relating to ocean mining and related fields. However, the President of the Council, relying on a provision in the Convention (article 163(2)) to the effect that "...the Council may decide to increase the size of ...[the] Commission having due regard to economy and efficiency...", recommended that the membership be increased to 22, in view, *inter alia*, of the increase in the workload of the Commission, which had been allocated temporarily the work of the Economic Planning Commission.

11. The members of the Legal and Technical Commission thus elected are the following: Hans Amann (Germany), Samuel Sona Betah (Cameroon), Arne Bjorlykke (Norway), Jose de J. Conejo (Costa Rica), Ivan F. Glumov (Russian Federation), Robert Guehi (Côte d'Ivoire), Waguibi Hanafi (Egypt), Jung-Keuk Kang (Republic of Korea), Ryszard Kotlinski (Poland), Jean-Pierre Lenoble (France), Yuwei Li (China), Charles Lowell Morgan (United States of America), Marcellin Mve-Ebang (Gabon), Luis Giotto Preval Paez (Cuba), H.P. Rajan (India), Giovanni Rosa (Italy), Toshio Sakasegawa (Japan), Olexander A. Shchypstov (Ukraine), H. Shimutwikeni (Namibia), A. Simpson (Fiji), George P. Steward (Bahamas) and Boris Winterhalter (Finland).

5/ See Press Releases SEA/1528 and SEA/1532.

6/ See Press Releases SEA/1529 and SEA/1532.

Budget of the Authority for 1997 7/

12. After the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority noted the reservations expressed in the Council in respect of certain aspects of the draft budget prepared by the Secretary-General of the Authority by the Russian Federation, members of the Council from the Eastern European Group and the United States of America, it adopted the revised budget for 1997 in the sum of \$4,150,500 (ISBA/A/9/Add.1), and endorsed the evolutionary approach.
13. The budget of the Authority for 1997 will continue to be covered by the budget of the United Nations. From 1 January 1998, the Authority will be financed from assessed contributions of its members.

D. Decisions relating to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
(Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention, New York, 24 July - 2 August 1996)

14. Taking into account the decision of the States Parties at their Third Meeting to postpone the election of the members of the Commission until March 1997, the Fifth Meeting of States Parties adopted the following revised schedule 8/ for the nomination and election of the members of the Commission:

- "(a) The first election of all 21 members of the Commission will commence on 13 March 1997 at the Sixth Meeting of States Parties, to be held from 10 to 14 March 1997;
- (b) The nominations will open on 11 November 1996 for any State Party. States in the process of becoming a party to the Convention may also nominate candidates. The nominations by the latter States, however, will remain provisional and will not be included in the list to be circulated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with article 2, paragraph 2, of annex II to the Convention, unless the States concerned have deposited the instrument of their ratification or accession on or before Wednesday, 5 February 1997;
- (c) The nominations will close on 5 February 1997;
- (d) The list of candidates will be circulated by the Secretary-General on 14 February 1997;
- (e) Subject to the above decisions, all procedures relating to the election of the members of the Commission as provided for in the Convention shall apply;
- (f) No changes may be made to this schedule unless the States Parties agree by consensus."

15. The Meeting took note of the study entitled "Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf: Its Functions and Scientific and Technical Needs in Assessing the Submission of a Coastal State", 9/ prepared by the Secretariat. The Secretariat also prepared and circulated the "Draft Rules of Procedure of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf", 10/ at the request of the Meeting.

7/ See document ISBA/A/14.

8/ See documents SPLOS/L.2, SPLOS/CRP.9 and SPLOS/14.

9/ See documents SPLOS/CLCS/INF/1 and SPLOS/14.

10/ See documents SPLOS/CLCS/WP.1 and SPLOS/14.

II. INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE DIVISION FOR OCEAN AFFAIRS AND THE LAW OF THE SEA

A. Obligation of "due publicity"

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

16. As mentioned in LOSIC Nos. 2 and 3, the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, as the substantive unit of the Secretariat responsible for the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, has informed the States Parties concerned that it is willing to assist them to comply with their "due publicity" obligations under the Convention.

17. Accordingly, upon a State becoming a Party to the Convention, the Division systematically informs the State concerned of the "due publicity" obligations pursuant to the Convention with which it must comply.

18. During the period between May and August 1996, the Division transmitted the following notes verbales to the States Parties indicated recalling their "due publicity" obligations and offering its assistance in their compliance with such obligations:

- (a) Notes verbales MZ/SP/7 to MZ/SP/22, addressed to States Parties (Georgia, Monaco, France, Saudi Arabia, Bulgaria, Myanmar, Finland, Ireland, Japan, Algeria, Netherlands, Sweden, Mauritania, New Zealand, Panama and Haiti, 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/5 to TS/IP/SP/22, addressed to coastal States Parties (Monaco, Georgia, France, Saudi Arabia, Bulgaria, Myanmar, Finland, Ireland, Japan, Algeria, China, Norway, Sweden, Netherlands, Panama, Mauritania, New Zealand and Haiti, respectively) requesting the submission of laws and regulations relating to innocent passage through the territorial sea pursuant to article 21(3);
- (c) Notes verbales SLTSS/SP/4, SLTSS/SP/5, SLTSS/SP/7, SLTSS/SP/9, SLTSS/SP/10, SLTSS/SP/11 and SLTSS/SP/12, addressed to States Parties (France, Saudi Arabia, Finland, Japan, China, Norway and Sweden, respectively) requesting the submission of charts indicating the designation, prescription or substitution of sea lanes and traffic separation schemes in the territorial sea and straits pursuant to articles 22(4) and 41(6);
- (d) Notes verbales SLTSS/SP/6, SLTSS/SP/8, SLTSS/SP/13, SLTSS/SP/14 and SLTSS/SP/15, addressed to States Parties (Bulgaria, Ireland, Netherlands, Panama and New Zealand, respectively) requesting the submission of charts indicating the designation, prescription or substitution of sea lanes and traffic separation schemes in the territorial sea pursuant to article 22(4); and
- (e) Note verbale SIN/TP/SP/3, SIN/TP/SP/4, SIN/TP/SP/5 and SIN/TP/SP/7, addressed to States Parties bordering straits (France, Finland, Japan and Sweden) requesting the submission of laws and regulations relating to transit passage through straits used for international navigation pursuant to article 42(3).

19. Samples of the above-mentioned notes verbales may be found, *mutatis mutandis*, in LOSIC Nos. 2 and 3.

2. Maritime Zone Notifications

20. The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, has also circulated between June and September 1996 a number of maritime zone notifications for the purpose of informing other States Parties that a State Party has complied with one of its various "due publicity" obligations under the Convention.

21. The maritime zone notifications circulated are as follows:

- (a) Maritime Zone Notification (M.Z.N. 6. 1996. LOS of 30 June 1996) regarding the confirmation by Cyprus that the list of geographical coordinates and chart previously submitted were still valid and deposit thereof;
- (b) Maritime Zone Notification (M.Z.N. 7. 1996. LOS of 5 July 1996) regarding the deposit by China of lists of geographical coordinates;
- (c) Maritime Zone Notification (M.Z.N. 8. 1996. LOS of 21 July 1996) regarding the deposit by Finland of a map and geographical coordinates;
- (d) Maritime Zone Notification (M.Z.N. 9. 1996. LOS of 25 August 1996) regarding the deposit by Norway of charts and lists of geographical coordinates; and
- (e) Maritime Zone Notification (M.Z.N. 10. 1996. LOS of 16 September 1996) regarding the deposit by Argentina of charts and lists of geographical coordinates.

22. Duplicates of the above-mentioned maritime zone notifications are reproduced in Annex II to this publication.

23. In this connection, it should be noted that the lists of geographical coordinates submitted in compliance with the due publicity obligations under the Convention are not published in the LOSIC as that would be costly owing to their length. Such lists of 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. On the other hand, in instances where the lists of geographical coordinates submitted are not too lengthy, they are published in the Law of the Sea Bulletin (LOS B). Such has been the case to date with the geographical coordinates submitted by Germany, Finland and China, which have been published in LOS B nos. 27, 29 and 32, respectively.

III. INFORMATION ON ACTION TAKEN BY STATES PARTIES TO IMPLEMENT THE CONVENTION

A. Submissions by States Parties in compliance with their obligations of "due publicity"

24. During the months of June to August 1996, a number of States Parties submitted information in compliance with the various "due publicity" obligations under the Convention. The information thus submitted has been circulated to the other States Parties by way of the maritime zone notifications, which are mentioned at paragraph 22 above.

25. The States Parties having complied with their "due publicity" obligations during the period concerned are Cyprus, China, Finland, Norway and Argentina.

B. List of experts in the field of marine scientific research drawn up by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC) under article 2 of Annex VIII (Special Arbitration)

26. The updated list as of 31 May 1996 of the names of experts in the field of marine scientific research having been nominated by States, including replacements as well as a few new nominations, drawn up by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC) for the purpose of special arbitration in accordance with article 2 of Annex VIII to the Convention, is set out in Annex III.

27. It should be noted that, while the Convention entitles States Parties to nominate relevant experts, this list contains those who were nominated by non-States Parties as well.

ANNEX I

(TEXT OF DOCUMENT SPLOS/L.3/REV.1)

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FIRST ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL
FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

Proposal by the President

1. The present proposal is made to reconcile the need for some certainty in geographical representation in the composition of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea on the one hand and the need to provide all candidates an equal opportunity to contest the election on the other.
2. (a) Provided that no regional group will have less than three seats, the members of the Tribunal will be elected as follows:
 - (i) Five judges shall be elected from the African Group;
 - (ii) Five judges shall be elected from the Asian Group;
 - (iii) Four judges shall be elected from the Latin American and Caribbean Group;
 - (iv) Four judges shall be elected from the Western European and Other States Group; and
 - (v) Three judges shall be elected from the Eastern European Group;

(b) In case there is a candidate who does not belong to any regional group, that candidate shall be grouped with any of the regional groups mentioned above according to the principles contained in the Convention. For the purpose of this election the candidate who is a national of a State which does not belong to any regional group if elected, shall be within the allocation in subparagraph (iv) above.
3. The election will be held on the basis of a single list of candidates listed in English alphabetical order.

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4. All States Parties will have only 21 votes to cast in the first ballot. In subsequent ballots the number of votes to be cast by each State Party will depend upon the number of vacancies remaining. Ballot papers that contain more than the number of vacant seats would be invalid.

5. As candidates meet the required majority for election, they would be counted according to regional allocation as provided in paragraph 2.

6. Subject to paragraph 9 below, the persons elected to the Tribunal shall be those candidates who obtain the largest number of votes and a two-thirds majority of the States Parties present and voting, provided that such majority includes a majority of the States Parties.

7. In the event that not all 21 judges are elected in the first ballot, subsequent balloting would be unrestricted. Each elector may vote for 21 candidates in the first ballot, and in any subsequent ballots, for 21 minus the number of candidates who have already been elected.

8. In the event of a tie vote for a remaining seat, there will be a restricted ballot limited to those candidates who have obtained an equal number of votes.

9. In case the number of candidates eligible under paragraph 2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v), obtaining the required majority for election exceeds the number of seats so allocated thereunder, the candidates obtaining the largest number of votes to fill the number of seats so allocated shall be elected while the others will be considered not elected.

10. In the interest of a timely conclusion of the election, if after four ballots not all 21 judges are elected, balloting shall be suspended to give an opportunity to candidates or the nominating States to consider whether they wish to maintain their candidatures. Before such suspension the President will announce when balloting will resume.

11. The Secretary-General, in drawing lots to determine the terms of the judges following their election, will be guided by the following procedure:

He shall draw lots by region as follows:

First, for the first three-year term:

Two names each from the African Group and the Asian Group.

One name each from the Eastern European Group, the Latin American and Caribbean Group, and the Western European and Other States Group.

Next, for the first six-year term:

One name each from the African Group, the Asian Group, and the Eastern European Group.

Two names each from the Latin American and Caribbean Group and the Western European and Other States Group.

12. The above arrangements would be applicable to the first election and will not prejudice the arrangements for any other election.

ANNEX II

(DUPLICATE 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. 6. 1996. LOS (Maritime Zone Notification) 30 June 1996

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

Deposit of chart and list of geographical coordinates by Cyprus

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

On 7 May 1996, upon Cyprus having confirmed that the list of geographical coordinates and chart, as described hereinafter, which had been submitted on 3 May 1993, were still valid, they were deposited with the Secretary-General in compliance with the terms of the Convention:

Chart n° ITN 3604 of March 1982 and revised in 1984, from British Admiralty Charts and Surveys of Cyprus, Map of Cyprus and Mediterranean Sea, with accompanying list of geographical coordinates.

The original chart as well as the list of geographical coordinates, which were reproduced in Law of the Sea Bulletin no. 24 in December 1993, may be consulted at the Secretariat - Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs - by contacting the following numbers: 963-3962 (telephone) or 963-5847 (fax).



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

REFERENCE:

M.Z.N. 7. 1996. LOS (Maritime Zone Notification) 5 July 1996

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

Deposit of Lists of Geographical Coordinates by China

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

On 17 May 1996, China transmitted for deposit with the Secretary-General a Declaration, described hereinafter, in compliance with the terms of the Convention:

Declaration by China on the baselines of part of its territorial sea adjacent to the mainland and those of the territorial sea adjacent to its Xisha Islands, containing lists of geographical coordinates, dated 15 May 1996

The Declaration containing the lists of geographical coordinates may be consulted at the Secretariat - Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs - by contacting the following numbers: 963-3962 (telephone) or 963-5847 (fax).

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CABLE ADDRESS—ADRESSE TELEGRAPHIQUE UNATIONS NEWYORK

REFERENCE

M.Z.N. 8. 1996. LOS (Maritime Zone Notification) 21 July 1996

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

Deposit of map and geographical coordinates by Finland

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

On 21 July 1996, upon the Convention having entered into force for Finland, the Secretary-General effected the deposit of the map and lists of geographical coordinates, as described hereinafter, which had been transmitted by Finland on 10 August 1995, in compliance with the terms of the Convention:

Map indicating the base points of the outer limit of the inner territorial waters and the location of the outer limit of Finland's territorial sea, with lists of geographical coordinates, in accordance with the Act amending the Act on the Border of the Territorial Waters of Finland (981/95) of 31 July 1995.

The original map and lists of geographical coordinates, which were reproduced in Law of the Sea Bulletin no. 29 in October 1995, may be consulted at the Secretariat - Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs - by contacting the following numbers: 963-3962 (telephone) or 963-5847 (fax).



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REFERENCE

M.Z.N. 9. 1996. LOS (Maritime Zone Notification) 25 August 1996

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

Deposit by Norway of charts and lists of geographical coordinates

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

I.

On 24 July 1996, Norway transmitted for deposit with the Secretary-General the following three charts indicating the maritime boundaries of Norway, in compliance with articles 75 and 84 of the Convention:

Chart n° 300 (INT 10) from the Norwegian Hydrographic Service, entitled "Norskehavet" (Norwegian Sea), printed in July 1996;

Chart n° 514 from the Norwegian Hydrographic Service, entitled "Barentshavet" (Barents Sea), printed in July 1996; and

Chart n° 515 from the Norwegian Hydrographic Service, entitled "Svalbard-Grönland" (Svalbard-Greenland), printed in July 1996.

In this connection, due note should be taken that in its note verbale of transmission of 24 July 1996, the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations stated that "The outer limit lines of the Fisheries Protection Zone north of the Svalbard archipelago are not shown on the charts. These lines are north of the ice frontier and have no practical consequences for the time being. These lines will be determined exactly in due time".

II.

Norway has confirmed by the same note verbale that the lists of geographical coordinates, as described hereinafter, which had been previously communicated to the Secretary-General and published by the United Nations in the publication *Baselines: National Legislation with Illustrative Maps* (sales N° E.89.V.10), were still valid. Accordingly, Norway has deposited said lists pursuant to article 16 of the Convention:

- **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.**

The original charts and the lists of geographical coordinates submitted by Norway may be consulted at the Secretariat (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, DC2-0434, telephone: 963-3962 or fax: 963-5847).



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

REFERENCE

M.Z.N. 10. 1996. LOS (Maritime Zone Notification) 16 September 1996

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

Deposit by Argentina of charts and lists of geographical coordinates

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

I.

On 30 July 1996, Argentina transmitted for deposit with the Secretary-General, in compliance with article 16 of the Convention, Law 23,968 on the Maritime Spaces and a complete set of corresponding charts showing the baselines of Argentina, as described hereafter:

Law 23,968 on Maritime Spaces of 14 August 1991, incorporating in its Annex 1 the lists of geographical coordinates for the drawing of the baselines of Argentina; and

the following charts, all published by the naval hydrographic service of Argentina:

- Chart H-113 - 1st edition 1969 - Scale 1: 250,000 - "Río de la Plata exterior";
- Chart H-114 - 5th edition 1984 - Scale 1: 250,000 - "De Faro San Antonio a Faro Miramar";
- Chart H-210 - 2nd edition 1974 - Scale 1: 250,000 - "De Faro Punta Mogotes a Faro Claromecó";
- Chart H-211 - 2nd edition 1984 - Scale 1: 300,000 - "El Rincón";
- Chart H-214 - 1st edition 1970 - Scale 1: 275,000 - "De Faro Segunda Barranca a Faro Punta Bajos";

- Chart H-215 - 2nd edition 1983 - Scale 1: 275,000 - "De Faro Punta Norte a Faro San José";
- Chart n° 3 - 3rd edition 1928 - Scale 1: 50,000 - "Bahía Camarones";
- Chart n° 59 - 2nd edition 1934 - Scale 1: 400,000 - "Golfo de San Jorge";
- Chart n° 60 - 1st edition 1933 - Scale 1: 350,000 - "De Cabo Tres Puntas a Cabo San Francisco de Paula";
- Chart n° 61 - 2nd edition 1970 - Scale 1: 400,000 - "Bahía Grande";
- Chart n° 62 - 3rd edition 1981 - Scale 1: 400,000 - "De Cabo Vírgenes a Cabo Peñas - Estrecho de Magallanes";
- Chart H-424 - 1st edition 1984 - Scale 1: 100,000 - "Estrecho de Magallanes - De Cabo Vírgenes a Bahía San Sebastián";
- Chart n° 90 - 1st edition 1947 - Scale 1: 100,000 - "Río Grande y proximidades";
- Chart H-425 - 1st edition 1992 - Scale 1: 100,000 - "De Bahía San Sebastián a Punta María";
- Chart n° 63 - 2nd edition 1990 - Scale 1: 400,000 - "De Cabo Peñas a Cabo de Hornos";
- Chart H-418 - 2nd edition 1985 - Scale 1: 125,000 - "Isla de los Estados - Estrecho de Le Maire";
- Chart H-419 A - 3rd edition 1988 - Scale 1: 100,000 - "De Cabo Buen Suceso a Cabo San Pío";
- Chart H-419 B - 3rd edition 1989 - Scale 1: 100,000 - "Tierra del Fuego";
- Chart H-477 - 3rd edition 1989 - Scale 1: 50,000 - "Canal Beagle de Islas Bécasses a Bahía Lapataia";
- Chart H-410 - 2nd edition 1981 - Scale 1: 200,000 - "Islas Malvinas (Isla Gran Malvina)";
- Chart H-411 - 2nd edition 1981 - Scale 1: 200,000 - "Islas Malvinas (Isla Soledad)";
- Chart H-401 - 2nd edition 1985 - Scale 1: 500,000 - "Islas Malvinas";
- Chart n° 94 - 2nd edition 1990 - Scale 1: 500,000 - "Pasaje Drake";

- Chart H-610 - 1st edition 1981 - Scale 1: 200,000 - "Islas Georgias del Sur - Isla San Pedro"; and

- Chart H-601 - 1st edition 1981 - Scale 1: 500,000 - "Islas Sandwich del Sur".

II.

On 30 July 1996, by the same note, Argentina transmitted for deposit with the Secretary-General, in compliance with article 75 of the Convention, the following four charts indicating the outer limit of the exclusive economic zone of Argentina, all published by the naval hydrographic service of Argentina:

- Chart nº 50 - 4th edition 1986 - Scale 1: 3,000,000 - "Mar Argentino - De Río de la Plata a Cabo de Hornos";

- Chart H-1 - 5th edition 1992 - Scale 1: 1,500,000 - "Acceso de Río de la Plata" ;

- Chart H-2 - 4th edition 1993 - Scale 1: 1,500,000 - "El Rincón - Golfos San Matías y Nuevo"; and

- Chart H-5 - 4th edition 1995- Scale 1: 1,500,000 - "Pasaje Drake".

It is noted that in its note verbale of transmission of 30 July 1996, the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations stated that "the missing parts of the Argentine exclusive economic zone will be sent upon publication of the relevant charts".

The original charts and the lists of geographical coordinates submitted by Argentina may be consulted at the Secretariat (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, DC2-0434, telephone: 963-3962 or fax: 963-5847).

ANNEX III

(LIST OF EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH DRAWN UP BY THE IOC OF
UNESCO UNDER ARTICLE 2 OF ANNEX VIII TO THE CONVENTION)

**LIST OF EXPERTS
IN MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FOR
USE IN SPECIAL ARBITRATION
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