

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK FROM 1973 TO 1982.

THE CONFERENCE WAS CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF 117 STATES.

THE CONFERENCE WAS OPENED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WHO STATED THAT THE CONFERENCE WAS A HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE AND BALANCED LEGAL REGIME FOR THE OCEANS.

THE CONFERENCE WAS DIVIDED INTO SEVEN SUB-COMMITTEES, WHICH WERE CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DRAFTING OF THE CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA. THE SUB-COMMITTEES WERE: (1) THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE HIGH SEAS, (2) THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, (3) THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE EEZ, (4) THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE OCEAN FLOOR, (5) THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT, (6) THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, AND (7) THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW OF THE SEA. THE CONFERENCE WAS OPENED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WHO STATED THAT THE CONFERENCE WAS A HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE AND BALANCED LEGAL REGIME FOR THE OCEANS. THE CONFERENCE WAS DIVIDED INTO SEVEN SUB-COMMITTEES, WHICH WERE CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DRAFTING OF THE CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA. THE SUB-COMMITTEES WERE: (1) THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE HIGH SEAS, (2) THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, (3) THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE EEZ, (4) THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE OCEAN FLOOR, (5) THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT, (6) THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, AND (7) THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW OF THE SEA.

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