

32/194. Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3067 (XXVIII) of 16 November 1973, 3334 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3483 (XXX) of 12 December 1975 and 31/63 of 10 December 1976,

Noting the letter dated 29 September 1977 from the President of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea to the President of the General Assembly⁹⁸ regarding the decisions reached at the sixth session of the Conference, held in New York from 23 May to 15 July 1977,

Having considered the decision of the Conference, as conveyed in the letter from its President, that its seventh session should be convened at Geneva on 28 March 1978 for a period of seven weeks, with a possible extension to eight weeks should the Conference so decide,

⁹⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 32, document A/32/239.*

Bearing in mind the request of the Conference, referred to in the letter from its President, that the Secretary-General should provide the appropriate facilities for private consultations by members of the Conference between the sixth and seventh sessions,

1. *Approves* the convening of the seventh session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea at Geneva for the period from 28 March to 12 May 1978, with a possible extension to 19 May should the Conference so decide, and empowers the Conference, if the progress of its work warrants, to decide at that stage to hold further meetings under arrangements to be determined in consultation with the Secretary-General;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to make available appropriate facilities to that end as well as the necessary facilities for informal consultations between sessions among delegations of States participating in the Conference.

*108th plenary meeting
20 December 1977*