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Oceans and the law of the sea: oceans and the law of the sea

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[without reference to a Main Committee ([A/77/L.6](#))]

77/5. Plenary meetings of the General Assembly on 8 and 9 December 2022 devoted to the consideration of the item entitled “Oceans and the law of the sea” and to the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption and opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea¹ was opened for signature on 10 December 1982 in Montego Bay, Jamaica,

Recognizing the personalities who served as officers of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea or who otherwise contributed untiringly towards the conclusion of the Convention and its adoption on 30 April 1982,

Recalling its resolution [76/72](#) of 9 December 2021, in which it decided to devote two days of plenary meetings at its seventy-seventh session, on 8 and 9 December 2022, to the consideration of the item entitled “Oceans and the law of the sea” and the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption and opening for signature of the Convention, including special recognition of the crucial role played by Ambassador Arvid Pardo of Malta and, in particular, his visionary speech delivered on 1 November 1967 before the General Assembly, leading to the adoption of the Convention, and encouraged Member States and observers to be represented at the highest possible level,

Recognizing the recommendation of the General Committee to the General Assembly that it adopt a format for commemorative meetings that includes statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Chairs of the five regional groups and the representative of the host country,² which was adopted at the third plenary meeting of the Assembly, on 16 September 2022,

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1833, No. 31363.

² [A/77/250](#), para. 82.



Decides to adopt the organizational arrangements for the plenary meetings on 8 and 9 December 2022 as outlined in the annex to the present resolution.

*27th plenary meeting
2 November 2022*

Annex

Organizational arrangements for the plenary meetings on 8 and 9 December 2022 devoted to the consideration of the item entitled “Oceans and the law of the sea” and to the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption and opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

1. Four plenary meetings of the General Assembly shall be held on 8 and 9 December, as follows:

(a) Two plenary meetings, on 8 December 2022, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., shall be devoted to the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption and opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;

(b) Two plenary meetings, on 9 December 2022, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., shall be devoted to the consideration of the item entitled “Oceans and the law of the sea”.

2. The list of speakers in the commemoration shall be as follows:

(a) President of the General Assembly, Csaba Kőrösi;

(b) Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres;

(c) President of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, Tommy Koh;

(d) President of the thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations, Vanessa Frazier, to pay special tribute to the late Ambassador Arvid Pardo of Malta;

(e) Chairs of the five regional groups;

(f) Representative of the host country;

(g) President of the International Court of Justice, Judge Joan Donoghue;

(h) President of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority, Satyendra Prasad;

(i) Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority, Michael Lodge;

(j) President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Judge Albert Hoffmann;

(k) Chairperson of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, Adnan Al-Azri.

3. Statements in the commemoration, including statements by delegations, shall be limited to 10 minutes.