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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARINE POLLUTION, 1973

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE THIRD PLENARY MEETING

held at Church House, Westminster, London, S.W.1,
on Tuesday, 9 October 1973 at 11.50 a.m.

President:	Mr. S. BHAVE (India)
Secretary-General:	Mr. Colin GOAD (Secretary-General of IMCO)
Executive Secretary:	Mr. A. SAVELIEV (IMCO Secretariat)

A list of participants is given in MP/CONF/INF.1/Rev.2 or subsequent revisions,
if any.

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AGENDA ITEM 3 - ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE (MP/CONF/2) (continued)

The PRESIDENT, pursuant to Rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, proposed the amendment of Rule 4, which provided for the designation of only twenty Vice-Presidents, Heads of Delegations having agreed to elect twenty-four Vice-Presidents.

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 4 - ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

The SECRETARY-GENERAL read out the list of twenty-four Vice-Presidents designated by the Heads of Delegations at their unofficial meeting; their election would take place in the following order:

Mr. LINDENCORONA (Sweden), First Vice-President

For Africa:

Mr. EL-SAMMAK (Arab Republic of Egypt)

Mr. SEKYI (Ghana)

Mr. LOUKOU (Ivory Coast)

Mr. DINGA (Kenya)

Mr. RAMARAZAKA (Madagascar)

Mr. MUGULA (Tanzania)

For Asia:

Mr. SJADZALI (Indonesia)

Mr. AFSHAR (Iran)

Mr. SUGIHARA (Japan)

Mr. AL-NAKIB (Kuwait)

Mr. TOUKAN (Jordan)

For Latin America:

Mr. GOWLAND (Argentina)

Mr. RAFFAELLI (Brazil)

Mr. OPORTO (Cuba)

Mr. MURRAY (Mexico)

For Eastern Europe:

Mr. RENTNER (German Democratic Republic)
Mr. PERKOWICZ (Poland)
Mr. TIKHONOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

For Western Europe and other countries:

Mr. DAVIS (Canada)
Mr. CABOUAT (France)
Mr. BREUER (Federal Republic of Germany)
Mr. BOYES (New Zealand)
Mr. ARCHER (United Kingdom)

The Vice-Presidents were elected by acclamation in the proposed order.

Mr. LINDENCORONA (Sweden) expressed his deep gratitude for the honour which the Conference had conferred on his country and on himself in electing him First Vice-President of the Conference. He regarded that decision as a tribute to the preparatory work carried out by IMCO's various organs and Secretariat.

AGENDA ITEM 5 - APPOINTMENT OF CREDENTIALS AND DRAFTING COMMITTEES

The PRESIDENT proposed the appointment of the following to the Credentials Committee: Belgium, Morocco, Philippines, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Venezuela.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT proposed that Mr. LONGE (Nigeria) and Mr. del CAIPO (Uruguay) be elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Drafting Committee.

It was so decided.

Mr. BREUER (Federal Republic of Germany) said he wished to know exactly who the members of the Drafting Committee would be.

The PRESIDENT said that, as the Drafting Committee would not be called upon to begin work immediately, consultations on the matter were still proceeding. The actual membership of the Drafting Committee would be made known later.

Mr. BREUER (Federal Republic of Germany) agreed to that procedure. He attached great importance, however, to the inclusion in the Drafting Committee of as many bilingual members as possible.

Mr. BAR (Switzerland) and Mr. DIAMANTOPOULOS (Greece) supported the suggestion made by the representative of the Federal Republic of Germany, for they had noted discrepancies in the different versions of previous Conventions.

The PRESIDENT said that the matter would be duly considered when the Drafting Committee was set up.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES (MP/CONF/3)

The SECRETARY-GENERAL suggested that the four Committees of the Conference should elect the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen:

- Committee I - Chairman: Mr. Solomon (Trinidad and Tobago)
Vice-Chairman: Mr. Lindencrona (Sweden)
- Committee II - Chairman: Mr. Spinelli (Italy)
Vice-Chairman: Mr. Al-Nimr (Bahrain)
- Committee III - Chairman: Mr. Lakcy (United States of America)
Vice-Chairman: Mr. Koh Eng Tian (Singapore)
- Committee IV - Chairman: Mr. Yankov (Bulgaria)
Vice-Chairman: Mr. Harrison (Liberia)

It was so decided.

Mr. TIKHONOV (USSR) expressed his satisfaction at the increased representation of the developing countries among the officers of the various Committees.

Mr. SAVELIEV (Executive Secretary) introduced MP/CONF/3, dealing with the organization of the work of the Conference and the establishment of the Committees.

Mr. AFSHAR (Iran) said that he would like the Conference to study the possibility of declaring the Persian Gulf a "special area" in the same way as the Mediterranean, the Baltic and the Black Sea. The risks of pollution were particularly acute in that part of the world, which produced over one-third of the world's petroleum supply.

Mr. YANKOV (Bulgaria) said that under Regulation 12 of Annex I of the Draft Convention (MP/CONF/4), the Black Sea would in fact be decreed a "special area". He expressed the keen hope, on behalf of the Black Sea coastal States - USSR, Ukrainian SSR, Romania and Bulgaria - that the Conference would take such a decision. It was essential to protect the Black Sea from any further pollution by oil from tankers, and the coastal States were prepared to adopt the necessary measures to do so. They would submit detailed proposals in writing.

Mr. TOUKAN (Jordan) said that the Conference should also study the possibility of making the Red Sea a "special area" in the same way as the Arabian-Persian Gulf.

The meeting rose at 12.40 p.m.



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