

Canada and the general interests of the international community - no small task. Canada has also taken a number of initiatives on specific issues, submitting a program of work for the Sub-Committee (concerned with marine, environment and scientific research), co-sponsoring with Australia a program of work for another Sub-Committee (concerned with the "list of issues"), and submitting together with Norway and the USSR a resolution on pollution prevention and control. The most important developments thus far in the Seabed Committee are the tabling of a number of proposals on specific subject areas, the setting up of working groups on the seabed regime machinery and on the preservation of the marine environment, and agreement, finally, on the "list of issues and subjects" intended as the draft agenda for the Conference. No treaty articles have as yet been drafted by the Committee, however, on any of the subjects within its mandate. Canada is now engaged in negotiations with a number of other countries concerning the form and content of a resolution to be discussed at the 27th UNGA intended to fix the time and place for the Third Law of the Sea Conference. As pointed out by the Secretary of State for External Affairs in his recent address to the 27th UNGA during the preliminary debate, it is hoped that the inaugural organizational session of the conference can be held during the early part of the 28th UNGA in New York and that the first substantive session of the conference can begin early in 1974, possibly in Santiago. In such event, two further sessions of the Seabed Committee would be required in 1973 to complete the preparations for the Third Law of the Sea Conference.