

2. While in favour of allowing States to choose the system of compulsory dispute settlement which they consider to be the most appropriate, we support the inclusion of a comprehensive system of compulsory dispute settlement in the Law of the Sea Convention applicable to all disputes. We do not favour an optional protocol approach.
3. In our view the procedures should rely, as much as possible, upon existing procedures for dispute settlement such as Arbitration and the International Court of Justice.
4. We think it useful to provide for a limited number of special compulsory dispute settlement procedures appropriate to the special needs of certain types of problems.
5. The system devised should allow for adequate provisional measures, appeals and the standing of parties other than States.
6. Compulsory dispute settlement ought not to be open for use for the purpose of nullifying or unduly limiting rights and duties recognized in the substantive provisions of the Convention.

I propose to comment on each of these basic premises.

1. Clearly the future Convention will place certain matters within the domestic jurisdiction of States. On these matters no international dispute settlement can arise due to