

for the management of ocean affairs, for the protection of the interests of developing as well as developed states, and for the resolution of any disputes which might arise. A major benefit of the Law of the Sea Convention is the important contribution it can make to world peace and security.

It is expected that the majority of nations, from all regions of the world, will sign the Convention in Jamaica in December. The attached background paper provides details on the important provisions of the Convention from the Canadian point of view.